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weeding and destruction of records.

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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Brazeley exposing his doubts respecting the two Frenchmen alluded to in Mr. Webbe's letter of the 15th Instant. —

I may not I hope be thought unreasonable to suppose, that the late heavy Rains which have fallen may have impeded the Tappals, as it was only last night, and at a late hour, that I had the honor to receive yours of the 15th Instant. —

I this Morning made every possible enquiry respecting the two Villages Vizt. Etapollam and Readpollam, but could obtain no intelligence of either. —

At a short distance from hence is a Village called by the Natives Vantapollam, by the English Yantapollam, but I am credibly informed there are no French Inhabitants in it. —

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The place where I am, is called Nainpilly, and has two Frenchmen in it, one a Resident between four and five years, the other about two, but both by the Sanction of Government, that is to say, Passports had been granted them hither. —

Should it be presumed that the above-mentioned persons, are those alluded to in your Letter, may I beg the favor of you Sir to address me on the subject, that if deemed necessary, I may put in execution the Orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council by Securing their Persons and Papers, and sending them under a Sufficient Guard to the Presidency.

Nainpelly
23d September 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Beazley
Capt. Lieut 5. Regt. N. I.

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Goldsworthy relative to the pay advanced to the Servants engaged by him for his Department on the late & intended expedition. —

Having delivered to the President and Members of the Military Board, a General Return of Grain, Provisions, &c. &c. shipped on board the Ships composing 2nd Division of the intended expedition against & Manilla, exhibiting Quantities Shipped, Relanded, Issued to the Troops, and Deficient I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of Advance Monthly Salary, Period of Service to the Servants employed in my late appointment of Commissary Grain and Provisions, which I have the honor to Request you will lay before the Right Honorable President in Council. —

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It becomes my immediate duty to add, That finding it extremely & difficult and impossible to procure an Office Establishment adequate to the & duties required to be performed, I was & under the necessity of making advances almost to the whole of my Office Establish= =ment equal to two Months allowance— to My Assistant Victualler and upwards of Twenty Conicoplies with & Ser followers are now on board the Ships of the 1st & Division p. Statement, and those which have Remained with me have been & employed in Relanding the Provisions Stores to this Period, and their Services cannot readily be dispensed with, & before 30th Instant - Those people in making arrangements for the &

Voyage

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Voyage and Providing themselves &

with Necessaries have expended

the whole of the Public Money

advanced, and impossible for me &

to Recover any part of their Amount. —

Under these Circumstances, I have the

honor to solicit Government would &

grant me Credit for the Amount &

of Statement. —

Fort St. George
September 26 - 1797

Sir,
Your

I am,

most Obedient

humble Servant

(Signed) Jn.o Goldsworthy

late Commissary Grain

and Provision

Statement

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Statement (27) of Cash advanced to Servants employed in the Department of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for the late intended Expedition Shewing the Amount of their Salaries Period of Service and the Difference between their Pay due and what has been advanced to them

Sailed with the First Division

No.	Rank	Names	Date Entertained	Time employed up to	Number of Days employed	Monthly Salary	Amount of Salary	Amount of the Funds advanced	Balance
	Asst Surgn	Mr. Lewis Gibson				80		160	
	Conductg	Chinnoo	13 Augt			15		30	
		Venkaladro	Ditto			15		30	
		Vengapen	Ditto			15		30	
		Kylaim	Ditto			15		30	
5		Veneatachellum Pundarum	Ditto			15		30	
		Ayah Pundarum	Ditto			15		30	
		Vydenaden	Ditto			15		30	
		Myle Veneatachellum	Ditto			15		30	
		Mooneapen	Ditto			15		30	
10.		Vencata Kistna	Ditto			15		30	
		Condapen	Ditto			15		30	
		Soobaroyen	Ditto			15		30	
		Comeroo	Ditto			15		30	
		Kistna Pillay	Ditto			15		30	
15		Vinoyguen	Ditto			15		30	
		Ionalchellum	Ditto			15		30	
		Mootoo Sawmy	Ditto			15		30	
		Ramanadum	Ditto			15		30	
		Mennawaroyen	Ditto			15		30	
20.		Mangapilly	Ditto			15		30	
	1 Mistry	Sattanam	Ditto			15		30	
	1 Manadgr	Ninapah	Ditto			10		20	
			Ditto			5		10	
							Total Pagodas	770	

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Second Division – not Sailed

No.	Rank	Names	Date Entertained	Time employd up to	Number of Days Employd	Monthly Salary	Amount of Salary for the Period they have been Employd	Amount advanced for 2 Months	Balance against the Servants
						P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
	Commissary Lieut.	J. Goldsworthy	10 August	30 Sept.	51	200 . .	340 . .		
	Writer	Joseph Speller	13. August	30 Sept.	48	30 . .	48 . .		
	Ditto	Jnº A. Wade	21 Ditto	Ditto	48	30 . .	40 . .		
	Hº Comicoply	Nanapah	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15. . .	72 . .	90 . .	18. . .
	2 Dº	Chinnia Pillay	Ditto	Ditto	48.	20. . .	32 . .	40 . .	8. . .
	Ditto	Iruangadum	Ditto	Ditto	48.	20. . .	32 . .	40 . .	8. . .
	Comicoply	Bappoo Reddy	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15. . .	24 . .	30 . .	6. . .
		Venatarumen	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15. . .	24 . .	30 . .	6. . .
		Chennoguem	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15 . . .	24 . .	30 . .	6 . .
		Vadagen	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15. . .	24. . .	30. . .	6. . .
		Tumbeapah	Ditto	Ditto	48.	15. . .	24 . .	30. . .	6 . .
	Mean. Men	Iyoapah	Ditto	Ditto	48.	10. . .	16 . .	20. . .	4. . .
		Chenglroy	Ditto	Ditto	48	10 . . .	16 . .	20 . .	4. . .
		Moocundoo	Ditto	Ditto	48.	10. . .	16 . .	20 . .	4 . .
		Ponen	Ditto	Ditto	48.	10. . .	16 . .	20 . .	4 . .
	Peon	Samodrum	Ditto	Ditto	48	5. . .	8. . .	10 . .	2. . .
		Nenapah	Ditto	Ditto	48	5. . .	8 . .	10. . .	2 . .
		Juram	Ditto	Ditto	48	5. . .	8. . .	10. . .	2. . .
		Marcapah	Ditto	Ditto	48.	5. . .	8. . .	10. . .	2. . .
	Packer.	Toolacaunum	Ditto	Ditto	48.	6. . .	9. 25 16	12 . .	2. 16 64
		Samey	Ditto	Ditto	48.	6. . .	9. 25 16.	12. . .	2. 16 64
		Juram	Ditto	Ditto	48.	6. . .	9. 25 16	12. . .	2. 16. 64
		Marcapen	Ditto	Ditto	48.	6. . .	9 25 16	12. . .	2 16 64
	Masaulgo	Chinnoo	Ditto	Ditto	48.	5. . .	8. . .	10. . .	2. . .
							498. . .		

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Abstract of annexed Statement

	Pagodas	fanams	Cash
Amount advanced to Servants of the first Division as P. Statement	790	..	..
Amount of Salary to Lieutenant Goldsworthy Commissary &c from 10th August to 30th September at 200 Pagodas P. Month	340	..	..
Ditto — Dills to J. Spiller Writer from 13th August to 30th September at 30 Pagodas P. Month	48	..	..
Ditto — Ditto to J. Wade Writer from 1st D° to 30th D° at 30 D° — D°	40	..	..
Amount Advanced to Natives of the Second Division as P. Statement	498	..	..
Total Pagodas	1716	..	..
To Cash Received by Commissary from the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George on Account of the Department	1600	-	..
Balance Pagodas	116	-	..

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September 26th 1797

(Signed) Jnº Goldsworthy
late Commissary Grain
& Provisions

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer with Bills for repairs executed by Colonel Gent in the Fort for which the nature of the Work did not admit of his obtaining sanction, at the Time, thro' the regular Channel &c.

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship, Estimates for Repairs done on Emergency, with a Letter from Colonel Gent stating the Circumstances under which they were undertaken; in the hope, you will be pleased to order their being transmitted to the Military Board with your direction for the Bills being paid, when the Work is Surveyed and approved.—

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Most Obed.t and humble Servant,

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.G.

Fort St. George
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Abstract

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Fort St. George
September 26th 1797

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I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Most Obed.t and humble Servant,

Fort St. George
27.th September 1797.—

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.G.

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Military Department

Abstract of the Estimates of Repairs executed by Lieutenant Colonel William Gent –

Officers Quarters on the Northside of the Parade before the Fort Square

1797				
August 31.	1	Old Barracks	№ 33	214.32.38.
	2	Ditto	№ 34	295.35.67
	3	Bomb Proof Cazerns	№ 61	65.18.22
	4	Ditto	62	57.26.51.
	5	Ditto	63	60.13.4.
	6	Ditto	64	73.37.69.
	7	Ditto	65	73.11.33
	8	Ditto	66	96.32.31
	9	Ditto	64	64. .. 73
	10	Ditto	68	96.29.43
	11	Godowns and Cookrooms belonging to the above Quarters № 61 to 68.		46.33.48.

Total Pagodas. 1145.19.79.

Fort St. George
20th September 1797.–

(Signed) Wm. Gent Lieut Colonel
Engineer
Major.

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Major General Ross

Chief Engineer,

Sir,

I take the liberty sending 11 Estimates for Repairs to Quarters in this Garrison, as p the Abstract accompanying which I request you & will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable The President in Council, that a Committee of Survey may be held on them, before the Bills are recommenced to be paid.—

The above Estimate are for & repairing ten Captains Quarters and Offices by Orders through the Town Major, on the expected Arrival of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot, and were done on the 1st of the ensuing

To Account why the Estimates & N°. 1 and 2 appear greater than the others & you will perceive that they are Quarters that were formerly the Old Artillery Barracks, &

and

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and were in such a Ruinous and uncomfortable State, that nothing less than the Repairs I made, would make them habitable; and I beg leave to mention that no Repairs have been made to them for upwards of Twenty Years. –

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27th. September 1797

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Wm. Gent Lieut Col: Engineers

To Mr. Josiah Webbe
Secretary

From the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores – on the subject of the Establishment of Servants required for the duties of his Office under the new System. –

Sir,

On referring the Inclosed Papers to the Military Board and desiring to Know in what manner the Servants Pay & Charges of the Agent of Supply were to be drawn for Monthly, they directed their Secretary to inform me that they do not Conceive themselves at Liberty to give any opinion in regard to an Establishment for my Office without being called upon by Government for that purpose; – I shall therefore esteem it a favour if you will lay it

Before

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The Accompanying Papers before the Governor in Council and that you will obtain an Order for payment of Pg. 3,— I hope Government on a Comparison of the Papers No 1 and 2, will be convinced that I have Reduced the Establishment as low as I possibly Could.—

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
27th September 1797.—

(Signed) Wm Webb
Agent for Supplies.—

Abstract

No 1 List of the Monthly Establishment of the late Military Storekeeper including the Mais trys &c. in the Arsenal who were paid by him Total Amount Pagodas 766. Fan. 39

2 Servants Required for the Office of Agent for Supplies from 1st May 1797— Total Amount of Month Pag. 124.—.—

3 Cash wanted by the Agent of Supply for the Pay of Servants in the Office of Agent for Supplies— Office Rent— Carpenters Yard Rent— Rent for a Godown for Doolys and Servants for attending Dooley Service Total Amounting Pag. 447 from 1st May to 31st July 1797

The Original of the above Papers sent to the Military Board — 30th Sept. 1797

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Sent the following Letters.—

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To the Honorable Major Monson

Commanding at

Tanjour

Sir,

To Major Monson requiring an explanation of his Conduct relative to Bills drawn by him on the Presidency in favor of the Rajah's Agents towards the payment of the July Kist

It has been reported to the Right Honorable the President in Council that a towards the payment of his Excellency the a Rajah's last Kist due in July, bills were a drawn by you upon Madras to the Amount of 20,000 Pagodas, that these bills were not to be payable unless the Remainder of the Kist should be discharged.— that though no part of the Kist was paid, ten Thousand Pagodas have been Repaid to you at Tanjour — and a that the Customs of Tanjour have been a Mortgaged to you as security for the remainder

Before the Right Honorable the President proceeds to execute the resolutions of Government which have been repeatedly a announced

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Announced against transactions of this Nature &
he directs me to call upon you for an explanation
of your conduct on this Affair.—

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
27th September 1797.—

/Signed/ Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt.

To Alexander Macleod Esqr

Resident at

Tanjour

Sir,

To Mr. Macleod with Copy of the foregoing letter and desiring him to make further enquiry into the Subject.—

I am directed by the Right Honble
the President in Council to acknowledge the
Receipt of your letters dated 17th and 19th Instant,
and to desire that you will endeavour to
ascertain the full extent of the transaction
relative to the Bills for 20,000 Pagodas drawn by
Major Monson. Meanwhile I enclose copy of
my letter to that Officer upon the subject.—

I have the hono. to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt.—

Fort St. George
27th Sept. 1797—

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Received the following Letter

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Robertson — is enquired that his Conduct should appear to have merited the reprobation of Government and orders for the return of the six Companies of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry to Guntoor

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt, by Express, of your Letter of the 22nd Instant and am much concerned that the measures I adopted to suppress the Mutiny of the 2d Battalion 9th Regiment has so entirely met the disapprobation of Government. I have sent off Orders to countermand the March of the 6 Companies of the 9th Regiment, and to order them to return to Guntoor a Copy of which I have forwarded to Major General Bridges, and shall wait his further Orders. I have also acquainted him of the Orders I have Received from Government.

I did myself the honor to acquaint you in my Letter of the 21st Instant of the March of the 2nd Battalion under Capt. Berkley. as Government has not been pleased to give

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me any directions respecting them, I shall not take upon me to send any Orders to the Officer Commanding that Detachment till I receive further Orders from Government or Major Genl. Bridges.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Roberts
Lieut. Col.

Guntoor
25th. Sept. 1797.-

Josiah Webb Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Lieutenant Colonel Vigors - the Detachment of the 9th Regiment Native Infty. under the Command of Capt. Berkely arrived at Angole where he orders to halt -

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 28th Instant and to inform you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that the Detachment of the 9th Native Regiment under the Orders of Captain Berkely Arrived at this Station this Morning, and halts for Orders from Major General Bridges, and I have much pleasure, in reporting that the Detachment evinces the highest State of Subordination, and that

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There has been but four Casualties / three of whom were Bengal Sepoys / since they Commenced their March from Gyuntoor - The Detachment of the same Regiment under Captain Watkins & Arrived here Yesterday and Marched this Morning -

Ongole
26th Sept. 1797 -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/ Signed / Wm. Cogan

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

From the Officiating Resident at Poonah - advising of the Death of Mulhar Row Holkar, second Son of the late Tuckajee Holkar, in an attack made on his Camp by a party of Bombay Provincial Cavalry. -

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose for Your Lordship's Information, Copy of my Address of this Date to the Governor General, and to be very Respectfully,

Poona
14th September 1797

My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obd.t
humble Servant,
/ Signed / J. Ukthoff -

To

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To the Honorable Sir. John Shore Bart.

Governor General,

Fort William

Honble Sir.

1st. About Sun Rise this Morning, a large Body of Dowlut Row Sindea's Cavalry made an attack on the Camp of Malhar Row, second Son of the late Tukoje Holkar. Scarcely any Resistance was attempted of Malhar Row's adherents, some are killed, some wounded, and the rest dispersed. The Camp has been completely plundered of every thing except what the Fugitives have contrived to carry away with them. A little before 7, Colonel Filose arrived on the Spot, with his Corps of Infantry, and other Parties of Horse and foot took Post in the Environs.

2nd. Aware of the Probability of an Attack on Malhar Row's Camp, as you will have perceived, Honorable Sir, from my last address, I had

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I had desired Gunput Roy, Colonel Palmer Agent with Dowlut Row, to endeavour to ascertain the Extent of the projected Attack, and to give me the earliest advice thereof, representing, at the same time, to Dowlut Row or his Ministers, that as Malhar Rows Camp was so close to the Place of my Residence, it was requested that the Troops destined for the attack might be instructed to avoid entering our Premises or Molesting any of the People belonging to this Residency. I had given similar Instructions also to Bowanny Pursad, the Agent of the Resident at Lucknow in the Camp of Kasi Row Holkar; but Kasi Row did not make any movement against his Brother. At ½ past 8. I received Note from Gunput Roy, the Orders had been issued the preceding Evening for a Body of Troops to prepare, in the usual Manner, to attend Dowlut Row on a Hunting Excursion, and that it was not

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not tell some Time after they had left Camp,
that He / Gunpat Roy / learnt their real destination
to be an attack on Malhar Row, on which He
had agreeably to my desire immediately applied
to Bhow Buckshy, who gave him a Note to
which He enclosed to me / addressed to Narain
Row Buckshy, the Leader of the attack, to
avoid any Molestation to this Residency. We
have not experienced any Inconvenience on
the Occasion, except in one of our Servants
being plundered, and badly wounded in coming
from Town, by the wanton Licentiousness
of one of Sindia's Horsemen, some of the wounded
and other followers of Malhar Row, have sought
temporary Refuge at this Residency, on the
Principles of Humanity, which has not
yet been, and probably will not be, objected
to by any one. — I have the honor to be
Poona 14th. Sept. 1797 &c. &c.
P.S. Malhar Row Holkar / Signed / J Uhthoff
is among the Slain / True Copy /
J Uhthoff

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To George Parry Esqr.

Sub Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Mr. George Mycock is ready to substantiate the Charges alleged by him & against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver - Requests Government will inform their Orders of the 27th July for the release of his Servants Tumvangudy Iyah Cotty and Condapilly

Your Letter of Yesterdays date I last Night Received in Reply to which I have to Request you will be pleased to inform the Right Honble the President in Council that as far as it & depends upon me I am always prepared to & substantiate the Charges which I advance & but his Lordship in Council will I hope pardon my observing that the producing Evedence does not rest with me I was informed by Mr Secy Webbe Under date the 29th of July last that Orders had been sent for the Release of the & Publick Servants employed by me as Collector of Dendigal, Nevertheless the three Servants & confined at Dindigul Tumvangoody, Iyah Cotty and Condapilly who from the publick Stations & they held are particularly Conversant in the & Transactions of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver are still close Prisoners I have to solicit that Government will be pleased to enforce those orders which on

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the 29th of July last they did me the honor to inform me through their Secretary they had appointed Tersewengoody is the Man who in November 1794 was given up by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver for pecuniary Consideration to undergo Chains and Imprisonment I Must further beg leave to observe that as 14 Months have Elapsed since Government were pleased to order Lt Colonel Oliver out of Arrest and 13 since I was ordered by Government to leave the Dendigul District. And as Lieutenant Colonel Olivers Servant Arranachelum who is so particularly implicated in all the Charges alledged by me against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver has been permitted to reside in Dendigul during the above period I have little Reason to suppose that I should be able to procure any Native Evidence from that District (with the Permission of Government) I will furnish them with such List of Evidence both European and Native as are necessary for the support of the Charges.—

By the Usage of Courts Martial none but Original Papers are admitted in Evidence all such paper were by Order of Government delivered up

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up with their Permission I will furnish a List of such Papers as are necessary for the support of the Charges and if the Right Honorable the President in Council will be pleased to order the Release of the Three Servants at Dindigul the attendance of such Witnesses and the delivery of such Papers either to me or the Judge Advocate I shall be ready in Obedience to their orders whenever called upon to support the Charges given in by me on the 27th of July 1796.—

I must Avail myself of this Opportunity of once more Soliciting in the most Earnest & Manner that Government will be pleased to determine on the Charges Exhibited against me before the Departure for Europe of the Ships now in the Roads and permit me to add should I be called on by Government to support the Charges Against Lieutenant Colonel Alves previous to such decision I have little doubt but that he would Avail himself of such a

Circumstance

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Circumstance to render the Trial ineffectual.—

St Thome
27th September 1797

I have the honor to
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Wynch

Sent the following letter to the
Military Board.—

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

Gentlemen,

We refer for your consideration
and Report Copy of a letter from Major Ferguson
with the Proceedings of a Committee at St
Thomé upon a barrack built for the 1st
Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry
Copy of a letter from Brigadier General De—
Meuron upon the subject of providing Arrack &
at

To the Military Board
Letter from Major Ferguson
respecting a Barrack built
at Tinnevelly by the Men
of the 1st Battalion 1st Regt
Native Infantry—Letter
from Brigadier General
De Meuron respecting
Arrack to be provided at
Colombo and Remonstrance
of the late Cooper at
Vizagapatam regarding
the Reduction of his pay
referred for their Consideration
Bills Recommended by them
to be passed for Payment—the
Subject of the Quarter Master
Militia

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Millers to be recommended and damaged Grain in the Baramaul sold off.

at Columbo Copy of a letter from the Commandant at Dendigul with an estimate of the Repairs & therein Recommended and copy of an application from J. L. Schafer late Corporal at Vizagapatam

We have received your letter of the 11th and 18th June and have ordered the several bills Recommended by you to be passed for Payment.—

Having Resolved to canton the 4 details of the 2nd Regiment Native Infantry under the Command of Major Oram at Mellore We desire that you will reconsider the Subject of the Quarters at the place.—

We cannot discover that Lieutenant Colonel Read has offered any Reason whatsoever for Suspending the sale of damaged Grain in the Baramahal; and desire that an order may be carried into effect without further & interruption.—

We shall not fail to attract the Notice of the Court of Directors to the State of the

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Musquetry in Store at this Presidency.—

We are &c. &c.

Fort St. George
28th September 1797

(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council.—

Received the following Letters.

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

The Commander in Chief has &
desired me to request that you will signify to
the Right Honorable the President in Council
the Recommendation that the following &
alterations may be made in the Date of
Rank of the undermentioned Officers in
consequence of the Death of Lieutenant Hugh
Mac Rae which happened to the &
Eastward on the 26th of June 1797.—

Infantry

From the adjutant General recommending some alterations in the Dates of some late promotions in consequence of Vacancies occasioned by the intermediate Death of Lieutenant Hugh M.Rae to the Eastward and that Lieutenant Goldsmith be struck off the List of the Company's Army having obtained a Commission in the King's.—

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Lieutenant- James Ruspell - to rank from the 27th June 1797 vice M.Kae Deceased

Do..... I.P. Le Mesurier to rank from the 11 June 1797 vice Very Promoted

Do..... John Veicq..... to Rank from the 13th July 1797 vice Nagle promoted

Do..... John Drymock.... to Rank from the 25th July 1797 vice Bagley Promoted

Do..... John Fish.... to Rank from the 5th August 1797 vice Boyd Promoted

Do..... E.F. Davis.... to rank from the 16th August 1797 vice Mac Farlane promoted

Do..... John White.. to Rank from the 17th August 1797 vice Maitland promoted

The Commander in Chief recommends that the following promotions may be Ordered to take place to fill vacancies in the Establishment.-

Artillery

Major George Saxon to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Hall, deceased Date of Rank the 28th Sept. 1797.

Brevet

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Brevet Major C. F. Mandevelle to
be Major, vice Saxon promoted - Date of Rank
the 28th September 1797.-

Captain Lieutenant R. Darke to
be Captain of a Company, vice Mandevelle
promoted Date of Rank the 28th September 1797

Lieutenant Andrew M.c Intire to
be Captain Lieutenant, vice Darke promoted
Date of Rank the 28th September 1797.

Infantry

Ensign Benjamin Marsden to be
Lieutenant vice Godfrey promoted - Date of
Rank the 18th August 1797

Ensign Joseph Taylor to be Lieut
vice Tunston Deceased - Date of Rank the
16th September 1797.-

Ensign Francis James to be Lieut
vice Bellew Deceased - Date of Rank the
19th September 1797.-

Ensign Daniel Campbell to be Lieut
vice Malcolm Resigned - date of Rank the 28th Sept.r 1797

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The Commander in Chief has desired me to add that Ensign W.D. Gelebrist although next in Rank on the General List to Ensign Joseph Taylor is passed over in the above Promotions on Account of his having been some time since appointed to a Commission in His Majesty's Service — The General imagines that he should be accordingly struck off the list of the Army. —

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I have the honor to be.
&c. &c.
(Signed) B.T. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army.

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

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Bombay Committee at Tellicherry forwarding Mysore Intelligence & communicated by the Cunga Rajah —

I am directed by the Committee of Government to transmit to you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, the accompanying Translations of a letter

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a letter, and of its enclosure from the Coorga Raja -

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Grant
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Tellicherry
17th Sept. 1797

Translate of a Letter from the Coorga Raja to the Honorable Governor - Dated the 13th and Received the 16th of September 1797. -

I have sent five Pair of Hircarahs to Seringapatam for the purpose of Obtaining information, One Pair of whom have Returned, and from them I have learnt that Tuntaroo, and a Polygar had collected between three and four hundred Horse, and had been plundering in the Goottee, and Madgurra Districts; with a View to chastise these Rebels, Tippoo Sultaun Ordered 2,000 horse to be sent there, the Cavalry represented they had not received their pay, to which Tippoo Sultaun Replied, what good Service have you performed to entitle you to Pay? after making this Reply, he sent them

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them off towards those districts, those 2000. horse. therefore went to Gootee and Mudgurra, and so plundered those districts The Inhabitants of those districts complained to Tippoo Sultaun, that the horsemen whom he had sent to Chastise the Thieves, had instead of so doing plundered the Inhabitants of the Country & when Tippoo Sultaun was made acquainted with the Conduct of his Cavalry, he ordered a party to go immediately and punish them and sent them to Canigat - On the horsemen who had been plundering the Districts of Gootee and Mudgurra, being informed of this being ordered against them they immediately dispersed, and some rode off to Nizam Ally's and others to the Maharatta Country, after this Tippoo ordered the other party to remain at Kanigat:- This day one of Tippoo Sultaun's Chellas of the Sect of Christians and who had deserted from Seringapatam Arrived at Sedasseer

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My Sepoys who were on Guard there Seize'd him and brought him to me, the enclosed information is what he related to me.-

/A true translate/

/Signed/ J. Wilson

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Intelligence given by a Christian named Bustian one of Tippoo Sultaun's Chella's who deserted from Seringapatam to the Coorga Country.-

That it is now five days since I left Seringapatam with my family.- The News of which place is as follows- That Mons.r Lally went to Tippoo Sultaun's Cutchery and paid the usual Compliments previous to his setting off for Goottee, that at Seringapatam four Regular Cutcheries were in Readiness as were also the Guns attached to those four Cutcheries at Cheetter, that previous to this a party of Cavalry had been sent into the Goatee and Mudgurra districts from whence they deserted to the Maharatta districts- The Sultaun,-

afterwards

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afterwards, caught four of the horsemen, whom he had sent into the aforementioned district, and instantly had them confined in Irons.—

It is now Six Months, since a Hircarra of the Sultauns was sent to Batavia to the French, and Returned with two French Captains when those Gentlemen had an interview with the Sultaun; To one of whom he appointed a Buckshee to accompany him and return with the French, that until such time as he Returned with the French Troops, those of the Sultauns now at Chuttee, are to remain there—and will not proceed to Gootee—The Captain who Remained at Seringapatam changed the Old Colours of Lally's, and gave them the present French Colours.—

Tippoo Sultaun has destroyed the Houses of Kuntoo, or the Rajah of Seringapatam and his Delevy, and also plundered the Throne of the Raja, and sent the Amount to his Treasury and has turned all the Family of the Rajah out

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of this House, and all the Ornaments of Gold and Silver which they used to wear, having at taken them away he sent them also to his Treasury, and gave them a House to the Southward of the Fort to reside in - That at Seringapatam Rice is selling at four Star for a Sultaune Fanam, and Ragee at 11 and Ghee at 2½ Star.

A true translate

(Signed) J. Wilson

Pers. Trans.

Sent the following Letter to Mr. George Wynch.-

To Mr. George Wyncho

Sir,

In consequence of your letter of the 27th Instant I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to desire that you will immediately furnish me with Lists of the Evidence and of the Original Papers, which you

To Mr. George Wynch desiring him to furnish Lists of the Evidence and Original Papers which he considers Material to the support of the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Alexr.

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you will require to substantiate your Charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.—

You will specify the Places at which your Witnesses may reside and particularize such of them as you may be able to procure yourself.—

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I am &c. &c.

(Signed) Josiah Webbe
Secy to Govt.

Substance of a letter from the Nabob—

Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. No 83 enclosing Copy of a Complimentary Letter addressed to him by Tippoo Sultaun on Occasion of the Marriage of his Son Mahomed Jaseen.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Stalloffied Esqrs

Friday 29th September

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.—

Read the following letter from

Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c: &c: &c:

Fort St. George

My Lords,

I had the honor to address

your Lordship on the 21st Ultimo, since which

time

From Brigadier Genl. de De Meuron — enclosing a Memorial Petty of Two Malays for which he requests the sanction of Government — Communicates Intelligence respecting the continued disaffection

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dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants, which he attributes, in a some Degree, to the dependants on the Candian Court - & submits to the Consideration of Government some of communications which have passed between him and the Candian Vackeels authorizes the re establishment of the Court of Justice at Galle - his unsuccessful at Jaffna - represents his want of Cash and the sickly State of the 80th Regt at Trincomale -

time the Rebels have held conferences together for a Couple of days, in which it appeared that those of Ewegam Cole shewed a desposition to abandon the Party - and according to the best of reports I could get, several Families had returned to their habitations; But Signo Apoe, the Ring leader of the Rioters of Salputty Cole, happening then to be present in the Ewegam Cole, was so active with his followers that they compelled those of the Ewegam Cole to continue the Coalition and their Incitements. - They entered The Nina Cole with a view to force the Inhabitants to join them; in this they were unsuccessful, through the active exertions of Lieutenant Young Commanding the Detachment, who forced them to fall back into the Ewegam Cole where they continued to raise Works. - These circumstances decided me to send Captain Kenny with his Battalion to drive them away and to use every

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to despise them, he gets some little advantages upon them every day, such as destroying their works whenever he makes himself Master of them; he also informs me that they are in such Numbers as to require Stratagems to dislodge them.—

I have been under the necessity of assembling some Malays, fifty have been sent to Captain Kenny, he is well pleased with them, and Forty are to be with Captain Godfrey who is to Join him.—

I am extremely well satisfied with Captain Kenny he Acts with that Judgment and prudence which is indispensably Necessary in a thick Woody Country intersected with deep Nullahs.—

I had the Honor to inform your Lordship of my having written to the Prime Minister at the Court of Candy enclosed is a translation of his Answer N°1 and N°2 is

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a Copy of my Second letter to him — The Minister
sent me a verbal Message by the Bearer of his
letter, purporting "that if we could have an
"Interview, could I send him an Embassador of
"Caracter, or if he could come here, We might
"Arrange all Matters" — I sent him word that it
"was not possible for me to send, nor to receive
Embassadors without the Sanction of Government,
Since Mr. Andrews was particularly entrusted
with that department —

Several days after my first Letter was
gone, I sent a Man to him with Compliments
requesting to know, what he had heard respecting
the Rioters, and also the Kings Opinion of the
Subject — To this he replied, "That neither the
King nor himself had any Correspondence
with the Rioters, that he was ignorant
whether any other great Men of the Court
Corresponded with them, that it was his Wish

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and that of the King to continue in Peace and
good Harmony with the English Government, &
that it would perhaps be a Matter of difficulty
to send Embassadors at present, but that he
would repair to Sitwaque or any other Frontier
place where we might Meet and Arrange all
Matters" - I apprehend that this is an Artifice
because my Messenger assures me that about
one day's Journey from Candy he met a Man
on his way belonging to the Prime Minister
carrying a letter to the Rioters, and that during
his Stay at the Ministers he saw several
Messengers Arrive from the Rioters with letters
which is a strong evidence of the Courts carrying
on an under-hand Correspondence with the
Rebels.-

I hope that your Lordship in
Council will approve of my assembling the
Malays, as they are of infinite use; they
have no Capitulation, I only explained to
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the Prince who Commands them, the manner how the other Malays are paid, and that to every fifty Malays there would be an Officer, two Serjeants, and four Corporals.—

In conformity to your Lordship's Intentions, I again proposed to the Court of Justice, to continue in the exercise of their Functions, which they have again refused. I then supposed that the Intervention of the Brachmen might be an inducement to the Court, to relenquish their Refusal, as it would have done away the greatest difficulties; & But I found that very few Individuals were inclined to take this Step.—

The Court of Justice at Galle having Offered to continue functions, I sent them an Instrument, which had been prepared by General Doyle, having only altered the Name, a copy of which is enclosed

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№3.–

Mr. Pay Master MacDonal has informed me that the Eighteen Thousand Pagodas he Received Some days ago besides what he is to Receive from Mr. Andrews, will not be equal to the exigencies of the present Month I have the Honor to represent to your Lordship the Necessity of sending a Supply of Cash for the next Month, the Critical Situation I am in at Present, renders it indispensable, as inconveniens may arise, which would be dissicult to overcome without Money; and I have no means to procure any— Having had occasion to Write to Colonel Champagné I entered into Some detail, and have the honor to enclose a Copy (№ 4) of his Letter in Answer to mine which merits some Consideration—

I have

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I have the honor to be with great

Head Quarters Respect. —
Columbo 10th Sept 97. —

&c. &c.

(Signed) S. J. De Meuron
B.G.

Translation of a Singalese Olak written by the Prime & Ministers of the Grand Court of Candy, Dolamotalawe Wijesoendere Raje Karvendo Sinewiratne & Adye Koon Panditte & Modianse Ratchamy, to the Governor and General living at Columbo who is faithful to the Grand Court of Candy. —

After Titles and Compliments

So soon as the letter which you sent by two Modiliars to our address was delivered, on perusing the same we have thereby understood, not only that as you have been appointed by the Government of Madras to the Command of Ceylon you had the Honor to inform us of it, requesting us to acquaint H. M. of the Circumstance at a Seasonable Hour; and
Likewise

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likewise the many faithfull expressions it
contained; which having been Communicated to
H. M. his expressions on the Subject were, &
"That as you are well acquainted with the Ancient
"Ceremonies and Customs of Ceylon, and that &
"adhering to their Forms you invite the Grand
"Court to continue in good Harmony with the
"English Company, and Strive in an able and
"Sensible manner to ingratiate yourself
"by H: M: Adding more expressions of this
"Nature very much to your Praise"

You also stated in your letter that
you were very desirous to Correspond with, for
the purpose of Keeping up Harmony &
between the Grand Court and Government, &
and that you Embraced the earliest & &
Opportunity to inform us of it; We are not
less inclined also to compond with you &
According to Custom for the Reciprocal Maintenance
of good friendship. -

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The present is sent Accompanying the Letter as a Mark of our Friendship I have been favored and have given Satisfaction.—

I will be very proper that what is here above stated to be taken into Consideration.—

This is Written by the Chamberlain, Great Treasurer, principal Secretary Despare of Jattinocuere, Mahamadize Anaclandare & Moenaperiame and Pettany Great Despare of the Seven Corles, Despare of three Corles and Prime Minister of the Grand Court, Pelemetalaune Wejesundare Rajekarawna Seneweratne Abejekon Sandette Mocdeanne Ralehamy.—

at the Head of the Aldh

(Signed) Wejesundare Rajekariwna
Seneweratne Abgunawardipatte
for the Translation
Columbo the 29th August 1797
(Signed) D. G. Samerkon
(Alias Translation) Mohottiaar

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To the First Adigar - or prime Minister at Candy

The letter I received from you gave me much pleasure, I have seen with equal & satisfaction that his Majesty is inclined to continue in good Harmony with the English Government, and I will do whatever may depend of me to attain that end; having no doubt but with your Cooperation we will be able, to contribute to a permanent & establishment of good understanding and to maintain a friendly intercourse between the Subjects of H. M. the Inhabitants of the British Possessions.—

As you are inclined to correspond & with me I take this Opportunity to inform you of my having Received unquestionable Intelligence, that One Degnes Appoo who Styles himself Dessave of the Nine Corles, & with

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with a Number of Inhabitants among which
are Mangi Moundiram, Abraham Caugani, &
Joeroe Aratje, Don Hendrik Vaal Makandoeroe,
Moeroetoedowe and his Sons, are in actual &
Revolt in the Salpetty Cole, Evegam Cole and
Reygam Cole pretending that they are authorized
by your Majesty through the Channel of
the Great Defawa of Saffragam to Govern &
the Country and that there are two Persons
with them from Candy who Style themselves
Envoys from the Court.—

My Mentioning these circumstances
must be a convincing proof of my disposition
to Maintain Peace and quiet in the Island
and Considering that if the Rioters make
use of H: M: Name without his permission
they insult his Royal Majesty, and if they
are authorized by the Court it is a violation
of the Friendly Expression you make use of

I will postpone sending Relation
of this to the Government of Madras until I
hear from you

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you have positively explained to me the intentions
of the Court, provided your Answer reaches me soon.

The Rioters deserve to be severely punished
for the Insult Committed against H. M. in Making
use of his Name, if it is contrary to his Will, and
likewise for the Dammage they occasion to
Government.—

In Order to avoid the fatal consequences
of all War I suppose his Majesty will prevent the
Rioters for Making use of his Name, and that
he will send Proper Persons to inform the People
that the Persons above Named Wrongfully Employ
H. M. Royal Name, that they are guilty in so
doing and that H. M. disapproves and Condemns
their Conduct, this proceeding of Court will be
very pleasing to Government, as it will convince
them of the good Disposition of H. M. and they
will likewise on suitable occasions shew that
they are favorably disposed for good of the Court.

I have Received your Presents as a
Mark of Friendship and I am very
much

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Much pleased with them.—

Columbo
2d. September 1797

(Signed) D. T. de Meuron

By Brigadier Genl. D. T. de Meuron

Commanding on Ceylon

Whereas the President and Members of the Court of Justice at Galle in the Island of Ceylon, have by their letter to Colonel Bonnevaux the Commandant of that Fort, of the 2nd June 1797 consented to continue the exercise of their functions in hearing and determining all Civil causes, not only such as were pending on the 15th of February 1796 (the date of the Surrender of Columbo and its dependancies) but such as may hereafter arise within the limits of their Jurisdiction according to the Laws hitherto in force in this Colony, untill such time as his Britanic Majesty may constitute and appoint a Regular Court of Justice for this Island.

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I Brigadier General Pierre Frederick de Meuron, considering the above Resolution of the Court of Justice at Galle, as wise in itself highly creditable to the President and Members and evidently beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony, who have sustained considerable Injury from the opposite determination, of the Superior Council of Justice at Columbo, do therefore by Virtue of the Powers Civil and Military in me vested on and over the Island of Ceylon give and Conform to the President and Members to the Court of Justice at Galle, full Power and Authority to exercise all their functions as a Court of Civil & Judicature in all cases between Dutch and Native Inhabitants of this Island and others & who may plead to their Jurisdiction, to terminate the same Accordeing to the Dutch and Colonial & Laws which were in force on this Island on the 15th day of February 96 the day of the Surrender of Columbo and its dependencies to his Britannic

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Majesty; and as from the Refusal of the Justiciary Court at Columbo to Continue the Exercise of their Functions, and the total Interruption to all regular Communications with Batavia, no Appeal to & Columbo or Batavia can take place, the decisions & of the President and Members of the Court of Justice at Galle shall be final, and Arrest Execution and Sale of Property &c. &c. shall take place in the regular Manner on the decrees of the said Court, & such Execution and sale being first Sanctioned by the Signature of the Chief Representative of his & Majesty's Government on Ceylon, or by the Signature of a Person or Persons authorized by him to that Effect and affixed to that decree.—

Given under my hand and Seal at Columbo this 9th day of August 1797.—

[Signed] J. F. De Meuron

Brigadier General De Meuron

Commander in Chief on Ceylon

Sir,

Some days before I had the honor of your letter of the 16th Instant I sent the Vaisseau of Battalion

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Ballocaloa and one of his brothers in charge of
a guard of Malays to Jaffna where I suppose
they may have arrived by this time.—

Immediately on the Report being
made that some Frenchmans had landed on
the Island intelligent people were employed
and sent into the different districts to discover the
truth of the assertion, but nothing as yet
appeared that leads me to give the least
Credit to the Report.—

Mr Caudemont's Remarks that you
was so Obliging to give to Major Allen
I have Received, and Request you will accept
of my Sincere Thanks for them, your own
Observations are not less valuable and this
Mark of Attention and Humanity can never be
forgot by his Majesty's 80th Regiment.—

The Ship and Bullocks ordered by
Government to be sent here from the Coast are

not

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not yet Arrived.—

I have the honor to State that in Consequence of Deaths and Removal of Corps the Garrisons of Trincomalee and Ostenburgh are Reduced near 600 Men including Officers and Non Commissioned Since I was appointed to the Command, and that The Force under my Orders are in my opinion by no means equal if properly Vigorously attacked to the defence of the important Posts Committed to my Charge.—

I shall be happy to communicate with you on all occasion &c.

Trincomalee
August 28th 1797.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Champagne
Col:

P.S. I take the liberty of sending you a State of the Sick of the 80th Regiment which I am indued to do from your Obliging inquiry concerning the Health of the Garisons of Trincomalee and Ostenburgh.—

I am happy to Report we have not an Officer Sick.—

Return

Return of the Sick of his Majesty's 80th Regiment of Foot Trincomalie 27th August 1797

Companies		Absent	Sick	Fever	Sore Legs	Scorbutic	Dysentery	Wounds	Bruises &c.	Venereal	Convalescents	Hospital	Barrack	Total
Generals		"	"	2.	1.	"	"	"	"	"	3.	6.	"	6
Lieutenant Colonels		"	"	2.	"	"	"	2.	1.	"	1.	8	4.	12
Majors		1.	"	3	"	"	"	2.	"	"	3.	1.	2.	9
Captains	Tauchey's	"	"	"	1	"	"	2	1.	"	3.	5	2.	11
	Carrs	1.	"	2.	"	"	"	1.	"	"	1.	3	2	5
	Rookies	"	1.	2.	1.	"	"	2.	"	"	1.	1.	1.	8.
	Whites	"	"	3.	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	6.	2	8.
	Delanoys	"	"	2	"	"	"	1.	"	"	3.	4.	2.	6
	Smyths	"	"	"	1.	1.	"	1.	1.	"	1	3	2	5.
	Mc. Phersons	"	"	1.	"	"	1.	"	1.	1.	"	2.	1.	3.
Total		2.	1.	17.	4.	1.	1.	11.	4.	1	27.	31.	18.	69.

Signed Tho.s Christie
Surgeon 80th Regement.

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from Brigadier General De Meuron —

Although the Negotiations with the Court of Candia have hitherto been exclusively intrusted to Mr. Andrews, yet, if Brigadier General De Meuron should be of opinion that the Affairs of the disaffected Corps could be more speedily Arranged by a personal interview between himself and any person from Candia, the Board do not think there is the smallest objection to such a Measure. —

In the event of Brigadier De Meurons availing himself of this permission, he will of course communicate fully with Mr. Andrews; and be particularly mindfull that the Treaty concluded by that Gentleman has been transmitted to England, and that no Change can be introduced without Authority from the Court of Directors. —

Ordered that Mr. Andrews be informed of the foregoing Resolutions. —

Read

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Read the following letter from

Major Baron Van Prophalow

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Major Prophalow requesting leave to proceed to Europe on his parole, and an advance of six months Subsistence —

The Motive of the present address is to solicit your Lordship's permission to proceed to England with my two Children by the first opportunity — The particular Circumstances which oblige me to have recourse to this Measure I have already explained to Major Allan, and I therefore deem it unnecessary to take up your Lordship's Time by a recital of them —

Convinced, however, of the Liberality of the British Government, towards persons who may appear deserving of their Countenance, and of your Lordships peculiar disposition to acts of Beneficence, I am induced to represent to you that the pay which I received during

twelve

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twelve years that I was employed in the
Dutch Service was scarcely adequate to my
unavoidable Expences; and I have not at
this time the means of defraying the charges
attendant on a Voyage to Europe - I am therefore
compelled to solicit the Indulgence of 6 Months
advance of Subsistence, and that your Lordship will
use your Influence with the Commander of the Ship
on which I may wish to embark, to induce him to
moderate his Demand on Account of my passage
and accommodation at his Table - It is only
this Assistance that I can be enabled to proceed
to Europe; where once Arrived I could provide the
Means of subsisting myself and educating my
Children which I am absolutely unable to do
in this Country - Your Lordship's compliance
with my Request will make an everlasting
Impression on my Gratitude, and my
Children will have the Satisfaction of
reflecting that they owe the greatest advantage
in

3 Mo. Subsistence for 30 days - 56..10..40
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The Passage Money allowed Officers going home in the rank Capt. or Major
was - Pagodas 250. -

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in life, the Benefit of a good Education, to your Lordship's Liberality. — I have the honor to be with perfect respect

Madras
26th September 1797

&c. &c.
[Signed] Baron Van Prophalow
Major and adjutant Genl.

A true translation
(Signed) George Pany
French Transl.

Minute thereon

Resolved in Consideration of Baron Prophalow's Case that Six Months Subsistence be advanced to him, and that he be permitted to embark for Europe on one of the Company's Ships. —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter with a Memorial to the Court of Directors from Captain Cabb Pearson. —

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Caleb Pearson of the Invalids with a Memorial addressed to the Court of Directors soliciting an Increase of Pay proportionate to the Rank he would now hold in the Army had he been promoted in common with officers in the effective List.—

I have the honor to inclose a Memorial addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors, with a request that it may be forwarded to them by the first dispatch. If Your Lordship at the same time would have the goodness to recommend my case to the favorable attention of the Honorable Court, I beg leave to assure Your Lordship I should ever Consider it as the greatest obligation that could be conferred on me.—

I have the honor to be with greatest Respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Caleb Pearson—

Capt.

Invalids

Madras

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Received

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Captain Pearsons Memorial be printed out to the Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hacott.—

To The Right Honorable George Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Colonel Hallcott requesting the permission to defer his resignation of the Service till the 1st January next.

I have just Received information that the Ship I expected to embark on from Tranquebar (to which place I am on my way) will not depart in October as was intended, and cannot now be dispatched till after the Monsoon.— As it would put me to much inconvenience to Remain so long without receiving pay, I hope your Lordship will indulge me so far as to suffer the period of my

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Caleb Pearson of the Invalids with a Memorial addressed to the Court of Directors soliciting an Increase of Pay proportionate to the Rank he would now hold in the Army had he been promoted in common with officers in the effective List.—

I have the honor to inclose a Memorial addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors, with a request that it may be forwarded to them by the first dispatch. If Your Lordship at the same time would have the goodness to recommend my case to the favorable attention of the Honorable Court, I beg leave to assure Your Lordship I should ever Consider it as the greatest obligation that could be conferred on me.—

I have the honor to be with greatest Respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Caleb Pearson—

Capt.n

Received

Madras

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Captain Pearsons Memorial be printed out to the Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Hacott.—

To The Right Honorable George Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Colonel Hacotte requesting permission to defer his resignation of the Service till the 1st January next.

I have just received information that the Ship I expected to embark on from Tranquebar (to which place I am on my way) will not depart in October as was intended, and cannot now be dispatched till after the Monsoon.— As it would put me to much inconvenience to remain so long without receiving pay, I hope your Lordship will indulge me so far as to suffer the period of my

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my Retiring from the Service to be postponed
till the 1st of January next. —

Trivalore
September 27th 1797.

I have the honor to be,
with great Respect,
(Signed) Tho.s Halcott
Lt. Col. 2d Batt.n 9th Reg.t N. Infy. —

Minute thereon

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel
Halcott be permitted to defer his Resignation of
the Service untill the 1st January next. —

Read the following letter from the
Military Auditor General. —

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General stating his opinion as to the Exchange at which the Arcot Rupees now coining should be issued to the Troops. —

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the
Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 27th Instant
acquainting me that it is your Lordships Intention
to issue a proportion of Arcot Rupees in payment to the
Troops for the ensuing Month, and directing me to
Report my Opinion upon the Relative Exchange at
which the Rupees should be issued.

2d Having given every consideration to
the Subject and ascertained that the Rate of
Exchange

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Exchange is this day 345 Arcot Rupees ₹100 Pagodas, I beg leave to Recommend that 350 be the Exchange at which they should be paid to the Troops for the ensuing Month, by which an Allowance is made for the probable effect of a Quantity of that Coin being thrown at once into circulation, and should the Exchange rise higher than 350 in consequence of the Number of Rupees issued from the Treasury, an event which I think by no means unlikely as the value of Gold will be proportionably increased, your Lordship will no doubt in that case regulate the Exchange Accordingly in the future payments made to the Troops, so that they shall receive in Rupees the full Value of their Pay if issued to them in Gold at the Bazar Exchange.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

M.T. and D. Gen.l

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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Minute thereon—

Resolved that the Rupees about to be issued to the Troops be brought to Account at the Exchange of 350 Arcot Rupees ₹100 Pag.

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Death of Lieut Colonel George Hall of the Artillery—

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieut Colonel George Hall of the Artillery—

Hobart

Glo: Harris
Edw.d Saunders
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"
"
E H Fullofield

John Turing Esq.r

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 18th: 22nd: and 25th Inst.

The Statement of Military disbursement will be forwarded as usual to the Governor General in Council and pointed out to the Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors —

The President in Council entirely thinks your suggestion for debiting to the Head of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements the Ordinary as well as the extraordinary expence of the Troops employed in the conquest and defence of

To the Military Auditor General — the Board refer bringing to Account under Head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements the Ordinary Charges of the Troops employed on Eastern Conquests till reference be had to the Court of Directors — orders respecting the pay of Surgeons transferred occasionally from the Company's to the Kings Service and the Bills of Assistant Surgeon St. Lange Lieutenant Downing & 73d Regiment allowed a Passage Money — Amount of Allowance granted to Paymaster Buchan — & claims of Columbo Purge Agents referred for Investigation and Application of Paymaster Jackson for an increased Establishment of Servants to his opinion — Bills for expence of the Injured Prisoners at Cymon to be passed for payment.

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of them, very judicious but before he adopts it in the Accounts of this Presidency his Lordship judges it expedient to wait the Orders of the Court of Directors.—

In considering the case of Messrs Tancourt and O'Neil The President in Council can have no hesitation in directing that Assistant Surgeons who may occasionally be appointed to do duty with his Majesty's Regiments shall be permitted to draw only the Pay and Allowances of their rank in the Company's with the established Medical Allowance for the Corps with which they may happen to do duty.—

Lieutenant Downing of his Majesty's 73rd Regement having been permitted to Return to England on a Sick Certificate is to be allowed the usual Passage Money of his Rank.—

Mr. Walter St. George having been appointed to do duty with the Corps of

Pioniers

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Pioneers at Point Pedro is permitted to draw the established allowance on that Account for the Months of May, June and six days in July according to the Original Certificate of Lieutenant Fitzpatrick, which I enclose.—

The Right Honorable the President in Council has increased the Salary of the Paymaster at Malacca to 150 Pagodas per Month from the 22nd July, and permitted him to draw the Allowances of a Deputy Judge Advocate General when actually employed in that Capacity.—

I am directed to refer for your Consideration certain Claims preferred by the Prize Agents on Ceylon for Sundry Articles delivered to the Officers of custody and to desire you will Report whether the acknowledged 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.—

I also

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I also refer for your Report the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Paymaster in the Baramahal.—

The President in Council directs that the Committee of the Male Asylum may be Reimbursed in the Sum of Pagodas 61. 29. 48. expended by them in the Repair of the Serjeants Quarters at Egmore.—

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

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 137. 138. 139. 140.

From Brevet Captain Dear

From Brevet Captain Dear requesting Leave of Absence for three Months to proceed to Anjengo

From President at Nagore

From Mr. Soriano, enclosing Mr. Mevens reply to his Letter on the Subject of his Proceeding to this Presidency—

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

From Lieutenant Colonel Burnford & enclosing his Accounts of Subsistence to the King's Troops

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Troops from 25th June to 24th August 1797.-

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray &
requesting that his Quarters may be repaired &
previous to the setting on of the Monsoon.-

From the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot.-

Received the following Report of the
Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Having examined the Estimate
of the Military Paymaster General for the
Month of October 1797, I have the honor to report,
That the Sum of Two Lacks, Seventy two Thousand
two hundred and twenty two Pagodas, Thirty two
fanams, and Sixty Nine Cash /2,72,222..32..69/ is
required for the payment of such Military Charges
as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month.-

Auditor's Report upon the Military Paymaster General's Estimate of Cash for October. Remark on the Estimate for the Grain and Provisions and Bullock Departments.-

	S.	f.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,70,131	11	38.
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	1,02,090	33	31.
Pagt...	2,72,222	32	69

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The Estimate from the Angole Pay office having included Pay and Allowances for the 4 Detachment lately serving with the Nizam, & which was ordered to March from Masulipatam into the Guntoor Circar, the Amount required by Mr. Gordon Paymaster at the former Station for that Detachment Viz.t Five Thousand three hundred Pagodas /Pags. 5,300/ has accordingly been deducted from his Estimate, as has also the Sum of Two Thousand Pagodas /Pags. 2000/ Required for the Pay &c.a of the parties of the 1.st and 2.nd Battalions of the 9.th Regiment Native Infantry, who are 4 included in the details in the G. O. of 31.st August last, to Repair to the Presidency, and for whom Pay for the ensuing Month has been included and passed in the Estimate of Captain Darley.—

The party from the 2.nd Battalion 8.th Regiment Native Infantry which Lately Arrived from the Northwards under the Command of Brevet Captain Gerard, having been paid the Arrears which became due to them Agreeably to

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to the order of Government signified on the face of that Officers Abstracts the Sum of Seven H^d Hundred and eighty four Pagodas and Eighteen H^d Fanams /784..18../ has been deducted from the Estimate of M^r Paymaster Wilson conformable to the Regulations published in the G: O: Dated 6^th September 1796.—

Six Thousand Pagodas /Pag.^s 6,000/ a Balance of Cash Reported in the Estimate from Trichinopoly and Ten Pagodas /Pag.^s 10/ an Error in the Addition of M^r Paymaster Hughes's Estimate, have been deducted from their Respective Totals.—

The New Regulations for the Pay, H^d Provision and Bullock Departments, published in the Orders of Government under date the 19^th July 1797— having directed the respective H^d Paymasters to include in their Estimates as H^d Paymasters the Sums Required for Victualling H^d Troops, and providing Bullocks, I presume it becomes unnecessary to Report as usual on the H^d

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separate Estimates delivered in by the Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, whose Offices are directed to cease on the 30th instant, and, as the Paymaster has not adhered to this part of the order apparently from the Idea of it's not having effect until the 1st. of October next, for which Month the Estimates have been Rendered, the Amount should I presume have been included in the Estimates of the Pay Department therein Reported upon for October, especially as the Money which it may be found necessary to issue for the Grain and Bullock Departments, does not become payable until the 1st. of October on which day the present Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions and Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks will cease to Act in those Capacities.—

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mysd. Comt.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 28th. Sept. 1797

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The following Order of Council having been sent in Circulation and approved was accordingly dispatched ~~to the~~ Treasury.—

An Advance of Cash ordered from the Treasury on account of Lt. Col. Roebuck's Genral Cash Estimate for October

Ordered that the Sum of one Lack & Seventy Thousand one hundred and thirty one Pagodas forty one fanams and thirty eight Cash / Pags. 170131..41..38. be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the Disbursements of this & Department for the ensuing Month.—

Received the following Letters.—

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

From the Secretary at Bengal enclosing a Statement of the Subsistence &c. advanced to Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment.

Sir,

I am directed by Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment having in consequence of the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council & Copies of which I had the honor to transmit to you on the 11th Ultimo, presented his bills, I am directed to

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to enclose Copies of them as prefered by the Military Auditor General, to be laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) G: H: Barlow
Secretary to the Govt.

Fort William
the 11th September 1797.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Major General Bridges, receives the Boards instructions of the 22 Instant, is apprehensive that owing to his bad state of health, it will not be in his power to carry them into execution in person

Sir,

I have this moment been honored with Your letter by express under date the 22nd and have to request you will inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that his Orders shall be circumstantially obeyed without loss of time, and I beg you will further communicate to him my extreme regret that the present condition of my health will not allow me to add that I can with certainty be in person to execute his Lordships Commands but if I can possibly follow, I undoubtedly will, at all events

I will

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I will take care that either Colonel Burr or
myself shall be at Guntoor in proper time

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

Masulipatam
25 September 1797.—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government
&c. &c.

From Major Gen.l Bridges, the detachment of European troops march for Guntoor—

Sir,

Yesterday I had the honor to
acknowledge a letter received at noon with
instructions from the Right Honorable the
President in Council to form a Detachment
to proceed against the Mutineers at Guntoor
and I have now to request you will acquaint
his Lordship that four Companies of the
European Regiment with a Brigade of Guns
marched from hence fully equipped for the
occasion at three o'Clock this Morning

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

Masulipatam
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To
J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c.

From Capt Barrow requests reimburse-ment for the pro-visions expended on account of the troops and additional Seamen embarked on his ship on the late Cruize and an allowance for victualling the Officers —

Sir

I beg leave to submit the following Account of Provisions, Issued from the Stores of the Honorable Company's Ship Britannia to the Officers and Privates of His Majesty's 12th Regement, and to the Officers & Seamen of the Honorable Companys Ships King George Hillsborough and Marquis of Landown — Embarked on board the Said Ship Britannia from the 20th of September to this day — inclusive Viz.t —

Bread	1258 Pounds
Fresh Beef	768 Pounds
Salt Beef	51 Pieces of 8 lbs each
Salt Pork	103 Pieces of 6 lbs each
Peas	155 Quarts
Cheese	62 Pounds
Suet	38½ Pounds
Raisins	63¾ Pounds
Wheat	22 Quarts
Sugar	10½ Pounds

I likewise beg to present a List of the Officers who Messed at the Captains Table Viz.t

Captain

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Captain .... Woodhall

Lieutenant .... Nixon

Lieutenant .... Caspaty

M.r Campbell .. Surgeon

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Sam.l C.e Cl.k
/Signed Thomas Barrow

Dispatched the undermentioned #
Letters entered in M:B: N.os 141.. 142.. 143.. 144
145.. 146.. 147.. 148.. 149.. 150.. 151.. 152.. 153.. 154
155. 156.–

To the Accountant Genl

To M.r Woolf – enclosing Invoices of
Provisions and Stores consigned to this Presidency
from Bengal on the Chartered Ships Indra
Chichester and Calcutta.–

To M.r Roebuck – enclosing Copy of
the Auditor's Report on his general Cash Estimate
for October and informing him that Bags.as
1,70131.. 41.. 38 will be accordingly issued to
him on application at the general Treasury.–

To the Military Pay-
master General –

To M.r Brodie desiring him to issue
Sundry Articles of Provisions to Captain Barrow
to

To the Garrison
Storekeeper –

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to replace the quantities expended for the Troops
embarked on the Britannia, on her late Cruize

To the Commander of the Ship Britannia.—

To Captain Barrow informing him
that the Provisions expended will be replaced by
the Garrison Storekeeper and that the Military
Auditor General will pass his Bills for
Victualling the Officers at the Customary rate.—

To M.r Roebuck informing them that

To the Military Paymaster General.—

the Arcot Rupees about to be expended in payment
to the Troops are to be brought to account at
the Exchange of 350 ℔ ℅ Pagodas.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Major General Sydenham notifying
the orders sent above to M.r Roebuck.—

To the Military Auditor General

To D.o respecting to his Consideration a
Letter from the late Commissary of Grain and
Provisions to the Expedition against Manilla
respecting pay advanced to Servants in his
Department and desiring that Majr
Prophalow may receive an advance of Six
Months Subsistence, and Lieutenant
Copland the usual Allowance of Passage Money

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To Major Prophalow - permitting him to proceed to Europe on his Parole, and notifying the Order sent to the Auditor General. —

To Major Baron Von Prophalow

To Mr. Taswell - desiring that the requisite Number of boats may be furnished for transhipping the Guns, Stores and Men from the Britannia to the Hillsboro, Marquis of Lansdown and King George. —

To the Master Attendant

To Captain Barrow - desiring that he will lose no time in returning to the Ships abovementioned the Guns Ammunition and Men Received from them previous to the Britannia's late Cruize. —

To the Commander of the Ship Britannia

To Captains Colnett Bouldeson and Hutt - notifying the Orders sent to Captain Barrow

To the Commanders of the Ships King George, Marquis of Lansdown and Hillsborough

To the Military Board

To the Military Board, referring for their consideration Bills presented by Lieutenant Colonel Gent for work executed on Emergency under his Direction and a Letter from the Agent for Supplies under his direction & a Letter from the Agent for Supplies Regarding the Establishment of Servants required for their Office under the new System

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Halcott

To Lieutenant Colonel Halcott. ~

permitting him to defer his resignation of the Service until the 1st January next. ~

To Lieutenant Beeveley ~ desiring

To the Officer ~ Commanding at Naipulty. ~

that the two french Men Noticed in his Letters of the 15th May be put under restraint and their Papers secured agreeably to the Instructions already sent to him. ~

To Captain Pearson ~ informing him

To Captain Caleb Pearson. ~

that his Memorial will be forwarded to the Court of Directors by the Ships now under Despatch. ~

To Mr. Secretary Barlow forwarding a Packet of Kings Commission for Officers on

To the Secretary at Bengal. ~

the Bengal Establishment received here p. Britannia. ~

Received the following Letters. ~

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Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major General Bridges the Detachment of Europeans crossed the Kistna on their

Having received a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts under date the 25th Instant advising

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their March towards Ongole proceeds himself on this Service

Advising me of his having Ordered back to Guntoor, the Masulipatam Six Companies of the 9th Regiment Native Infantry under Captain Watkins, and taking no Notice of Captain Berkely's Detachment; I immediately replied to him that conceiving from the instructions I had received on the Subject under date the 22nd there must be some Mistake, as the other Detachment was the object. I recommended him to suffer them to proceed, and I doubted not but he would have received the explanation ere he got my letter — all which has happened, and Captain Watkins' Detachment has been directed to continue its March to the Presidency. —

I have now the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter written by order of the Right Honble the President in Council under date the 25th Instant, and to request you will inform his Lordship of my Arrival here; and that the European Companies under Lieutenant Colonel Wahab,

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with the Guns, are by this time, on the South Bank of the River Kristna— I lament much that the Want of a sufficient Number of Boats in the River has unavoidably occasioned delay but I am however not without hopes that my positive Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Wahab to March on with all possible expedition will make up for that impediment, but I have directed him (according to my instructions of the 25.th) to leave his Guns without hesitation, should they be found an incumbrance or inconvenience to the Object of moving with Alacrity.—

I beg of you to assure the Right Honorable The President in Council that every exertion shall be used; and that on my Arrival at Ongole, I trust, not only to find Captain Berkeley's— Detachments, but that the Event will answer the wishes and expectations of Government.—

I have the Honor to be

Guntoor
29.th September 1797.—

&c.— &c.—
(Signd) Tho.s Bridges
Josiah

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

In my letter of this days date just

From Major General Bridges - noticing his arrival at Guntoor.

dispatched, it occurs to me that I did not particularly mention my Arrival here previous to the receipt of Mr. Parry the Deputy Secretary's Letter of the 25th. Instant

I think this explanation necessary as the orders therein contained, directs me to proceed to Ongole by the direct route from Masulipatam. — The Europeans having crossed the River up the Country, purposely for this place must likewise be obliged to take their route to Ongole.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Tho.s Bridges

Guntoor

29th. September 1797.

To

J. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts sends Orders to Captain Berkeley to halt his Detachment at Ongole reports the Relief of the principal

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 25th

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Principal part of the 5th Regiment Native Infantry.

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25th Instant early this Morning by Express, accompanied by one addressed to Major General Bridges, which I immediately forwarded to that Officer, as also Orders to Captain Berkeley not to proceed beyond Ongole but to await there, Instructions from Major General Bridges.—

I have also to request that you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that the Detachments of the 5th Regiment Native Infantry have joined at Innicondah and been relieved by 5 Companies of the 2nd Battalion 11th Regiment the former will proceed on their march to the Presidency the 29th Instant

The Party of the 5th Regiment under Captain Beasley at Nairpilly was relieved on the 24th Instant by a Party from the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment under Captain Sheppard as is directed to proceed to Ongole to join the Detachment of that Regiment from Innicondah.— I have the honor to be

Guntoor
28th September 1797.—

Do.— Do.—
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Colt.
To

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To T. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that Major General Bridges arrived here at two O Clock this Morning, and that I yesterday, by his directions sent off Orders to Captain Watkins to countermand his return to Guntoor and order him to proceed with the 6 Companies under his Command to the Presidency.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts— to the Arrival of Major General Bridges at Guntoor orders the Detachment of the 9th Native Regiment under Captain Watkins to proceed on its March to the Presidency.—

I have the honor to be

Guntoor
29th September 1797.—

Do.— Do.—
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Colo.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of the 29th August, and to acquaint you that the Matter has been referred to the Committee of Government in Malabar from whom the Right

From Bombay— with that the Ships with the 72nd Regt. may be ordered to touch at Tellichery unless counter— instructions should have been sent by the Committee in Malabar.

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Guntoor
28th September 1797.—

&c.— &c.—
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt Colt
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Right Honble the President in Council will receive an Answer, but at all events the Board recommend the Vessels with the Troops being order to touch at Tellicherry should not previous contrary advice have reached your Government from the Committee in Malabar. ~

I have the honor to be

Bombay Castle &c.a &c.a

the 15th. September 1797. ~ (Signed) John Morris Secy. ~

Sent the following Letters to the ~

Commanding Officer and Revenue Superintendant on Ceylon. ~

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Troops on Ceylon at

Columbo

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 10th. Instant with its enclosures. ~

Although the Negotiations with the Court of Candia have hitherto been exclusively ~ entrusted

To Brigadier General De Meuron granting him eventual Authority to communicate directly with the Candian Ministers, with a view to the restoration of Tranquility, but not to touch on the Treaty now under reference to the Court of Directors. ~

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entrusted to Mr. Andrews, yet if you should be of Opinion that the Affairs of the disaffected Corles could be more Speedily arranged by a personal interview — between Yourself and any Person from Candia, his — Lordship in Council has not the smallest objection to such a Measure. — In the event of your availing yourself of this Permission, you will of course communicate — fully with Mr. Andrews; and you will be particularly mindfull that the treaty concluded by that Gentleman has been transmitted to England and that no change can be, introduced without authority from the Court of Directors. — I have the honor to be

&c.re &c.re

Fort St. George
30th September 1797 —

(Signed) T. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

To Robert Andrews Esq.re
Resident and Superintendant on —
Ceylon

Sir,

The Right Honorable the President in Council having reason to believe that Affairs in the

To Mr. Andrews enclosing for his — Information Copy of the foregoing Letter to Brigadier General De Meuron. —

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the rebellious cases may be brought to a speedier arrange-
ment by a Communication directly between Brigadier-
General De Meuron and the Candean Ministers directs me
to acquaint you that eventual permission has been granted
to the Brigadier for that purpose, and to inclose Copy of
of my letter of this date for your information. —

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
30th September 1797. —

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) T. Webbe
Secy. to Govt.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters
entered in M. B. No. 157 for September and for October

No. 1. —

To the Officer
Commanding —
Chowundalum. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Orr — desiring
him to hold a Troop of Cavalry in readiness to proceed
to the Village of Cudumboor — with directions to the —
Commanding Officer to comply with the requisitions of
Mr. Collector Grant and to Correspond as occasion may
require with Lieutenant Macleod with a view to the
apprehension of some Maurauders who infest that part
of the Tanjore Country. —

To the Commander
of the Ship Britannia

To Captain Barrow — desiring him to
receive William Shred private of the 76th Regiment on board
his Ship & to deliver him over to the Fort Major on his arrival
at Calcutta. —

&c.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor & President

Tuesday 3rd October 1797.—

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Tallofield

} Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board following Minute.—

Minute— Commander in Chief —

September 29th 1797.—

The Commander in Chief takes occasion to communicate to the Board two Letters which he has lately received from Major General Floyd relative to the different Regiments of Native Cavalry.— These Corps the General has lately inspected and so soon as he has finished his inspection of the two European Regiments it is his intention to send in his report of the whole to Head Quarters

Commander in Chief's Minute laying before the Board the report of Major General Floyd respecting Supernumerary Horses in the Regiments of Native Cavalry and Numbers wanting to complete the 19th & 25th Dragoons which he proposes shall receive Draft from the Supernumeraries of the Native Regiments— also on the

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the subject of under-signed Men in the Native Regiments who he proposes should be dismissed the Service with particular exceptions. —

Quarters when the Commander in Chief will do himself the pleasure of submitting it to the Right Honble the President in Council. —

In the interim however Major General Floyd has thought it his Duty to propose that a certain Number of the Troopers in each Native Regiment should be Discharged as being much under Size and having no Claims on the Service. — a list of their Names is enclosed in one of the Letters now submitted to the Board and unless considerations of a particular Nature occur to the Government for preventing or delaying the Measure, the Commander in Chief must be of Opinion from the reasons urged by Major General Floyd that the whole of these Men should be immediately discharged. —

The Commander in Chief is willing to shew every Attention to the Native Cavalry both on account of their former Services and the handsome manner in which the Cavalry Details lately Volunteed for foreign Service Nevertheless as it is probable from the Communications already received from Major General Floyd that Government will shortly find it expedient to order the Discharge of

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of a certain Number of the Native Troopers besides those now mentioned so as not to leave any Private Supernumeraries in any of the Regiments the Commander in Chief is of Opinion that Major General Floyd's proposal for making a draft of Horses from each of the Native Regiments for the 25th. Dragoons may be likewise complied with, only that none of the Supernumerary Native Commissioned Officers should be dismounted.— Should Government coincide in— these points, the necessary directions on the subject should be issued without delay in order that the Horses may reach Trichinopoly before the setting in of the rains.—

(Signd) Geo: Harris.—

Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief—

Sir,

Having concluded my Inspection of the four Regiments of Native Cavalry, I lose no time in stating to you that there are 147 Supernumerary— Horses in three of the Regiments, the 3d. Regiment having no Supernumerary Horse a Statement of their particulars distribution is enclosed.—

As you may perhaps deem it expedient to

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to dispose of these Horses where they are most wanted I beg leave to propose that they may be sent to his Majesty's 25th. Regiment immediately, with the exception of the Number necessary for a Brigade of Field Ser- Pounders — the Number to be determined by Major General Geils — This I propose in the event of it being thought advisable to fit out a Brigade of Horse Artillery — If not, the whole to be sent to H. M. 25th. Dragoons.

To avoid the invidious task of calling the choicest Horses from the Native Regiments, who — are very deserving of every consideration, yet to answer the purpose of mounting European Dragoons tolerably well I beg leave to propose that each Native Regiment, — having Supernumerary Horses, be required to produce — twice the Number; that is, the 1st. Regiment having 40 Supernumeraries shall produce 80 Horses — Sound, & free from decrase — Out of these a Person of the 25th. Dragoons, may select 40 Horses — and so of the other Corps. —

Altho' there may be several Horses smaller than you might wish for an European Regiment, yet they will be exceeding usefull, were it meerly to practice

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practice the Men in the Management of Horses. —

When the Mount. Horses Arrive, under sized Horses may be returned to the Native Cavalry, when replaced by larger. —

Horses

His Majesty's 19th. Dragoons want 123. —

His Majesty's 25th. Dragoons want 262. —

I have the Honor to be

Do.r Do.r

Tritchinopoly
September 15th. 1797. —

(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G. —

Number of Horses in the Native Cavalry Regiments Supernumerary to the Establishment. —

1st. Regiment	40.
2d. Ditto	46.
3d. "	61.
4th. "	
Total	147. —

(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

Lieutenant General Harris

Sir,

Upon inspecting the four Regiments of Native Cavalry and examining their Returns, there Appears to be several Men, in each Regiment of a size much too low to be fit for Service. —

The Cavalry is a favorite Service, and costly, and should be very choice in men, and may easily be

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be so.— I therefore beg leave to propose, that in future, no Man be Admitted under Five feet, four inches, and that precise orders be issued accordingly.—

Also that some of the Men now Serving, and not of a fit size be discharged, but with due Attention to claims of long and good Service.—

Men who have served five Years, and under, that is to say men who have been entertained since the conclusion of the Mysore War, can have no particular claim on the Service, and if under Five feet, and four inches might be discharged immediately.— of these the Number in each Regiment stands as follows.—

1st Regiment	33	
2d. Regiment	23	
3d. Regiment	6	
4th. Regiment	16	In all 78 Men.—

There are many other small Men, but as a Number of them may have claims from merit, or long Service, I wish for further information from their Corps, before I offer a proposal concerning them.— There are in all the Regiments no less than 361 Men under 5 feet 4 inches, a good many of them are under 5 feet 2 inches, some as low as five feet, and even under

As there are at present 195 Supernumeraries Non Commissioned, and Private, it appears as favourable an opportunity of weeding the bad, and unfit, as which I shall have

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have the honor of addressing you hereafter, thinking it
expedient to lose no time in proposing the discharge of 78
Men, whose Names are enclosed.—

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) T. Floyd
Maj.G.—

Pritchinopoly
September 19th 1797.—

List of the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry,
under 5,.....4,... who have served five Years & under.—

N.o	Names	N.o	Names.—
	Mahomet Brams	25.	Vencait Row.
	Hyat Cawns.		Jevagee Row.
	Golam Madreens		Abdul Resack
	Mahomet Isoof		Seid Bram
5	Setchman Dose.		Jange Cawn
	Hassain Beg.		Seid Haussain.
	Golam Hyders.—	30.	Limbajee Row.
	Shaike Tippoo.		Bobajee.
	Golam Hussains		
10	Mahomat Ameens	33	John Thomas—Trumpeter
	Shaik Abulkader		
	Harree Sing.—		(Signed) Alex.r Strachan— Maj.r of Brigade
	Bowree Sing.		
	Sunder Rams.		
15	Mahomet Ismail		
	Mahomet Cawn.—		
	Goint Sing 2nd		
	Shaik Tippoo 2nd		
	Seid Cassim.		
20	Govind Row.		
	Bram Beg.		
	Ismael Beg		
	Dewan Cawn.		
	Eswant Row.—		

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List of the Men in the 2nd. Regiment N. Cavalry, under
5 ... 4. who have Served five Years & under.-

No.	Names	
	Abdul Cawder	1st.
	Seid Allum	
	Shaik Ally	3rd.
	Secunder Khan.	
5	Venkatt Row.	
	Shaike Ally	2d.
	Seid Baboo	
	Cawder Sheriffe	
	Ramjee Row.	
10	Adam Cawn.-	
	Seid Emaun	2nd.
	Shaik Alaverdeen	
	Moortiza Cawn	
	Soubanjee Row.	
15	Golam Hausain	
	Nyancajee Row.	
	Seid Cossim.	
	Hausain Sheriffe	
	Mahomd Sheriffe	
20	Shaik Ahmed	
	Majogee Row.	
	Shere Cawn.	
23	John Domingo-	Trumpeter.

(Signed) Alex: Strachan
Major of Brigde.

List

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List of Men in the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry F. F. under D. A. who have served five Years & under.

No.	Names.	Annual
	Shaik Ahmet	
	Seid Cummaul	
	Adam Khans.	
	Mahomet Ally.	
	Imaum Mohendeen	
6	Shaike Ibrahim	

(Signed) Alex: Strachan
Major of Brigade.

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List of Men in the 4.th Regiment Native Cavalry under
5.th F. 4.th F. who have Served five Years & Under.-

No.	Names.-
	Ally Beg 1.st
	Shaik Hyder 3.d
	Annajee Row.
	Seid Bram 3.d
5.	Abdul Cawder 3.d
	Meer Morahemilly
	Mahomet Darvest
	Mahomet Modenah
	Cawder Beg.
10.	Seed Bram.-
	Seed Alvar.
	Reamjee Row.
	Shaike Maroop.
	Sultaun Ally.
	Abdul Cawder
16	Shak Moden 3.d

(Signed) Alex.r Strachan
Major of Brigade.-

Taken from the Return of Regiments
(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G.-

The

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The Board approve the recommendation of the Commander in Chief for making a Draft of fifty Horses from the supernumeraries of the 1st. 2nd. & 4th. Regiments of Native Cavalry for the 25th. Regiment of Light Dragoons; and for discharging the under sized Men, with the exception of such as may have turned out Volunteers for foreign Service on the late intended expedition.

General Order to be published on the foregoing Subject

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In publishing the foregoing Arrangements in General Orders, it is resolved to warn Commanding Officers of Regiments to guard against reducing the Government against to this unpleasant dilemma, and to direct in the most positive manner that no Man under five feet four inches shall in future, be entertained for the Cavalry.

directing that Commanding Officers of Regiments do not on any account enlist men under five feet four Inches.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Murray and a Detail of the Services of Serjeant John Grant.

To Lieutenant General Harris.
Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast

Sir,

I beg leave to recommend John Grant Serjeant of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry to your Notice

Minute of the Commander in Chief detailing the long and meritorious Services of Serjeant John Grant of the Cavalry

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and praying that he be admitted on the pension List.—

Notice, for his long Services of thirty four Years, and is getting infirm, that he is not capable of doing his duty as a Serjant— he has been under my Command this Seven Years past, and acted as 2d. Mr. Serjant the most of the time, in that Station he executed his duty much to my Satisfaction; your providing for him, will much oblige me, while.—

I have the Honor to Remain

&c. &c.

(Signed) J.W. Murray

Major Commd.
1 Regt. N.C. Lo. Cav.

C.y Cantonment near Arcot 30th. September 1797.—

Memorandum

Serjeant John Grant of the 1st. Regiment of Native Cavalry enlisted in his Majesty's Service in 1758— He landed in India in 1761 with a Detachment of Kings Troops and took the Bounty in 1764 in the Company's European Troop of Cavalry Commanded by Major Fitzgerald He was in the Year 1768 made Quarter Master Serjeant of one of the Corps of Native Cavalry and continued in that Station till last August when no longer equal to it's Duties, he became a Supernumerary of the Corps— He has—

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He has been on every Service in the Country since 1761, except the last Campaign against Tippoo, when Illness confined him to Bangalore — as this deserving old Soldier does not appear equal to farther Service the Commander in Chief recommends him to be pensioned on the full pay of a Cavalry Serjeant 7 Pagodas per Month. —

Ordered that Serjeant John Grant, of the Cavalry be admitted upon the pension List, upon the full Pay of a Serjeant of Cavalry, as a reward for his long and active Services. —

Serjeant John Grant pensioned on the full Pay of a Serjeant of Cavalry

Read the following Letters from the Military Board. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord, We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 2.nd Ultimo forwarding Letter, and Enclosure from the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal; and having given particular Attention to the Subject of the Pilon Mill recommended from

From the Military Board — reporting their Opinion fully on the Comparative Advantages of the Pilon Mill recommended from Bengal & the Cylinder Mills heretofore in use at this Presidency Suggestion on

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on the occasion — Consider Conatoor a preferable Station to Caranjooly for a — Cavalry Regiment and propose that the Buildings at the former Station be completed as already suggested

from that Presidency, and to a Report thereon by the — Commandant of Artillery, and Commissary General of Stores, Copy whereof is enclosed; We are induced under all consider- -tions to give the preference at present to the Cylinder Mills heretofore in use at Madras, two of which are equal to the Manufacture of Six hundred Cwt.s Barrels of Gun powder per Month.— We are however of Opinion that a Pilon Mill, upon the new — Construction, if practicable, or otherwise, a model of the same in the proportion of two Inches to a Foot, should be obtained from Bengal to be made trial of here, and afterwards extended upon its superior utility being ascertained; We beg leave therefore to recommend that application be — accordingly made to Bengal for that purpose.—

In Answer to the Paragraph of the above mentioned Letter under date the 2.nd Ultimo — respecting the Establishment of a Cavalry Cantonment at Caranjooly; We have the honor to state our

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our opinion after a particular investigation of it's relative Advantages and disadvantages with those of Connatore that, with the exception of Carangooly being in the Jaghire, We see no grounds for preferring it to the latter, especially as the greater part of the Expence of a Cantonment for a Regiment of Cavalry has already been incurred there; and under such consideration, We are led to recommend it's being completed. ~

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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25th September 1797. ~

(Signd) George Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Jn.r Richardson
" B.y Close. ~

Report

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Report of the Commandant of Artillery and Commissary General of Stores on the Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at Bengal dated 3.rd July 1797.–

and Annexing Copy of a Letter written by him to Mr. Farquhar His Memorandum of the Comparative expence of making Gunpowder, and Report of the Chief Engineer and Auditor General on the Subject of casting Metallic Cylinders.–

Major General Gells, and Lieutenant Colonel Hall, conceiving they would acquire much useful information from the Superintendant of the Powder Manufactory on the Subject under reference to them; accordingly called upon Mr. Benjamin Bishop, who offered the following Opinion, on which the commandant of Artillery and Commissary General of Stores, readily concur and submit for the information of the Board.–

"On Attentively considering the papers received from Calcutta on the Subject of manufacturing Gunpowder with different Machinery, there appears a manifest advantage in the Mills at Madras, over those at Calcutta, in regard to the Quantity of Powder produced by the

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the operation of each Mill, The Pilon Mill at Madras (when in repair) will make 540 Coolb Barrels a Month— The new constructed Pilon Mill at Calcutta only 240, Coolb Barrels in the same time, The Cylinder Mill at Madras will make in a Month 300 Coolb Barrels— The Cylinder Mill at Calcutta only 34.—

The Charge of Making Powder by different Machinery at Madras, appears also in most instances to maintain a superiority, for, by the paper accompanying this, marked A.—

The Pilon Mill at Madras, makes one 100lb Barrel for Sicca Rupees ..... } 3..7..8½

The new Constructed Pilon Mill at Calcutta for Rupees ..... } 3.....

The Cylinder mill at Calcutta makes Ditto for ..... 0..13..1.

The Cylinder Mill at Madras ..... 2..4..6.

In the report signed by the Chief Engineer and the Military Auditor General it is observed that Cylinder Mills "have been found defective, when "applied to composition, which has induced over noticing "Vo."— whatever difference, between the Cylinder Mills at

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at Calcutta, and those at Madras there may be is not easy with the information before me at present to State; but certain it is that by repeated experiments all in the large way; the Cylinder Mills here have invariably been found of superior efficacy to any other; as a proof of this, a Report of a Trial made with the Cylinder Mills at Madras accompanies this marked B. This Report however is not a comparison between the effects of the Cylinder and Pilon Mills, as the latter had been laid aside some time before the experiment was made; and the object of the Experiment, was to determine principally the length of time necessary to retain the composition under the Cylinders; and the best proportion of Sulphur and Charcoal calculated to produce the utmost effect, and 'tis introduced in this place only to shew the quality of the Powder made by the Cylinders, and the time requisite to keep the composition under them the result of this Experiment

same

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Seems to disaprove what has been asserted by all writers on the Subject of Gun Powder, Viz., that its quality will always depend on the intimity of the mixture, and the length of time the Machines are employd making it, but as Authors with this assertion, have neglected to note the Powers of their Machinery, it is difficult to determine, whether that used at Madras, may not be more powerful in its effects, than the disproportion which appears in the time of keeping the composition under the Machines.—

It is certain that Gun-Powder of a most excellent quality has been manufactured at Madras with both the Cylinder and Pilon Mills; but best with the former, and equal to any Powder made in India, as will appear by a reference to the proof Reports— From this considera-tion, what has been advanced, and a Furnace being

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being now nearly finished to cast the Mettalic Beds; which will render the Madras Cylinder Mills complete. It would perhaps be imprudent to subject the Company to further Expence by the erection of new constructed Pilons; which after all, there is probability, would posses no material advantages, over the present Cylinder Mills and so as the Powder is of equal quality and price, it probably is not material, with what Machinery it is Manufactured."

Madras 9th September 1797.

The Commandant of Artillery, and Commissary General of Stores, in repeating their acquiescence in the above Opinion of Mr. Bishop, see no reason to object, to the proposal of Major General Ross, of Mr. Bishop being sent to Examine the new Mills at Calcutta, if at this time he can be spared:

but

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but they have to call to the Attention of the—
Board; that near eighteen Months have already been
lost in the Powder Mills here;— that a Furnace
has been already prepared for casting the Mettalic
Beds;— That our present Mills are equal to the
Manufacture of 600 Barrels per Mensem, and;
that it would require Five or Six Mills of the
new construction to Manufacture a like quantity—
They Submit however that a Mill of the new
construction may with propriety, be erected at
Madras or in its vicinity, and extended, in
proportion, to its' Superior utility, being
fully ascertained: but on no Account to—
relinquish, the present Cylinder Mills, until this
is fully established.—

(Signed) Thomas Geils
M.G.
George Hall
C.G.S.—

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true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sect. Mil. Board
Extract

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Extract from an Account of Experiments made at the
the Composition under the Cylinders, in order to produce

No. 1.

4 1/2 Inch Mortar at 45° Elevation	2
Ditto	4
Ditto	2
Ditto	4
Ditto	2
Ditto	4
Ditto	2
Ditto	4

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N.B. — The above are Examples extracted from
ingredients were tried, as well as a reduction,
Selected, Being Considered as Sufficient to
not encrease the Strength of the

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Madras Powder Works to determine the time requisite to keep the best possible Gun powder, July 15th 1794.—

Weight of		Best proportion of ingredients determined by experiment.—			No. of resolutions made by the Cylinder, over the 60th Composition	Medium Ranges.—	
Shell	Powder	Salt Petre	Sulphur	Charcoal		Fine	Coarse
lb	oz	lb	lb	lb		Yards	Yards
	8	1	15	7	8	160	126 97
	8	1	15	7	8	160	128 96
	8	1	15	7	8	160	127 98
	8	1	15	7	8	160	126 97
	8	1	15	7	8	220	123 94
	8	1	15	7	8	220	122 92

a Number of Experiments made in 1794, when Various proportions of and Addition, of Rounds: but these producing the best effect are — shew, that keeping the Composition, longer under the Cylinders, does Gun Powder —

true Copy (Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec.y Mil. Board.—

Comparative

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Comparative Estimate of the Expence of

Pilon Mill

Prime Cost of a Pilon Mill as near as can be estimated is Pagodas 3500.- The Capital of which being sunk allow Interest at 15 per Cent - per Annum ..... 525.- -

With Three Reliefs of Bullocks the Mill will - make 20.- 60 lb Barrel per day 540 a Month and 5400 in Ten Months equal to Bengal 100 lb Barrels 3240.- 76.- Bullocks on the above Estimate are employed Monthly and 760 in Ten Months at Pagodas 3 each ..... 2280.- -

120 Drivers per Annum at Pagodas 1 1/2 each ..... 180.- -

Six Coolies each Day to attend the Composition - under the Stampers turn it and take it out - at 11 1/2 Fanams each per Diem is per Annum 192.36.-

Total Expence for Ten Months Pagodas 3177.36 -

Sicca Rupees 11281. 5. 7.

Price of One 100 lb. Barrel ..... 3. 7. 8 1/2.

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Making Grain Powder with a Pilon and Cylinder Mill at Madras.—

Cylinder Mill

Prime Cost of a Cylinder Mill as near as can be Estimated is Pagodas 1500.— The Capital of which being Sunk allow Interest at 15 per Cent per Annum..... 225.. ..

With three reliefs of Bullocks the Mill will make 10, 60 lb. Barrels a Day 300 a Month and 3000 a Year, equal to Bengal 100 lb. Barrels 1800, 24 Bullocks on the above Estimate are employed Monthly 240 in Ten Months at Pagodas 3 each..... 720.. ..

12 Drivers per Month is 120 per Annum at 1½ Pagodas each..... 180.. ..

5 Men per Day to Attend and turn the Composition carry it to, and from the Mill at 4½ Fanm. each is for Ten Months..... 32.. 2.. ..

Totab Expence for Ten Months Pagodas 1157. 2.. .

Sicca Rupees 1430. 6.. 8..

Price of 100 lb. Barrel..... 2.. 4.. 6..

Signed/ B. Bishop
Supt. G. Mo. P.

a true Copy
Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board—
ordered

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.—

Ordered that application be made to the Supreme Government for the Metallic Cylinders and beds required for immediate use, and that they be requested to send round, hereafter, an improved Pidon Mill, or of more convenient, a Model thereof, for experiment at this Presidency.—

In Consideration of the Opinions given by the Military Board it is resolved to relinquish the Idea of forming a Cavalry Cantonment at Carangooly— and to complete the Buildings at Canatoor, according to the plan and estimate submitted in the Military Board's Letter of the 25.th July last.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor in Council.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board— opinion respecting the Quantity of Cloth which should be issued to the Clothing Contractor; the Mode of passing his Indents— proper regulations for conducting on the Military Books the value of

In consequence of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 17.th May last, referring for our consideration Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General upon the subject of the Clothing Contract, and intimating the desire of your Lordship in Council that

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of Military Stores Issued for the use of His Majesty's Ships or sold to Individuals and that an Extension of Time be allowed the Pay-masters for furnishing certain Articles of Petty Stores. desire Instructions relative to the Duties chargeable, and to whom, on the 300 Seapoys of Attrach engaged to be furnished by Mr. Cochrane recommend for Payment Bills for Casks and provisions supplied by Messrs. Cochrane and Lloyd for the late Expedition.

that We should endeavour to establish some criterion by which to regulate the quantities of Cloth to be in future drawn on that account from the Company's Stores. We have accordingly given particular Attention to the Subject, and having ascertained from enquiry of those best qualified to give us information thereon, that the quantities Stated by Mr. Lys, Contractor for Army Clothing in his proposals for the Contract, Viz.t "that a "Piece of Cloth containing twenty two Yards "would make Seventeen long Coats, or twenty "three Jackets of three different sizes for European "Artillery or Infantry, or thirty Jackets of "three different sizes for Native Infantry" are moderate, with the additional calculation of a Piece of the same length making twenty four close Jackets for the Native Cavalry; We beg leave to offer this as the nearest Estimate that can be formed of the quantity of Cloth to be supplied to the Contractor from the Company's Stores at

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at the Invoice price, and at the same time to propose that the Contractors Indents for Cloth and Hats ~ shall be checked by the Secretary of the Military ~ Board on a reference to the same Returns of the ~ Army upon which the Military Auditor General makes the calculation of Advances of Cash to the ~ Contractor, to be by the latter presented to the Secretary of Government as heretofore for his Signature authorising the delivery of the Articles. ~

The Paymasters acting as Commissaries of Supply for Petty Stores at the out Garrisons having in general declined to enter into the Obligations ~ required of them for furnishing such Stores within fifteen days, under penalty of forfeiting the value of each Article that shall not have been supplied within that period, urging as a reason for their refusal that a Number of Articles require to be procured at a considerable distance from their several Stations, We have consequently given due consideration to the Subject of their representation, and are of Opinion that, as they cannot be expected to adhere to the terms

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terms of the original Engagement with respect to Articles of Petty Store not procurable on the Spot they should be allowed an extension in point of time sufficient to enable them to supply the whole of such Articles from whatever part of the Coast they may be obtained. — With a view therefore to ascertain this point, and to obviate the Objection which they have expressed against entering into an Engagement which they may not have the means of fulfilling within the time required by the Regulations, We have prepared the accompanying List, shewing the Articles which may be provided within the time originally Specified, as being procurable on the Spot, or in the Neighbourhood, and detailing in the second Column the Articles which must be procured from a distance, or which require considerable time to provide, and accordingly recommend that the Commissaries be allowed three Months to furnish the latter, that is, within the Quarter for which the Indent is made, and that they should

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be required to enter into an Engagement to this effect under penalty of forfeiting the value of any Article which shall not have been supplied within the period above Specified, and that for such Articles to which the rates of the Table do not apply, or to which rates cannot be affixed they shall be allowed to produce the original Bills and receipt of the Person from whom they have been purchased, supported by a Solemn declaration that they have been procured upon the most reasonable terms that could be obtained, and that they have been charged accordingly.-

Having deemed it highly expedient to take into consideration the mode to be adopted in consequence of the change of System into the Store Departments for bringing to account the Military Stores supplied under proper Authority from the Arsenal, or Magazines, to his Majestys Squadron, To the Honorable Companys and Country Ships, and to Individuals, We have the honor to enclose Copy of a Report from the Military Auditor General to whom the Subject was referred, with Copies of the Papers which

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which Accompanied it, and beg leave to request that, in the event of the proposed Regulations being approved by Government, the necessary communication may be made to the several Departments concerned.-

Herewith We transmit Bills from the Honble. Basil Cochrane, and Mr. Lloyd, amounting to Pagodas 6,344.. 31.. 39 for Articles of Provision supplied by them upon a Contract Authorized by Government, and Approved by our Board, for the use of the Troops lately ordered upon Foreign Service: which Bills being accompanied by the Receipt of the Garrison Storekeeper, and by a Certificate from the late Committee of our Board that the Articles contained therein were found on examination to be of a good quality, and Agreable to Muster, We accordingly recommend that the same be passed for payment.

We have also the honor to forward for Your Lordship's consideration the accompanying Copy of a Letter addressed to us by the Agent for Spirituous Liquors, in consequence of a communication having been made to him of the Instructions signified to our Board in Government's Letter of the 30th. Ultimo, for concluding an Agreement with him for the purchase of three hundred Leaguers of Batavia Arrack,

at

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at 38 Pagodas per Seagoar.—

It Appearing from a Communication laid before us by the Chief Engineer that Government in a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 22.nd Instant have directed an immediate Repair of the Gun Shed at Wallajaubad, agreeably to an Estimate for the purpose before our Board, Amounting to Pagodas 2233 1/2 accompanied by an application from Colonel Gent for an Advance of eight hundred (800) Pagodas on that Account; We therefore recommend that the same be authorised.—

We have the Honor to be

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Dc.r Dc.r—

Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Giels
(Signed) W. Sydenham
In.o Richardson
B.y Close

List

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List of Petty Stores to be furnished by Commissaries of Supply at Out Stations

Articles to be furnished in 15 days from the Delivery of the Indent.—

Bags ..... Gunny ..... Ammunition
..... Packing
Bamboos Large ..... 12 feet
" ..... Middling ..... 12 d°.
" ..... Small ..... 7 d°.
Bellows ... Country ..... Forge
Charcoal ..... "
Cloth ..... Tent ..... White ... (70 Covids)
Coir for ... Wadds
Cotton .... Roar for ..... Caulking
Drum ... Braces .....
" ..... Cords .....
" ..... Heads ....
" ..... Snares .....
Emmery—
Gunny—
Hides ..... Leather ..... Country
Match ..... Cotton .....
Matts .... Common ..... or Cajang
Needles ... Gunny
Paddy ... Weighs
Pins ..... Yoke
Potts ..... Water—
Pouches ... Musket or Carbine. ..
Straw ..... 90 lbs or Bundles.
Shells .... Cocoanut ....
Skins .... Sheep
Thread .... Cotton
Twine .... Gunny
Targets .... Musket.
Wax ..... Bees ...
Brooms .....

Articles to be furnished within three Months after the Delivery of these Indents.

Baskets Country Rattans.
Belts ..... Bayonet ...
Borax ....
Brushes ... Painting Europe
Brackets ... Gun Leather
Chalk ....
Cloth .... Tent Blue of 30 Covids
" ..... Thread of 18 d°.
Collars for Bullocks Leather
Dammer
Drum ... Hoops ..... Batter
" ..... " ..... Flesh
" ..... " ..... Lining
" ..... Sticks .....
Files ...
Flour of Wheat
Glue
Grease
Haversacks Leather
Indigo
Oil ..... Cocoanut
Pouches Musket with Slings—
..... Priming
Rattans—
Rope ..... Country Coir 5 Inch.
" ..... " ..... 1½ ...
" ..... Tent ..... White—
" ..... " ..... Blue
Rosin ....
Sal Armoniac
Scabbards Bayonet
..... Sword for Serjeants & Drummers
Slings .... Musket Country
Solder .... Copper
..... Pewter
Tape ..... Tent
Targets .... Cain with Frames
..... Length thickness Breadth
Timber Teak Arlies 28 feet 9 Inch. by 10 Inch.
" ..... Droggis 28 .. 15 .. by 16 ..
" ..... Simmon Blank 27. 11 .. by 15 ..
" ..... Shudding d° 11 .. 6/10 .. by 6 ..
Worms ... Musket—

Military Board Office
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(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y Mil. Board—

Report

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Report of the Military Auditor General on the mode to be adopted in bringing to account the Military Stores supplied from the Arsenal to His Majesty's Squadron, The Honble Company's, or Country, Ships: and to Individuals.-

The Military Auditor General finds on inquiry that it has been the practice heretofore - when Stores have been supplied from the Arsenal to His Majesty's Ship's, for the Military Storekeeper to make out a Bill for the Several Articles at the prime cost, and charges, as ordered by Government in the accompanying Extract (No.1) from the - Minutes of Council dated 24.th June 1791 and to receive the Amount from the Naval Storkeeper, giving the Company Credit in his account for the same and it seems that a similar practice has obtained with respect to Stores supplied to Country Ships and to Individuals by Authority with this difference that the latter has been charged at 50 pr. Cent on the prime Cost. -

If

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It appears from the Communication which the Military Auditor General has received from His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier / copy of which No. 2 accompanies this Report that the value of all Stores supplied to His Majesty's Ships from the Magazines of the Honble Company in India will in future be accounted for to the said Company by the Ordnance in England, and as the change of System in the Store Department renders it necessary to adopt some rule by which these supplies should be regularly reported to Government and the Company receive Credit for the value thereof in the Military Books at this Presidency, as also for the Amount of Stores furnished from the Arsenal by Authority to the Company's or Country Ships and to Individuals this Military Auditor General therefore begs leave to submit the following Regulations on the subject.—

Regulations established by Government for bringing to account on the Military Books the value of Military Stores which may be

1st That when Stores shall be supplied from the Arsenal to His Majesty's Ships on the requisition of the Admiral or Officer Commanding, the Commissary General of Stores shall take receipts

on

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supplied to his Majesty's Ships or sold to Individuals

in Triplicate from the Gunner of the Ships, or person ~ authorised to receive such Stores, one of which receipts will be the Commissary Generals' Voucher for the Stores and the others he is to transmit to the Secretary of the Military Board. ~

2nd. That the Secretary of the Military Board shall transmit to the Accountant General a Statement quarterly of the Stores which may have been supplied to His Majesty's Ships in the course of the preceding Quarter affixing the prime Cost and Charges to each Article, and sending with this Statement the Duplicate and Triplicate receipts of the Gunner or other Officer to whom such Stores may be delivered — That the Secretary of the Military ~ Board shall at the same time inform the Military Auditor General by Letter of the Amount of the Stores which may have been supplied to His Majesty's Ships during each quarter in order that they may be brought on his Books and by communication ~ from his Office on those of the Military Paymaster General to the Credit of the head "Military Board" ~

That

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3rd That the Secretary of the Military—
Board shall in like manner transmit to the Account—
-ant General and Military Auditor General Accounts
quarterly of all Stores which may have been supplied
to the Troops of the other Presidencies with the value
—tion including Packages Freight and all charges
incident thereto in order that those Presidencies may
be regularly Debited with the Amount.—

4th That when Stores shall have been
supplied from the Arsenal on proper Authority to
the Commanders of the Company's or Country Ships
a List of such Stores shall on delivery be sent by
the Commissary General of Stores to the Secretary
of the Military Board, who is to charge the—
Articles at 50 per Cent upon the prime Cost and
to transmit a Bill for the same to the Military
Paymaster General who will receive the Amount and
enter it in his Cash account and in his Books to
the Credit of the Military Board.—

5th That the Amount of all trifling
Articles supplied to Individuals on Indents properly—
authorised

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Authorised, shall be received by the Commissary General of Stores, and sent Monthly by him with a List to the Secretary of the Military Board, which List after being countersigned by the latter is to be forwarded with the Amount to the Military Paymaster General who will pass his receipt for the same and give the Military Board Credit accordingly.—

6th. That the Secretary of the Military Board shall give notice to the Military Auditor General by letter of the Amount of all Bills for Stores which may have been sent to the Military Paymaster General as before directed.—

The Regulations for Ordnance Stores supplied to the Navy is proposed to take place on the 31st. October next until which period the Secretary of the Military Board is to send Bills in Triplicate to the Military Paymaster General for all Stores supplied to the Navy from the 1st. May last. the Amount of which Bills will be accordingly raised from the Naval Storekeeper and carried to the Credit of the Military Board.— (Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Military Aud.r Genl.—

true Copy (Signed) Fredk. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board
Colonel

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 24th June 1795.

Ordered that the Military Storekeeper do supply such Powder and Ordnance Stores at prime Cost and Charges for the use of His Majesty's Ships serving in India as the State of the Stores will admit receiving Payment for them either in Money or Bills drawn in favor of the Court of Directors.

A true Extract
(Signed) Robert Clerk
Depy. Secry

a true Copy
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain and Ireland &c.

The Master General, and Board of Ordnance, having by their Secretary's Letter of the 24th instant acquainted us that the Practice which has been pursued

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pursued in the course of the present and former Wars by Officers of the Navy employed upon Foreign Stations (particularly in the East Indies) in making Purchases of Ordnance Stores for the Supply of His Majesty's Ships under their Command, and drawing for the Amount upon the Board of Ordnance, is very Objectionable, and requested that Orders might be given to the Admiral, or Officer Commanding the Fleet upon that Station when any Ordnance Stores shall be absolutely necessary for the Ships of His Squadron to make Requisition for such supplies as may be wanted, from the Magazines belonging to the East India Company, whose Storekeepers in India, will be directed to comply with all such demands, and the value thereof will be accounted for to the said Company by the Ordnance in England: you are therefore hereby required and directed to give strict Orders to the Captains and Commanders of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels under Command, not to make any such purchases in future, but when any Ordnance Stores shall be absolutely necessary to be supplied for the use of their respective Ships, to make the same known

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known to you, that application may be made for such supplies from the Magazine, belonging to the East India Company accordingly — Given under our Hands the 28th. October 1796. —

To The Commanding Officer for the time being of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the East Indies

(Signed) Charles Small Pybus
H. Seymour
J. Gambier

By Command of their Lordships
(Signed) Evan Nepean

A true Copy
(Signed) Peter Rainier

true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec.y. Mil. Board.

To Captain Frederick Pierce
Secretary and Accountant to the
Military Board

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th. Ultimo was duly received, and I beg you will explain to the Military Board that the 300 Leagers of Batavia Arrack that Government have agreed to purchase, is

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is part of 1100 Leagers that I agreed to receive from
Mr. Shamier Sultan at 38 Star Pagodas per 150 G.
Gallons, I engageing to free him of the duties.-
As the Company receive the Arrack
at the same price that I purchase it at (on support
of which a Bill from Mr. Shamier Sultan will
be handed into the Military Board by me) it may
be necessary for the Military Board to apply to
Government to issue an Order to the Sea Customs
to allow the 300 Leagers of Batavia Arrack of
150 G. Gallons each to be imported duty free -
otherwise I must have the sanction of Government
to charge the duty upon the 300 Leagers that the
Company have agreed to receive. -

I am -
Sir

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant -
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous
Liquors. -

Fort St. George
15.th September 1797.-

true Copy
(Signed) Fredr. Pierce
Secy. Milty. Board

The

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Board.

The Board approve the process recommended for checking the Contractors Indents for Cloth— and the regulations proposed for bringing to Account, on the Military books, the value of Military Stores which may be supplied to His Majesty's Ships, or sold to individuals.—

The alteration suggested by the Military Board, in regard to the term to be allowed the Paymasters for the supply of petty Stores, will be published in general Orders.—

Order that the Bills for Provisions furnished by the Honble Basil Cochrane and Mr. Lloyd be passed for payment.—

Resolved that a duty of five per Cent be levied on the 300 Leaguers of Arrack to be delivered by Mr. Cochrane and brought to account as a charge of Merchandize, and that an Advance of P. 800 Pagodas be made to Lieutenant Colonel Gent on account of the repair of the Gun Shed at Wallajahbad.—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

In compliance with your Lordship's instructions communicated to us by Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter under date the 26.th July last, We directed the Chief Engineer to obtain the necessary Information respecting the Repairs requisite to secure from injury the Provision Stores lodged in the Granary at Arnee, who having in consequence laid before us a Report on the Subject, with Section of the Buildings; and the enclosed Estimate of the Expense attending such repairs, Amounting to Pagodas 1194..6..72.. which appearing to us to be the only means likely to render it efficient, We beg leave to recommend that they be accordingly authorised.-

From the Military Board representing the repairs required to the Granary lately built at Arnee under the direction of Captain Lieutenant Wood and recommending their execution at an Expence of Pagodas 1194..6..72..-

We have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jn.o Richardson
B.y Close.-

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of necessary Repairs wanting to remedy the defects in the Arched roof of the new Granary at Arnee, by bringing its exterior Curve to a termination with two Planes, as represented in the accompanying Section.—

Brick in Chunam, including a Course of Flat Tyles in Chunam, to the exterior curve of the Arch— Cubic Feet 15372½ at fanams 1...75 per foot.....	709..6..72
Chunam Plaster Coarse and Fine over Ditto Squares 242½ at 2 Pags. ₹ Square	185..—..—
Total Pagodas	1194 6 72

August 14th.— 1797.—

(Signed) T. Wood
Capt. Lieut. of Engrs.—

true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Surv. Mil Board

Minute thereon

The Board are extremely mortified— that a building so lately constructed as the Granary at Arnee should so immediately require a repair to the amount estimated by the Chief Engineer: the representation of the Military Board leaves no alternative but to incur the expence— It is resolved however to call upon the Military Board to report very fully upon the causes

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causes which have produced this Necessity.—

Read the following Letter from

the Commanding Officer at Trincomalé.—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Commandant at Trincomalee enclosing returns of the Trees cut down and recommends that a certain Compensation be made to the proprietors—represents the weak State of his Garrison, and Complains of the negligence and unmilitary Conduct of the Malay Corps. desires the assistance of a party of Pioneers to cut down the Jungle which again begins to grow.

Having Completed the opening to Neills house and Aberbrigh I have the honor to send you returns of the Trees cut down in confidence that the Right Honorable The President in Council will order some recompence to be made to the Proprietors of them, who in general are a very poor description of people, several Strong hedges are still standing, but those nearest to the Fort are destroyed, If the Corps of Pioneers are not employed some of them here would be of most essential Service, The Jungle that was cut down a few Months ago is now so forward as to require immediate Attention the smell produced from it after the late rain has I believe prevented that decrease of Sickness that I expected.—

As it appears to me that this is a Port of considerable importance it dwells much on my mind the small Force I have to defend it and some

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some of that force of such a description that I cannot put the least confidence in ~~to~~ them. I mean the Malays their negligence on Duty particularly at Night is I believe Unparalleled and notwithstanding the Zeal and unremitted Attention of Captain O'Reilly (In whose favor I cannot say too much) they appear to me if possible to fall off rather than improve, this makes the duty fall hard on the 80th Regiment, who after so much Sickness really require a little care and rest, Should an Enemy Appear the duty must fall very Severe on the 80th as I could not with any degree of Safety trust a Malay on a out Post.

Be assured it is not my Nature to Complain or make difficulties, without a sufficient cause but the duty I owe the King the Honorable Company and Myself, points out to me the propriety of making this representation to Government. —

I have the honor to be —

Do.ar Do.ar

(Signed) J. Champagne
Colonel

Trincomalee
18 September 1797

P.S. If it dont interfere with any Arrangement may I request that Captain Cox and the Men of the 80th Regiment (near Sixty) at Fort St. George be sent to Trincomalee. —

Memorandum

Memorandum of Trees cut down Opening the Topes and forming the Avenue in the direction to Mr. Neills house from August 1st. to 31st. 1797 By Order of Government, dated July 10th. 1797.

Taken by a Mastry of the Toddy people whose Name is Crenden, and a Conyapley named Chellumbaraputlee

Names of the Proprietors	Cocoanut Trees: 30 Years old	26 Years old	25 Years old	21 Years old	20 Years old	18 Years old	15 Years old	10 Years old	8 Years old	5 Years old	4 Years old, from 6 Years old	3 Years old	1 Year old	Total No. Trees	Palmeiras: Cocoa Fruit	Cocoa Toddy	Small Trees	Total No. Trees	Fruit Trees: Grapes Vines	Mango Large	Mango Small	Jack Trees	Small Jack Trees	Tamarinder Masters or Orange or Mussa or Shem Trees	Lime Trees	Pommadoes	Pomegranads	Bellamdy Trees	Cocoa nuts or Betle nut Trees	Betle nut Trees small	Nellee Marram	Tamarind Trees	Small Temporal Trees	Total No. Trees	Cocoanut Leaves sold	Value of the Cocoanuts sold at 5 Fs. pr.
Carderam Moodelier			5	7	6						26			9		3		3							4			1					3	8	1000	Fanm 5 Pgds
Cona Narsagen Moo:			25								35			60	4	4		8						4	3	1			10	20				38	200	50
Vonarshu Tombea a Doctor			2											2		1		1						2	15				4					21		
Pennapen Native							3							3															10					10		
Shumburar pellu Native							1							1												1								1		
Pudero Do. a barber				4							6			10																						
Gordonarden do. a barber							3				2			5	1	2		3																		
Moodelier Tombe Pandaver															4			4						1										1		
Varshutaver							4				11			15	8	4		12						2	6		4	6						18	100	22.
Hooroogapen							2				12			14											2	2								4		
Marpapram Moodelier	26	32					3							70	8	6		14		2		3		3	4	1								13	800	152.
Pennoshem Portuguese	45	77									26			149	1		17	18		1		2		1							2			6	2320	426.
Soobramonee Moodelier		77									11			88	30	47	10	26	3	3														3	566	10.
Shungurah Pombo Comapen							2				6			8										2	1	1								4		
Carderarshee								3			8			11											4										4		
Congarnee Carshee											10			10											1	1									2		
Arrarshee Shunmoogum																									1	1	1							3		
Keeto Portuguese							7				4			11								1			1	2					1			5		
Lewis Portugue					3									3	5	2		7											2					2		
Colee					3									3	1	1	1	3																		

Pgds. 3. Fanm 1 Pgd.

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Memorandum of Trees Cut down, by Order of Government, Opening the Tops of Trees so that no body of Men may be able to pass between Trincomallee and the Harbour, (in the direction to Fort Ostenburg) without being seen from the Fort. — June 8th to July 15th 1797. —

N.B. This Account was taken by a Master of the Toddy People whose Name is Cundan & a Conny-copoly whose Name is Chellumbaran Pulle. —

| Names of the Proprietors | Cocoanut Trees..... | | | | | | | | Palmeiras that | | | | Fruit Trees... | | | | | | | |

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Before the Board can pass any determination upon the recompense to be made to the Owners of the Trees felled for the convenience of the Garrison of Trincomalé, it will be necessary to receive Colonel Champagné's Opinion as to the value which the Trees may bear upon the Spot.-

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Commandant at Trincomalé.-

Agreed to inform Colonel Champagné that the orders which it may be judged expedient to issue relative, to the Strength of his garrison will be forwarded to Brigadier General De Meuron- and that, as it is impossible to send any part of the Pioners at present to Trincomalé, the Board wish that the party of Gun Lascars now there may be employed in clearing away the Jungle.-

Read the following Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.-

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

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant and beg you will assure the Right Honorable the President in Council that

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad receives the Board's reply to Azim ul Omrah's Suggestion relative to the Military Surrender of fugitive Zemindars

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Zemindars and others forwards Intelligence respecting the movement of Troops &c.a at Goole—and a political communication of a very exaggerated nature made to him by a Secret Agent; regarding Tippoo's views and the actual landing of a large Force at Mangalore is still unable to ascertain the Balance of the Nizam's Account to the End of Fasly 1205.—

that while making known to Azim Ul Omrah his Lordship's Sentiments on the inexpediency of complying with his late proposal for mutual Engagements between this State, and the Government of Fort St. George, for the Surrender of fugitive Zemindars and others, I shall not fail to put the friendly explanations accompanying them, in their proper light to that Minister.—

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council—Translate of my latest Intelligence from Goolie, and of the Report of a Secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick I have not thought proper to correct the exaggerations or Misrepresentations Contained in the Originals, as I could not in such case have offered them as faithful Translates.— I have hitherto deferred notifying to Mr. Collector Wrangham the probable Amount of the Balance remaining due to the Nizam on Account of the 2.d Kist of A. F. 1205. in hopes of bringing this Durbar to a final adjustment on this subject, but— my prospects of such adjustment are at this moment as remote as ever, and the Ministers brings forward amongst other excuses for this procrastination, the over-charge (as he asserts) of a thousand Pagodas, which he affirms

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affirms to have been a present from Lord Cornwallis to Mhedi Ali Khan, and not an Advance to the latter as Stated in the Residency Account From my not having yet been furnished by you agreeably to your promise with any documents on this Subject, I conclude that there are either none in the Records of Fort St. George, or that they cannot be found.-

I am

Hyderabad
21st. September 1797.-

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of a Letter of Intelligence from Goote written between the 28th. August and 10th. September Inclusive- Received the 19th. September 1797.-

In consequence of the scarcity of Provisions in the Camp at Goote, Syed Ghuffoor addressed a Letter to the Sultaun on that Subject.- Accordingly 8000 Bullocks laden with Grain were dispatched to him by orders of the Sultaun. on the arrival of which the Price of Grain lowered very much. He (the Syed) also addressed the Sultaun complaining of the great scarcity of Grass &c.a- In answer to this he

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he was directed by the Sultaun to disperse the Cavalry in foraging Stations that should not exceed the distance of Six or Seven Cofs from Gooti— The Syud has accordingly put the Sultaun's Order into execution; so that the Infantry only now remains in Camp.—

Budder Ud deen Khan, agreeably to Orders is employed in raising Horse, in which he has proved hitherto very successful, not a day passing without two or three Horsemen enlisting— There is a difference it is said subsisting between Syud Ghuffaar and Budderud deen Khan.—

Three Months Pay and the Tyger— Colour Cloathing for the Infantry at Gooti had been dispatched from Seringapatam, and was expected shortly.— Some Horsemen and foot Soldiers recently arrived at Gooti from Seringapatam, report that a French force consisting of thirty five thousand Men had arrived at Mangalore, and that the same had been notified to the Sultaun by the Deevan of the Kutcherry of that place. That Tippoo upon hearing this sent for the French Vakeel, and told him that a large Force of his Nation, had at length arrived in his Dominions, he (the Sultaun) trusted that he would in every respect be faithful to his Engagements— That the

Vakeel

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Vackeel hereupon assured the Sultaun with the most solemn Oaths, that he might rely upon his most faithful discharge of all Engagements. That twenty thousand of the above Troops should be placed under his (the Sultaun's) immediate orders, and the remainder likewise though acting in a Separate Body would not deviate from them. That to this Tippoo replied, that he had been expecting with the greatest anxiety the arrival of these Troops and therefore begged he (the French Vakeel) would order them up to Seringapatam with all possible expedition. as immediately upon their Arrival he meant to invade the Carnatic.—

Subsequent Accounts just received here State, that ten thousand Frenchmen, and ten thousand Coffrees, had Arrived near the Ghauts. That by directions of Tippoo Sultaun Sixty pieces of Cannon had been sent from Seringapatam to a Village called Gurg-Sunny. That the Sultaun had lately proceeded to a place 12 Cos's from Seringapatam for the purpose of hunting Tygers; that after having taken a few alive on Nets he had returned to his Capital.—

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That the whole of the Infantry, at, and near the Capital had been ordered to proceed, and encamp near the Guns above mentioned. ~ This year hardly any Rain has fallen in the Country about Seringapatam. ~

Brudder ud deen Khan and Soob Rao Mohtea receive regularly the Hydrabad News Papers. ~ Yenkut Rao Saindiahs Vakeel had taken his departure from Seringapatam by the last Accounts from that Capital. ~

Since Mozuffer ul Moolks arival in Kurpah many of the wealthy Inhabitants have left it and taken up their abodes in the Talook of Gooti Bulhari as yet garrisond by Mahommed Ameen Khans People but they are to be relieved shortly by those of Mozuffer ul Moolk. ~

The following is the price of ~ Provisions in the Camp at Gooti. ~

Rice	18	Srs	for Rupee
Jawarry	22	Do	Do
Raggid	30	Do	Do

A true Translate
(Signed) J. H. Kirpatrick
Assistant
Translate

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Translate of a Note from a Secret Agent of Mayor Kirkpatrick received the 18.th September 1797.-

A Jair of Hirkarrahs arrived here on the 15.th Instant in the Evening with a letter from Syed Ghuffaar to Medina Saheb. His Letter contained nothing but a request from Syed Ghuffaar to Medina Saheb to procure and send him some Barrar Tobacco; a few Hooka Chillums and a Kiblah Neumah.- I was present when Medina Saheb interrogated these Hirkarrahs respecting Seringapatam News. They informed him that they were dispatched by the Sultaun on the 29.th Jeffer (23.rd August) to Syed Ghuffaar who sent them on hither with a Letter to Medina Saheb. Tippoo by their account writes Ghuffaar to be vigilant, and in readiness to execute such Orders as he (Tippoo) might hereafter transmit to him. These Hirkarrahs further informed Medina Saheb that 8000 Coffrees and 2000 Europeans had landed at Mangalore and Marched forward to Seringapatam. That on the News of their approach the Sultaun sent the Son in Law of Monsieur Lally to meet and welcome him

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them. Tippoo sent them also a grand Teapheut. These Hircarrahs moreover affirmed that they themselves accompanied Monsieur Vigy Saley's Son in Law on that occasion. That he fell in with the French Command -er of these Forces on the fifth days Journey from Seringapatam, and presented to him the Teaphut on the part of the Sultaun. After being eye witnesses to the above Meeting they (the Hirkarrahs) returned and reported the same to Tippoo who immediately after dispatched them to Syud Ghaffaar.—

On the 27th of Suffer (25th August) the Sultaun's Green Tents were pitched without the City (according to these Hirkarrahs) and on the same day he himself quitted it, and took up his abode in the Laal Baugh.— Some one or other has told Medina Saheb that a Fleet of English Ships having on board Lord Cornwallis and General Medows were encountered on the way to India by a Squadron of French Ships which attacked and took some of the former— that General Medows was taken Prisoner, and Lord Cornwallis was absolutely missing.—

a true Translate and Copy
(Signd) J. C. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Read

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Read also the following Letter from the Accountant General

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I am honored with your Letter of the 2nd. Ultimo and beg you will inform the Right Honble President in Council that all the Knowledge I possess regarding the Payment of 1,000 Pagodas to Meer Mhedie Khan is contained in the enclosed Extract of Consultation of the 20th. January 1792.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accot. Genl.

Fort St. George
Accountant General's Office
29th. September 1797.

From the Accountant General relative to the 1000 Pagodas advanced at the Presidency to Mhedy Ally Khan in 1792.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department. Dated 25th. January 1792.

The Acting President recommends that (1,000) Pagodas be advanced to Mhedy Ally Khan, the Nizam's Vakeel, in order to enable him to proceed on his Journey to Hydrabad, and that the amount be carried to the head of Soubah of the

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the Decan.—

Ordered accordingly

a true Extract

(Signed) Wm C. Jackson
Secretary

a true Copy

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Dept. accts. Gl.—

Ordered that a Copy of the resolution

Minute thereon.— of Government relative to the Sum of 1000 Pagodas—

advanced Mhudy Ally Khan on the 21st January 1792

be forwarded to Captain Kirkpatrick.—

Read the following Letter from—

Captain Barrow.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From the Commander of the Britannia— requests to be paid the value of certain Articles of Provisions served out to the Troops in lieu of receiving back a like Quantity—

I beg leave to acquaint you that it will be very inconvenient for me to receive so large a quantity of fresh Beef in lieu of that quantity supplied the Extra Victualling the Honble Company's Ship— Britannia on the late Cruize 768 pounds and as— Cheese in this Country is considerable advanced beyond the London price Hope you will have the goodness— to Order me to be paid the Markets price of Beef—

Three

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Three Pagodas and half for One Hundred Weight. — Which Sum of 3 pagodas and half I have paid for the Beef, and the London Markets' Price for the Cheese — The Honble Company's Charge 10 pence a pound.

I am

Beef Lb expended 768 Lb
Cheese Do. .... 62 —

Madras
September 1st 1797. —

Do.r Do.r
(Signd) Thomas Barron.

Agreed to comply with Captain Barron's request, and that his Bills be accordingly passed for payment by the Secretary. —

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Town Major. —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government &c.

Sir.

From the Town Major, in reply to the reference from Bengal respecting the Man Named Dawebo. —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th Instant enclosing a Copy of a letter from the Secretary at Bengal respecting a person Named Dawebo, who states himself to be a Serjeant in the Dutch Service, taken prisoner at Ceylon — I have referred to the original Rolls of Dutch prisoners of War, and there is no person of that Name, rank and description — and I have

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reason to believe, that I never granted him permission to go round to Bengal.

Suspecting that he might be a Deserter from the Madras Regiment, I wrote to the Commanding Officer on the subject and have the honor to enclose extract of his Answer, which is all the information I have been able to procure respecting Dawelz.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signd) A. Allan
Town Major

Madras
September 27th 1797.

Extract of letter from Major Munro to Major Allan.

"A Person of the Name of Jean Baptiste Dawelz formerly belonged to the "Regiment, but was left in the Hospital at Colombo "with some others the Dutch Government having "given a Solemn promise, to send them to the Regiment "on their recovery; which however was not done— "on the Contrary, those that were unwilling to enter "the Service, were forced into it— consequently we "cannot claim him as a Deserter— He was not a "Serjeant when he belonged to this Corps."

Ordered 26th September 1797.

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing

Minute thereon

Letter be transmitted to Mr. Secretary Barlow, for the information of the Governor General in Council. -

Read the following Letter from -

Sir Paul Toddrell. -

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From Sir Paul Toddrell representing that the Nabob has omitted to pay in the Amount of the Instalment due on his Bond with his September Kist. -

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that having been informed by Mr. Secretary Webbe, that his Highness the Nabob did not pay with the last Months Kist the Instalment due of the same time on my Bond, I reminded his Highness of his engagement, and He replied "that he "should pay the Money regularly to the Governor and "Council, and that I had no occasion to apply to "Him." - As the Nabob considers this mode of Settlement by Bond as a discharge from his Service and of all claims on the Circar I am detained in the Country without Employment or emolument, till when sufficient for the demands of my Creditors has been received by me on Account of the Bonds: the terms of which were accepted only in consequence of his - Highness's Assurance that the same should be punctually fulfilled.

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fulfilled. I have to request therefore that at the time of receiving His Months' Kist, your Lordship will demand of his Highness the two Instalments which are now due on my Bond: and as His Highness is responsible only to Government— I must request— also that your Lordship would be pleased to obtain— from the Nabob the regular payment of the Instalments of my Bond with the Company's Kist, or otherwise the Bond does not Answer the purpose intended by the application of the Honble Court of Directors, as will appear by their Paragraph in the General Letter of last Year relative to my situation in this Country. I hope and trust that the Situation in which I am placed by this Mode of Settlement with the Nabob will fully plead my cause for this Importunity and Intrusion on your time, And I have the Honor to be,—

With all due respect

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October 2d. 1797.—

&c. &c.
(Signed) Paul Todrell

Minute thereon.— The President is request to communi-cate to the Nabob the purport of the foregoing represen-tation, and to express his hope that His Highness will give orders for the regular discharge of the Monthly— Instalments payable to Sir Paul.— Read

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Read the following Letter from Mr.

George Wynch.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Mr. George Wynch enclosing Lists of Evidences and original Papers required to support the prosecution against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.

Agreable to the order of Government I have the Honor to Enclose you a List of Evidence necessary for the support of the Charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, Lieutenant Evans is not I understand on the Coast if so his attendance can be dispenced with. I shall probably bring forward other native Evidence if so they will be such as I shall be enabled to procure.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) George Wynch

St. Thomé
2nd October 1797.

Read also the Letter from the Deputy Judge Advocate in the Center Division, dated the 16th. and entered on the proceedings of the 23d. August 1796.

Deliberations of the Board regarding the Trial of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver.

On full consideration of the above

The Specifick charges determined on — and

Subject it is resolved to confine the Charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to the 1st. 2nd. and 3d. Articles.

The Secretary is desired to draw out the

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the above Charges in proper form, and to transmit a Copy of them to Mr. Wynch, with direction to Mr. Wynch, with directions to revise the list of Evidences and original papers above mentioned, and to point out such as he considers necessary to support the three Specifick Charges on which Lieutenant Colonel Oliver is to be brought to Trial.—

further remark on Mr. Wynch's Letter above mentioned.—

Read the following Letter from Mr. Shardon.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to Government

Sir,

In consequence of the G. O. by Government of the 19th July last, the Offices I now hold of acting Commissary General Grain and Provisions, acting Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, and acting Principal Agent Carraboy Supplies are to cease on the last day of this Month, but as it will require a considerable time to bring up to that period and to close the Accounts and Books of those Departments; I request permission to continue to employ for that purpose, the Servants mentioned in the inclosed Lists.— and further I request the Rooms I now occupy in the Portuguese Square may be allowed me

From the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions &c. requesting permission to entertain a reduced Establishment of Servants in order to bring up and close the Books of his Employs.—

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me as an Office till the business is closed.—

I am— &c.a &c.a

(Signed) J.H. Skardon
Act.g Comm.y Gen.l
G.M.P. & P.a D.
&c. &c.—

Madras
Commy. Gen.ls Office
29th. September 1797.—

Servants required in the Commissary General of Grain and Provision Department.—

Caudelly pàh	To keep Grain Account Journal and Ledger and General Return	at 20 Pags. p.r Month
Arnagerry	Book Keeper	at 20 Pags. p.r Month
Permall Chitty	Asistant Do. to make out Abstracts and to write fair Copy of Books	at 6 Pags. p.r Month
Moochy	to rule and bind Books	P.d Fs at 3. 4.— p.r Month

For the Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks—

Butchiah	Book Keeper	at 15 Pags. p.r Month

N.B.—The above are part of the Servants now employed in the Commissary General and Agents Office

(Signed) J.H. Skardon
Act.g Comp.y Gen.l G.M.P.
& P.a. D. & C.R.—

Agreed that Mr. Skardon be permitted to retain his Appartments in the Portuguese Square, and

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and his several Establishments of Servants, for three Months from the 1st Instant, in order to bring the Books of his employ to a close.—

Read the following Letter from—

Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson delays for a short period the recal of the party from Colmaspilly—cause assigned—requests instructions respecting particular prisoners under his Custody.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instant containing the Right Honorable the President in Council's Orders for my drawing into Garrison, the Troops employed upon the Borders for apprehending Thieves and protecting the Nabobs' Inhabitants, upon communicating which, to the Aumildar, he requested that a little time might be given for Sibundies being sent from Attoor for the protection of the Colmaspilly Country, for which a Settlement was about to be made, with Dasepraig its former possessor, which would be entirely frustrated if the whole of our Troops were immediately withdrawn and the District would be over run or taken possession of unconditionally, by the said Poligar. Knowing the particular

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Particular predicament in which this District is at present and allowing it to be possible, that the Detachment lately Stationed there, by Authority, under an European Officer, might not be meant as included in the Order of the 20.th Instant, I have ventured to delay its recall, untill I am honored with the further Instructions of the Right Honble the President, or untill the promised Sibrendies Arrive to relieve it, which I trust will meet with his Lordship's Approbation.—

The Aumildar yesterday having applied to me for some of the greatest Culprits, now in Custody in the Fort, to be sent to Arcot, in consequence of Instructions from his Highness the Nabob, I have to solicit his Lordship's pleasure on that head.— Their Numbers have increased, Eleven (11) having been brought in since my return and from their confessions with the proffered Co-operation of Lieutenant Colonel Read, I had hopes of acquiring such knowledge of the Ringleaders, as would enable us to put a Stop to those enormities, which have for some Months past been practised. Each of those examined have uniformly declared their having been employed (some on Monthly Pay) by Head men of the Nabobs' Congaudy or Charged Countries in this Neighbourhood, Colonel

Read

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Read was so good last Night, as send me an Inhabitant from his Districts of Congoondy, who was the Conlicarry or Protector from Thieves, of the Amboor and it's dependant District called Agrum and Stiled the Vaked of the Congoondy Raja or Poligar. It appears in said examinations, that within these 6 Months, Nine persons had been Murdered and (26) twenty six Villages — plundered by order of this Protector, who received the Plundered property, lists of which were very minutely described by those concerned in performing his orders.— This Conlicarry I shall return to Colonel Read — tomorrow, accompanied by the Accusation exhibited against him. However much I could have wished, for the public good, to have contributed my endeavours to put a Stop to those most horrid practices; yet I beg leave to express my great Satisfaction at being exonerated from a Duty so troublesome and partaking so much of the construction his Lordship has been pleased to put upon it's Nature and I presume to say, that if the poorest sort of Inhabitants, were employed in the occupations most profitable to his Highness's Revenues, that of Cultivation &c.a there would exist less necessity and more difficulty for the Ringleaders geting men to execute their depredations.

I have

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I have the honor to remain

Amboor
the 25th. September 1797.— &c.— &c.—
(Signed) A. Macpherson
Lt. Col. Comd. at Amboor

In consideration of the reasons urged by
Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson the Board consent that
the Detachment may remain at Colmaspilly till the
20th. of this Month, when it must positively return into
Garrison.—

Minutes thereon.—

Agreed to desire Lieutenant Colonel
Macpherson to deliver over the whole of the prisoners
under his Custody to the Nabob's Aumildars as already
ordered on the 23rd. August last.—

The President proposes that the—
following Letter be sent to His Highness the Nabob
(C C No. 84.—)

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdat ul Omrah &c.a &c.a &c.a

May it please your Highness

I have the honor to inform your
Highness that I have appointed Mr. Robert Woolf
and Mr. Cecil Smith to meet two persons to be
Nominated by your Highness in order to form the
Committee, as Specified in the treaty between your
Highness

To the Nabob—
requesting he will
Appoint two persons
to meet Messrs. Woolf
and Smith to adjust
the Balance Account
for the year ending
31st. July last.—

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Highness and the Company for the purpose of adjusting and drawing out a fair Statement of the account called — balance Account; and I request your Highness will acquaint me with the persons, whom you may Appoint to meet these Gentlemen. —

I have the honor to be

May it please your Highness

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart

Fort St. George

4th October 1797. —

Approved and Ordered Accordingly. —

Letter from the Military Auditor General of the 7th August last relative to the Allowances to the 19th Dragoons read. —

Read again the Letter from the Military Auditor General of the 7th August last relative to the — allowances to the 19th Dragoons &c. &c. —

Under all the circumstances Stated in the above mentioned Letter it is Considered advisable that the Subject should be referred to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief in India, and that a Letter should be — accordingly written to the Governor General in Council requesting their particular Instructions whether any and what alterations are to be made in the Allowances to the Kings Troops Serving under this Presidency. —

resolved to refer the whole subject to the Governor General in Council

Read the following Letters from

Poonah. —

To

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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for

Your Lordship's information, Copy of my address

of this date to the Governor General, and to be

My Lord, very respectfully

&c.a &c.a

Signed Huthoff

From the Assistant
Resident at Poonah
respecting the particu
-lars regarding the Death
of Malhar Row Second
Son of the late Tukoje
Holkar and the probable
consequences of that
Event. ~

Poona

16th September 1797. ~

To The Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General

Fort William

Honorable Sir,

Para: 1st You have been frequently and ~

fully advised of the Serious dissensions between
Kasee Row and Malhar Row, the only two legitimate
Sons of the late Tukoje Holkar. Though the former
is the elder Brother, and was invested with the
succession to the Chiefship by his father, with at
least the tacit assent of Baajy Row, Nanna ~
Furnavees, and Dowlut Row Sindia; yet Malhar

Row

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Row would not submit to conduct himself as was becoming the Situation as Second of the Holkar Chief-Ship, but encamped at a distance from his brother, kept up a distinct establishment, raised many followers, and plundered and took possession of many of the hereditary Districts of the Holkar family, in which he is said to have been supported, though not avowedly nor openly, by Nanna Furnavees Still, however, it would appear that these evils were not irremediable by Negociation; and, at all events, it was but ill becoming in Doulut Row Scindia to proceed to the violent Extremity against Malhar Row mentioned in my last address of the 14th. Instant which is confidently said to have been done without the Assent of either the Peishwah or Nanna Furnaveese, who appear to be a good deal alarmed and offended on the occasion. It is indeed notorious that Doulut Row Scindeah was purchased by Kasi Row's Party to procud to extremities against Malhar Row though both Doulat Row and Kasi Row pretend much affliction at the Death of Malhar Row, their intention having been, or they possess, only to secure his person, and keep him under restraint, till some Settlement could be effected; yet

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yet it is evident that the measures taken on the occasion were by no means calculated for such a purpose In Malhar Row's Camp, for two or three Nights previous to the fatal Catastrophe vigilance was observed, and piquets were posted on the Directions of Sindia's expected Attack; but in consequence of the Assurances of Baajy Row and Nanna that no such Attempt would be made, the receipt of intelligence that Doulat Row was gone a hunting excursion, and the approach of Day light, the piquets had returned to camp, and Malhar Row and his followers had retired to rest. Doulat Row had, in the interim, proceeded in the Direction of his usual hunting ground, which, during the unfordable State of the River, was the shortest route to Malhar Row's encampment, when within about two Miles of which, he detached a large Body of Cavalry, who proceeding rapidly towards Malhar Row's Camp, may be said to have taken it by surprize, rushing in Sword in hand toward the tent of Malhar Row, who had but just time to mount his horse. A few of his followers, who collected near him, were almost instantly surrounded, and either

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either killed or wounded. Some shot were fired by each party, and three Rockets by Malhar Vow's people.— Almost the whole of the latter fled, as soon as the first alarm was given. About fifteen of Malhar Vow's People were killed, and about twenty wounded; and of Doulut Vow's, two or three were killed, and about forty wounded. The affair is very generally Execrated at present in this Quarter, but how lasting the impression may be, or what may be its consequences, I cannot pretend to say; though there seems reason to conclude, that its effect on Baajy Row and Nanna Furnavese will be considerable.

2 Kasi Row's talents are said to be below Mediority. Bappoo Holkar, his Cousin, has long been a conspicuous character in the Management of the affairs of the Holkar family, and is said to have conducted the late Negociation with the Sindeah Durbar. To the Ministry of Doulut Row a considerable degree of Odium attaches as they as well as their Master have undoubtedly been purchased to act against Malhar Row's. It is however conjectured that avarice has not been the sole principle of action with the Scindean party but that Jealousy also has had some Share therein: for though Malhar Row was neither a very great nor very good

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good Character, yet he possessed some Military Virtues which might possibly have proved prejudicial to the Scindian Party: for however great an ascendency the Scindian Chiefship has of late acquired over that of Holkar, the latter was formerly pre-eminent in the Maratta Empire which Tukojee (who died only - last Month) ever affected to return: But the Holkar Chiefship may now be considered as subservient to that of Scindia. -

Eswunt Row and Ittojee, the only two illegitimate Sons of the late Tukojee Holkar, had attached themselves to Malhar Row, and were in his Camp on the Morning of the 11th. Instant, but nothing Authentic has been heard of them since - It is generally thought that one of them has conceal'd himself in Poona, and that the other has proceeded to join Malhar Row's Adherents in some of the hereditary districts of the Holkar family. Malhar Row's Party encamped here with him, consisted, I believe, of about fifteen hundred fighting Men. -

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4.th On the 14.th Instant in the afternoon I received a visit from a Bramin, on the part of Hafsi Vow Holkar, who, with acknowledgements for the attention that the wounded and other followers of Malhar Vow had experienced at this Residency, requested the continuance thereof, with permission to search for such persons and property of Malhar Vow's Party as might be within our premises, in which I acquiesced, urging the advisableness of the protection and favor of Hafsi Vow being extended to the Survivors of his late brother's party, to which the Bramin assured me that Hafsi Vow was predisposed. The Persons who have sought refuge here are allowed to depart at pleasure, after ascertaining that the property they carry with them is their own. The father and brother of the Malhar Vow's Wife are still here, the latter very badly wounded having been one of the few Persons who stood upon their defence with Malhar Vow— During the Night preceding the attack, the River near Malhar Vow's Camp fortunately fell considerably, which

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which enabled many of his party to effect their escape, for from an Idea that the River was unfordable, none of Sindias Troops were posted on the Opposite bank, till near an hour after the attack.-

I have the Honor to be,
&c.a &c.a-
(Signed) T. Uhthoff

Poona
16.th September 1797.-

True Copy
(Signed) T. Uhthoff-

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordships information, extract of my Address of this date to the Governor Genral,-

And to be very respectfully
&c.a &c.a-
(Signed) T. Uhthoff

From the Assistant Resident at Poona Ragojee Bons la arrives at Nagpoor the rumours prevalent of a connexion betwn Tippoo and the Marattas subsidy - surmises relative to the Intentions of the Rohilla - Chief Golam Mahommed.-

Poona
19.th September 1797.-

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 19.th September 1797.-

The following has been communicated to

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to me by a Mahommedan, an adherent of the late Mulhar Row Holkar, That early in the Affair of the 14th Instant, he saw Eswrent Row who had received two wounds, and been dismounted. That taking him upon his Horse, and covering him with a Cloth, he proceeded to town, professing himself to be in the Service of Sindia, and to be carrying off one of his wounded Companions. That concealing himself in the house of a Bramin in town Attached to his party, he proceeded next Morning in Company with Eswant Row, and three or four Attendants, toward Barramaty about 60 Miles to the S. E.t when he returned hither leaving Eswrent Row to prosecute his Journey to Hydrabad Ittoje Holkar is said to be in the house of the late Mr. Norronhos Son in Poona, The funeral obsequies of the late Mulhar row were performed by His brother Kasjie Row, on the same Spot as their father Tukojies on the 15th Ultimo. —

It is reported here that Raogoje Bhonsla reached Nawgpore on the 2d Instant. —

The person mentioned in the 9th Paragraph of my Address of the 12th Instant, informs me

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me that by intelligence just received from Seringapatam he learns, that the only preparations in Tippoo's Country are for the purpose of enforcing his Claims on Kurnoul The rumours that have been in circulation here of a connexion between the Marattas and Tippoo have of late subsided. It is true, that those points will bear the interpretation of having for their object to call us into Security but thus much seems incontrovertible, that the general and serious Dissensions in this quarter preclude at present a connexion between the Marattas and Tippoo to our Prejudice.—

I formerly advised you, Honble Sir, of Intelligence having reached me, that the Rohilla Chief, Gholam Mahomed, was at Jeypore; and I now hear, but cannot vouch for it, that the Rajah of that place has invested him with the command of 4 or 5000 Rohillas; and that a confederacy among the Rajpoots in that Quarter is in agitation, of a tendency inimical to Dowlut Row Scindia.—

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff.—

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The Commander in Chief lays before the board the following Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron. —

To Lieutenant General Harris

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron requesting that Mr. Colin Rogers may draw the usual allowances for his attendance on sundry Native Details in Garrison at Trincomalie to which no Medical Servant is specifically attached.

I have the honor to lay before you Copy of a letter from Mr. Rogers Assistant Surgeon to the Detachment of Artillery serving at Trincomalie and addressed to Doctor Briggs Head Surgeon on Ceylon together with the Doctor's letter to the Adjutant General forwarding the application; In consequence of the very favorable manner in which Doctor Briggs speaks of the talents and exertions of Mr. Rogers, I take the leave to recommend him to you for such marks of favor on this occasion as the rules of the Service may permit. — I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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

Head Quarters
Columbo 16th September 1797. —

To

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To Major Agnew

Adjutant General on Ceylon

Sir,

I have this day received the enclosed from Trincomallee. I have to request you will explain it to the General. I have only to observe Mr. Rogers from his Abilities and Attention to his Corps is fully entitled to every indulgence the Service can grant him and that those Corps requiring and deserve Medical Attendance you are fully acquainted with.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

14th September (Signed) T. Briggs
Head Surgeon
on Ceylon

a true Copy
(Signed) P. F. de Meuron
B. G.

To

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To John Briggs Esq.re

Head Surgeon &c.a &c.a &c.a

Island of Ceylon

Sir,

As Head of the Medical ~

Department on Ceylon ~ I take the liberty to

Address you on a Subject well deserving the ~

Attention of Government and which will

be entirely influenced by your Opinion ~

There is at present composing

part of the Garrison of Trincomalee about

Eight Hundred Men Viz.t ~ The Malay

Corps, a Detachment of Sepoys and

Garrison Lascars to whom there is no Surgeon

Attached the Sick consequently suffer from the

want of Regular Medical Attendance ~

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I as being the only Company's Surgeon in this Garrison, considered it as my duty to give them every Assistance, and in particular Attended the Sepoy Hospital at the request of the Officer Commanding them, where there have been several bad cases — Expence for Medicines &c.a has necessarily been incurred. —

It is with due deference therefore I submit to your Consideration, that to enable me to defray these Expences I should be entitled to draw the usual Allowance for Native Corps &c.a or have a fixed Garrison Allowance, for however little I may value personal trouble I cannot continue to afford Medecines

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Medecines &c.a ~ without being Reimbursed ~

I have the honor to be ~

Trincomallee
September 6th. 1797 ~

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Colin Rogers
Asst. Surgeon
Detachd. Artillery

A true Copy
(Signed) P. F. de Meuron
B. G
C.

Mr. Rodgers's appointment to do duty with the Malay Corps, the Detachment of the 1st. Regiment Native Infantry and the Garrison Lascars at Trincamale, will be published in General orders. ~

Mr. Rodgers to draw the usual ~ Allowance on Account of his Attendance on different Native Details at ~ Trincamale. ~

The President informs the Board that Application has been made to him by Mr. Henry Hall, one of the Company's Covenanted ~ Servants, lately arrived; for the ~ Appointment of Dutch Translator: and [illegible] propriety in

Mr. Henry Hall appointed Dutch Translator with a Salary of 25 Pagodas ~ pr. Month. ~

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in Conformity with the orders of the Honble Court of Directors under date the 15th March 1792 that he be appointed to that Office with a Salary of twenty five Pagodas P Month —

Approved and ordered Accordingly

Hobart

Geo Harris

" Edw Saunders

" C H Tallofield

"

C H Tallofield

Esqr

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Diary

4th

Received the undermentioned letters Entered in M B Nos 2 3

From the Barrack Master in the Centre Division

From Captain Macaulay requesting the Instructions of Government relative to the disposal of the Houses at Negapatam which were hired as a Barrack for the 36th Regiment.

From the Deputy Acct General to the Kings Troops

From Lieutenant Colonel Robertson requesting that Lieutenant Stewart of the 72d going home for the recovery of his health on the prescribed Certificate may be allowed the customary passage Money and that this Indulgence may be extended to Captain Doherty 19th Foot going home in charge of Invalids on his giving an engagement to return the Amount should the indulgence be disapproved by the Court of Directors

Despatched the undermentioned letters Entered in M B Nos 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

To Mr Henry Hall

To Mr Henry Hall appointing him Dutch Translator with a Salary of 25 Pagodas P Month

To the Commandant at Amboor

To Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson desiring positively that the Detachment now at Colmaspilly

the
A Calmapilly may return into Garrison on the 20th of the present month and that he will immediately deliver over the whole of the prisoners under his Custody to the Nabob's Amildars.—

To the late Acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions &c

To Mr Skarson - authorizing him to retain his apartments in the Portuguese Square, and to entertain the Establishment of Servants stated in his letter for three Months from the 1st Instant.

To the Civil Pay.r General

To Mr Balfour - desiring him to receive back the Articles of Store lately delivered from his Office to Captain Barrow for the use of the Britannia

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - desiring that Instructions may be sent to the proper Officers to receive back such Articles of Store furnished for the use of the Britannia on her late Cruize as Captain Barrow may have no further occasion for.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - desiring him to authorize Mr Cochrane to discharge Captain Baulderson's Bill for 125 Pagodas on account of the passage of Lieutenant Wright to St Helena on his Ship.

To Ditto Ditto

To Ditto - referring for examination the

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To

the Accounts of the Kings Deputy Paymaster General

from the 25th June to 24th August 1797

To Ditto Ditto — To Ditto enclosing Bills paid in Bengal on account of Subsistence in advance and other allowances in Arrear to Lieutenant John Carruthers of this Establishment authority granted to Mr. Sharon to retain an establishment of Servants till the 1st January 1798 to bring up the Books of his late Employs 800 Pagodas to be advanced to Lieut. Colonel Gent on account of the Repair of the Gun Shed at Wallajahbad

To the Secretary at Bengal — To Mr. Secretary Barlow with Copy of a letter from the Town Major relative to the foreigner named Dawnebz referred to in his letter of the 11th July last

To Brevet Captain Alexr. Deas of the 4th Regiment Nat. Cavalry — To Brevet Captain Deas granting permission to proceed to Anjengo on leave for three Months.

To the Commanders of the Ships Marquis of Lansdown and Hillsborough — To Captains Baillerson and Hutchinson desiring them to receive Lieutenants Meade and Downing on board their respective Ships as passengers for England and to apply to Mr. Cochrane for the regulated allowance on account of their passage

To

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To the Secretary Major

To Major Allan authorizing him to furnish the Slops required for the European and Malay Prisoners under his charge at the usual rates.

To the Military Paymaster General & Accountant Genl

To Messrs Roebuck and Woolf enclosing Copies of the Regulations which have been established for bringing to account in the Military Books the value of Military Stores which may be supplied to His Majesty's Ships or sold to individuals and requiring their attention to such parts as may relate to their respective Offices.

To the Sea Customer

To Mr Call desiring he will pass 300 Leaguers of Arrack lately imported by Mr Shameer Sultaun, and purchased on the Company's Account, on receiving a Duty of 5%.

5th

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M D Nos 18 19 20.

From Lieutenant Willm Prescott

From Lieutenant William Prescott enclosing the prescribed Certificates and requesting leave to proceed to England on furlough for three Years for the recovery of his health.

From the Commandant the Gunloor Corps

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts advising

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No 5 advising of the arrival at Guntoor of the Detachment of the 2d European Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Wahab and that they would proceed on their March towards Ongole on the 3rd Instant.

From Major General Bridges to the same purport and noticing the Circumstance that impeded the march of the Detachment from Masulipatam to Guntoor.

From the Commanding Officer in the Northern Division of the Army

No 6 Received the following letter from the Secretary to the Government at Bombay

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit you for the information of his Lordship in Council Translate of a letter received yesterday from the Governor of Dia giving intelligence of Privateers being on the S.W. Coast of Guzerat and the Proceedings of the Board in consequence. — I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) John Morris Secy

Bombay Castle
19th September 1797

From Bombay advising of the appearance of two French Cruizers on the Coast of Guzerat

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No. 6.

Translate of a letter from the Governor of Dio under Date 16th September 1797.

Most Illustrious and Excellent Sir

Some Merchants of this place have received letters Yesterday from Niravol, dated the 13th saying that on the 11th Instant two Ships were seen off that Port, which they say are French; One of which Sent an Armed Long Boat on board of a Bombay which was coming from Aden to that Port, and after examining her Cargo, and enquiring after the Bombay, Surat, and Dio Ships, left Her to proceed on her Voyage. - This Account was confirmed by some of the Merchants of Mencal who conveyed this Intelligence to us by the Fishing Boats of this place.

About the 25th of this Month, the Mosambique Ships are expected and as they have no force to defend themselves against any attack or Insult that may be offered to them by the above mentioned French Ships, and as the Force

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6th of this Fort being but too small to resist them, I am under the necessity of conveying this intelligence to your Excellency by this Express Boat, that your Excellency may afford such Assistance as you shall judge requisite for the support of the Honor of His Britannick Majesty's Ally, and defence of her most Faithful Majesty's Ships and Settlements and in the mean time I trust your Excellency will honor me with your Commands —

I am with the most profound respect

&c &c

(Signed) D. Rodrigo de Costa Sec.o

Fort of Dio

16th September 1797

A true Copy

(Signed) John de Ponthieu

P. Secy to Sir Chas. Malet

True Copy

(Signed) H. S. Pearson

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board in the Political Department under date 9th September 1797

Sir Charles Malet acquaints the Board

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6. Board that he opened the following letter from the Governor of Diu on being told by the Cafsid that it contained advice of the appearance of some French Ships in the vicinity of Diu and that this letter was sent off Express for the sole purpose of conveying the intelligence to this Government.

Refer to 1

. As the letter from Diu makes no mention of the force of the Ships in question it is impossible from the Quality of the Ships in this Port to adopt any active measures against them but it is Resolved that Sir Charles Malet be requested to dispatch Copies of the letter from Diu immediately by an express by land and Water to Surat and by Sea to the Malabar Coast with orders to the Tindals of the Boats (and to the Officer in charge of that for Malabar) to caution all Vessels he may meet with on the Coast. The Superintendent must be desired to keep a watchful eye on the Vessel that lately arrived from Muscat and Sir Charles is requested to consult with him on such other precautionary measures as his Department may enable

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No 6. enable him to take which will be made known to the Board.

True Extract
(Signed) H. S. Parson Jun. Secy.

Sent the following letter to Rear Admiral Rainier Viâ Nagore.

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships &
Vessels in the East Indies

Sir

To Rear Admiral Rainier with Copy of the foregoing Intelligence

We have the Honor to enclose for your Excellency's information Copy of intelligence which we have received from Bombay, respecting the appearance of the Enemy's Cruizers on the Coast of Guzerat.

We have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

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Sent the following Letters

To

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To G. H Barlow Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir

To Bengal with Copy of a Report of the Military Board on the subject of Metal Cylinders and Pilon Mills one of the Latter or a model requested to be sent to this Presidency

I am directed to request you will lay before the Governor General in Council the inclosed extract of a letter from the Military Board with the report therein mentioned, and to communicate the desire of this Government that the metal Cylinders and beds may be furnished from Bengal for immediate use and that an improved pilon mill, or if more convenient a model of the pilon mill may hereafter be sent round for experiment at this Presidency

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

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(Signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt.

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council at Fort William

To Bengal on the subject of contingent allowances to the Regiments of Cavalry & the consolidated Allowances to Infantry Regiments in the Kings Service on the Coast Establishment on the different points under reference

Honorable Sir

We have lately had under consideration

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To

a letter from our Military Auditor General, relative to some alterations appearing to be necessary in the Allowances to His Majestys Troops serving in this Country, in consequence of late regulations adopted in England, but as we have not received any orders from the Honorable Court of Directors on this important subject, we deem it necessary, under present Circumstances, that it should be referred to the Consideration of the Commander in Chief in India, We therefore forward to your Copy of the Military Auditor General's letter and Copies of the papers to which it refers, and request your particular instructions whether any and what alterations are to be made in the allowances to the Kings Troops serving under this presidency

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Hobart &c Council

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To

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No 6.

To Colonel Josias Champagné

Commanding at Trincomale

Sir

I have received your letter of the 10th Ultimo enclosing Lists of the Trees which have been felled for the convenience of your Garrison; but before the Right Honorable the President in Council can determine upon any recompense to be made the owners he desires you will state your opinion as to the value which the Trees may bear upon the Spot

His Lordship in Council has paid particular attention to your representation on the reduction of your garrison, and will transmit his Orders in consequence to Brigadier General De Meuron.

It is impossible at present to send any part of the pioneers to Trincomale; but I am directed to desire that the party of Gun Lascars now there may be employed in clearing the jungle

I am &c &c
(Signed) J Webbe Secy to Govt:

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6 the Commandant at Trincomale his opinion required as to the compensation that should be made to the proprietors of the Trees cut down - orders respecting his Garrison will be sent to Brigadier General De Meuron - the Lascars to be employed in cutting down the Jungle.

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of the
25th. and 28th. Ultimo with their enclosures.

To the Military Board
in reply to their letters of
the 25th & 28th. Ultimo
entered on the records of
the 2d. Instant.

We approve and accordingly desire that the process, which you have recommended for checking the indents of the Contractor for Cloth may be constantly observed.

We approve the extension of time, which you have recommended should be granted the Paymaster for the supply of petty Stores according to the 9th. Article of the regulations published on the 18th. April last, and have notified this alteration in General Orders.

We approve the regulations which have been suggested by the Military Auditor General for bringing to account the Military Stores which may be issued to the Ships of his Majesty, the Company or of individuals; and desire accordingly that

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To

that they may be put in force by the Officers under the authority of your Board. We have made the necessary communication to the Military Paymaster and to the Accountant General.

We have issued orders for passing the Arrack purchased by the Agent for Spirituous liquors upon payment of a duty of 5 per Cent, and for an advance of 800 Pagodas to Lieutenant Colonel Gent for the Repair of the Gun Shed at Walajahbad.

We have according to your recommendation made application to the Supreme Government for two Cylinder mills and for a pilon mill, or if more convenient for a model of a pilon mill for experiment at this Presidency.

Having in consequence of your report abandoned the idea of forming a Cantonment at Carangooly we desire that the necessary orders may be issued for completing the building at Connatore according to the plan and estimate submitted to us in your letter of 25th July last.

We cannot but be extremely mortified that a building so lately constructed as

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as the Granary at Arnee should so immediately require a repair to the amount estimated by the Chief Engineer but the necessity of the case leaves us no alternative but to authorize the expence you have recommended We desire however that we may be furnished with a full report upon the causes which have produced this necessity.

We refer for your report Copy of an application from the Commanding Officer at Arcot for the repair of his Quarters.

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

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Resident at Hyderabad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters date 21st and 25th ultimo with their enclosures.

By the enclosed Extract from the records you will observe that the advances to Mohoi

To the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with information respecting the 1000 Pagodas advanced Mohdi alli Khan and the route taken by the French Native Emissary

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6. Mohdr Ally Khan was not a present from Lord Cornwallis but a loan to assist him in his journey to Hydrabad.

I also enclose Extract of a letter from the Collector of the Jahgeer from which it appears that the Agent whom you suppose to be charged with dispatches from Hydrabad to the Mauritius has taken a western route from Ongole.

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

Sent the following letter to His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C. C. No. 85)

To His Highness the Nabob
Omdat ul Omrah &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness!

To the Nabob noticing the default in the payment of the instalment, due on the Bond granted by His Highness to Sir Paul Jodrell, for the Month of September and urging His Highness to complete the promised Payments on this account in future.

Having received from Sir Paul Jodrell into the Company's Treasury the bond passed by your Highness to that Gentleman in liquidation of his Claims upon you, in which your Highness becomes bound to discharge the Amount by Instalments at the time of paying your lists to the Company, I beg leave to remind your Highness that the instalment, which according

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according to this arrangement was due on the 1st September has not been discharged and I request you will give Orders for the regular payment of this money to prevent its accommodating to an inconvenient bulk

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J Cobart

Sent a letter to Captain Baulderson

To the Commander of the Ship Marquis of Lansdown.

(entered in MB No. 21) desiring him to receive Lieutenant Wright on board his Ship as passenger for St. Helena and to apply to Mr. Cochrane for 125 Pagodas on account of his passage.

7th

Received the undermentioned letters

Entered in MB No. 22 23 24 25 26

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an Additional Estimate of Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Cochrane for the present Month.

From Ditto Ditto

From Ditto with another Estimate of additional Cash required by Mr. Paymaster Skardon.

From the Superintendant of the Revenue on Ceylon

From Mr. Andrews acknowledging receipt of the Boards orders of the 13th ultimo respecting the Breeding Stud on Delft.

From

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From the Officer Commanding the 3d Regiment Nat. Cavalry at Chemindalum

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr advising of his having detached a Troop of Cavalry on arsenal Duty in the Tanjore Country agreeably to the orders of Government

From the Paymaster at Nagore

From Mr. Thompson advising of his having advanced Mr. Burrette three months Subsistence.

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos. 27-28.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring for Examination the two additional Cash Estimates above mentioned.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing a letter from His Highness the Nabob addressed to the Governor General.

8.

The following draft of the charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver having been sent in circulation by the Secretary agreeably to the order of Council of the 3d Instant and approved by the Board.

Charges against Lieutenant Colonel James Oliver

For disobedience of the positive Orders of Government communicated to the Army by the Commander in Chief on the 20th March 1778, 16th December 1779, 15th June 1785, 8th September 1785, 17th July 1786 - 31st October 1789

Charges against Lieut.t Colonel Oliver on which he is to be brought to Trial before a general Court Martial

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8. 1789 - 27th July 1791 and 10th December 1794 in lending various Sums of Money to the Tributaries of the Honble Company in the province of Dindigul and in particular to the polygar of Pylney contrary to the repeated orders above quoted. —

2d — For an improper interference in the Revenue of the Pylney, Jagoody, Yerryadoo, Yernacotah Madoor, and Chokumpully pollams through the means of his Dubash Veneatachellum, by employing Cheakdars to collect the Revenues of the said pollams on account of money due upon bonds made payable to the said Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, and in particular by taking a Mortgage bond upon certain Villages of the Yerryadoopollam

3d — For irregular and unmilitary conduct by abusing the power in trusted to him as Commandant of Pylney by confining divers persons under Military restraint on account of debts due by them to the said Lieutenant Colonel Olivier, and in particular a Merchant named Cawder Rahvuttum.

A Copy was forwarded to Mr. Wynch with the following letter — To

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No 8

To Mr George Wynch

Sir

To Mr G. Wynch enclosing Copy of the above charges - and desiring him to regulate thereby the List of Evidences and original Papers necessary to support the prosecution against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire you will revise the List of evidences and original papers which accompanied your letter of the 2d Instant, and point out such as you consider necessary to support the three specified Charges in which it has been resolved to bring Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to trial, of which a Copy is enclosed for your information. -

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I am &c &c
(Signed) J Webbe Secry to Govt

Received the unovermentioned Letters - & entered in M Bs Nos 29-30-31-32 -

From Captain John Doherty of 19 Foot

From Captain Doherty - requesting that he may be allowed to draw full Batta till the period of his embarkation for England.

From Lieut. Col. Roberts

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - advising of Major General Bridges and his Staff having quitted Guntoor on their return to Masulipatam

From

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From Lieutenant Beazeley - advising of his having transferred Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 30th. Ultimo to Captain Sheppard the Officer by whom he has been succeeded in the Command of Nairpilly. —

From the Officer Commanding at Nairpilly

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford — forwarding the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon from the 25th June to the 24th. August 1797. —

From Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops

From Mr. Roebuck with an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Palamcotah. —

From the Military Paym.r Genral

9th

Received the following letter from the Secretary at Bombay.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government Fort St George

Sir

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit for the information of his Lordship in Council Copy of a letter Letter received yesterday from the Chief of Surat.

From Bombay, a French Privateer appears off Deman.

I am &c.
(Signed) John Morris
Secry

Bombay Castle
22d September 1797

Sir

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Sir Charles W. Malet Bart

&c &c &c

Bombay

Dear Sir

I lose not a moment to acquaint you that the Noccadah of a Grab Ship is this instant landed and informs me that four days ago off Daman he was brought to by a French Ship mounting 28 Guns and he believes 125 men, mostly Europeans, and plundered the Grab of every Thing of value on board, even to a Silver Ring on the Noccadah's finger. She is a small Ship, Sails well the Captain spoke English; They mase the Noccadah promise to go to Surat, and threatened him with Death if he went to Bombay. They said they had taken two other Vessels and sent them to Mauritius, They enquired after the Nabobs Vessels and Shaw Allum, but thank God they are disappointed, as all the Arabian Gulph Vessels are safe arrived. The Grab in Treasure and Goods has lost about 25 to 30,000 Rupees. The French ship stood to the So and was

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Mr. G. was in great want of Water and Provisions, and the Nocedah understood they were to Cruize off Daman some days and then bear away for Muscat. This I write in great haste, an official Declaration shall follow by the Post.

Jam.s &c. &c.

(Signed) Daniel Seton

Surat
18th September 1797
2 P.M.

They keep English Colours flying, and have Natives aboard that Speak Moors and Persians.

True Copy

(Signed) H. S. Pearson
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To the Military Auditor General

Sent Letter to the Military Auditor General (entered in MB No. 34) referring for examination the Palamcotah Estimate abovementioned.

F 10th Received the undermentioned Letters

Entered in MB No.s 35.36-37-38.

From Brevet Captain Hargrave to

From Brevet Captain Hargrave

requesting an advance of Six months Subsistence.

From Lieutenant John Stuart - requesting

F From Lieut. John Stuart

four months leave of absence to proceed to Bengal -

From

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From Subsecretary at Bengal

From Mr. Stracey - enclosing a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham - enclosing his reasons on the accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster General from the 25th July 96 to the 24th April 1797 - as also on the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon from the 25th December 1796 to the 24th April 1797.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 10th Oct.r 1797

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

Read

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Read the Commander in Chiefs Minutes as entered in Consultation the 22d Ultimo.

The President in consequence delivers in the following minute.

Military Department

Lord Hobart's Minute in Council

10th October 1797

Lord Hobart's Minute shewing that the appointments made to Commands &c during the administration of Sir Charles Oakeley at the recommendation of Major General Brathwaite and noticed by the Commander in Chief afford no proof that they were consistent with the established regulations and in proof of his arguments adduces a long List of Appointments of this nature proceeding directly from the Governor enlarges on the politic[al] necessity of conducting these appointments in their established channel replies very fully to the Commander in Chiefs last Minute and records his determination to resist General Harris's ambitious view to engross the entire patronage of the Military Department takes occasion to assert the correctness of Mr Fallofield's observation regarding the mode of conducting the Military Business of this Presidency previous to Lieutenant General Harris's arrival encloses a List of Appointments made by his Lordship since his arrival which he avers will stand the test of the most scrupulous Examination

after an attentive perusal of the Commander in Chief's Minute, I perceive no reason to recal the observations I have already recorded upon his plan for new modelling the Military Administration of this Presidency: nor in the further extension of patronage he now requires, can I recognize that moderation, which he has so repeatedly ascribed to his proceedings.—

In his first Minute the Commander in Chief confined his claims to the Ordnance Department. This was followed by the exclusive power of recommending to all Commands in the Jaghire, Tanjore, Carnatic, ceded Districts, Ceylon, Malacca, and the Spice Islands. His Ambition once on the wing soon took a bolder range and

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and embraced the Regulation, management, patronage of the Military Department in its various branches— That Department extensive as it is could not long limit his desires, and Civil must be added to Military Patronage —He therefore now asserts a right to recommend to Civil Offices, whenever filled by Military men, for the following especial reasons— Because "All Offices whether connected with "the Civil or Military branches of the Service, are Offices of "trust, and whenever any of these 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 their duties have no relation to the discipline of the "Army, and that they are immediately responsible to the "Government for their conduct."

I need not dwell upon the progressive and unexampled magnitude of these Claims, or the inconsequence of the argument alledged in their Support. Recapitulate them, that they may be compared with his professions of moderation & in their incongruity will be found one of the causes which excited alarm at his measures—

An Officer of such influence in the State as the Commander in Chief of its forces, with declarations of forbearance in his mouth and plans so ambitious in his conduct, that, if adopted, they would annihilate an approved system of Administration and thereby render Government, in some instances, incompetent to

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to it's most important duties, must in any Country and at any period excite jealousy. All novelty — should be suspected — There is a presumption — against it in our very nature; but especially the novelty, which proceeds from, and terminates in personal interest. It is good "says Lord Bacon" not to "try experiments in the State, except the necessity be "urgent, and the utility evident; and well to beware, "that it be the reformation that draweth on the change and not the change that pretendeth the reformation.

Individual and publick interest are not, I acknowledge, necessarily at variance. The first may, and often has produced the latter. But it becomes necessary to ascertain their connection before we adopt a measure, that would transfer to an individual the entire Military patronage of the executive Government — Has Gen.l Harris shewn that connection? Has he pointed out any defect in the discipline, or internal Oeconomy of the Army? Has he manifested in what way the general welfare of the state would be promoted by the adoption of his plan? Upon all these points he is not only reserved, but silent: and whoever shall consider him as the propo[illegible] of a great Military innovation, and therefore search his writings, for

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for the elements of the system he condemns, for the
merit of that which he wishes to substitute, for their
respective operations in connecting the Civil and
Military powers, or for their adaptation to the local
circumstances and external relations of this Country
and its Government, will be assuredly disappointed

Considerations of this nature he
sedulously avoids, viewing them "as principles that
do not apply" or "as arguments and explanations
"to lead the mind entirely away from the question"
and upon this hypothesis substitutes a different
mode of argument, by asserting that the patronage in
question appertains ex officio to him, and pleading the
records of Sir Charles Oakeley's Government in proof
of his right. I shall therefore before I consider the
necessity and utility of his proposal, endeavour to
ascertain Whether the legislature, or Court of Directors
have delegated to the Officer, Commanding the
Coast Army, the patronage of the military department
in its various branches.

Exercising a delegated and subordinate
authority in the state, the Commander in Chief can
claim no patronage as a matter of right, which
has

has not been granted to him by Act of Parliament, or the orders of the Court of Directors. These are the only sources of his authority, and they constitute the fixed and legitimate rules of conduct, by which the Executive Government should regulate it's proceedings towards him. Extraordinary circumstances, individual disposition and several other causes may have procured occasional deviations from these rules; but the principles of the Service still remained, nor were they, or could be altered, except by the express order of the Power that constituted them. Delegated rights are necessarily not transferable, and therefore the casual irregularities of any Governor do not even impugn the principles of this Government, much less constitute that aggregate of precedents which is termed the custom of the Service.

Having thus premised, I shall quote the instructions of the Company, respecting the powers to be exercised by their Military Commanders, which, be it remarked, were framed to prevent those inconveniences in future, that had already arisen from disputes between their Governors and Commanders in Chief, for power and patronage. "That the Town Major and

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"Fort Adjutant of Fort William be nominated by the Governor
"General only- That the Commander in Chief shall
"recommend to the Governor General and Council all
"Officers for the Staff, and those who shall be appointed
"to all vacancies in the Sepoy Corps; and the Governor
"General and Council are hereby directed to a proper
"attention to the recommendations of the Commander in
"Chief."

In illustration of these instructions I shall now quote some extracts from the Company's Records, during the administration of the several Civil Governors since the Year 1780- Should more be desired, they may be easely attained by referring to the Records.

On the 6th July 1780- Captain Malcolm was appointed at the recommendation of Governor Rumbold to the Office of Adjutant General with the nominal rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

On the 15th July 1780- Captain Thomas Baggot was appointed to the Command of Amboor at the recommendation of Governor Rumbold.

On the 27th July 1780- Lieutenant Morehouse was appointed Commissary of Stores in Camp.

On the 29th November 1780 Lord Macartney recommended Capt. A. Montgomery to the Command at Permacoil

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On the 26th July - We recommended Colonel H. Hooper to the Command of Tanjore.

On the 23d September 1782 We recommended and appointed Colonel R Lang to the Command of Tanjore, and subsequently informed the Commander in Chief Sir E Coote of the appointment who concurred in it

On the 13th June 1784 - The Commander in Chief recommended Captain Edmonds for the post of Adjutant General - The recommendation was not complied with - but Captain Richardson was appointed to that Office by Lord Macartney

Governor Davidson

On the 24th December 1785 Lieutenant Colonel Sir H Cosby was appointed at the recommendation of the President in Council to Palamcottah.

On the 7th August 1785 Colonel Rumbold was appointed at the recommendation of the President to the Cantonment at Arcot - and D. Col. Knox to the Fort of Poonamalee.

On the 25th July 1786 Captain Langley appointed to Vizagapatam & Capt. Hunt to Madura at the recommendation of the President in Council - The

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The appointments now recited, are selected from a long list of a similar nature. They will I believe, prove that the patronage of the entire Military Department never appertained to the Commander in Chief's Office. As however General Harris asserts his right thereto upon the practice of Sir Charles Oakeleys Government, and the powers then exercised by Genl. Brathwaite, it may not be superfluous to prove by the records of that very Government, that no such right was ever admitted as well as by the Sources, from whence General Brathwaite derived his own Successive appointments, that no such right ever could have been consistently claimed by that Officer

On the 20th July 1793 Captain Oliver was appointed to the Command of the Fort & Garrison of Dindigul at the recommendation of the President, and his appointment notified to the Commander in Chief.

On the 1st August 1793 Lieutenant Abm. Hughes was appointed at the recommendation of the President to Command at Chingleput during the absence of the Honorable Capt. Monson.

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On the 22d August 1793 Lieutenant Dt Kirkpatrick was appointed to Command at Vizianagram at the recommendation of the President

On the 11th December 1793 Lieutenant Colonel Durand was appointed to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Masulipatam at the recommendation of the President.

On the 1st September 1792 Major Langley was appointed to command in the Garrison of Vizagapatam at the recommendation of the President

On the 7th December 1792 Captain William Goofrey was appointed to the command of the Hill Fort of Sazerow at the recommendation of the President

On the 21st December 1792 Lieutenant P. Defou was appointed at the recommendation of the President to the Fort and Garrison of Bellumconah.

On the 3d January 1793 Major Petre was appointed to the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Arnee at the recommendation of the President.

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On the 12th February 1793 Lieutenant Colonel Baird was appointed to Command the Cantonment at Secundermally

On the 3d February 1793 Major Hugh Fraser was appointed at the recommendation of the President to the command at Wallajahbad.

On the 6th June 1793 Colonel Floyd was appointed to command at Wallajahbad, until further orders by the President.

On the 9th June 1793 Captain Oliver was appointed to the command of the Station at Pulney at the recommendation of the President.

On the 5th January 1794 Lieutenant Colonel Durand was appointed to Command the troops in the Garrison of Masulipatam at the recommendation of the President.

On the same day Colonel Nixon was appointed to the Command at Pondicherry at the recommendation of the President.

On the 6th February 1794 Major Gowdie was appointed to the command of the Fort and Garrison of Madura at the recommendation of the President

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On the 6th May 1796 Major Vigors was appointed to the Command at Conjeveram by the President

From these appointments it is apparent that the exercise of the patronage of the Military Department did not belong to the Commander in Chief's Office. This fact will be corroborated by the following appointments of General Brathwaite.

On the 15th January 1780 Colonel John Brathwaite was appointed to command the Cantonment at Ponneherry at the recommendation of the President in Council, Governor Rumbold.

On the 19th September 1780 Colonel John Brathwaite was appointed to Command the Fort and Garrison at Tanjore at the recommendation of Governor Whittle.

On the 6th July 1786 Colonel Brathwaite Commanding at Ellore was appointed at the recommendation of the President in Council Sir. I Campbell to the Command of the Troops in the District of Masulipatam.

I have never denied that the Commander in Chief has frequently recommended to

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to appointments beyond the limits of his delegated patronage. During the latter part of Sir Charles Oakeley's Government, I know not for what reason every Military appointment originated in General Braithwaite. Extraordinary circumstances may call for Extraordinary powers, and the Governor would deservedly become responsible in his person for refusing them: But no such necessity then existed to justify this uniform deviation from System. It's eventual evils in weakening the influence and energy of Government were strongly painted out to me upon my arrival. I therefore instructed the Secretary to write the letter to General Braithwaite, which the Commander in Chief has inserted in his Minute, and thus recalled the Service to it's antient and established practice. That I did not exceed the bounds of my authority may be presumed, from the propriety of my conduct never having been questioned by General Braithwaite.

All such occasional recommendations by the Commander in Chief should then be considered as irregularities in the administration of military business, proceeding from the exigencies of

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of the times, or the attention and favor of the President towards him. Nor should they be tortured into precedents to prove that the right of recommendation was vested in that Officer. In corroboration of this opinion I shall quote General Harris's distinction between an act of favor, and an admission of Right. It invalidates every claim founded upon the concluding practice of Sir Charles Oakeley's Govern.t

"His Lordship" he observes "would infer, that "because the Commander in Chief called upon the "General Officers in command to select the Officers "who were to be immediately attached to their "persons, he had admitted their Right of doing "so - Leaving the candor of the inference to its "own merits, The Commander in Chief asserts "that his Lordship is doubtless convinced of the "fact that what his Lordship speaks of as "matter of right yielded to the General Officers "by the Commander in Chief was merely an act of "civility and attention towards them."

I disclaim both the inference, above, mentioned, and its candor - They never indeed were mine

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mine, so far otherwise, that I acknowledge the fact with
its argument, and plead both in support of my hypothesis,
that Sir Charles Oakeley, in permitting or desiring
General Braithwaite to recommend for certain
appointments, never admitted, even by implication
that he had a right to do so.

The provisions of the Legislature,
the instructions of the Court of Directors, the general
practice of the Service previous to Sir Charles Oakeley's
Government, the greater number of appointments
during his administration, General Braithwaite's
Military life, and lastly General Harris's own
arguments have been appealed to, and prove, that
the Commander in Chief never possessed a right
to the patronage of the entire military Department
His accusations of the President, for "assuming his
"powers" and breaching on his rights" are consequently
erroneous, and Mr Tallofield stands justified in
the opinion he has recorded with respect to the
established mode of transacting military business
at this Presidency

They who feel Warmly should
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learn to act circumspectly; and General Harris, who is alive to every touch that affects his character, should not have ventured to criminate the President, till deaper enquiry, and longer residence, had acquainted him with the principles and practice of the Service

I shall now consider whether the general welfare of the state would be promoted, by transferring to the Commander in Chief the Military patronage of the executive Government.

Having already detailed at some length my opinion upon this point: I should content myself with a simple reference to it, did it not appear that the impolicy of depriving Government of its previleges under the internal constitution, local situation & external relations of this Presidency, had not been sufficiently remarked.

The British Empire on the Coast of Coromandel has more than once been endangered by a struggle for power between the President and Commander in Chief; nor have such events ever occurred that the Civil administration has not experienced in its weakness the necessity of Military influence.

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The Supercession, imprisonment, and death of Lord Pigot in times of profound peace, and in the face of the whole Coast Army, The contests of Lord Macartney the open hostility of the then Commander in Chief, the apprehended disaffection of the Military, and lastly these extreme and hazardous measures, to which his Lordship necessarily had recourse for maintaining his legitimate authority, all confirm the inexpediency of dividing the power of the state between its Civil and Military Heads, and thereby constituting in this distant Government two distinct authorities with nearly balanced previleges and equal means of counteraction

It is observable that in these struggles, the Nabob invariably opposed the Govern[t] with his whole weight of influence wealth and power. The imprisonment of Lord Pigot originated in his bribery and intrigues; and ensued in every transaction where the authority of the President has been questioned whether it be from jealousy of his power, a spirit of faction, or any little object of sinister Ambition, there has ever appeared in his Highness's Durbar a plan of conduct excentrick to the maintenance of the constituted authorities

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authorities of this Presidency

It is difficult without local experience to form an adequate idea of the imperfection of the present mixed Government of the Carnatic, or of the difficulties, which the Governor has to encounter, who directs his measures to the advancement of the Publick Interests, but more especially to the suppression of those usurious practices, which enrich individuals and impoverish the Country. All these objects are at variance with the principles of his Highness's Government and the interests of his Ministers: nor has any means of open opposition or secret intrigue, been left unattempted to counteract them. Lord Cornwallis has truly represented the evils of this devised authority when he declares to the Court of Directors "That "the present mixed Government cannot prosper even "in the best hands in which their part of it can be "placed".

A Government thus intimately related to such a power has need of every support. And when it is conscious that the Nabob exercises an independent & the Presidents a delegated power. That His

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His measures terminate in himself; whereas those of the President are controlable by a Superior authority. In this dissimilarity of Governments, and Subordination of this Presidency, will be traced a cause of disrespect and want of influence, as well as a prospect of Counteraction, and consequently, a peculiar necessity of internal energy.

Under this impression, to which our connection with the Rajah of Tanjore, and the several Polygars throughout the Carnatic may be added, the appointment to Commands appears to be a privilege most important to the executive Government, inasmuch as it involves questions rather of a political than military, nature. In selecting Officers for these situations, however necessary it may be to pay a due attention to professional merit, the choice must turn upon points not exclusively Military; and therefore within the peculiar consideration and province of Government.

Professional merit in the estimation of a professional man, surpasses most other qualifications. Habit in this instance becomes all powerful; and those virtues which have been taught

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taught from our youth to prize as conducive to the objects of our ambition, appear most estimable.

The Commander in Chief's appointment would probably illustrate this position, but professional merit is not necessarily connected with integrity of principle; and an Officer, who had bled in the Service of his Country, and whose abilities were unquestionable, might be rejected by Government, without the possibility of avowing the causes of his rejection. Under these circumstances were the right of recommendation vested in the Commander in Chief, a rejection would become an impeachment, either of his impartiality or judgment. It would also constitute an indirect & publick censure of an individual; and these remove explanation almost indispensible. But the cause of distrust and suspicion are seldom publickly assignable, altho they may be the foundation of measures the most important to the security of the State.

Government thus compelled to reject and conceal it's motives, must appear in many instances arbitrary and partial. probably indisposed

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to the Commander in Chief, hence discontent might spread through the Army, and the Peace and tranquility of the State by the very means be took to preserve it. But when the selection is in the state itself, there can be no rejection. A choice may be made and confidence reposed in one man without conveying a censure upon another.

When I was apprised of Lieutenant General Harris's appointment to the Command of the Troops upon the Coast, I was persuaded I should have the satisfaction of acting with a person, neither inclined, or accustomed to Controversy - I had acopted that idea from the information of his own particular friends, the general sentiment of the Army, and some knowledge, that I thought I & my self had, of his Character and disposition

I entertained not so humiliating an opinion of him, as that he would patiently submit to any unprecedented assumption of power on my part, but I confidently believed, that if he succeeded to all the patronage, and all the authority

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authority, enjoyed by his immediate Predecessors, he would have felt no necessity, in personal considerations for a change of system. In the conduct, subordination and discipline of the Army he could find nothing to ameliorate. Under this impression I was surprized and disappointed to observe his arrival from Bengal announced by a determination, to attempt a change in the administration of Military business. He appeared to be grasping at extraordinary powers and patronage, which could only be obtained at the expence of Government. I did not know who had been, or who might be his advisers, and I apprehended serious ground for alarm upon reflecting, that without experience of any defect in the existing system, he had arrived upon the Coast with a fixed resolution to hazard the consequences of innovation

For what purpose such a plan was devised, or what the operation of it might be, I could not precisely ascertain; but perceiving no immediate advantage likely to result from it, and anticipating much eventual danger I felt it

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incumbent on me to resist it in limine. Thus circumstanced I could not avoid looking on General Harris as a perfect stranger, and I was bound to consider the object and tendency of his conduct without reference to former opinions.

The Commander in Chief having relinquished the broad principle upon which we are at issue and endeavoured by dissipating the subject into a mere matter of military detail to obtain a decision without reference to the consequences it may produce and for that purpose having endeavoured to shew that patronage in my hands is liable to abuse whilst in his, it is salutarily exercised I am reluctantly driven once more to enter into that part of this discussion which respects Captain Ogg and Lieutenant Fraser.

The Commander in Chief "solemnly "declares, that if private Sentiments could have "operated against the dictates of publick duty "if forgetful of the trust reposed, he could have "been biassed by partial favor, he would have

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"recommended Lieutenant Fraser instead of Captain
"Ogg".

In addition to the remarks in any
former Minute upon this point, I must observe,
that if the pretensions of Captain Ogg were so extremely
urgent there would have been less partiality and more
justice on the part of General Harris in recommending
that Officer to be Major of Brigade to General
Gale, than to General Brooges; because in the
one case his appointment would have been
permanent whilst in the other it was only temporary
and the question there would have been between
Lieutenant St. Clair, and Lieutenant Fraser, the
latter having the acknowledged claim of suffering
by the new regulations, and certainly of Superior
pretension to the former, who during the period
of my Government has been suspended from the
Service by the sentence of a General Court Martial

I shall reply to the laborious state-
-ment, which the Commander in Chief has "hastened"
to make upon the subject of Lieutenant Bauman's
appointment, in a very few words.

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It has already appeared by the proceedings of the Military Board that the situation of Commissary of Stores was deemed rather of a Civil than a Military nature, and that the suggestion for conferring the Office on a Military man arose from considerations principally Economical. The duty of a Commissary of Stores involves no exercise of Military authority, and therefore Officers have been indiscriminately selected to perform them from all ranks of the Service. It has frequently happened, that circumstances have given the most lucrative and responsible appointments to the Junior Officer, and Supercession according to the Military acceptation of the term, never was applied to the Commissary's Department, until it found it's way into the Commander in Chief's Minute.

For what purpose my communication of General Braithwaite's desire to remain in the Centre division, has been introduced, I am ignorant; but I shall briefly say, that in the Commander in Chief's recommendation of that

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that Officer for the Staff, or his being appointed by Government to the Command of Pondicherry and afterwards to the prepared expedition against Manilla, I am not able to discover any infringement of General Harris's right

The Commander in Chief complains that in commenting on his Memoirs, I have substituted the word appointment, for recommendation. It is very possible I may have done so, because I consider his recommendation to all offices assented to in the instructions of the Company above recited, as a virtual appointment. but I look upon those recommendations in that light only, because they are connected with Military discipline

This discussion upon the subject of Commands having induced me to revise the several appointments, which have been made during my Government I have annexed a list of them to this minute that any man acquainted with the merits, the pretensions, and the Services, of the Officers upon the Coast may be thereby enabled to

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to judge whether the selection has been made upon principles of publick duty, or partial favor.

The Commander in Chief is apprehensive lest, continued error and endless confusion should arise to the prejudice of many deserving Men, and to the injury of the publick Service, from orders being framed and issued upon Military Subjects, without communication with the Commander in Chief.

Had this observation not been made I should have thought it impossible that Lieutenant General Harris could be ignorant, that no act of the Government can regularly take place without previously being considered by all the Members of the Council; and that it is only in cases, where dispatch may render a deviation from this rule necessary that any order of Government is issued, which has not been proposed and discussed at this Board.

The order of the 25th of April was fully discussed and agreed upon in Council and would have been issued by the Secretary without further

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further reference to the Members of Government, had it not occurred to me, that unless Officers were appointed to the Commands vacated by the Generals not selected for the Staff, some difficulty would arise — I therefore desired that the names of those who appeared most eligible, should be inserted in the order, but directed that it should be previously sent to the Commander in Chief for his consideration.

Until General Harris' arrival on the Coast, the most perfect unanimity had subsisted between the Civil, Military, and Naval Powers, and at a time when Britain was convulsed by faction and threatened by the Enemy when the Supreme Government was shook to its foundations by the clamour and discontents of its Army, this Presidency exhibited one uniform scene of tranquility conquest, and subordination to the executive power. — At no period had military enterprise been more prevalent, or its success more absolute. There was nothing that required attention or amendment Government was respected, the Military faithful

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and contented, internal tranquility maintained, and external conquests atchieved. Such was the miserable Situation in which the Commander in Chief found this Presidency upon his arrival, and his very first publick measure was an attack upon that System of military Administration, under which these manifold benefits had arisen.

Those petty criminations of the President and the no less trifling arguments respecting Lt. Beaumonts appointment, on which the Commander in Chief has rested his proposal, should not deceive us into an opinion, that its acception would implicate no greater, than individual interests. The question for determination is not, whether one man shall be more powerful than another, or whether the President or Commander in Chief shall be gratified with patronage. The discipline and Subordination of the Army and the Security of the Civil Government, would all be affected by this extensive innovation. When such objects are at Stake, the present, is no period for experiment. The times notwithstanding the Commander in Chiefs opinion, are big with dangers and difficulties to

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to every civilized state. A Spirit of disaffection to establishd authority has pervaded Europe and the power and the principles of France threaten downfal to all Monarchical Governments.

Under such circumstances it would be madness to authorize a measure that deprives the executive power of one half its authority and Patronage, and destroys a System in which the Army has been reared and disciplined. "What is "established by Custom, tho' it be not good, at least "it is fit, and those things, that have long gone "together, are as it were confederate within "themselves". The habits of the Army have been formed under the present system, their prejudices are interwoven in its existence. There are things which should not be tampered with, lest we remove the talisman on which the prosperity of this Presidency depends

(Signed) Hobart

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Date	Rank	Names	To Command
7th December 1794	Major	Brodie	Chingleput
"	Captain	Morison	Secundr Mallr vice Brodie
12th December 1794	Lieutenant	Webber	Ganjam
	Lieutenant	Sinnick	Noozed
18th December 1794	Colonel	Nixon	Poonamallie
	Lieut. Col.	Sterling	Pondicherry
	Captain	Beale	with the 24th Bn M Infy to march from Vellore to Arcot
24th March 1795	Lieut. Col.	Durand	To take charge of Vellore
8th March 1795	Lieutenant	John Taylor Junr	Muggleton
	Lieutenant	Bellew	Bellamcondah
	Lieutenant	Rioge	Rampore
	Lieutenant	Forbes	Vellore
	Lieutenant	Symonds	Congoondy
	Lieutenant	Brown	Nerrabadroog
	Lieutenant	Cormick	Chenroydroog
	Lieutenant	Rhodes	Penagra
	Lieutenant	Marriott	Nameel
29th April 1795	Major	Dunwoody	Vizagapatam
	Major	Mcall	Troops in Ganjam District
5th May 1795	Lieut. Colo.	Belcliffe	Northern Division of the Army
27th May 1795	H Captain	Monson	Trepasore
8th June 1795			52d Regt to be stationed at Negapatam
20th June 1795	Lieut. Col.	Smith	Mount

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Date	Rank	Names	To Command
24th June 1795	Lieutenant	Oliphant	Manapar
30th Do	Do Captain	Parr	Hill Fort Sagarow
3d July 1795	Lieutenant	Hughes	Muggleton
7th July 1795	Captain	Strange	Hill Fort Sagarow
23d Do	Do Lieutenant	Walker	Pulicat
31st Do	Do Captain	Borthwick	Vellum
18th August Do	Major	Meatt	Vizagapatam District
7th September Do	Lieut Col.	Cunningham	Troops in Ganjam District
7th Do	Do Captain	Godfrey of Invalids	Trippasore
Do "	" Lieutenant	Davis	Chintapillee
22d Septr 1795	Colonel	Nixon	Amee
25th Do	Lieut. Col.	Trent	Goonamallee
29th Do	Lieutenant	Hardow	Tiagar
3d November 1795	Lt Col.	Sale	Consapillee
10th November 1795	Lieutenant	Tyrrel	To remain in the Command of Baramfore
11th Do	Do Major	Wahab	Consapilly
"	Major	Dalrymple	To resume the Command of Vellum
24th Novem. 1795	Captn	Poole	Aska
1st December 1795	Captn	Lindsey	Attoor
"	Lieutenant	Arkell	Mellore
8th December 1795	Captn	Campbell	Pondicherry
19th Do	Do Captain	Evans	Hill Fort Sagarow
28th Do	Do Captain	Mc Neile	Ongole
"	Lieutenant	Davison	Tuticorin
12th Jany 1796	Captain	Stuart	Pelamcotta
27th Do	Do Colonel	Braithwaite	Pondicherry

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Date	Rank	Names	To Command
31st Janry 1796	Lieut. Colonel	Geils	To assume the Command at the Mount
"	Major	Fotheringham	Vizagapatam
25th Febry 1796	Lieutenant	Lang	Taggerr and Jaroom
2d March 1796	Major	Campbell	Chinglepet
12th March 1796	Captain	Mc Lean	Samulcottah
"	Lieut. Colonel	Pinsergast	Cuddapelly
26th March 96	Captain	Monson	Negapatam
5th April 1796	Brigr. Genl.	De Meuron	Tripassore
7th June Do.	Brigr. Genl.	De Meuron	Poonamallee
	Lieut. Col.	Trent	Tripassore
25th July 1796	Lieut Col.	Leighton	Troops in Guntoor Circars
14th Septr. Do.	Captain	St Leger	Tachinore
23d September 1796	Captain	Mealy	Chandernaghurry
27th September 1796	Captain	Desse	Timmiricottah
7th October 1796	Captain	Godfrey of Invalids	Pullicat
25th October 1796	Major	Monson	Tanjore
25th Do.	Do.	Major	Conran	Vellum
2d Novr. 1796	Captain	Ogilby	Nameul
8th Do.	Do.	Lieutenant	Fletcher	Berampore
15th November 1796	Captn.	Bannerman	Hyatar
16th November 1796	Lieut. Col.	Brown	Dindigul
26th Novr. Do.	Major Genl.	Doyle	Forces on the Island Ceylon
30th November Do.	Lieutenant	Campbell	Chintapilly
21st December 1796	Captain	Kelsey	Troops stationed at Coringy

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Date	Rank	Names	to Command
24th January 1797	Lieut. Col.	Burr	Condapillie
"	Captain	Stephenson	Rajahmundry
"	Lieutenant	Evans	Ithapore
14th February 1797	Lt Col.	Shaw	Trippasasore
21st February 1797	Colonel	Mc Dowall	Negapatam
25th February 1797	Lt Col.	Champagné	Trincomalé
1st April 1797	Captain	Munro	Salem
21st April 1797	Lt Col.	Vigors	Ongole
25th April Do	Colonel	Sale	Vellore
"	Lt Col.	Torrens	Arnee
"	Colonel	Cuppage	Ganjam District
"	Major Genl	Erskine	Vizagapatam District
"	Major Genl	Erskine	Chicacole
10th May 1797	Captain	Dallas	Mellore
"	Captain	Gepp	Manapar
27th June 1797	Captain	Cuppage	Sankeryroog
11th July 1797	Major	Cuppage	Forces on the Island Ceylon
13th Do	Do	Brig. Genl	Meuron
26th July 1797	Major	Meuron	Trippasore
18th August 1797	Lt Col.	Stuart	Chicacole and Vizagapatam Districts
31st Do	Do	Lt Col	Leighton
18th Do		Lt Col.	St. John
31st Augt 1797		Lt Col.	Roberts
"		Lt Col.	Dalrymple
8th Sept 1797	Lieutenant	Lobero	Invalids
12th Sept 1797	Captn	Goldsworthy	Billumcondah
27th September 1797	Major	Oram	Mellore

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Read the following letter from

Bengal.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at

Fort St George

My Lord

From Bengal enclosing an arrangement received from England for drafting different Kings Regiments and sending home the Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers also for sending the Royal Artillery to the Cape. the latter arrangement and the drafting the 71st Regiment to be carried into immediate Execution

We have the honor to transmit to you a Copy of a letter from his Royal Highness the Duke of York, to the Commander in Chief

2d We have also been informed by the Commander in Chief, that his Majesty has been pleased to order that the Detachment of the Royal Artillery now serving on the Coast, shall be sent to the Cape of Good Hope.

3d The Commander in Chief having stated, that from the present situation of the Royal Artillery, and the 71st Regiment and that of the Regiments into which the Men of the 71st Regt are to be drafted, the arrangement, as far as regards these Corps, might be carried into immediate

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execution, provided that the Artillery, and the 71st Regt. (which when drafted will consist of 34 Officers, and 112 Serjeants, Drummers, Rank and File) can be accommodated on board of the Company's Ships now loading at your Presidency for England; we request should no objection to the measure occur to you that you will issue the necessary orders for this part of the arrangement being carried into execution as suggested by the Commander in Chief, provided the two Corps can be embarked without detaining the Ships longer than may be consistent with their safety

4 We shall hereafter furnish you with our Sentiments, regarding the other Corps at your Presidency to which the arrangement extends.

We have the honor to be

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Fort William
the 26th September 1797

(Signed) J. Shore
" Alured Clarke
" Peter Speke
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant General Clarke

Or Officer Commanding in Chief His Majesty's

Forces in the East Indies

Sir

Since writing my letter to you of the 20th of last month, circumstances have occurred which make it expedient, to make some alteration in the arrangement therein communicated to you, and I have it therefore in Command from His Majesty to acquaint you that instead of the arrangement directed by my said letter of the 20th of February, the following is to be carried into Execution.

The private Men fit for Service of the 36th 52d 71st and 72d Regiments to be draughted as follows Viz.t The 71st to be draughted in equal proportions into the 73d and 74th at Madras, The 76th to proceed from Bengal to Madras, and there receive the Men of the 36th & the 52d to be sent from

Madras

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Madras to the Coast of Malabar and deliver over their Men to the 77th and the 72d to proceed from Madras to Bombay, there to deliver over their Men to the 75th These will then remain in India the following Kings Regiments of Infantry.

The 12th
19th
33d
73d
74th
76th
} At the Presidency of Madras

The 78th
80th
} At Bengal

75th
77th
} At Bombay

The Soldiers draughted, are each to receive from the Corps, they are draughted to, a Bounty of Three Guineas, and previous to their being draughted, they are to be fully accounted with, by the Regiments to which they respectively belong.

The Officers, Non Commissioned Officers Drummers, and Invalids, of the draughted Corps, are to be sent to Europe by the first convenient Opportunity

Jam[s] & (Signed) Frederick Fell.

Horse Guards
15th March 1797

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow Secry to Govt

Resolved

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Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Bengal

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to issue such orders as may be necessary for bringing the Officers Non Commissioned Officers, and Rank and File of His Majesty's 71st Regiment to the Presidency in order to their embarkation.

Ordered that the Commanders of the Ships be apprized of the foregoing resolution, and directed to prepare for receiving the Officers and Men on board.

Read the following letter from Major General Bridges

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

Major General Bridges Reports his Proceedings on the punishment of the Mutinous detail of the 9th Regiment

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that having previously desired Lieutenant Colonel Vigors to have the mutinous detail paraded in such a situation as would leave the Europeans every possible advantage, with an access to prevent suspicions, I came suddenly upon the Corps early this

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This morning, and directed Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Captains Orr and Barkeley to proceed along the Ranks and advance such as they knew to be the Ring Leaders or had to accuse - Two Privates were brought out, and a Drum Head General Court Martial was immediately assembled consisting of European Officers, for the trial of the prisoners. - Shaike Emom was sentenced to suffer Death by being blown from the mouth of a Cannon - I saw sufficient reason to approve, and he was immediately executed in the manner pointed out by the Court - The example was dreadful and Solemn, and such as I am convinced will have a proper effect.

Forty men had deserted the two last nights on their hearing of the approach of the Europeans which I understand was discovered to them by two Sepoys who passed them on the road returning from leave to join their Corps.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St George

My Lord

From Major General Giels inclosing Sick Certificates and requests leave of absence to the Cape or Bombay

Having been lately extremely ill from a violent Liver Attack and apprehensive of encountering the approaching Monsoon Season — I have the honor to request that your Lordship will be pleased to grant me a leave of absence to the Cape or to Bombay, to avoid this and for the Reestablishment of my health.

I have the honor of inclosing the Physician General and Regimental Surgeon's recommendation

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and have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Geils

Cantonments
St Thomas's Mount
6th October 1797

Mount October 6th 1797

Major General Geils having had a very severe and violent attack of a Liver Complaint and being still in an extremely debilitated state it is my firm opinion and advice that he without loss of time proceed to Sea and try a change of Climate for the restoration of his health.

(Signed) Alexr Boiswell
Surgeon 1st Battn Artly.

(Signed) Jamr Anderson
Physician General

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

Sir

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I have to request you will be pleased to make known to His Lordship in Council my anxiety to be permitted to accompany him, on his intended Voyage.

I have the honor also to acquaint you that should this application meet his Lordship's sanction - that I have communicated my intentions to Captain Lieutenant and Adjutant Sr John Sinclair who is willing to officiate as Brigade Major until my Return - which cannot I should hope exceed the term of three months from the date of our embarkation

I have the Honor to be with respect

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St Thomas's Mount
October 7th 1797

&c &c
(Signed) Thomas Geils
M.B. of Artly

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

Sir

As Major General Geils's state of health renders an immediate change of Climate necessary - I have the Honor to request your permission to accompany him to the Cape or Bombay, for the same purpose on my own account - and as the early departure of

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of the Ships will not admit of a Regular application to General Floyd May I take the liberty Sir, to solicit your influence with him in my behalf.

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect &c &c

(Signed) Edward Geils
A DC to Genl Geils

Mount October 7th 1797

Minute thereon

Resolved that Major General Geils be permitted to go to Bombay or to the Cape of Good Hope for the benefit of his health and that his Staff be permitted to attend him.

Read the following letter from the agent for purchasing horses.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Lieutenant Montgomery requests a Credit on the Government of Bombay and an advance of Cash on account of his purchases of Horses also Instructions in to the event of his Engagements for the ensuing Year suggests the purchase of some Mares for the Stud at Delft.

Sir

As the Season is now at hand when the horses I have commissioned from the Northwest of India may be expected to arrive on the Malabar Coast I take the liberty of calling upon Government for a supply of Cash to pay for them.

It

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It is absolutely necessary that I should be enabled to draw upon Bombay for a part of the Sum required and should his Lordship not judge it expedient to give me a credit as before on the Government of that Presidency, I can at this moment procure good bills at a favorable exchange for ready Cash, and by that means lodge a sufficient Sum there to answer my purpose. Mysore Pagodas, and Surat Rupees, the current Coins on that Coast, are likewise now to be procured on reasonable terms.

I have therefore to request an advance of fifteen thousand Pagodas, and in case I cannot have a Credit on Bombay at least as much more for the above mentioned purpose, what further Sum I shall require, I have no doubt of procuring as formerly on that Coast for my Bills on the Military Paymaster General.

Should it be the intention of Government to extend the experiment of breeding horses in their own territories under the superintendance of Major Barbut, further than from the few Mares taken from the Dutch, it would appear

to

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to me to be giving it a fair chance of success to supply him with a number of large bony Mares from the Cutch and Kattywar Countries.

These are easily procurable, and with the horses for the remount next Season, it would be advantageous for the Service, to over at this moment, when I shall have an opportunity of seeing the dealers together, and personally explaining to them the sort of Cattle that would answer.

General Floyd calculates the Casualties in the Cavalry in time of peace, at 10 ℔r. Cent, if then he be considered right, upwards of three hundred horses annually will be wanted to keep the Establishment complete.

I have the honor to be

℔r. ℔r.

(Signed) H. C. Montgomery

agent for horses

Madras
2d October 1797

Minute thereon

Ordered that an advance of Pagodas 15,000 be made to Lieutenant Montgomery on account of the Agency, and that he be furnished with a letter of Credit upon the Governor in Council at Bombay for such farther Sums as he may require

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require at that Presidency

Considering the efficient manner in which the Cavalry is mounted the number of Supernumerary horses belonging to each corps, and the late discharge of unserviceable Men, Resolved that one hundred horses is a sufficient remount for the next Year, and that the Agent be ordered to confine his purchases to that number.

From the favorable report which has been made of the Stud at Delft the Board are of opinion that it should be increased to a more usefull extent; Resolved therefore that the Agent be directed to purchase fifty strong bony mares not under fourteen hands two inches high upon the most reasonable terms.

Read the following letter from

Mr George Wynch.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

When I requested Colonel Cuppage to put Lieutenant Colonel Oliver in arrest On the 27th

From Mr George Wynch states his Motives for preferring charges against Lieut.t Col. Oliver Some of the Evidences and papers before required are now unnecessary

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27th of June 1796 I was influenced by that which I conceived the fixed duty of every individual a desire to Guard the Rights of those who had been committed to my charge from oppression, these motives no longer exist - Lieutenant Colonel Oliver having been removed from the Dindigul District nevertheless called on by Government in your letters of the 26th and 29th of September to support the charges I had advanced against that Officer I conceived myself bound in honor so to do.

By your letter of the 8th Instant (covering 3 Specific charges on which the Right Honorable the President in Council has resolved to bring Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to Trial) I consider myself no longer in the Light of a Prosecutor, yet in obedience to the orders of Government I have revised the List of Evidence and original papers which accompanied my letter of the 2d Instant: The attendance of Lieutenants Smith and Evans becomes unnecessary - Vedu Iyen has returned to Seringapatam and Pona Cootty Tomby I believe is insane - The Military correspondence and 3 Original Letters

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Letters for March 1796 are now unnecessary.

Other evidence than those given in may be necessary in support of the 2d Charge as now Worded.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Haynes

10th October 1797

St Thomé'

List of Evidence

Colonel Cuppage
Lieutenant Dod
Lieutenant Evans
Lieutenant Seton
Lieutenant Harry Smith
Mr James Dalton Assistant Surgeon
Vallaiva Naigue late Polygar of Pyjmey
Aminta Chitty
Kistnama Chitty
Tevovangoody
Seenevausiah
Rungadah Naick
Nautam Chocam Chitty
Looma Soondrum

} In the Dindigul District

Choakam

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Choaham Chitty
Commarsawmy Chitty
Gopanhah Vakeel at Choahanpetty
Pana Cootty Tomby
Veneata Iyen
Moodie Moodely
Sungra Moorty
Sandaboy
Sawmy Chitty
Soobaroy Chitty
Shunmogum Pelly
Ram Reddy
Doada Boyen
Naugoor Rahouttum
Pana Mura Rahouttum
Ismail Rahouttum
Mahomed Lavy
Chedumbrum Moodely
Maureyapen Shewegar
Ramponaudom
Caunumaul
Samputty Pilly
Iyah Cootty
Condapilly
Vow Iyen
Iyah Moodely

} In the Dindigul District

Shake.

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Shake mura Rahumttum
Gopia Naigues Vakeel
Chocalingum Moodely
Poonapilly Roysum
Pylney Andy Pilly
Pylney Mally Pilly

} In the Dindigul District

List of Papers Required

Military Correspondence

For January, February, October and December 1795.
For January February & March 1796

} These papers are in the Revenue Office

Original Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver under Date

30th January
13 } February
18 }
9th }
15th } October
19th
22 } December
24th }

} 1795

28th January
9th }
19th } February
7th
30th } March
31st }

Cadjans

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Cadjans from Vellaida Naigue to Mr Wynch

25th January
15th February
25th September
7th October
} 1795

From Pagoody Vakeel 11th December 1795

From Poligar of Pagoody to Rungiew & Pylney Mala Pilly - Received 12th December 1795. Declaration of Videe Iyen 16th February 1795

Counterpart of Mortgage & Bond dated the 1st June 1795 Received the 27th of January 1796

Declaration of Anundarow dated the 25th January 1796

Declarations of Sanaputty Pilly and Chocalingam Moodr Received the 30th of December 1795

The above delivered to Mr Harrington by order of Government under date the 8th of June 1796.

Letters from Mr Wrangham to Colonel Cuppage and Captain Oliver, these form a part of a Bound Book delivered by Mr Wrangham to me and redelivered by me to Mr Harrington.

Two Cadjans from Vellaida naigue to Mr Wrangham respecting the delivery of Teeroovanyooby, the originals given in to Mr Hurdis On the 10th of November 1796

Two letters from Captain James Oliver to Vasjeo.

Davy

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Davy Pilly under date the 19th of April and 26th of May 1795
Originals delivered to Mr Secretary Webbe on the 20th of
June 1797 by order of Government under date the 3d of
June 1797.

(Signed) George Wynch

St Thome'
2d October 1797

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Acting Collector at
Dindigul be directed to send the Witnesses mentioned
by Mr Wynch to Trichinopoly.

Read the following letters from the
Military Auditor General

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of
Fort St George.

My Lord

Auditor General's report on the additional Estimates of the Presidency and Arnee Paymasters

I have the honor to report as follows
upon the additional Estimates which accompanied
Mr Secretary Webbes letter of the 7th Instant.

The additional Estimate of the
Military Paymaster at the Presidency, Amounting
to

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to thirteen thousand, three hundred and Sixty nine Pagodas twelve fanams and forty four Cash (Pagodas 13,369.. 12.. 44../) is required to discharge Bills of the Agent to the Contractors for Gun Carriages, for Water Casks &c supplied to the Garrison Storekeeper by Mr Cochrane and for 89 Candies of Flour — as delivered by Mr Lloyd, the Bills for which were passed in my Office agreeably to the orders of Government signified on the face thereof.

Mr Paymaster Skardon's additional Estimate for the Current Month, Amounting to five thousand four hundred and Ninety five Pagodas (Pags 5495-.. ../) is admissible, being required for the payment of the Pioneers lately ordered from the Presidency to Arnee, for the subsistence of families of Men on foreign Service, and an advance of Cash equal to Six hundred and Seventy Nine Pagodas directed in Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 27th June last, to be made to Captain Lieutenant Wood on account of Repairs at Amboor, which has not been included in any of the preceding Months Estimates

The Amount of both those Additional Estimates are payable from the Treasury at

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at the Presidency

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
9th October 1797

I have the honor to be with the
greatest Respect
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Lodenham
Mily Auds Genl

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of
Fort St George

My Lord

From Military Auditor General reports on the additional Estimates of Cash required by the Paymasters at Palamcotah

The additional Estimate of Cash which I had the honor to receive with Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of Yesterdays date, amounting to two thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Pagodas, three Fanams and Nine Cash (Pags 2860.3.9.) is admissible and payable from the Subordinate Treasury, at Palamcotah by Bills drawn on the Military Paymaster General, the foregoing Sum being required for the payment of the Troops at that Station and its Dependencies for the Current Month, as the Estimate from the Palamcotah Pay Office had not been included in the General Estimate on which I had the honor to report the

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the 28th. Ultimo.

I have the Honor to be
with the Greatest Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Auditor Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
10th October 1797

Ordered that the Sum of Eighteen thousand

Advance of Cash ordered from the treasury to the Military Paymaster General.

eight hundred and sixty four Pagodas, twelve fanams and forty four Cash / Pags. 18,864 12 44 / be advanced from the treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimates which accompanied his letters of the 6th. and 7th. Instant

Read the following letter from Poonah and Hyderabad.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah reporting the Seventies exercised by Baugy Row Scindia towards some principal Servants of Nanna Furnavese and the grounds on which they are justified for the confinement of the Peshwahs former Minister against Bombay / Ramchunder Jenovey and M. Allemonde in Scindia's Camp. Govind Pundit a Vakeel from Tanjore arrives at Poonah. Hasse Row receives from his pecuniary Stipulations with Scindia. Surmise on the reported Intentions of Nanna Furnavese & against Poonah of forming an immediate connexion with Tippoo.

My Lord

I have the Honor to enclose for your Lordship's information, Copy of my address of this Date to the Governor General,

and to be very respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) Duhthoff

Poona
23d. September 1797

To

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart
Governor General
Fort William

Honorable Sir

1st The affairs of this Quarter appear to be in a still more distracted state than ever. The attack on Mulhar Row Holkar is generally execrated here and seems at least to have shaken Baagy Rows confidence in Dowlut Row Scindia. It has also irritated the Mankurries against Dowlut Row and together with a dispute between the latter and Mallogee Raja has united the Mankurries and there is an appearance of their joining with Nanna against the Scindian Party. Baagy Row and Dowlut Row have of late treated three of Nanna's principal adherents Dada Gujra, Abba Selokur, and Doondo Punsit with some Harshness and threaten to mulct them heavily on the following grounds. Dada Gujra, from whose house the ball was fired into the Peshwa's palace, the Bramin who fired it being confined in Irons - Abba Selokur, Nanna's Agent in the Seventies lately shewn toward Pursaram Punt Prittinidee, and his Dewan Ballajee

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Ballajee Pundit - Doondo Pundit, the Killadar of the hill
Fort of Loghur in whose Camp, some of the Peshwa's
property was discovered, which had been forcibly taken
by a party of Robbers, on its way from the Palace to a
Garden in the neighbourhood where the Peshwa was
going to spend the day, the reinstatement of Balloo Tanka
in the Scindian Ministry is rumoured to be in agitation,
and Nanna and his adherents are said to have made
preparations for proceeding to Royghurr or Loghurr
two Strong hill Forts in Nanna's possession. Robberies
and other excesses are daily committed in Poonah.

2d Ramchunder Sinovee, who holds the
office of Peshwas Agent at Bombay which he has
hitherto conducted by Deputy as mentioned in my
letter to Sir Charles Malet of the 26th June last
was seized in Poona a few days ago, and is now
confined in Irons in Sindias Camp. Dam not at present
accurately informed of the particulars of this affair
but understand that it originates in some connexion
formed between Ramchunder & a Mr. Allemand one
of the Officers of Perron's Brigade, who it would appear
was in quest, through Ramchunder's means of some
employment more eligible than his present Service

Mr

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Mr Allemond also is in confinement. There are rumours that Mr Allemond and Ram Chunder had some plot in agitation of a nature very inimical to Dowlut Row, which derives some corroboration from the Treatment toward them having been so severe and the intriguing Character of Ram Chunder who has been of late devoted to Nanna.

3d I understand that a Vakeel from the Rajah of Tanjore, named Govin Pundit, arrived here a few days ago, and that he has had one interview with Nanna.

4th It is confidently said that the late engagements between the Sindian and Holkar durbars stipulate a payment in ready money to the former of about six Lacks of Rupees, together with the Cession of one or two pergunnahs and the cancelment of a bond for sixty (60) lacks of Rupees, which amount was advanced to the late Mhadjee Sindia some years ago by Aeabyhe, the dowager head of the Holkar family, who has now been dead about two years. A deputation from Dowlut Row is now in the Camp of Kajee Row, urging the performance of

of these stipulations which it is said Haafse Row is endeavouring to evade on the Plea that the violence committed against Malhar Row was a material Deviation from the Engagements on the part of Dowlut Row. Most of the plunder of Malhar Row's Camp in the Camp of Dowlut Row, who has not scrupled to seize from his own people, some of the most valuable articles and to appropriate them to his own use.

5th It seems proper that I should report to you, Honorable Sir, that Intelligence has reached me, said to come from a quarter of authority in the Scindian Durbar that Nanna and Azim Ul Omrah have it in agitation to form a connexion with Tippoo Sultaun inimical to us Iam not without suspecion that this communication may have been made to me, without any foundation, merely with a self interested view of extorting a present, or for the insidious purpose of irritating us against Nanna and Azim Ul Omrah who are supposed to be acting in concert with Ragojee Bhonsla against the Scindian Party. There seems reason to think that neither Nanna nor Azim

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Azim ul Omrah have sufficient confidence in Tippoo to connect themselves with him unprovoked by us — while however favorably disposed toward him and unfavorably toward us they may be, the domestic affairs of the States of which they are the prime Ministers seem, under present circumstances, to require the whole of their attention and Resources.

I this instant learn that two — messengers arrived here this morning from — Seringapattam which they left twenty one days ago when, they say, Tippoo was in the fort, and that nothing material had of late occurred in that Quarter.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Boona
23d September 1797

True Copy

(Signed) J Uhthoff

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

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad relative to a Hawildar in Raymend's Service named Condapah employed in raising recruits at Angole.

Sir

I herewith inclose for the information of

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Extract of a note received from a Secret† Agent of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Major Kirkpatrick.

Hyderabad
the 30th September 1797

Sam.l &c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Kirkpatrick
Asst.t

† Vide Diary to Secret Consult.: 10th October

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

Sir

I beg leave to enclose you herewith for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Translate of the Intelligence from Goote referred to in my letter of yesterday's date and

From the Assistant Resident at Hyrrabad with Intelligence from Goote & Seringapatam particularly as to the recall of the whole of Syed Ghuffaur's Detachment from the former Station.

to be.

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. H. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
3d October 1797

Translate of Intelligence from Goote, received by a pair of Kirkarraks belonging to Captain Kirkpatrick, who left it on the 25th September and arrived at Hyderabad the 2d October 1797. On the 22d Rubbeeul wuk 14th

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(14th September) Syed Ghuffaar received orders from the Sultaun directing him to repair to the Presence — without delay with the whole of his Cavalry. The Syed was accordingly on the point of marching with the Cavalry only, when he received another order on the 18th September from the Sultaun summoning him, and his whole Force to the Capital. Accordingly on the 21st September the Syed made a march of four Cos from Goote in the direction of Seringapatam. It is reported that Budder ud dien Khan on the arrival of the Army at Pungoondah is to be detached from thence with 500 Horse to Koompully. — This sudden recall of the Goote Army is ascribed to the arrival of four French Officers at Seringapatam from Mangalore who brought accounts it is said of the arrival of a considerable French Force at that Port, upon which the Sultaun summoned a Council of his principal Omrahs at which it was determined after a long debate to come to an immediate Rupture with the English.

Conformably to the resolution taken at this Grand Council Troops are pouring in fast it is said / from all quarters to Seringapatam, and a large encampment is forming at the mootee + Tallow

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Fallow - Immediately after the Dussarah the Sultaun it is said will take the Field and in conjunction with the French invade the Carnatic.

Bullyahby, and the Rajah of Koorgh in conjunction make frequent predatory incursions into the Dominions of Tippoo, who has in consequence detached four thousand Infantry for the purpose of chastizing them.

A true Translate

(Signed) D. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute.

Commander in Chief's Minute
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Minute of the Commander in Chief submitting to the consideration of Government two Queries, relative to the Dates from which Officers are to reckon their 25 Years Service - and the period at which they may consider themselves at liberty to retire on the pay of the Ranks to which they may have attained.

The Commander in Chief finding that certain points in which the Officers of the Company's Army under his Command are seriously interested are not specified in the late Regulations and as he conceives it is of importance they should be clearly understood. He is induced to state them to the Board for their decision or eventually for that

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that of the Honorable Court of Directors after simply stating the points in doubt he will offer such reasoning as occurs to him on the Subject

1st As Officers are allowed to retire after 25 Years service, at what particular period is such Term to be reckoned from and

2ndly As it is allowed to include one furlough of three Years in the said Term is it permitted to Officers after a Service of 22 Years successively in India, to return to Europe on a furlough of 3 Years, and at the expiration thereof, that is, at the expiration of 25 Years Service to retire on the pay of their Rank.

In regard to the 1st. point, it may be Observed, that the Subaltern Officers who have been made Captains by Brevet after 15 Years Service have been allowed to reckon the commencement of this Service, if originally Cadets of home appointment from the middle of the Year in which they were appointed Cadets in England and if appointed in the Country, from the middle of the Year in which they were appointed either Cadets, Ensigns, Lieutenant Fireworkers, or Cornets upon the Establishment

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This rule it is presumed may be deemed the most Convenient that can be adopted, for the purpose of fixing the Commencement of Service in regard to all Ranks for if notwithstanding the precedent which has been thus established the term of 25 years be made to commence from the time of Arrival of Individuals in India a tedious passage out, would to many Officers, be attended with serious disadvantage, in addition to those inconveniencies which such a passage necessarily gives rise to- besides determining by such a mode would have relatively an operation too favorable to the Country appointments which have always been held as Secondary to those from home - and should the Commencement be fixed from the first Commission held by the Individual, the rule would be still more exceptionable as many Cadets have served as such in this Country, for nearly two years before they succeeded to a Commission.—

As the Question applies only to the Cadets from home The Officers appointed in the Country having a right to reckon at all events

events from the dates of their Appointments to the Service the former as a Medium rule might be allowed to count from the middle of the year in which they left England. — But this mode of adjustment also would allow too much in favor of the Country Appointments, so that the rule adopted for the Captains by Brevet appears in every point of view, to be the most eligible.

In regard to the Second point in Question, it may be remarked, that as a furlough of 3 Years is allowed without limitation in the term of 25 Years Service the particular stage of the term at which the furlough takes place may in equity be considered as of little consequence so that the Question itself would have scarcely occurred were it not that by a part of the regulations from home, it is laid down as a Rule that an Officer on furlough if wishing to retire from the Service shall make a declaration to that effect within twelve Months after his arrival in England, on pain of being obliged to return to India at the expiration of his furlough or being held to have relinquished the Service without being

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being entitled to retire on the Pay of his Rank. As this Regulation however applies to those Officers only who are entitled to retire from length of Service, the Situation of those Absentees who are not required to make the declaration alluded to from want of qualifi=cation to retire but whose Service of 25 Years expires with their furlough, is left unprovided for.

To determine whether such absentees are to be considered as subject to the above declaration at the period fixed and are permitted to retire on the pay of their Rank at the expiration of their furlough as well as to adjust the point first stated the Decision of Government is now requested as by obtaining it at this period information will be afforded of infinite consequence to many meritorious Officers of long standing on this Establishment.

(Signed) Geo: Harris

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Ordered That the Commander in
Minute thereon Chief inquire be pointed out to the Board
of the Court of Directors by the present
Dispatch and that their decision be requested
upon the doubts which he has suggested -

Voted by
Gen: Harris
Con: Saunders
&
Col: Wallace

Approved
Gbhachey.