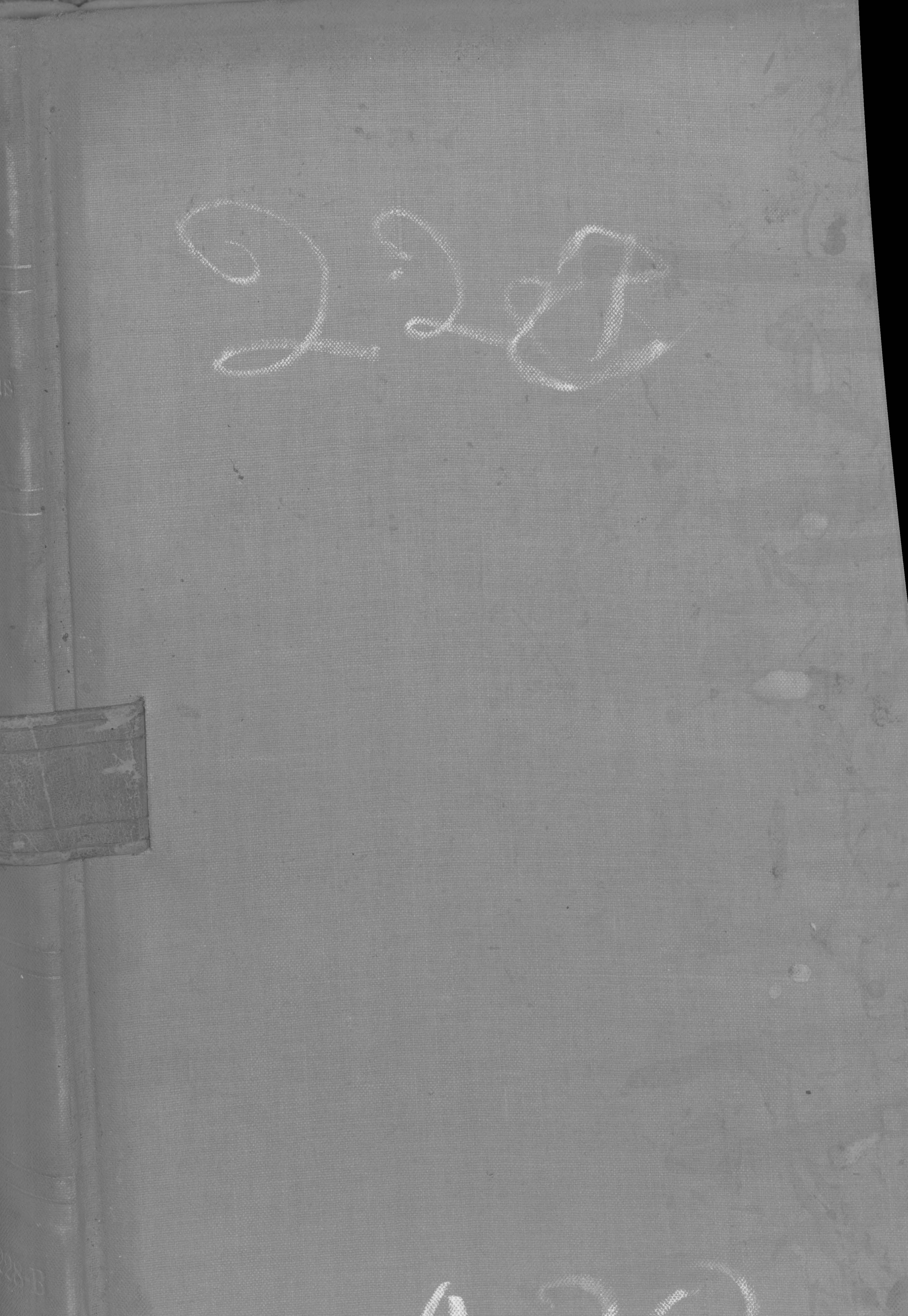

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From the Officer commanding at Nairpilly relative to the characters and occupation of the two French men whom he has been instructed to put under restraint.

Sir.

I have received from Captain Brazley a letter addressed to him by you bearing date the 30th September last which by the Post-mark appears not to have been dispatched till the 2nd October, and to account for its farther delay in reaching me it is necessary I should inform you that Nairpilly is many miles distant from the Passpaud Route, and that no Peons are allowed to keep up the communication with the Head Quarters of the District nor with Ongole.

I have executed the orders of Government contained therein by putting under restraint the two Somebrmen Inhabitants of Nairpilly:- The following description of each given to me by themselves this morning by my desire. I have transcribed literally that I might not risque the injuring of them by an erroneous translation.

"Le Sieur habitant de Nairpilly depuis 5 ans; correspondant de Mr. Raymond depuis 3 ans pour

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"pour recevoir ici les divers effets qu'on lui adresse
"de Madras et Pondicherry avec lagrement et un
"Passeport du Gouvernement anglais. La correspondance
"n'a jamais eu rien de particulier avec la politique
"de l'Inde; et n'a jamais rien envoyé a Hyderabad
"qu'avec un permis de Monsieur le Resident
"anglais au dit lieu. — Augustin Bouvard. —
"ancien employé de la Compagnie des Indes de France
"venu ici avec la permission du Lord Hobart en —
"aout 1796 pour y faire le commerce des Mouchoirs. —

They deplore in the most affecting
manner their misfortune in having fallen under
the displeasure of Government, and represent to me
what I am not slow to believe, that absolute ruin
to themselves and injury to their employers must be
the consequence of their being sent to Madras. —

Limpurier is the person of most consequence
from his long residence at this place and intercourse
with the inhabitants, who are stimulated to industry
by

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by the sums which he receives from Madras and distributes amongst them for the purpose of making up coloured handkerchiefs and other articles of trade. He deals likewise in wine and spirits with which he has been in the habit of furnishing Raymond at different times, but he has declared to me in the most solemn manner that he will not in future have any Correspondence with him, nor send the most trifling article to Hyderabad without permission, should he be allowed to remain here. Mons.r Bouvard has much the appearance of a man who has seen better days. his dealings are now confined than Lemperieurs and he totally disclaims all acquaintance and Correspondence with Raymond. —

Upon the whole they appear to be very useful and inoffensive men not possessed of influence enough, if they had the inclination to do any thing to the prejudice of the British Government. My situation here is well calculated to watch over their motions. for both their houses adjoin the one I live in

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For which I pay a monthly rent to Mons.r Lemprieur as the Marquee allowed me from the public Stores is in so tattered a condition as to be very inadequate to shelter me from the weather. —

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Sheppard
Capt.n 2.d Bn. 11.th Regiment

Nairpilly
7.th October 1797.

Minute thereon —

In consideration of the circumstances explained in the foregoing Letter the Board consent that Mess.rs Lemprieur and Bouvard remain at Nairpilly: but it is considered necessary that Captain Sheppard keep a watchful eye over their conduct. —

Read the following letter from the Navy agent Victualler, also his Letter dated the 11.th Ultimo. —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Navy Agent Victualler requesting leave to land a quantity of Batavia arrack from the Snow John and Joseph for the use of the Navy on payment of the established duty of 5%. —

Agreeable to the permission granted &
me by your Lordship by Letter from Mr. Secretary &
Jackson dated 9th September last to import Batavia
arrack for the use of the Officers and Seamen belonging
to His Majesty's Navy - I am to request that an order
may be sent to the Sea Customer to permit Two &
Hundred and Seven whole and one Hundred and
Twenty Half Leagers of Batavia Arrack to be landed
for exportation from the Snow John and Joseph —
Captain Matthew Clarke Commanding. for which
I am ready to pay five p.r Cent duty. the drawback
to be repaid me when exported as usual. —

I now

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I now enclose my engagement with Security, that the said Batavia Arrack shall be kept for the sole use of the Officers and Seamen of His Majesty's Navy under a penalty of Thirty Star Pagodas for every Hundred and Fifty Gallons that may be sold by me to any Person or Persons in Madras directly or indirectly.

I have the honor to be

Hon. Hon.

Signed Basil Cochrane

Fort St. George
4th October 1797.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Batavia Arrack represented in the foregoing Letter to have been imported for the use of His Majesty's Squadron be allowed to pass the Custom on payment of the former Duty of 5%.

Read the following Letter from the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Colombo.

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To I Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo recommending that the Paddy collected at Rammad for the use of the Troops at Columbo be beat into Rice previous to its being shipped - makes a further purchase of Rice for the use of the Cinnamon Peelers on the Requisition of the Commercial Resident -

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a letter from Mr Jackson advising of his having received instructions from Government to transport from Rammad three hundred Garce of Paddy for the use of this Settlement -

I think it necessary to state to you for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council that from the great difficulty which has ever been experienced in procuring Coolies. I am apprehensive it will not be in my power to get to get so large a quantity of Paddy beat into Rice. I therefore take the liberty of recommending that

orders

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orders should be sent to Mr Jackson to transport
Rice instead of Paddy. –

It will be more advantageous to the
Company to send Rice, as half the expence of
freight will be saved, and the expence of Cooly-
hire for beating the Paddy will not be near so great
upon the Coast as it would be, if the labor was to
be performed here. –

I have received your letter of the 6th. –
and have in consequence purchased another months
Rice for the Consumption of the Garrison. I have
within these few days received an Indent from
the Commercial Resident for forty two Garce of
Rice for the use of the Cinnamon Peelers. To
enable me to comply with it I shall be under
the necessity of making a further purchase

of

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of Rice which I beg leave to assure you shall be done with every attention in my part to the Interest of my Employers —

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sirs

Your most

Signed Edward Atkinson

Commissy. of Grain and Provisions

Columbo

30th September 1797.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Grain to be furnished from Rammad for the use of the Troops at Columbo be beat into Rice previous to its exportation. —

The Board approve Mr. Atkinson's additional purchase of Rice, and in consideration of the disappointment which the Board have experienced in regard to the expected arrival of the Supplies sent to the Eastward previous to the setting in of the Monsoon, it is agreed to authorize Mr. Atkinson to purchase as much Rice as may be necessary for the use of the Troops and the Commercial Residents Servants until he can receive the Supply ordered from Rammad. —

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Captain Lieut.t
J.G. Scott appointed
to the charge of the
Arsenal and Laboratory
with a Salary of
200 Pags. P.r Month.

The President Proposes that —
Captain James George Scott the Commissary at
present attached to this Station, be appointed
to the Charge of the Arsenal and Laboratory of
Fort St. George with a Salary of Two hundred
Pagodas P Month. —

Approved and ordered Accordingly

Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Con.l Saunders

" A. Wallace

D.r Sir H.d
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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis Nos 101. 102. 103 104 105. —

From the Commandant at Nanepara

From Captain Cepps advising of his having detached a Havildar and twelve Sepoys for the protection of the Younger Luckea Naig on the requisition of the Collector Mr Jackson.

From Captain Godfrey requesting

From Sitts at Palicat

permission to visit the Presidency for a few days.

From Captain D Mackenzie —

From the Quarter Mr of the 71st Regiment

enclosing a Role of Puckalies attached to the 71st Regiment who claim shares in the Second Mysore Donation

From Lieut B Foster requesting

From Lieutenant B Foster

an advance of thirty five Pagodas to enable him to join the Corps to which he stands appointed.

From Lieut Colonel Read recommending

From the Officer Commanding the Ceded Districts —

that a Mr Order may be directed to afford Medical Assistance to the Detachment of Pioneers serving in the Barramaul under Lieut Brown.

22 Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis Nos 106. 107. 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113. 114, 115, 116 117, 118. 119, 120, 121, 122, 123. 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130. —

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To the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment at Chemundalum -

To the Commandant at Chemundalum desiring him to detach a Havildars Guard to join an escort proceeding from Trichinopoly to the Presidency instructing the Havildar to place himself under the orders of Captain Keay or officer Commanding the escort.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck - desiring that the Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar may be authorized to purchase a Cash-Chest for the use of his Employ -

To the Collector at Ramnad.

To Mr Jackson desiring that the three hundred Garce of Paddy ordered to be Collected at Ramnad for the use of the Garrison of Columbo may be kept into Rice previous to it's being shipped

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo.

To Mr I Hanson - desiring him of the Instructions sent to Mr Jackson - and authorizing him to provide such further supplies of Rice as may be necessary for his own and the Commercial Residents Department until he may receive the Grain from Ramnad. -

To the Resident and Superintendant on Ceylon -

To Mr R Andrews - informing him that Mr Rosenhagen's allowances will be passed in the Military Accounts.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow - inclosing Copies

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Copies of Letters from this Government to the Court of Directors in the Military Political and Secret Departments of King George

To Major General Sydenham —

enclosing Copy of the regulations established by Government on the 3d Instant 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.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Captain Doherty informing

him that he will agreeably to the regulations of the Service, be permitted to draw full Batta up to the day of his arrival on the Coast and from the day of his embarkation to join his Corps.—

To Captain Doherty of his Majesty's 19th Regiment

To Mr H. C. Jackson desiring him

to furnish a Statement of the whole of the expences incurred on account of the Bullocks and Sheep provided by him for the Garrison of Trincomale

To the Collector at Ramnad—

To Major Fergusson commuincating

the Boards resolution to grant a Gratuity of 30 Pagodas to the Sepoys employed on the Barrack built under his directions at Trichinopoly

To Major Fergusson Commanding 1 Battalion 1st Regiment

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To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Hyderabad and Poona

To Mr Secretary Barlow. Mr Webbe and Captain Kirkpatrick - forwarding Mysore Intelligence.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.

To Major General Floyd - desiring that the Hookabudar now in confinement for murder may be delivered over to the Nabob's authority for Trial - and that the 22 Cast Horses may be made over to the Paymaster in order to their being sold - approving his reasons for postponing the repair of the Sepoy Barracks at Pattoor, and authorizing the repair of the Gram Godown of the 19th Dragoons -

To the Commandant at Pondicherry.

To Major General Braithwaite - advising him of Captain Law's appointment as French Translator with the usual allowance of 15 Pagodas p Month.

To Lieut-Colonel Fraser -

To Lieut Colonel Fraser informing him that he will be allowed to draw one hundred Pagodas p Month for Table Money for the period that he held the Command of Trincomale -

To the Sea Customer

To the Sea Customer desiring that a duty of 5 % only may be charged on the undermentioned Batavia Arrack imported by Mr Cochrane

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Cochrane for the use of the Navy.

Vizt 207 whole & 120 half Leaguers on the John & Joseph

100 Leaguers on the Count Bernstorff

and 22 Do ——— Elja

To Captain Lieut Scott notifying his

To Captain Lieut J.G. Scott of the artillery.

appointment to the charge of the Laboratory at the Presidency with a Salary of two hundred Pagodas pr Month

To Lieut Goldsworthy — enclosing the Statement

To the late Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the Manilla Expedition

of the Pay which Government have agreed to allow himself and the Servants engaged by him for the Expedition

To Lieut Colonel Brown authorizing

To the Commandant at Dindigul

the execution of the repairs required to the Sepoy — Barracks &c at an expence not exceeding Pag 93. 25 - 65/4

To Do. Do at Nacapilly

To Captain Sheppard — desiring him to allow Messrs Limperiur and Barnard to remain at Nacapilly, keeping a watchful eye over their Conduct. —

To the Military Board

To the Military Board — desiring them to report very fully upon the causes which have — produced the necessity of incurring the extra expences at Arnee — authorizing the charge for measuring Grain at Palamcotah, and directing that the Indents of the Officiating Resident at Hydrabad on the Stores —

at

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at Masulipatam may be complied with—

To the Commandant at Trincomale

To Colonel Champagne enclosing & recommending to his attention an Extract of a report of the Military Board on the Subject of victualling the Troops at Trincomalle

To the Paymaster at Trichinopoly

To Mr Hawkins desiring him to dispose of twenty two Cast Horses by public outcry.

To the Medical Board

To the Medical Board desiring that they will furnish the Accountants General with — quarterly Statements shewing the value of the — Medical Stores and instruments as well at the Presidency as at the outstations.

To the late Principal Agent for Cavalry supplies

To Mr Hardow authorizing the charge made by Captain Blaquiere of two Pagodas p Month on account of a godown for the Bullock bags under his charge.

To the Officer Commanding at Vizagapatam

To Lieut Colonel Nuat desiring him to confer with Major General Bridges relative to any augmentation that he may consider necessary to the force at present under his command declining acquiescence in his application for an Establishment of Bearers and the Tent allowances of his rank — and desiring him to furnish an estimate of the expence

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Copies of repairing the Commandants Quarter at Chicacole

Sent the following Letters

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

Fort William

To Bengal - the 71st Regt and detail of Royal Artillery remaining on the Coast - embarked for England and the Cape - the 72d & 52d Regts will be sent to the Malabar Coast agreeably to their desire.

Honble Sir

We have had the honor to receive your letters of the 26 and 29 Ultimo.

In compliance with the directions contained in the first letter, orders were issued for the embarkation of the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Invalides of his Majesty's 71st Regiment and of such part of the Royal Artillery, as had not sailed with the first division of the late Armament to Penang; and we have the Satisfaction of informing you that the whole was completed without any detention of the Ships on that account.

Previous to the receipt of your last letter we had in consequence of a Communication from the Commander in Chief on the Coast, written to the Governor in Council at Bengal upon the subject of sending thither his Majesty's 72d Regiment and we shall avail ourselves of the earliest sea - conveyance

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conveyance that may offer for transporting to the Malabar coast that and the 52d Regiments — according to your instructions

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We have the honor to be
Honble Sir, Your
Most obedient
Humble Servants
Signed Hobart
W Comwell

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the forces on Ceylon
at Columbo.

To Brigadier General De Meuron relative to the Establishment of artificers allotted to the Engineer at Columbo — a supply of cash sent on the Canyfort particular attention to be paid to the proportionate Issues of Copper and of Gold in payments to the Troops. —

Sir,

Having referred the application of the Engineer at Columbo for an increase of his establishment to the consideration of the Military Board. the Right Honorable the Presidents in Council directs me to transmit the enclosed extract from their report for your information and guidance.

I am directed also to inform you that a consignment of treasure for the use of the Garrison at Columbo has been sent on his Majestys Ship Canyfort: and the President in Council having reason to be satisfied (that the inconveniences which have heretofore been attributed to the cause of exchange in the Islands of

of Ceylon, did arise in a great measure from the inattention of the paymasters to the orders sent him for issuing proportionate quantities of copper and of Gold at the same time, takes this occasion to desire that you will cause this economy to be observed by Mr. McDonald in order that the issue of the public money may be so regulated as to diminish as much as possible the necessity of sending Gold and Silver from the Coast — The President in Council is satisfied that a very great indifference to the Company's Interest has been manifested upon this subject, and he confidently expects that I will receive your most particular attention in the manner that may appear to you most likely to prevent an evil of so serious a Magnitude.

He desires that regular Monthly returns may be made of the Copper paid into the Treasury by the Superintendant of Revenue as the Exchange between that Article and Gold and Silver is settled upon a very liberal footing he is persuaded that nothing can be wanting — but a just feeling for the interests of the — British

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British Government to remedy an increasing evil
without any real injury to Individuals

Fort St. George
21st October 1797

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) George Barry Sub Secy

To Mr John Wrangham
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

To Mr Collector Wrangham
- the Style of his late
correspondence with the
officiating Resident at
Hyderabad highly dis-
approved, as well as his
confinement of the Nizam's
Servant - order for re
delivering over charge
of the General Treasury
to the Paymaster Mr
Gordon -

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honble the President in Council having received from the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad a copy of the correspondence between himself and you upon the Subject of an advance of 500 Pags to the Nizam's agent, highly disapproves the Style of your letter as being no less improper than your conduct was reprehensible in placing a sezawul over his Highness's agent for the recovery of money irregularly advanced.-

You will as soon after the receipt of this letter as possible make over to Mr Wm Gordon the Paymaster at Masulipatam all charge of the public treasury, and confine

yourself

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22. yourself intirely to the duties of your Collection. —

I am,

Sir, &c &c

(signed) George Parry Substitg

Fort St George

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To Mr William Gordon

Paymaster at Masulipatam

Sir.

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam — with orders for receiving — charge of the General Treasury from Mr Wrangham — and for conducting the Correspondence with the Hydrabad Residency in regard to the Nizams Peishcush —

Having found it necessary to keep a — General Treasury at Masulipatam for the purpose chiefly of paying the Peishcush of his highness the Nizam, the Right Honble the President in Council has hitherto deemed it advisable to place it under charge of the Collector at Masulipatam — upon — further consideration however his Lordship judges it more expedient that the charge of the Money should be with the paymaster; and orders have in consequence been transmitted to Mr Wrangham for transferring the General treasury to you,

You will at the same time — receive from that Gentleman all accounts and — papers belonging to this Separate Department which, as soon as it shall have been done, you will report for the information of the President in

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in Council.

It will in future be your duty to correspond with the Resident at Hydrabad upon the Subject of the Nizam's Peishcush, and with Government upon the appropriation of the Money which will be occasionally lodged in the General Treasury.

The accounts of this department are to be kept distinct from your Military Pay office and transmitted direct to the Accountant General at the Presidency, who will furnish you with occasional instructions for your guidance.

Fort St George
21st October 1797.

I am
Sir, Your
(Signed) George Barry Sub Secty

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Resident
Hydrabad

Sir,

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad notifying the dissatisfaction which the Board have expressed to Mr Wrangham - and their resolution for transferring the charge of the General Treasury to Mr Gordon -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Instant, and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council has expressed to Mr Wrangham his Lordship's entire disapprobation of his conduct in placing a sozawal over the agent of his Highness the Nizam and of

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the unbecoming Style into which he suffered —
himself to be betrayed in his correspondence with
you.

The President in Council having
judged it expedient to transfer the charge of the
general treasury at Masulipatam from Mr
Wrangham to the Paymaster Mr William Gordon,
desires that your future correspondence upon
the subject of his Highness's Peishcush may
be directed to that Gentleman —

I inclose extract of a Letter from
the Accountant General at this Presidency, and
am directed to desire you will furnish him
with the accounts which he requires.

I am
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) George Barry Secretary

Fort St George
21st October 1797.

To Mr Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Sir,

To the Accountant General relative to the new arrangement in the charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam — orders issued for furnishing him with the quarterly Statements and valuation of Medicines and Instruments, and for transferring the payment of the Mayors Court Charges from the new Treasury to the Civil Paymasters office.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 4th Instant and to inform you
that the Resident at Hydrabad has been instructed
to furnish you with the accounts which you
require for the preservation of regularity in the
accounts

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accounts of Cuddalore.

The Right Honble the President in Council having judged it expedient to transfer the charge of the General treasury at Masulipatam from the Collector Mr Wrangham to the Paymaster Mr William Gordon, directs that your future instructions may be transmitted to the latter Gentleman, and particularly that the accounts of the general treasury may be made up to this period and adjusted with as little delay as possible

Instead of calling upon the Head Surgeons to furnish you with quarterly Statements, the Right Honorable the President in Council has judged it advisable to order the Medical Board to transmit to your office a quarterly Statement shewing the amount, valuations of all the Medical Stores on the establishment - a copy of my letter to the Medical Board, I inclose for your information —

The President in Council approves your recommendation for transferring to the Civil Paymaster, the payment of the Mayor's Court charges.

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25th October 1797.

I am
Sir &c &c
(Signed) George Parry Sub Secy
To

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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 2d, 6th, 13th and 16th Instant.

Upon the Principle which has been established in the case of Mr Gahagan that a Surgeon upon quitting his Hospital shall discontinue to receive the local Salary attached to the duties of it, and that a Surgeon Succeeding to a General Hospital, whether he may be ahead of Surgeon or not, shall draw the allowances attached to the Station, the President in Council desires that the retrenchment made from Mr Stuarts allowances from 1st October 1794 to 31st March 1795 may be removed.

Upon the same principle Mr Munn can only be permitted to receive the pay and allowances of a Surgeon until he received charge of the General Hospital at Masulipatam.

The President in Council approves the plan you have proposed for paying the Servants of the late Commissary in the expedition; and directs that it may be observed. His Lordship in Council also permits the Commissary

To the Military Auditor General decisions on the applications of Surgeons Munn & Stuart & and the refund demanded from Major Borthwick - orders relative to the pay of Servants engaged by Lieut Goldsworthy and those of the Engineers Department - ordered on the lately projected expedition - the charges for measuring Grain at Palamcottah, and the former Salary to Mr Schaefer the Coper at Vizagapatam allowed - 300 Pags to be distributed among st the Name of the 1st Battn 1st Native Regiment on account of the Barrack constructed by them at Trincomale - Arrangements ordered for adjusting the claims of the Surgeon attached to the Presidency General Hospital - Statement of Provisions furnished by the Collector in the Ganjam District to the Bengal Detachment claimed by Lieut Shaws - Doctor Gilmore - by his attorney Captain Butler - and difference between Major Blanden and Captain Paterson referred for his opinion - Payment of Table allowance to Lieut Colonel Frazer for the period of his Command at Trincomale & an advance of cash to Lieut Foster ordered

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Commissary himself to draw his Salary up to the 30th September.

In consideration of the expences, which the Servants of all desiriptions must have incurred. the President in Council permits those of the Engineers Department to draw their pay up to the 30th September

The President in Council confirms the retrenchment of the difference between Majors and Lieut Colonels Batta drawn by Major Borthwick; but desires that it may not be inforced against the Paymaster as it is his Lordship's intention to refer the case for the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors.

The President in Council desires that the Paymaster at Palamcotah may be authorized to discharge the expence incurred for measuring and returning into Store in that Garrison the quantity of Grain surveyed agreeably to the regulations.

The President in Council desires that the Pay of two Pagodas P Month may be continued to J. L Schaffer as Cooper at Vizagapatam as long as he may act in that Capacity.

The President in Council directs that a distribution of three hundred Pags

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may be made to the Sepoys of the 1st Battalion 1st
Regiment in lieu of working Money while they
were employed in Building a Barack in Trincomalee

Having received from the Surgeon
of the General Hospital at the Presidency a —
representation of the inconvenience which he
suffers in recovering from the Surgeons of Corps
that part of the allowance which is payable by
them for the men occasionally thrown into the
General Hospital; the President in Council
directs that the whole amount may as —
formerly be paid to the Surgeons at the General
Hospitals by the Military Paymaster, and that
orders may be issued by you for checking
the Amount in the abstracts of the different
Corps -

I am directed to refer for your
examination the inclosed account of expences
incurred on account of the Bengal Detachment
at Ganjam, and to desire you will report the
exact amount to be debited to the Bengal —
Presidency, and the Amount to be transferred from
the revenue to the Military Department

I also refer for your report the
inclosed applications from Captains Butler and

Lieut

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Lieut. Shaws together with a letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army relative to a claim of Captain Paterson Commanding the 19th Regiments Dragoons during the absence of Major Bladen.

The President in Council desires that the Paymaster may be authorized to pay Lieutenant Colonel Fraser a table allowance of one hundred Pagodas pr month during the time he commanded Trincomale from 27th December 1795 to 18th March 1797, and to advance thirty five Pagodas to Lieutenant B. Foster of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry, to be hereafter deducted from his allowances, by the Paymaster of the Station to which his corps belongs.

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

Fort St. George
21st October 1797.

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From the Commandant at Amboor.

Recvd the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil Nos 131. 132. 133.

From Lieut Colonel Macpherson advising of the return of the remainder of the Colmastelly Detachment into Garrison.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck enclosing his general Cash Estimate for November.

From the acting Barrack Master at the Presidency

From Captain Turing requesting that Government will authorize the Payment of £ Expences incurred on account of Godowns for the Stores of the 12th Regiment from the 21st January to the 15th of May last.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

Ernst William Falkfield } Esqrs

Tuesday 24th October 1797

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following Letters from

Bengal

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

From Bengal requesting that some Sepoys Natives of the Coast who have been worn out in the Service & latterly employed at [illegible] may be allowed to Succeed in Vacancies in the Coast Pension Establishment

Sir,

In a Detachment of Invalid Sepoys — lately

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Lately arrived at this Presidency from Fort Marlboro: there are several Men Natives of the Carnatic, who having expressed great solicitude to enjoy in their Native Country, the provision which the Company bestow on their Worn-out Soldiers, the Governor General in Council has agreed to send them to Madras by the first opportunity that offers; and I am directed by him to request, you will apply to the Right Honble the Governor in Council his recommendation, that these men may be admitted to the most indulgent Provision of Invalid Sepoys, which the Regulations of that Branch of the Service will admit of.

2 They are all very old men, and have served the Company at Fort Marlboro' from 30 to 40 Years, having been entertained for or sent to that Settlement, prior to its having become a 2nd Residency - Their Names are

Antichellum ... Sepoy
Chelamar Ramroo ... do
Mootoo Ram ... do
Powlah ... Do
Chinna Mootoo ... Do
Goolur Powlah ... Do

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Malloo - - - - - - Sepoy
Nella Kishna . . Do

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

Fort William
the 25th of September 1797

Minute thereon

Ordered that the worn out Sepoys Natives of the Coast. who have returned from Bencoolen, be admitted on the Invalid Establishment of this Presidency on their arrival -

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

From Bengal, issues orders for including Captain Colin Mackenzie in the strength of the Detachment serving with the Nizam

Sir

Having laid your letter of the 10th Instant before the Governor General in Council, he has directed me to request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council that in consequence of your letter of the 21st of July last to the acting Resident at Hyderabad, orders were transmitted for including Captain C. Mackenzie on the strength of the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam as Field Engineer and Surveyor; in the same manner as he was formerly returned with the Detachment under the Command of Lieutenant

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Colonel Roberts.

Fort William
the 29th September 1797.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

From Bengal calling for a Statement of the Expences incurred at this Presidency on account of the lately projected expedition against Manilla.

My Lord,

We request you will be pleased to furnish us as early as it can be prepared, with a Statement of the expence incurred at your Presidency, on account of the projected Expedition against Manilla, that we may be enabled, to transmit with as little delay as possible, a General Statement of the Disbursements made on this account, to the Honble Court of Directors—

We have the honor to be
My Lord, &c &c

Fort William
29th Septr
1797

Signed
J. Shore
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Recorded

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Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Bengal

Resolved to instruct the Auditor General to collect the necessary materials, so that no time be lost in completing the Statement required by the Supreme Government on the return of the Troops from the Eastward—

Read the following Letters from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad communicating an application made by Azeem ul Omrah for a considerable supply of ordnance & Military Stores.

My Lord,

Azeem ul Omrah having signified it to me to be his Highness's intention to dispute certain persons to Fort St George for the purpose of purchasing Cannon, Arms and Military Stores, has expressed his desire at the same time that I would address your Lordship in Council — requesting of you in consideration of the Friendship subsisting between his Highness and the Honble — Company, to favor the object in view, with your support and countenance. In compliance therefore with his Highness's and the Ministers wishes, I have the honor to address you these few lines on the subject, apprizing the latter however at the same time of the difficulties — that

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That from the insufficient quantity of the — Articles required as well as from other causes, may possibly oppose themselves to the — accomplishment of his wishes. The very large supply required indeed, as the undergoing List will evince, may perhaps be an insurmountable object to the immediate purchase of them. —

Nine Pounders brass & Iron		25
Six do.	do	25
Firelocks		15.000
Gun Powder		3.000 Maunds
Cartridge Paper		3000 Reams
Flints		40,000

Hydrabad
8th October 1797

I have the honor to be,
Sir &
J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

J. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad — wishes to be furnished with a copy of Meer Mehdi — Khan's receipt for the 10.00 — Pags advanced him — remarks relative to the views of the Native French Intelligence — and the Intrigues supposed to be conducting by — Kuspul Jung Bilay the Nizams Hurs writer at Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 4th and 5th Instant, the former giving cover to an Extract from the Records of the Madras Government relative to the advance made to Mehdi ale Khan —

and

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and to Copy of a Letter from Mr Place, and the latter enclosing an original Letter from Kaasim Ale Khan.

It is sufficiently evident from the Extract you have transmitted to me, that the advance made to Meeah Ale Khan was in the way of a loan, but if that Vakeel pajsed his receipt for the same a Copy of it would still be very acceptable to me, as it would enable me to silence compleatly all further objections on the score on the part of the Durbar Mutseddies.

There certainly appears good ground for thinking that the Person whom Mr Place received advice of having been at Pongole, is the identical French Native Agent whom I advised you as having taken his departure from hence charged with Despatches for the Mauritius and the Western route which this Traveller is described as having since taken confirms me strongly in this notion; as it was intimated to me some time before his Departure from hence, that he had it at

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one time in contemplation to proceed first to Seringapatam having some points to arrange with Mons.r Suffrein the French Agent with Tippoo, and if an opportunity offered of a Ship sailing from Mangalore to the Mauritius to avail himself of it — I was further given to understand that the jealousy which he was aware such a route would excite in this Court joined to the uncertainty of an early of.... ..ly passage from Mangalore to the Place of his destination, determined him to relinquish this plan, which necessity may perhaps have subsequently made him resume

Rufsul Poory Pilly his Highness's News writer at Madras, arrived here about a fortnight ago, and is a very likely man to have past such a traveller as he fell in with at Anagdie on his guard — I have some reason for thinking that this man who has himself a strong turn for Intrigue, is come here (partly at least) on an errand which if successful, may eventually give umbrage at least to his Highness the Nabob

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Nabob of Arcot, and prove prejudicial to the Honble Company's Credit and influence at this Court. It is out of my power at present to be more explicit on this Subject, having only gained hitherto a few imperfect hints as to the nature and object of the intrigue which I suspect to be one of the objects of Hyder Ally Beggs journey hither.

I am
Sir &c
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hydrabad
13th October 1797.

Ordered that a List of the ordnance and Stores applied for by his Highness the Nizam be sent to the Military Board and that they be desired to report how far the State of the Arsenal will enable the Board to comply with his Highness's Indent.

Mentioned on the two foregoing Letters from Capt Kirkpatrick.

Ordered that a Copy of the receipt granted by Meer Alee Khan for the 1000 Pagodas advanced to him in 1792 be forwarded to Captain Kirkpatrick

Read

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Read the following Letters from

Sir Macleod

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the President at Tanjore - has reason to think that the report lately made to him with respect to Major Monson's concern in the Bill drawn at Madras — towards payment of the Rist is ill founded

My Lord

I have been making every possible inquiry regarding the circumstance mentioned by his Excellency of the Money not having been returned on account of the Bills. The Subject is necessarily involved in much Obscurity by the Machinations of Natives; but I have reason to think that the Rajah in making the Assertion has been deceived by one of his Servants for it seems highly probable that the Money, which has been returned to that Servant was withheld from the Rajah by him; he nevertheless asserting before me in presence of his Excellency that the whole amount was still due.

I shall immediately lay this Matter before his Excellency, and I trust be able

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able to prove to him that he has been misled.

I deem it unnecessary to trouble your Lordship at present with a Detail of all the particular circumstances on which I ground my opinion, reserving such Communication till from full inquiry I shall be able to place the whole of the Subject before you upon sufficient Authority.

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) Alex. Macleod Resr.

Tanjore
28th September 1797.

Josias Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

From the Resident at Tanjore respecting articles stolen from Mr Hawkins at Boodaloor for which he has not been able to procure indemnification. —

Sir.

Enclosed I have the honor to send Copy of a Letter from Mr Hawkins relative to certain Articles stolen from him at Boodaloor in the Tanjore Country.

I have repeatedly used my endeavours to procure from the Palace the Restitution of the Articles lost or their value

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value / which is not great / but to no effect
The Cawelgar of the Place is according
to the old Custom answerable for the Loss;
but no steps whatever have been taken by his
Excellency's Managers to compel him to do
his Duty on this occasion — Many
similar Losses by Theft have been sustained
by Gentlemen for which I have in vain
tried to obtain redress — I should therefore
hope that the Rajah might be induced to
do justice on these occasions by a re-
Representation from the Right Honble the
Governor on the Subject

Tanjore
5th October 1797

I have the Honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) Alexr Macleod Resr
Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident — Tanjore

Sir,

In the hopes of your being able to
obtain redress from his Excellency the Rajah I have
deferred making any complaint to the Right
Honorable the Governor of the Robbery which
was

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was committed on some of my Servants near the Village of Boodeloor about Six Months ago - but being now convinced of the inutility of such patience I have to request you will lay the matter before Government throwing such light over the Subject as your experience may advise

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) B Hawkins

A true copy
(Signed) Alex Macleod Res.t

Tanjore
3d October 1797

The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor in Council
Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore respecting a statement of an account current between Sambasiva Chetty and Venkatachellum Moodely - the Rajah unequivocally denies the fact of Major Monson having any concern in the late remittance - negociation, sundry papers on this subject forwarded - means to procure further information. -

My Lord.

Samba Siva Chetty a Soucar of this Place has delivered to me an account Current between himself and Venkatachellum Moodely whom he calls Dubash to "Colonel" Monson this he explains to mean Major Monson the Officer Commanding Tanjore

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A Translation of this account and the explanations relative to the particular Articles of — are herewith enclosed.

I beg leave to state that His Excellency the Rajah has informed me and the information was confirmed in my presence by his principal People, that Mr William Abbott of Madras has been for a long time and still is a Creditor of his Excellency; that that Gentleman by means of a Bill for 10,000 Pagodas obtained by him circumstantially from Nagobah, and for which he knows no value was given, is endeavouring to procure payment of the same in part of the Money due to him from his Excellency — That as this Transaction thro' Nagobah may involve the Rajah in the necessity of paying 10,000 Pagodas when he cannot do it without additional Failure in the Company's Rists, He expressed his earnest desire that he might be relieved from his apprehensions by some Proceedings which might compel Mr Abbott to shew how he obtained the Bill and to

abandon

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abandon a pursuit which may terminate in
his Excellency's and the Company's loss.

On my Questioning the Rajah
relative to the Nature of Mr. Abbotts Debt he
said it arose for Timber bought of him — The
Head Accountant being called, stated that a
bond at 12 p.c. per Annum had been granted
for the Amount.

On the Subject of my address to
your Lordship of the 28th Ultimo the Rajah
stated that on inquiry he found that no
Money had been advanced by him on
Account of Bills drawn on Madras and
that neither Major Monson nor any other
Person held any of his property on that or
any other account connected with Bills
drawn on that place. That he had been informed
that Major Monson had Received about 10,000 Pags.
but since understood from the man who had
informed him / Kistnarow / that it was not
the case, and that the Money advanced by
Kistnarow to Venkatachellum the Mayor's —
Dubash was advanced on his private account

Kistnarow

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Kishnarow being interrogated declared to the same effect. He has written and signed a declaration, copy and Translation of which I have the honor to inclose

With regard to the Bill for 5000 Pagodas said to have been given on Verdapetty, I examined the reputed Drawer Appah Saamy his Son, who denies in the most positive manner having given any such Bill. he has furnished me with a written declaration to the same purport copy of which I inclose — my belief of the fact of his having given the Bill rests on public report and the very suspicious circumstance of the Custom people and others beginning to grumble daily at his house at the time when the Bill was imagined to be given — that circumstance receives strong confirmation from a Number of People of Tanjore who have made the Depositions copies of which accompany this

The Deposition likewise of Soubaroy Pilly is very pointed on this head — He however speaks of the Assembly of Custom People before this House as having taken place four days before the 30th of September — I have obtained however from a man

(Name)

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Named Appass Shoop of the Customs information that such assembly actually took place on the 6th, 7th and 8th of October (or 17th 18th and 19th of September) which brings it to the time when the Bill was supposed to have been drawn

I have sent for the man named Swinney — Chetty and some others mentioned in the Accounts present but they have not yet made their appearance and as their presence is not pressing importance I will not delay the dispatch of this Letter on their account.

I have forbore to trouble your Lordship with any remarks on the different facts stated as they speak for themselves.

I shall send down without delay the Examinations of Swinney Chetty and the others and communicate such other Matter relatives to the Subject of this Letter as may come to my knowledge —

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod Bart

Sanjore
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Dr Samba Sheva Chetty Sowcar in Account Current with Venkatachella

Anee	1797							
26"	July 6	A	To Cash recvd from Tremanee Chetty Money belonging to Rama Cotta Renter of Tanjore Customs				2316	8 ..
		B	To Do Do Rasapah Moodely Renter of Combaconum Custom				2000	.. ..
28"	8"	C	To Do Do from Tremanee Chetty	399	9 3/16	do	251	6 7/16
30th	10	D	To Do Do Wodeyaram Trevady upon Transfer by Tremanee Chetty	250	..	..	104	17 ..
Augt	2	13	To Do Do from Luchoomana Chetty in Tanjore Custom Money	48	7	..	20	19 1/2 ..
		F	To Do Do from Luchoomana Chetty 2500 ..					
		G	To Do Do Rachyan 2 Bags 1000 ..	3500	..	..	1473	10 1/4
		H	To Do Do Luchoomana Chetty					
		I	To Do Do Do Tanjore Custom Money					
4	15	J	To Do Do Recvd from Do Do	38	8	..	16	14 ..
5	16	K	To Do Do from Goomasta of little Fort	27	6	..	11	18 7/8 ..
		L	To Do Do from Apandy a Shroff belonging to Tanjore Custom				40	.. ..
6	17	M	To Do from Tanjore Customs	39	..	..	16	16 ..
7	18	N	To Do Do Do Do	68	..	..	29	2 1/8
8	19	O	To a Bill Recvd payable by Messrs Sullock Jeroes and Brodie	25	..	..	10	16 1/4 ..
9	20	P	To Cash Recvd from Luchoomana Chetty being the Money Collected on the 7th Augt	64	..	..	27	3 7/8 ..
		Q	To Cash recvd from Luchoomana Chetty Collected on the 8th Augt	60	..	..	25	15 3/8 ..
10	21	S	To Do from Sreenevasa Iyangar a Merchant belonging to Soubaroy Pilly	86	..	..	36	17 1/2 ..
		T	To Custom Money Recvd from Apanday a Shroff	91	2	..	39	3/8 ..
			Carried forward				1580	4 7/16 ..

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Moodely Dubash to the Colonel on the Mysore Peingala Cr

Cr. Pags. Fan. Cas. Gs. P.

Aug. 26	By a Bill paid to Major Monson Payable by Sadayapah in favor of Messrs Sullock Jervis and Brodie at Madras					3000	
Augt 31	By a Bill on Madras Payable by Sadayapah to Messrs Sullock, Jervis and Brodie					577	
5	By Cash paid to Gooronada on Account of Europeans of Little Fort					100	
8	By Cash paid for buying Shawls				550	49	
9	By Cash paid to Luchoomana Chetty on Account of Vinayaga Moorthy		10			4 6½	
	By Cash paid Dada Row According to the Message brought from Luchoomana Chetty				11	2 9½	
						900	
11	By Cash paid						
13	By Cash paid to Luchoomana Chetty in 3 days		1501			611 10⅝	
14	By Cash paid to Serdar Kistna Ayangar		4500			1925 3⅛	
16	By Cash paid Luchoomana Chetty for		80			34 5½	
	Expences		517			210	
17	By do do Gooronada Chetty						
19	By do do do by the Message of Luchoomana Chetty				30	25 7½	
						80	
	By do do do				6	5 1½	
23	By do paid Luchoomana Chetty					73¼	
	By do paid Palanquen boys						
	By do paid Taragoo Rama Chetty		25			10 16½	
	Carried forward					11001 4¼	

* These Sums are inserted here to agree with the Malabar Form, but they are not included in the Addition

(Signed) A. Read

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Dr Samba Shiva Chitty Sowcar in Account Current with Venkata=

Audry 1797 July						Pags	Fs	Cs	Hs	Ps	Pags	Fs	Cs	Hs	Ps
				Brought forward							105804	7/16			
13	24	To Cash Recvd from Tanjore Customs				546	1	..	..		276	9/16			
14	25	To do	do	from do	do	73	..	..	..		31	5/8			
Augt		To do	do	this day which has been collected on the 15th Audry		43	5	..	..		18	11/16			
Augt		To do	do	from do this day		56	..	..	..		23	22/8			
8	19	To do	do	from Lakshmana Chitty		88	2	..	..		37	17/8			
											109682	15/16			

Star Pagodas 109682 15/16

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Chellum. Moodely Dubash to the Colonel in the Year Pingala 6r

Month							
			do	f	810	ps	Hoons f c
		Brought forward					4081 6 3/4
Audey 25	By Cash paid to Ramachenny on Account of Aidwar Chitty & Pondicherry Rupees		3	6 7/8	"	"	1 13 3/8
27	By do paid appoo Chitty		"	"	"	"	50 " "
31	By do do Lutchoomana Chitty		"	"	"	"	10 " "
Auvanee 1	By Cash paid		1500	"	"	"	645 3 3/4 "
	By do do Sarugoo Rama Chitty 2 Bags		"	"	"	"	835 " "
	By do do paid		124	"	"	"	53 7 3/4 "
	By do do Ramasamy Canacandabah Chitty		"	"			200 " "
5	By do do Soobaroya Moodely		"	"	"	"	100 " "
	By 1 gold Cloth paid to Mahomed Saib		"	"	3/4	"	3 " -
8	By Cash paid Luchoomona Chitty		150	"	"	"	64 4 -
12	By do paid Rungana of Baul Kishna Dassy		5	"	"	"	2 3 1/4 -
	By Cash paid Luchmona Chitty		"	"	146	"	123 6 "
15	By do do do		"	"	"	"	9 " "
"	By do do do do		85	"	"	"	36 3 1/2 -
	By do do Rama Chitty		"	"	"	"	6 " "
	By do paid this day, which has been remitted this day from Nasapah Moodely		"	"	"	"	1000 " -
19	By Cash paid on the 16th brought in this day charge		"	"	4	"	3 3 1/2 -
	By 1 gold Cloth paid		"	"	3 3/4	"	3 4 -
23	By Cash paid to Baulkishnadassy		"	"	"	"	100 " "
26	By a Bill given on Madras payable by Sadeyapah to Chockalinga Moodely		"	"	"	"	500 " "
	By Cash paid at Madras in two times		"	"	"	"	1000 " -
	By Cash paid by the Bill of Messrs Tullok, Lewis and Brodie		"	"	"	"	2000 " "
							10746 14 5/8
	By Balance						221 12 5/16
							Star Pagodas 10968 2 15/16 "

/Signed/ Shamba Sheva Chitty

A true Copy /Signed/ Alex. Macleod Resr

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Samba Sheva Chetty's Declaration.

Article

He does not remember whether the Money was paid by Sremany Chetty, who is a Merchant, or by his man he being absent, the Money was received by his Shroff Viamid Saamy,* Rama Eddy + borrowed the Money from Sremany Chetty — and is not Money of the Tanjore Customs. — With regard to this Article Samba Siva Chetty says that he did not on this date receive Money but a Bond for the Amount, of which Amount 500 Chuckrums is still due, and that he has. — Ramaprah Moodely's Bond for the latter Sum He is desired to send for the Bond and accordingly dispatches a person for it.

Anunda Moodely being Samba Siva Chetty's own Servant the latter is desired to explain and says that Anunda brought the Money from Lechmana Chetty Venkatachellums Shroff. — Being asked how he knew this to be Tanjore Custom Money he replies that he did not receive it himself, his man Saamy received it He only supposes it to be Tanjore Custom — Money because his man had so called it in his Account. Saamy will appear and speak to this point. —

* viz. the Cattle Trade

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J He repeats what he has said on the Article—

K The same applies to this Article also—

M He does not know that a pandah is Sheriff of the Tanjore Customs—but finds the Article thus—stated in his Account by Saamy.—

N He says that for this and every Article in which the Tanjore Customs are mentioned he must refer to his Man Saamy for positive information.—

The Bill, he says, was drawn by Mayor Monson in favor of his Man Subapah Chetty at Madras—

He says that Soubarya Pilly is a near relation of the late Vencatachellum Moodely Butlook Mainty that he understands his employment of late (that is within these two Months) has been to receive Money from the Renter of the Combaconum Customs—

4th October 1797.

Signature

A true Copy (Signed) Alexr Macleod Secy

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The same declaration as on the foregoing. —
He does not know what Situation Soubaroya Pilly is in — Knows him as a relation of the deceased — Vencatachella Moodely Cullock Maistry. —
He states that Apanday Pd him on delivering the Money that it came from the Tanjore Customs. —
He states that this Sum was paid him by Rama Pilly in person — Rama Pilly told him that this Money was not from the Customs but from the Renter of the Tobacco Farm who is always under the Custom Renter
This was received from Lekshmona Chitty who told him it was Tanjore Custom Money —
The sum mentioned in Ast VI was received from the same Lekshmona Chitty who said they were from the Tanjore Customs.

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(Signature)

A true Copy
(Signd) Alex. Macleod Rest.

I do hereby declare that I have not given any Bill on Verda Pilly or any other person either for Major Monson or his

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his Dubash Venatachellum Moodeliar nor they have asked about it on account of the Rajah or upon any other account at this or any other time -

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(Signed) Appa Sawmy Pillah

A true Copy,

(Signed) Alex. Macleod Resr

Translation — 5th October 1797.

I Kistna Row declare that Money I lent to Venatachella Moodely in the Month of Auny of the Year Pingala is my own, and I have lent it to the said Moodely only on my private Account not on any other this Moodely borrowing it of me paid it Sambashwa Chetty and took from him a Bill on Madras, but as that Bill has not been accepted at Madras, Venatachella Moodely has retaken the Money from Sambashwa Chetty and paid it back to me

(Signed) Kistna Row

A true Translation

(Signed) Alex. Macleod Resr

Rama

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Rama Pilly late Custom Renter —

States that he was appointed by the Sirkar Amildar of the Sayore Customs on the 18th of last Anee / 28th June 97 / on the 32d of the same Month he was appointed Renter of the same the usual Shawl of Investiture having been given him by the Rajah — and he had the Rent for one year — The Sircar as usual demanded an advance of Money — That he then applied to Soubarow Appah Carbar of the Elder Widow of Tuljaje for a Loan of Money and borrowed from Tremmeny Chetty — 5800 Chuckrms a 2 ℘ Cent ℘ Month giving a Bond payable to the above Soubarow — Appah. Tremmeny Chetty paid this Money to Samba Shiva Chetty in the Month of Anee

The Rajah gave a Sunka upon him for payment of Arrears of some of his Palace Servants to the Amount of £5300 Chuckrs. of this he paid two thirds Exclusive of the above Sum — he paid from the daily collection of the Customs 3000 Chuckrs to Samba Shiva — Chetty

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Chitty and to Letchmona Chitty

Question Is your Bond to Soubarow Ayyah discharged?

A It is not Irremeny Chettys man is now pressing me for payment

2 When were you dismissed from the Customs?

A At this Dupurah feast 18 of Perridjy (29th September)

Rama Pilly states that he has a Demand for the 5800 Chs against Rustnarow

2 On what Account?

A Because this his Recommendation Paid it to Samba Shiva Chitty and Rustnarow says he will pay me as soon as he receives the Amount from Servangie Pundit the Present Custom Renter.

He also States that he knows Rustnarow lent to Vencatachellum 12,250 Chuckrs of his own Money this Sum and the above 5800 Chs making 18050 Chs he wrote in the Custom accounts in such a manner that it appeared all due to Rustnarow out

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out of this the above three thousand —
Chucks having been paid the Balance
due to Kistnarow appeared accordingly —
1050 Chucks and thus the amount stood —
when he quitted the Customs —

2 Were the Customs or any part of them
Mortgaged or offered to Appahsamy.

A. Never.

Rama Pilly states that Kistnarow gave
orders to Soubaroya Pilly Nephew to —
Vencata Bullock Maistry to inspect —
the Customs which he accordingly did
for a few days and his people superin =
tended the Custom Stores, Rama Pillys
Barbar and other Servants used to go to
Soubaroy Pilly House and receive their
pay & this took place about the
beginning 1st or 2d of Pentafay + 12th and
13th September —

Signature

A true Copy

(Signed) Alex Macleod Res

Masulipatam

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Rasapah Moodely late Renter of ye

Customs

Combaconam Customs, declares, That he was appointed Renter by the Rajah on the 25th June last / 5th July 1797 / he remained as such till the End of that Month and was then made Renter of the Customs for the whole Year — In the beginning of June Month he gave his bond to Samba Shiva Chitty Sowcar for 2000 Pagodas at 2 p Cent p Month payable / as per as he recollects / in a Month. this was for Money borrowed of Samba Shiva Chitty. of the whole sum Viz 2000 he paid one Thousand to the Cootum / or Expences of Rajah's Household / the other Thousand to Venatachellum Moodely — He paid this latter Sum by order of Kistnarow. —

2 Have you got Venatachellums Receipt for it?

A I have not.

2 Have you paid Samba Shiva Chitty the Money you borrowed of him.

A I have paid the whole, except about one hundred Chuckrums

2 Samba Shiva States that there is a Balance due

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due by you of 600 Chuckrums.

A That includes a Balance I owed him on a former Account.

2 Were the Combaconum Customs or any portion of them at any time Mortgaged to Appa Saamy the Son of Verda Pilly.

A No.

2 Were they ever Mortgaged to Vencatachellum Moodely or to any person for him

A Never I know nothing of Vencatachellum except by having paid him the above 1000 Pags — he says he delivered over charge of the Customs to Seevanjee Pundits Brother / Named Ballajee Pundit / at the late Cuporah feast /30th September—

2 Why were you deprived of your Renter's place.

A I know not. I received no notice of the proceedings.

2 Did you not sign a Cabooleat on Receiving Charge.

A Yes — that is the regular mode.

2 Samba Shiva Chetty on his Account with Vencatachellum inserts 1000 Pagodas received from you and paid to Vencatachellum on the

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Ino. 19 Ouvaney last - what do you know of that?

A I believe it to be the same sum which I have already mentioned as paid to Vencatachellum

(Signature)

A true Copy
(Signed) Alex. Macleod Secr.

Soubarroy Pilly Nephew of the late Vencatachellum Bullock Mr

States that Appasaamy lives in a House belonging to him but on the opposite side of the Lane or Street where he dwells - that he has never had any Connection with the People of the Customs. That he never saw any or Assembly of Custome or other people before the House in which Appasaamy lives -

He says there was an Assembly of People before his own house / that in which he lives / because Rama Pilly the Custome Renter used to come with his People duely to his House Kistnarow having desired the Deponent to Superintend and examine his Rama Pillys / Accounts, which the Deponent accordingly

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accordingly Did Nana Pilly and his people used to come to his House during three days, not more, this happenshed about four days before the Deporah feast / or when the Rajah paid his Annual Visit at the Choultry / or four days before the 30th September—

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/ Signed / Soubaroy Pilly

A true Copy

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod Esq.r

Shroffy Shroff of Tanjore Customs

Being questioned on the Articles marked M in the Account Current declares he is not a Shroff in the Tanjore Customs but a Concerny of Rice Rent which is under the Customs; his Monthly pay is 20 fanams — paid by the Custom Renter. He is now paid by Tanjore Pundit the Custom Renter. He desires having paid any Money as expressed in the Articles or in any other way to Saubaroya Chetty or to any one for him. —

5th October 1797.

/ Signature /

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod Esq.r

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A Written Declaration given by Banians.

These are to Know that Major Monson gave a Bill of 20,000 Pagodas to his Excellency the Rajah payable at Madras for the Rent which the Rajah owes to the Company for which the Sircar people have Mortgaged the Tanjore and Conclaconum Custom to Major Monson — Wherefore the head Custom Man and all his Servants taking their Seat at Vencatachella Moodely's house (Major's Durbar) all the Custom people were there assembled and made their Cavalcy — Ten days ago Appah Saamy Pilly has given a Bill of 5000 Pagodas upon these two Customs to Vencatachella Moodely, on which other people were appointed for the Customs and the head Custom Renter and his people were used to come to the house where as Appah Saamy Pilly Lodges which the whole People of the Country Knows — Besides this the Servants of Palace agreed to give their Bond to Major Monson on Account of their Tungavary for Gold Tax — paid by the Palace. That also was Mortgages to the Major — The Contents of this

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to Venkatchella Moodely, on which other people
were appointed for the Customs, and the head
Custom Renter and his people were used to come
to the house where Apah Saamy Paky Lodges —
which the whole people of the Country knows —
Besides this the Servants of Palace agreed to
give their bond to Major Monson on account
of their Sungaura y/or Gold Tax/ fixed by the
Palace that also was Mortgaged to the Major
the Contents of this I know

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/Signed/ Gopalaraia Ayangar

Attue Copy

/Signed/ Alex. Macleod Rst

From the Resident at Tanjore
relative to the arrears —
Mortgage of the Tanjore Customs
as a means of remunerating
the persons concerned in the
late remittance negociation.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

Having examined the People who
gave the Maratta and Malabar declarations
inclosed in my address of the 6th Instant I
have ascertained what they know regarding
the

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the points therein stated / of their own knowledge,
and what they declared from common Report.

The whole of them, with the few
exceptions I shall immediately state, declare in the
most positive manner that they saw the head —
Custom Men and their People assembled as mentioned
in the declarations, but that the other points therein
related proceed from general Belief and Report. —

Vedelingum declares that he first saw the
Assembly of the Custom-People at Vencatachellums
House, and afterwards at Appa Saamy's. — Vira Samy Jungum
saw the Custom-Men at Vencatachellum's only. —

Soubarayen Pilly states that he saw
the Renters both of the Tanjore and Combeconums
Customs with their People frequenting Venca-
chellum's House, continually for the Space of about
a Month or Six Weeks immediately previous to
the 15th of last September.

The exceptions I have alluded to
above are Appavoo who had the whole from
Report. — and Bava who merely saw some of the
Custom People before Vencatachellum's House one day

Having interrogated most of the
declarants

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declarants on the very important point of the Sunguvvery / or Gold Tax / and in particular as to the Name of the Palace Servant on whom it was fixed. They said it was Chunnia Appoo Ayen, Grand Son of the late Gunna Petty Soubiah. —

I sent for this person; and when he obtained the Rajah's leave, he came to me, — He declared, on examination, that he was Allowance for Superintendant of the Malabar Accountants Department / and received pay as such from the Rajah — that two Peons were sent by Kistnarow / the Person mentioned in my letter of the 6th Instant / and kept at his House to demand Payment of a Bond for 7000 Chuckrs for the Sunguvvery fixed upon him by the Palace about the beginning of the Month of June last / about the 14th of last June / — that having paid gradually 3500 Chs of the Sum, a Sunka for payment of the remainder was granted to the Lusker Pultuam / certain Peons &c of the Sirkar / for their arrears of wages these arrears, as far as 3500 Chs would go. We had discharged. —

On

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On my desiring to see a Copy of the Bond given for the Tungavurry he replied that he had no Copy — on asking where the original was he answered in the Palace —

I have sent to his Excellency requesting that I may have a Sight of the Bond. Trimmeny Chetty cannot at present be found but I shall spare no pains to obtain his Evidence. Letchmana Chetty, Veeda Chittam's Sheriff. has appeared; he denies the assertion made by Vaany & that when he paid them the different Sums mentioned in "the Account Current he told them these Sums were from the Customs / these are the Sums stated in the Article marked F. J. K. Q. R / that they were not from the Customs — This is the whole of the information I could obtain from Letchmana Chetty.

I shall as soon as possible transmit the examination of Trimmeny Chetty and Copy of the Bond given by Chinna Ayoo on account of the Tungavurry. I have the honor to be, &c &c

/ signed / Alex Macleod Esqr

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The three foregoing letters ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered that the foregoing Letters do lie on the Table.

Read also the following letter from Mr Macleod

Jonas Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

From the Resident at Tanjore relative to the distress experienced by Sheppee for want of a proper place in which to lodge his Paddy remarks on the representations made to Government by the widow Mohena Khaun Saheb and the Rajah under dates the 26th 27th July

Sir

Since the receipt of your letter of the 10th August relative to Sheppees appartments in the Palace I have repeatedly used my utmost endeavours to effect the arrangement as directed by the Right Honble the President in Council, finding the Rajah so averse from agreeing to any other arrangement whatever I confined myself to the Question of obtaining a Place for his Paddy but cannot succeed—

Sheppee is extremely hurt at the Treatment and expresses himself very forcibly on the occasion— both myself and Mr Swartz endeavour to lead his mind from a Subject which creates much uneasiness —

Without

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Without entering into the Matter further than respects the Business of having Sherfojees Paddy in a secure place, I beg leave to recommend as the only expedient to effect that point, that some repairs be made either at the Rajah's or Sherfojee's Expence to one of the buildings in a Court yard of his apartments marked I in the annexed Plan which may serve as a place for storing a considerable part of the Grain. The Expence of the repair cannot be great and of his Excellency refuses to bear it Sherfojee will discharge it. This arrangement tho' by no means Satisfactory to Sherfojee, seems to me the only method of procuring a tolerable place for the Grain.

With regard to the Rajah's Assertions and those of Mohuma Bhye Saheb in their Letters which accompanied yours of the 10th of August, I beg leave to refer to answers thereto which are inclosed and to the two annexed — Letters from Sherfojee and the Last-mentioned Sultoonna Bhye Saheb. —

(as

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the Dies likewise, but the present Rajah is pleased to say that he gave her those appartments, how such an assertion could be made by him I cannot comprehend. In those Quarters some of her furniture which belonged to me after her death remained in those appartments and still many of our things are there. the Rajahs way of making objection is very difficult; may be disagreeable to answer them, one is almost constrained to break through all the rules of modesty; because truth is altogether disregarded. These few lines will I hope be sufficient to convince the Honble Board that I have done nothing unworthy of my accusations.

Tanjore 29th July 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Sherfoyee

A true Copy
(Signed) Alexr Macleod Resr

My dear Sir,

My present Situation obliges me to
beg

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lay before you my distressful circumstances an account of Ameer Sing Saha Rajah, you know that from the day I came here I have been a sufferer, the least thing incited the Rajah to behave unkindly often times, I have craved your assistance, and you have indeavored to help me as far as you could, at first the Rajah made no objection to my occupying my former Quarter in the Palace; Tho' I did not live in it, I kept some of my furniture there. by and by he suffered or ordered Cows and Horses to be kept upon my little Court-Yard, you intreated him by my request to remove those things but he refused to do it, my Mother Sulekana Boosaheb constituted me heir of all she had, but the Rajah found means to deprive me of a part of her Jewels, you intreated the Rajah to allow me a Room to keep my Paddy in, for I was absolutely in want of such a Place, but the Rajah refused to let me have that place which belong to Sulekhana Boosaheb my Mother which I already possessed

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even before I went to Madras I will not tire you with a full account of all the little Indignities which I was obliged to suffer but at least when you at my humble desire intreated the Rajah to grant me that room which belong to the Sulakshana Boosaheb for the keeping of my Pooja, he not only rejected my Petition, but flew into passion declaring that I should have no place in the Palace, Nay, that I should not be permitted to come to my former or Quarter in the Palace, such is his bitter disposition towards me, now if there should happen to be a war in the Country, where am I to live Mr Macleod would be obliged to quit the Garden and to live in the Residents House, in which I hitherto to have lived, the Rajah has more than once declared that I should have no spot in the Palace and that all intreaties were in vain except he was compelled by Government to give me the Place which I formerly possessed

As this is my present situation I

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I intreat your Dear Sir to lay this my
Representation before the Honble Board.

I receive every year 15000 Cul-
lums of Paddy the Servant of Paymaster —
press me to take away the 15000 Cullums —
out of the Granary as fast as possible, —
because in the Monsoon time they could
not open the Granary this had induced me
to be eager in getting a place for the
keeping of the Paddy, as for the Rajahs —
unkind accusation, as if my servant had
taken some goods out of a Chamber which
was locked and shall I have fully answered
that false accusation in my letter dated
29th July as I live under the Protection of
Government, I hope they will look upon
my distressful Situation in the way which
seems to them proper.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Tanjore
1st October 1797.

(Signed) Serfojee

A true Copy
(signed) Alex Macleod Asst

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Sulatchana Bhy Saheb the late Tulja Maharaja Queen writes to Mr Swartz as follows

You know our Customs and laws of the Hindoos and the Carnatic as they were formerly and now exist — moreover our Motherinlaw has written several letters — even in her last days — wherein she mentioned my circumstances and affairs likewise — and when you peruse our law books which has been translated in — Bengal by the order of Mr Hastings you will know all —

Now I have given all — willingly to my Son Serfogee viz. all my Jewels, my Charity house and Garden and Villages & likewise my allowance granted me by the Company — my dwelling place and all my Male and female Servants — all this I give / God being witness / to — Sherfogee — the late Tulja Maha Rajah delivered Serfogee to you — now I deliver all my goods and Serfogee into your hands — You will

take

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take care that Serfojee may marry
in a proper manner and obtain his
right — this you will as I hope do —
when you treat Serfojee as I —
have written you will observe —
much praise — Amer Sing is by
no means a proper person to perform
my funeral rites — he has no right
to do it — But Serfojee is the proper —
person I intreat you that Amer Sing may
not perform the funeral rites but
Serfojee — You are a good man you
will therefore take care to be worthy
of this Victorious act

28th September 1792.

A true copy

(Sd) Alex. Macleod Resr

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart — Governor &c &c dated 27th July 1797.

Residents Answers

Upon a former occasion Mr Swartz and the rest by my advice to Mohana Bhaie Saheb expelled disputes in my family: after the return of Mahosee Mohana Bhaie Saheb to this Place she rejoined my family in consequence of which I have continued to pay here Annual allowance of 3500 Pagodas and have taken her receipt accordingly the remainder I have according to Treaty paid to Mr Macleod and have taken his receipts, as I myself have paid the proportion due to Mohana Bhaie Saheb, there was no reason for Mr Macleod to press me upon the Subject of this Money, and the Demand which he has made upon me for it has in consequence given

I have always received the allowances and paid them to Sherfoji who distributes them to the Widows as usual

No demand was ever made officially to Mohonna Bhye Saheb's Portion

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Resident's Answer

given me much Surprize, I request therefore your Excellency will be pleased to direct Mr Macleod to desist from making any demands upon me for this Money.

There is a guard of the Company's troops over the door of Mohana Bhaie Saheb, who prevent my people and the relations of the Bhaie Saheb from passing and repassing to visit her, since the Bhaie Saheb has joined my family there can be no reason for interrupting this intercourse between us; I therefore intreat that your Excellency will send orders to Mr Macleod for removing all restraint from my people and the relations of the Bhaie Saheb, who may go to visit her.

I had appointed apartments in my Palace for the accommodation of the Bhaie Sahebs & among them was a Mahal which Soolochen Bhaie

There is not and never was any guard over the Door of Mohonna Bhy Saheb

Many Years ago Colonel Stuart by order placed some Sinbies & Sepoys for the Guard of Sherfojee's Apartments a Naig and three Sepoys have been so Stationed ever since; furnishing one Sentry at the Gate of Sherfojee's Apartments, this guard has never molested any one.

This is not the case she had it of right and prior to this Rajah's Accession about 9 Years — It was given her on her Marriage

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Residents Answers

Bhaw Saheb requested might be appropriated to her; and she was accordingly put in possession of it after the death of Tookeben Bhaw Saheb this Mhal reverted as formely to me†, and I had placed certain Articles of furniture in the Rooms under my Keys and seals as there was a passage from the Place of Sherfojees Residence to this Mhal. he broke the seals upon those Doors, and took away some of the furniture. ††† this I represented to Mr Macleod - and I request that your Excellency will send orders to Mr Macleod, and cause the furniture which have been removed to be restored to me—

Since the reunion of Mahona Bhaw Saheb with my family I have appointed a place under certain limits for Sherfojee I have also appointed a place for the accommodation of the horses of Mohana Bhaw Saheb marked C this very place Mr Macleod has required

† It was left to Sherfojee by her last Will. Copy of which is annexed.

†† The Room was sealed up by Tulja Rajah. the Seal was broke during her life. in presence of one of the Rajah's People - as stated in Copy of Sherfojees Letter marked A

††† Sherfojees Seal was affixed to his present apartments including those of Sulleckma Bhye Saheb when he went to Madras and these Seals were found unbroken on his return to Tanjore—

C in the annexed Plans of that part of the Palace

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101 required to be cleared out for the purpose of storing Sherfojee's Grain; and to this effect he addressed a letter to me on 22d Instant a copy of the Answer which I returned I beg leave to inclose for your Excellencys information — Notwithstanding that Sherfojee should remain within the limits appointed for him, if it is Demanded that the abovementioned place should be cleared out and given up. that can never be assented to/upon the subject of clearing out this place Mr Macleod has sent to say that, if I should cause it to be cleared out on the Morrow, it will be well; if not that he himself will come and see it cleared out this has been cause of much concern to the Bhaie Saheb which she has sent to communicate to me, and it has been the cause of no less concern and surprize to myself, it can never be right that Mr Macleod should send word of his

101 the plaw required by — Sherfojee is not this open Court Yard but the lowest part of a building marked H in the Plan the only spot fit for containing the Paddy

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Resident's Answers

I never offered or had any intention of going there.

his intention to go himself to the apartment of the Bhaie Saheb I shall not cause that apartment to be cleared out, Sherfojie has no right to it. I request that your Excellency will send orders to — prevent Mr Macleod from — interfering in this — matters-upon this point Mohana Bhaie — Saheb has addressed a letter to your Excellency: and rest confident that you will do justice and return speedy Answer to her as well as my letter. I have no Protection but from your Excellency. To a friend why should I write more.

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr Macleod dated 22d July 1797.

I understand the contents of the letter, which you have sent me you say that a Place is requested for storing Sherfojee's grain

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Residents Answers

Grain, and you therefore desire that the horses and furniture of Mohana Bhaie Sahib may be removed. To this I shall now reply. The apartments, which are now occupied by the horses and furniture of Mohana Bhaie Sahib, I formerly gave to Soobchen Bahie Sahib at her request for her accommodation after the death of Soobchen Bahie Sahib, they were in my own* profession, in a corner of that square my own furniture was kept under locks and Seals, upon a former occasion of Dispute in regard to this affair. I shewed the whole to the Padres Dada and proved it to him, this is well known to the Padre himself — under the circumstance of my furniture being in those apartments — sealed and locked up, Sherfojie has broken those Seals and taken away some of the furniture to

* This is not the case they were locked and the key kept by Sherfojie

Dada informed Mr Swartz to the contrary — and Mr Swartz in consequence went to the Rajah who had nothing to offer in support of his claim

++ By the Rajah's own People —

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President's Answers—

to the westward of the Place, in
which the horses of Mohana—
Bhaie Saheb are kept there
is an octugon bungla, on this
side of it there is a thatched
place and Bhone trees; on this
side of them again is a well
which is Sherfojees limit on this
side of it. Sherfoje has no—
right the Bhaie Saheb is therefore
much concerned that you—
should have written to me as
well as herself requiring this
Place to be cleared out. It is by
no means proper that you—
should in this manner send
word to the Bhaie Saheb that
you would yourself come and lie×
seated near her door as Sherfoje
has no right to that apartment,
there is no reason for your—
writing to me as it is my
apartment I shall not clear
it out if you should hereafter
use force of what avail will
be

+ Not a word of this is true—

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Residents Answers—

be my endeavours?—

During the ten Days—
/ Mohourrum / there was a
quarrel between the People of
Row Saheb and the Company's—
Sepoys in consequence of which
you have written that an
inquiry must be made, that
the Company's Sepoys are—
waiting, and that you will—
come tomorrow or next day—
I shall send Row Saheb Sepoys
by Chinny the Mercarrah
having inquired according to
Justice he pleased to release
them what can I say more?

Translation of a Letter
from Nabobe Mohama Ghie
Saheb to the Right Honble
Lord Hobart Governor &c &c
Dated 26th July 1797—

On the 17th April last
I addressed a letter to your Lordships
through

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Residents Answers

through the means of Sombhagee
Trumbuck the Vakeel of Maharaj
Amer Sing; but as you have not
been pleased to favor me with an
Answer, I have felt much concern
more than I can describe. I request
however that your Excellency will
take into consideration which
I am now about to write; and
favor me with an Answer.

In consequence of the
family dessentions, which according
to my evil Stars had been excited,
I formerly went to Madras, after
my return to the Place, these
dessentions ceased, and rejoined my
Brother in law Rajahsree Maharaj
Amer Sing. He has since continued
to pay me the annual Allowance
appointed for me by Sir Charles
Oakely - as Amer Sing is my
Brother in law, I have no connexion
with Sherfoje I receive my Annual
Allowance according to agreement
for this Annual allowance -

Sherfoje

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Residents Answer's

Sherfojee has no right nor cause to
press; Mr Macleod has now+ stationed + Totally Groundless
a Guard of the Company's Troops over
the Door of my apartments; by which
means people are prevented from
coming to and from me. There is no
reason for preventing People from
coming to me I shall send to invite
those to visit me whom I chuse,
and I request that Mr Macleod may
be directed to remove all impediments
to this. I entreat that this Gentleman
may be restrained from interfering
in the affairs of my family

On the 22d Instant Mr
Macleod came to my Gate and sent
word that I must clear out the
places in which my horses and
furniture kept, and if not, that
he himself would come the next
day and cause them to be cleared
out. This gave me extreme
concern, and I sent to communicate
it to Maharaj Ameer Sing. Mr
Macleod also wrote to Maharaj
Amer

I visited the places in
Dispute and wrote Mr Swartz
for the purpose of having a fair
and full Knowledge of Circum-
stances, and we found the
Horses &c in the Court Yards as
asserted indeed the Horses
belong to one of the Slave
Women of the Mohenna Khyedahs.

Allan Macleod
(Signed) C. Swartz

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Amer Sing upon this matter,
and recives an answer from
him Mahaja Amer Sing has
likewise written fully to your
Excellency, my horses have not-
been kept in the apartments
of Sherfoje The place of his
residence is separate under these
circumstances it is improper
in Mr Macleod to send and
desire that these places may
be cleared out as your
Excellency is just, I pray that
you may be pleased to send
a positive to Mr Macleod to
prevent his interfering
with me — what should I
write more? —

Minute thereon

As it appears from the foregoing letter
that it is essentially necessary to Sherfojee's
comfort that he should be allowed to deposit
his Paddy in the Godown pointed out by
Mr

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Mr Macleod, it is resolved to desire that Gentleman to request the Rajah in the name of Government, to consent to this arrangement and to order the godown to be properly repaired

Read the following Letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C. C. N° 91.)

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c to the Right Honble Lord Hobart — Governor of Fort St George

Dated 17
Received 18 October } 1797

From the Nabob regarding the assistance which Dowlut Row Sendiah has solicited towards enabling his Vackeel Soobrow to erect and maintain a Choultry at Tripetty.

I have received your Lordship's Letter of the 20th September enclosing Copy of a Letter from Dowlut-Row Scendiah to your Lordship and requesting I would enable your Lordship to reply to the same —

I have directed my Amil at Tripetty to assist the Vakeel of the Row abovementioned in the construction of the Choultry and I have also furnished the vakeel with a passport

Your Lordship can therefore reply

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reply to the Row's Letter

What more need I write?

A true translation

(Signed) A Falconar P.S. to Govt

Minute thereon

The President proposes that the annexed following Reply entered also in C C N° 92 / be sent to Dowlut Row Scindiah's Letter received on the 12th Ultimo.

To Dowlut Row Scindiah

Letter to Dowlut Row Scindiah in reply to his last Letter.

I have received your Letter informing me that you had deputed your trusty Servant Soobah Row to purchase Elephants Horses & Articles at Portonovo Cuddalore Nagore &c and communicating your intention of erecting a Choultry at Tripetty and of appointing proper persons to distribute Alms to the Brahmins and indigent Travellers on the summits of the Mountains contiguous to the Balagee Pagoda, and have fully understood its contents

Agreeably to your desire I have furnished the said Soobah Row with an order addressed

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addressed to all persons residing within the Company's
territories requiring that they do not under any
pretence offer molestation to the said Soobahdow
or his attendants or exact any customs on the
Articles he has been ordered to purchase.

The Balagee Pagoda being situated
in the Sirkar of Tripetty within the Territories
of his Highness the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah
Amer ul Hind Walajah Behauder, I have —
agreeably to the dictates of Friendship, addressed
a Letter to His Highness on the Subject of
your application, and have the pleasure to
transmit to you a Copy of his reply.

May your days be long and happy

(Signed) Hobart

Fort St George
25th October 1797

Approved and ordered that the Letter
when translated be delivered to Soobahdow the
Bearer of Sundrahs Letter.

Read the following Letter from
the Adjutant General

To

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Fort St. George 24th October 1797.

To J. Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Adjutant General proposing promotions to fill the vacancies occasioned by the Death of Lieut Col. Anderson and Lieut Mackay

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

Major James Campbell to be Lieut Colonel, vice Anderson deceased - date of rank the 21st October 1797.

Captain Donald McDonald to be Major vice Campbell promoted date of rank the 21st October 1797.

Captain Lieutenant R. M. Grant to be Captain of a Company vice McDonald promoted - date of rank 21st October 1797.

Brevet Captain George Hadow to be Captain Lieutenant vice Grant promoted - date of rank 21st October 1797.

Ensign George Spry to be Lieutenant vice Hadow promoted - date of rank

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Rank 21st October 1797.

Ensign Edwin Chitty to be—

Lieutenant vice Mackay deceased - Date of Rank

21st October 1797.

Adjutant Genl. Office
Fort St. George 23d October 1797.

I have the honor to be, &c &c
(Signed) By Close Adjt Genl of the Army

Ordered that the promotions recommended
be published in General Orders -

The promotions ordered to be published -

The Commander in Chief delivers in the
following Memorandum, together with the letter
from Major General Floyd and return to which it refers

Minute of the Commander in Chief proposing that some of the Native Troopers formerly ordered to be disbanded may be retained in the Service -

Memorandum

In consequence of the
accompanying Letter and enclosure from Major
General Floyd. the Commander in Chief could
wish to be sanctioned by Government to give directions
for discharging the men of the Native
Cavalry now reported by that Officer as unfit for
Service and for retaining some of those on the
strength of Regiments directed to be discharged
by the Government orders of the 4th Instant as being
undersize, in consideration of particular recommen-
dations in their favor having been transmitted
by the Heads of Regiments to Major General
Floyd, and to Head Quarters—

List

List of Men in the N. Cavalry, recommended by Officers Commanding Regiments to be Discharged, as being unfit, and having no claims on the Service —

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№	Names	Rank	Age	Size	Service	Regiment	Remarks
				7	3 yrs mos		
	Shaik Mahomet	Private	19	5 1	7 "	7th	Under Size, and unfit for Cavalry duty
2	Shaik Mooar	do	32	5 2	12 "	Regt	Requests his discharge
	Shumshue Khan	Private	25	5 6	5 "		A bad Character wishes his discharge.
	Shaik Hussain	do	27	5 6	13 "		Solicits his discharge being incapable of duty from ill Health
	Lingoge Row	do	36	5 8	12 "	2d	Incapable of duty from ill Health.
	Kaser Mahomed Khan	do	30	5 6	10 "		do do from a venereal Complaint
	Kadir Khan	do	20	5 4¼	6 "	Regt	do do do do
	Shaik Ismail	do	30	5 4	2 "	"	Incapable of Horsemanship
	Seid Hussain	do	30	5 6	15 "	"	Unfit for Service No Claims
8	Hyfanie Beg	do	22	5 6	10 "	"	Long Sick in Hospital — No Claims
	Meeban Sing	Private	23	5 5	2 "		Unfit for duty from a recent defect in one of his knees
	Shaik Imaum	do	32	5 6½	12 "	3d	Unfit from an old venereal Complaint
	Adam Beg	do	30	5 3¼	8 "	Regt	A very bad Horseman
4	Mahomed Yaouf	do	40	5 3¼	8 "		do do

Total 14

(Signed) Alex. Strachan Majr of Brigade

(Signed) J. Lloyd Lt. 4 Cavy

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Letter thereon

The Commander in Chief is requested to issue the orders he proposes to Major General Floyd.

Read the following Letters from the Commanding Officer at Trincomale.

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Trincomale with letter from Captain Kingston respecting the mode of furnishing Supplies of Cattle for the Troops, & the loss sustained by Civil Fair from the Robbery of money placed under his charge.—

Captain

Sir

For the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, I have the honor to send you a letter from Captain Kingston to me in consequence of your's of the 6th Instant likewise the proceedings of a Committee I directed to assemble to enquire into the cause of the rise of Cattle purchased by the Commissary for the use of the Troops under my Command, as those papers will give you the information you require, I have only to add that I believe the Statements to be very correct and as the Commissary charges no more than what he pays for the fresh Provision I am of opinion he cannot make more by his employment than his Monthly

allowance

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allowance and this opinion I offer after a strict inquiry into the Nature of his office—

I beg leave to remind you of my letters of the 17 last Month, I am now sorry to report that there is only five days Arack in store, an unpleasant circumstance at this wet season

I have the honor to be,
Sir, &c &c
(signed) J. Champagne Coll

Trincomalé
25th September 1797.

Colonel Champagne
Commanding at Trincomalé

Sir

I am just now favored with the perusal of Secretary Webb's letter to you of the 6th Instant requiring a Statement of "the exact "mode observed in procuring and furnishing supplies "for the use of your Garrison," in conformity thereto have to observe that the only way in which Cattle can be obtained is by keeping up an Establishment of People in the different parts of the Country to purchase them and I beg leave to enclose a Copy of the proceedings of a Committee which sat lately at Trincomale by which

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which will more fully shew the heavy expence and difficulty in procuring supplies at this Station.

As it is the wish of the Right Honble the President in Council that Lieut. Fair should not sustain any loss, I will take the first opportunity of reimbursing him for the loss he has sustained.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Pay.t

Trincomale
22d September 1797

Proceedings of a Committee held at Trincomalé this 23d August 1797. by Order of Colonel Champagné Commanding to enquire into the cause of the rise of the price of Cattle and Sheep, and ascertain the lowest rates at which they can be purchased at Trincomalé —

Lieut Colonel Ramsay 78th Regiment President
Captain J. Hammond, Coast Artillery, and
Town Major J. Walsh — Members.

The Court having assembled — agreeable to orders, and proceeded to enquire into the

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the cause of the rise of the prices of Cattle and Sheep, and the particulars of the expence of bringing them to this Garrison and the lowest prices at which they can be purchased here—

A letter being produced to the Committee from Captain S. Kingston Commissary of Provisions, addressed to Colonel Champagne, — stating as follows— "Sir having received a letter "from the Commissary General of Grain and "Provisions, some time ago directing me to "have in readiness all the Salt Provisions in "store for transportation, this circumstance as "well as the Sickly state of the Troops making "it indespensibly necessary to Issue out fresh "meat to them as often as possible, I represented "to Government some time ago from the great "consumption of Cattle since the English have "been in possession of Ceylon the Consequent "difficulty of procuring them which has— "lately increased the price so much above "what I formerly paid that I beg leave to "request that you will be so obliging as to

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"appoint a Committee of Officers or other
"intelligent persons to enquire the lowest rates
"Bullocks and Sheep can be purchased for here,
"as the prices I am obliged to pay for exceeds
"what is allowed by the Company's regulations
"for Victualling the Troops." —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Commissary of Provisions

Trincomale
8 August 1797

Colonel Champagne
Commanding at Trincomale.

Mr Neil an inhabitant, being
examined by the Committee says, that before the
English took this place the Consumption of Cattle
was then very little, that hardly any were
killed except for the Shipping - that since
the English have had this place there has
been more Cattle killed than in ten Years
in the Dutch time - In regard to the
opinions they are various as fifty head of
Cattle may be purchased and get all safe
in Trincomale, the next lot perhaps the half
may

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may be lost in the Journey. — Mr Neil thinks that good Cattle cannot be procured for less than two Pagodas and a half each, and Sheep at two & a half fo Pagoda

Mr Wambeek and Mr Brown — being both purchasers of Cattle and Sheep here, are of the same opinion — they are also of opinion that the average weight of Cattle that are purchased in a herd runs from Sixty to one hundred pounds weight each — and that the increase of price of Cattle arises from the very great consumption by the Garrison and the Fleet since the English have been in possession of this Place —

(Signed) Wm Ramsay
Lt Col. 77th Regt and
President

Approved, as from the information procured from the interior parts of the Country, I am convinced the Evidence laid before the Committee is Correct

(Signed) J. Champagné Coll.

A true Copy
(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Comm.y of Provisions
Captain

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Captain Kingston having intimated his intention of reimbursing Lieut. Fair for the loss sustained by the Robbery mentioned in his Letter of the 28th June to the Adjutant General on Ceylon, no further observations is necessary on the Subject.

J. Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Trincomalé recommending that Mr Peters or Gentleman formerly in the Dutch Service may be permitted to attend the Sick at Ostenburgh on Notice the arrival of the Indra. -

Sir

In consequence of the Death of Assistant Surgeon Blashfield of the 80th Regiment a Medical person is much wanted at Fort Ostenburgh / the Surgeon of the 80th and his Assistant being fully employed here / I have therefore directed a Doctor Peters who was many years in the Dutch Service and is as I am informed well acquainted with the Diseases peculiar to Trincomalee to do duty there till the Pleasure of the Right Honble the President in Council is known. I have not agreed with him for any Monthly allowance or to be employed for any given time leaving those points to be determined by his Lordship —

Sir

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Mr Peters chief wish is to be employed on this Island as Assistant Surgeon and remain Junior on that list, and by all the information I have been able to obtain I believe he might prove very useful from his skill and being so many Years on Ceylon.

The Ship Indus is arrived and every dispatch making to unload her.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(signed) J. Champagne Col

Trincomale
2d October 1797

Minute thereon

In consideration of the circumstances stated in the foregoing Letter and the want of Medical Assistance on Ceylon, the Board consent to the employment of Mr Peters in Attending the Garrison of Ostenburgh with the allowances of an Assistant Surgeon, it being explained to Mr Peters that this temporary employment is not to give him any permanent claim on the Service—

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General is of opinion that the present Office Establishment of the Paymaster in the Baramahl &c Districts is fully sufficient.

My Lord

1 In answer to Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 28th Instant referring for my opinion copy of a letter from Mr Paymaster Jackson to the Military Paymaster General in which he states the insufficiency of the Office Establishment allotted to him by the late regulations, I beg leave to refer to the letter which I had the honor to address your Lordship in Council on the Subject dated the 23d May last, in consequence of a reference from the late Acting Paymaster in the Baramahl Captain Corner, who admitted that the Sum stated in his Accounts for an Office Establishment Vide Page 150. 22. 26. would be sufficient, provided his proposal was approved of, for discontinuing the Writers &c charged at Salem, amounting to Pagodas 60 Month, and of paying that Station from Kistnagherry, a measure to which there appeared no objection.

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the Sum now allowed Mr Jackson, and which he represents as indequate to the performance of the performance of the Duties of his office is Pags 154, which in my humble opinion is an ample allowance for that purpose.

2 The office Establishment proposed by me for the Boramahl and approved by your Lordship in Council was detailed by way of an Estimate of the Number of Writers &c to be employed but the appropriation of the above sum according to the qualifications and merits of the Individuals, may be left to Mr Jackson, it being only necessary for this office that the receipts of each Individual should accompany his Accounts Disbursements, as agreeably to the general practice of the Service with respect to office establishments and to the Orders of Government under date the 17th of December 1793.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect &c &c
(signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl
&c

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
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To

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General with copies of correspondence with Mr. J. Jackson — respecting the office — Establishment of the — Baramahal Paymaster-ship and the allotment of the writers &c proposes that the Troops at Salem be paid from the office at Vankeyroog. —

My Lord,

1 At the request of Mr. Thomas Scott Jackson Paymaster in the Baramahal, I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, the inclosed copy of a letter (No 1) from him, under date the 17th Instant, together with a copy (No 2) of the letter which accompanied it from the late acting Paymaster Captain Lorner on the subject of his office Establishment

These inclosures, are in answer to my letter of the 9th Instant, of which a copy is also — inclosed (No 3) written in consequence of being furnished by Mr. Jackson with a copy of that addressed by him to the Military Paymaster General on the same subject, which letter is now before Government with my report thereon under date the 3 Instant. —

2 Your Lordship, I trust, will believe that in the whole of the Correspondence (which

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which has taken place with respect to the
office Establishment of the Paymaster in the
Baramahl. I could not mean to be inattentive
to the means by which he would be enabled
to perform his duty with effect, my own
convenience as well as that of the public
Service being immediately connected with this
object, but I have always considered it to be
my indispensible duty in the first instance
to see that no Expense is incurred in any
Department beyond what is absolutely ne-
cessary, and in the present case I had my
own judgement strengthened by the concurring
opinion of the late Military Auditor General
who not only made the Retrenchment on the
establishment which Mr Hughes and afterwards
Captain Cormer had drawn beyond that
originally allowed, but in his proposed Establish-
ment for the Pay office at Kistnagherry and
the subordinate Stations in the Baramahl
connected with the Regulations for the Pay
Department submitted by him to Government under
date

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date the 12th April 1795, states it at Page 155 -
of Month, including therein an Establishment
for Salem which Captain Corner in his letter
of reference to Government in May last proposed
to abolish, and which I gave as my opinion
might be done without Inconvenience to the
Service, especially as the Garrison of that place
consists of only 3 Companies of Sepoys I re-
repeated that opinion to Mr Jackson in order
to relieve him in some degree from the
Embarrassment which he in common with
every other person, must have experienced on
entering a new Office, and therefore trusted
that as Captain Corner had proposed the
removal of the Writers from Salem and to
pay that Station from Mustnaghery, he could
have no difficulty with this arrangement in
executing the duties of his office to his own
satisfaction, but I was far from authorizing
the payment of the whole of the inferior
Stations in the Baramahl from the Pay
office at Mustnaghery nor can such an
authority I apprehend be deducible from any
of

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of my letters on the subject - I should not indeed have considered myself at liberty to make any - alteration whatever in the mode of paying the Troops without the Sanction of Government, but as Mr Jackson, under a misconception of my Intentions has written to the different Commanding Officers that the whole of the Stations in the Baramhal were to be paid from Mistnaghery I lost no time in sending him the letter of which the enclosed (No 4) is a copy clearly expressive of my meaning, and desiring that he would convey it to the Commanding Officers to whom he had written as before mentioned. -

3 I shall not intrude further on your Lordship's time than to request reference may be had to my letter of the 23d May last, which goes into a minute detail of the subject of the Paymaster's Establishment in the Baramaul and to the papers enclosed therein by which it will be found that the former Acting Paymaster's proposal of discontinuing the Writers at Salem amounting to Pags 41. "as the only "Set" he said "that could be taken to draw to the

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"the Establishment which the Military Auditor
"General admits, and should your Lordship approve
"he was ready to adapt it" reduced his office —
Establishment to within the sum now allowed,
and consequently rendered it unnecessary for me
to enter into the consideration of his suggestion
of paying the whole of the Stations on the
Baramaul from Kistnagherry, a measure which
involving considerable expence for Batta to
Guards &c without any apparent necessity,
I conceived to be altogether out of the Question —
As I had formed my opinion
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at that time after mature consideration of the
subject, and as no alteration of circumstances
had occurred to induce me to change it when
I report upon Mr Jackson's representation
I hope I shall not appear to your Lordship
to have repeated such opinion hastily, as —
imputed to me in the enclosed letter from
that Gentleman.
5 Salem being only 26 Miles
from Sankeydroog but nearly 3 times that
distance

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distance from Kistnagherry a circumstance which I did not before advert to, I would beg leave to propose that it be paid from the former Station where there is a proper Establishment of Servants in the Pay Department in case your Lordship should be pleased to order any alteration to take place.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect, &c &c
(signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George 23 October 1797.

Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St George

Sir,

Your Letter of the 9th Instant relative to the Pay Office Establishment of Servants in these Districts is received, and I have in consequence communicated with Captain Lorner the late Paymaster respecting its contents a letter from him I have the pleasure to enclose, for your inspection.

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Allow me on this topic Sir once more to call your attention It would appear by a Letter of appeal from Captain Conner which thro the medium of your office, was handed to Government, that on this Subject, of diminishing the Establishment of Servants you differ very materially in opinion with him, and you also ratify a point as certain, which he with hesitation ventures to — suggest as an experiment; likewise from — your Letter, I am to understand, that on Government having referd the Matter to — you for consideration, you have immediately answerd them, in a manner that appears to have been directed by the recollection only of a correspondence with my Predecessor, and which arises from the want of a later perusal to have been rather hastily declared

Agreable to your desire that all Pay &c. should in future be issued from Kistnaghurry solely, each Commanding Officer in these Districts is made acquainted with the same

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With respect to Servants no alteration has as yet taken place, or do I propose making any change until I am made acquainted with the pleasure of Government on this Head. I therefore request you will transmit a Copy of these Letters to them

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(signed) Thos Scott Jackson
Pay 62d

Kistnaghurry
17 October 1797

A true Copy
(signed) J. Braunton
Sy Mg

Thomas Scott Jackson Esqr
Paymaster 6 Ceded Districts

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 12th Instant enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General on the Subject of your Establishment of Office Servants in the Pay Department of these Districts

The Letter from the Military Auditor General makes reference to a former Correspondence

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correspondence under my name, and states a measure as having been admitted, by me provided my proposal had been approved, of discontinuing the writers charged at Salem amounting to Pagodas 41, and of praying that Station at or Vestnagherry.

For fear the intention of that part of the Correspondence may have been misunderstood, and in order to state clearly to you the motives which led to it, I shall take this opportunity of transcribing such passages of the Correspondence as appears to apply to the Subject in question, and explain in the best manner I can, the sense I meant them to convey.

The Correspondence referred to, in a letter of appeal to the Right Honble the President in Council, transmitted through the Channel of the Military Auditor General in order to recover a Retrenchment made upon my Office Servants in the Pay Department of these Districts, in support of which the following is a Passage of my letter shewing how much I was of opinion that the Establishment I drew for, was absolutely

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absolutely necessary to the duties of the office.

"With the experience of ten
"Months, I feel no hesitation in assuring your
"Lordship, that I do not see in what manner,
"or in which Situation the Establishment can
"with safety be reduced. I do believe also that
"to attempt any reduction of the Pay of
"individuals would immediately deprive me of
"many Servants in the office"

Having advanced so much in order to persuade this Lordship of the necessity of the Establishment I employed, there would be too great an inconsistency to account for, were I in the same letter to recommend so considerable a reduction of it, as a measure to be confirmed without first ascertaining upon trial how far such a reduction might affect the duties and responsibility which was to fall upon the Paymaster himself

In order that the Military Auditor General should be further able to judge, and his Lordship in Council better able to decide how far I was correct or just in urging the necessity

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necessity of the Establishment I employed, I gave a faithful detail of the various duties of the office for one Month, where it appeared that — every Servant was fully employed from day to day, Sundays not excepted, and that no remission of duty was reckoned upon or account of absence or indisposition of any individual, which if it ever happens must always protract the duties of an office.

If after what I had urged, and all that I had stated, his Lordship had been of opinion that an experiment should be tried, the following passage of my letter was intended to shew him that I was neither indifferent or unwilling to promote its success

"Should your Lordship be of opinion
"that an experiment ought to be tried, in order
"to reduce the Establishment, I am ready to do it
"in any manner you may be pleased to direct
and I hope I do no more than my duty, if I
suggest the one most likely to succeed, which is
to discharge the Head Writer at Salem, and to make
all disbursements from the office of Rastnaghurry—

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"It will make a small increase of Batta to Guards,
"and occasion a few days delay in payment to the
"Southern Districts but it will reduce the amount
"of my Establishment from 187-112-40 to 146-112
"40- This I recommend on account of the frequent
"visits I make myself to the different Garrisons,
"mustering the Troops, and inspecting the Grain &
"Granaries, and because it is an arrangement
"that will rather increase my labours than re-
"ject the duties of the writers at Kistnagherry
"who have already enough to do."

From the foregoing passage I hope it will appear evident that an Experiment only was proposed by me, but that I have on where laid myself answerable for the success of it, and you will observe the mode I have recommended to be adopted for experiment is connected with circumstances which could apply only to myself as Muster Master, and the readiness I at all times felt, to contribute my best exertions towards accomplishing the views of the Military Auditor General

Having thus intended no more

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by the correspondence referd to, than to suggest a mode for experiment, to be tried only by myself I hope I am not answerable for the success of it in any other person. The letter of appeal is already before the Military Auditor General, should you think proper to call his attention to it again, and state what I have here offered in explanation of it. I have no doubt upon a reconsideration of the Subject, he will be pleased to continue the same establishment I employed, and not insist upon your adopting a measure which had only been suggested by me but which I have never been directed to carry into practice.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) C Corner
late acting Paymaster

Kistnagherry
15th October 1797

A true Copy
(Signed) J Bounton Lieut. H.A.C.

Thomas Scott Jackson Esqr
Paymaster — Kistnagherry

Sir.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter

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Letter of the 4th with its enclosures and the subject having been referred to me by Government — I gave my opinion that the office Establishment allowed the Paymaster in the Baramaul was sufficient, as it would be found on a reference to former correspondence on the subject that Captain Connor the late Paymaster admitted that the sum passed in his Accounts for an office Establishment Vizt Pags 150 22 40 would be sufficient — provided this proposal was approved of discontinuing the Writers charged at Salem amounting to Pagodas 41 and of paying that Station from Kistnagherry, a measure which I recommended should be adopted as not liable to any objection whatever, but on the Contrary appeared to be a necessary reduction of the Establishment — I added in my report to Government on the present reference, that the office Establishment proposed for your Department was detailed by way of an Estimate of the Number of Writers — necessary

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necessary to be employed. but that the ap
appropriation of the Sum allowed (Vide Reg. 154)
according to the Qualifications and merits of the
Individuals might be left to you; it being
only requisite for the office of Audit that the
receipt of each Individual should accompany
your Accounts Disbursements agreeably to the
General practice of the Service with respect
to office Establishments and to the orders of
Government under date the 7th December 1793

I should therefore hope that
you will not find it difficult to perform all
the Duties of your office on the Establishment
which Government have allowed, and which
is fully equal to that which your
Predecessor admitted to be sufficient under
the alteration before specified. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 9th October 1797.

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brunton
Dep. Mily (Sec.

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Mr T. T. Jackson

Paymaster in the Baramaul

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th October with its enclosure in answer to my Letter of the 9th on the Subject of your future Establishment as Paymaster in the Baramaul and shall according to your desire transmit a Copy of both to Government

As you have understood my Letter of the 9th Instant to contain a Desire "that "all Pay & should in future be issued from "Kistnagherry solely," and have in consequence made each Commanding Officer in the Districts of the Baramaul acquainted therewith, I lose no time in referring you to that Letter by which you will observe that my opinion went only to the payment of the Troops at Salem from Kistnagherry upon the Writers at that Station being discontinued, and not to any other Garrison in the Baramaul nor Did my Letter to Government on

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on Captain Corners Reference go to any other object than the abolition of the office Establishment at Salem by the mode before proposed — I have therefore to request that you will on receipt thereof write to the Commanding Officers of the different Stations in the Ceded Districts that no change is to take place in the mode of paying the Troops at those Stations until the orders of Government shall be transmitted thro' the proper channel for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, &c &c
(signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George 20 October 1797.

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brunton
Depy M.A.G

Minute on the two foregoing letters from the Military Auditor General.

From a perusal of the foregoing Papers the Board are confirmed in their former opinion that with proper Management the present establishment of Servants attached to Mr Jackson is fully adequate to enable him to conduct the duties of his office with punctuality and precision — (As

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As it does not appear that the arrangement suggested by the Military Auditor General of paying the Troops at Salem from Sankerydroog will be attended with any public inconvenience, it is resolved to adopt it.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart &c

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the claims of the Prize Agents for the Capture of Trincomale &c

My Lord

Para 1 In obedience to your Lordships commands, signified in Mr Secretary Webbs letter of the 28th ultimo, representing claims preferred by the Prize Agents on Ceylon, for Sundry Articles of Stores and Provisions delivered on account of the Company to the Officers of Custody on that Island. I have the honor to report as follows.—

2 The Items contained in the Bill marked No 1 are supported with the receipts of the Commissaries of Provisions and Stores, and Senior Engineer with the exception of the charges for Artificers tools which tho detailed in the Bill, are only accounts for in General terms by

Capt.

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Captains Norris and Scott, as will appear by their receipts N.o 3 & 4 - I beg leave therefore to observe that as the officers to whom the Tools are to stand to have been delivered, will no doubt on referring to their General Return, ascertain the Number and description of the Tools received from the Prize Agents, the amount charged for those Articles. Viz.t Pagodas Fifty Seven, and Fanams Twenty one / P.o 57-21 / should not I presume be discharged until the required Vouchers are transmitted in support of the same.—

3 The several Articles of Provisions, Military Stores, Pay of Malay Prisoners at Jaffnapatam on its surrender, Valuation of the Mud on the Island of Delft and two Brothers, detailed in the Bills N.o 2 are supported with the receipts of the parties in charge of Grain and Stores with the Pay Rolls certified to have been discharged by order of Major General Stuart, and with the Proceedings of the Committee ordered to assemble for ascertaining the Price of the Brood Mares

4 The Bill marked N.o 3 is only supported by a General Statement of Captured Property &c found

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found at Batacola, and signed by Captain Parkison in which Bill is included Articles which are not acknowledged by Captain Parkison, to have been received on the Company's Account, it appears therefore necessary previous to the Amount being paid to the Prize Agents, that receipts specifying the quantity and quality of the different Articles delivered to the Commanding officers at Battacola, should be transmitted, not only to ascertain to what extent the Company are accountable for captured property delivered to their Servants at that Station, but likewise to serve as a check upon the delivery of any part thereof for the public Service —

5 The whole of the grain charged for in the Bills marked No 4 and stated to have been delivered to Mr Atkinson Commissary of Grain and Provisions, is accounted for by his receipts with regard to the charge for 23 Garce and 206 Parcalls of Rice said to have been issued to the Troops at Manar, and to parties passing by that Station at different times from November 1795 to February 1796

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1796 I have to observe, that the only Vouchers offered in support of this item are two Letters detailing the names of the Officers who signed indents, the number of Men victualled, and quantity of Rice expended at the bottom of which the Prize Agents remark, that the above issues were made by Lieut Campbell at Manar, and the original — Vouchers delivered to Major Bowser, the Amount charged for the Rice Viz.t One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three Pagodas twenty eight fanams and Ten cash/ Pag.s 1763. 28. 10/ should not therefore be paid until satisfactory explanations were forwarded by the Prize Agents, with the original indents under which the issues were made, as the — regular Vouchers to substantiate the charge. —

6 I have not considered it necessary to make any enquiry with respect to the rates — charged for the different Articles on these Bills, as they bear the countersignature of Major General Stuart who no doubt ascertained that they were equitable both for the Captors and the Company.

7 The Amount contained in the Bill Marked N.o 5 Viz.t Three thousand and Ninety eight

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eight Pagodas, Nine fanams and forty three Cash
Pago.s 3098.. 9. 43/is the value of 9 Elephants, three
Sloops and a Small Boat, determined on by a Committee ordered to assemble for that purpose whose proceedings accompanied the Bill, but as this Account was made out subsequent to the departure of Major General Stuart for Bombay, his countersignature has not been obtained. To obviate this defect, I beg leave to suggest that the Bill in question, together with the Proceedings of the Committee, may be referred to Brigadier General Dumaresq, who from his long residence on the Island, and local information, will be best able to decide on the prices affixed by the Committee, with a view of doing justice to the Captors as well as to the Company.

The several Bills with the Vouchers that accompanied them are herewith returned.—

I have the honor to remain,
&c &c
(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
16th Oct.r 1797.

† Vide Letter from the attorneys to the Prize Agents in Consult.n 26th September

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Attorneys of the Army Prize Agents on Ceylon and that they be desired to lay before the Board the particular Indents Receipts and Certificate referred to in the 2d 4th 5 and 7th Paragraphs.

To

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General proposing that Captain Brunton his deputy be appointed to superintend the Servants employed in bringing up and closing the Books of the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions &c

My Lord.

The late Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions having before his departure for Vellore stated to me that his duties as Paymaster and Garrison Storekeeper of that Station and its dependencies would require his constant attendance, and deprive him of the means of Superintending in person the continuation of the Accounts and Books of his late Departments of Grain and Provisions and Bullock Agency, which, for want of the Accounts of the Commissaries of Amboyna &c are considerably in arrear, and having therefore earnestly

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earnestly requested that I would make some
arrangement for closing the accounts and books of
his office to the 30th September last, the period of
its having been abolished, seeing that it was an
object of no less consequence to the Service
than to the convenience of my Department in
which the whole of his Accounts are to be
Audited. I beg leave to propose, under the
impression of its being a measure of
indispensible necessity, that I may be authorized
to direct Captain Brunton Deputy Military
Auditor General to superintend the completing
of the Accounts and Books to that period, and
I am the more induced to recommend him
for this charge, being certain from the
experience he has had in Auditing the Accounts
of that Department that it is the only
efficacious mode that can be taken to
accomplish so desireable an end.——

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

(signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
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The President acquainting the Board that Captain Brunton does not look to any pecuniary remuneration for the duty appointed out by the Military Auditor General, they resolve to avail themselves of his Services, — being satisfied that, under his Superintendance, no time will be lost in bringing the Books of the Commissary's office to a Close

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. No 93.

Translation of a Letter

From his Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c

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

Dated 16th October 1797

Received 25. 26. 28.

from the Nabob complaining of the unproper conduct of the Zemindar Gonda Row in seizing by force some people who from apprehension of the Zemindar's vengeance had taken refuge in the Palnaud country.

I have just received a Letter from my Naib in the District of Palnaud, — giving information that Venkoo, a Bootea man, and inhabitant of Vencondah, had from the — fear of the Zemindar Gonda Rows oppressions,

taken

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taken refuge for these eight months past in a Purkunal a dependency of Paulnaud, that Seventy of the Zemindar's People came suddenly to his House in the Night-time, and having plundered him of all his Effects, carried him away Prisoner. The Conduct of this Zemindar is highly improper, and the Inhabitants of that District are much alarmed — My friend when a Ryot flies from one District and takes refuge in another, it is an universal Custom to desire his return, upon promise of favor — but this Zemindar has, contrary to that Custom, taken him away by force — I therefore request that your Lordship will be kind enough to issue orders to the Commandant of Guntoor severely to reprove the Zemindar, and to desire him to send the said Venkoo back to Palnaud, or if you will authorize me I will reprehend him myself, because some of the Inhabitants of Palnaud, have also taken refuge in the abovementioned District —

What shall I write more!

A true Translation
(signed) A. Falconar
Dn Fr to Govt

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Translation Copy of a Petition From Hafiz Mahummud Nasir Khan Bahadar.

Dated 27th September 1797.

Sheweth.

That Venkoo Bukal had rented two or three Farms in the District of Innaum-dak which is subject to the authority of the Gundarow Zemindar who justly or unjustly claimed from him a Balance of about two hundred Pagodas, and very earnestly demanded the Payment of it Venkoo having given a Person as Security contrived to make his Escape to the Village of Pukurall in the District of Palnaud and resided there for 8 months, two months ago he proceeded with his wife & Children and Six Ploughs, and took refuge in Pinely, and having made some Settlement with Dherma a Renter, he entered into an Agreement, and commenced Cultivation in that Place — On the 14th September Seventy men belonging to Gundarow came in the middle of the night, carried him away and plundered his House: in consequence of which the

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the Inhabitants of the 5 Villages are much alarmed, and Distrust every thing I say to them, if you arrange this Business tranquillity will be restored to the District, but not otherwise; and it is the Custom in every Country when any Person flies for Refuge to another man's confines, to bring him back with his own Consent.

I have would be disrespectfull

(A true Translation)

(signed) Jas. Cochrane
Dep. Sec. Trans.

Minute thereon

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Board of Revenue with directions to issue such Instructions, on the Subject of it to Mr Ram as they may deem advisable

Read the following Letter from the Military Board—

From the Military Board—
point out the cause of the
deficit in the Arrac Granary
recommend for payment—
Bills for Tents furnished by
Mr Bowie and Rice &c—
purchased for the Manilla
Expedition—enclose an
account

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

My Lord

In obedience to the directions of
Govt

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account Current of the Garrison Storekeepers which they recommend may undergo a regular Audit

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Government under date the 4th Instant respecting
the Granary at Arnee, we do ourselves the honor
to report to your Lordship in Council that, after
having referred to the Papers and Correspondence
which took place on the subject in October,—
November, and December 1795, and January 1796,
of which Copies were laid before Government,
we are of opinion that the failure of the Granary
is to be ascribed to the deviation made from
the original Plan, combined with the probability
of the Foundation not having been adapted to
the nature of the Soil, which has been—
found particularly unfavorable for Building

The Agent of Mr Contractor Bowie
having addressed us respecting an omission—
that happened in the transmission of a Bill
for Tents, delivered into the Arsenal on the 2d
March last, which would otherwise have been
forwarded to Government for Payment, and as
we have ascertained, by reference to our—
Records, that the representation of Mr Burnaby is
correct, we accordingly enclose Copy of his Letter
with

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with Bills for Cents. amounting to Pagodas
1475. 19. 16. and beg leave to recommend that the
same be discharged.

We have the honor to forward
also Bills of Messieurs Hunter and Kay and of
Messieurs Dring, Gordon, and Connell, for Rice
supplied by them on Contract for the lately
intended Expedition, the former amounting to
Pagodas 521. 35. 47 - and the latter to Pag^{as} 1417. 0: -
both of which Bills being duly certified, we
recommend may accordingly be passed for
Payment.

The Garrison Store Keeper
having laid before our Board an account
Current of the receipts and Disbursements
in his Department for the Expedition lately
projected, stating that there is a Balance in
his favor of Pagodas 15,404: 8: 73. and it
appearing to us that the Account should be
supported by corresponding Vouchers and
examined therewith, we in consequence
transmit the same inclosed, and beg leave to
recommend that it may be sent to the Military

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Auditor Generals Office for Audit.

We have the honor to be,
My Lord &c &c
Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
Jno Richardson
By Close

Signed

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20th October 1797.

Captain Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir.

Enclosed is a Bill for Field officers Tents and 24 Marquees, amounting to Star Pagodas 1475: 19: 5. which I beg may be laid before the Board and recommended for payment. As this Bill is dated so long ago as the 30th December 1796 it will possibly strike the Board as extraordinary that it should not have been presented for Payment at an earlier period - the cause may be ascribed partly to a misconception, and oversight on my part, and to irregularity on the part of the Contractor Mr Bowie - The matter is this. The Vessel on which these Tents were shipped, sailed some time in December last with

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440 Tents for this place, but having been obliged to
put back to Coringa, M.r Bowie took the opportunity
of Shipping the further Number of Tents, mentioned
in the first part of this Letter, and amounting to
Pagodas. 1475-19-6 - when these Tents had been re-
surveyed, and reported on, I laid before the Military
Board the Bill for the first Shipment of Tents. re-
amounting to Pagodas 9927. 12. 10 without adverting
to the Circumstance of the double Shipment - this
Bill was paid, and the smaller Bill of 1475-19-10
remained in my possession, and was only re-
discovered, upon my sending D.r Bowie his re-
annual account with me - The circumstance is
so clear, that I trust there cannot be any re-
difficulty in the Bills being recommended for
payment

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16th October 1797

I am,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) H. Burnaby

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred.i Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Entered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bills recommended on the foregoing Letter be passed for Payment and that the Garrison Storekeepers accounts be referred to the Military Auditor General

Agreed to postpone a decision, relative to the Arrack Granary, till furnished with the report required from the Military Board on the 21st Instant

Read the following Letters from the Commanding Officer on Ceylon and paymaster at Colombo

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

From Brigadier General De Meuron - the Detachment in the Field gain some advantages over the Rioters - enclosures copies of correspondence with the Candian Minister relative to the Secret aid supposed to be afforded to them by some persons dependent on the Courts requests permission to appoint Mr John Reynolds to act as his Secretary

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I had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Webbs Letter of the 6th and Mr Secretary Falconars of the 9th Instant to the contents of which due attention shall be paid

Since my Letter to your Lordship of the 18th Instant no material circumstance has occurred with the Rioters Captain Rennet with his Detachment has continually been gaining some

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some advantages upon them. But in order to impress the Inhabitants with the Idea that I am still inclined to act with lenity, I have directed Captain Kenney not to push on any further, and only to check the attempts which the Rioters may venture to make - From the reports I have, it would appear that the Inhabitants, particularly those of the Nowgam Corle, begin to shew a degree of dejection, the maintaining of which will most effectually tend to the restablishment of peace and quiet in the Corles, the ringleaders, who are of the Salputty Corle, are, if possible, more outrageous than ever, and do all they can to Buoy up the drooping Spirits of their adherents.

I have the honor to inclose the translation of a letter I received from the prime Minister of the Court of Candy and a Copy of my Answer to him under No 1 and 2 for your Lordship's information.

My present Situation as I have no aid de camp, requires that I should have a Secretary, it appeared so obviously necessary that

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that I ordered Mr John Reynolds to do the duty
and I trust he will be allowed to draw the
usual Salary.

Head Quarters
Columbo 24 September 97.

I have the honor to be
My Lord &c &c
(signed) C. J de Meuron
B. G.

To Brigadier General de Meuron

After titles and Compliments

We have recieved your Letter which
you sent by our Messengers. having read its
contents and taken the same into consideration, we
observed, your stating that our letter to you
had given much Satisfaction, and your as-
surances of Friendship, which gives us a
great pleasure also.

Some persons from the Corles as
having often appeared here and represented that
the Inhabitants of the Corles were treated in
an unjust Manner. they were sent with our
messengers to Columbo, for the purpose of
enquiring into the nature of the injustice, that
they might obtain redress and be pacified. —

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In order to disturb the Friendship
between the Court and the English Company com'
evil enclined Rascals have invented Stories in
the Beginning of these disturbances, which
must not be considered as Facts that this
will not be, case our part has already
been written had it been at our instigation
why should we write the Contrary, we can
faithfully assert that those things have not
been done by us.

Had these differentiis been
arranged in the beginning, they would not have
been carried to such extremities; the Numbers
of the evil doers increase daily, and the
sufferings of the Inhabitants accumulate. As
you are a Man of Understanding - and make
a distinction between good and evil, Justice &
injustice, and that the conditions of men on
this Island are known by you, we think
that you will not allow these disturbances
to go any farther and that you will put
a stop to them immediately by requiring

the

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the Services of the Inhabitants and Collection the
Revenue upon the old System —
We inform you of these circumstances in consequence of our friendship
To the Prime Minister

After Compliments

I had the honor to receive your
letter which gave me great pleasure, as you re-
assure me that his Majesty has no connection
with the Rioters and that he has sent away the
persons who presented themselves before H. M.

I feel great Satisfaction by
informing you that I will report to the Government
of Madras those circumstances which you have
been pleased to communicate to me — I hope that
through the wisdom of your Councils good
harmony will be maintained to the mutual
advantage of the Subjects of his Majesty and
of the British Government —

I suppose that you are informed
of my Conduct with respect to the Rioters, when
I arrived here, I invited them to prefer their
Complaints

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complaints to me and promised that they should obtain Justice and to convince them of my sincerity I ordered the Detachments to come back, but instead of being greatefull for my paternal goodness they continued to fortify themselves and to commit hostilities - You must be aware that it is not Suitable to the dignity of a Government who have a Strong Army which is accustomed to Vanquish their enemies to treat with a small Number of Rioters.

I shall feel great Reluctance in causing them any harm, but if they do not return within the bounds of their duty - I shall be under the necessity of sending out a sufficiency of Troops to compel them to it if I have not a sufficient Number - I have only to state the circumstance to Government who will send as many thousands of men as I require in which case they will be the cause of all the misfortunes which may befall them —

It is not yet too late to return to their duty, and if you will order the person who

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who stiles himself Notoriar Secretary of the
Court of Candy to withdraw from the Rioters,
I am of opinion it will be conducive to the
quelling of the disturbance.—

Head Quarters Columbo
23d September 1797.

(Signed) D. T. de Meuron

Minute thereon

The Board consent to the appointment
of Mr John Reynolds to act as Secretary to
Brigadier General De Meuron with the
customary allowance.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Paymaster at Columbo respecting the charges made by the late General Doyle for Interpreters and writers — takes the proportion of Copper and Gold issued to the Troops from May to August and incloses a Bill for furniture provided for the Government House —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter Dated 6th Current and beg you will
acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council
that the Salary as charged for Mr Geisler a Dutch
Portuguese and Malay Writer and Interpreter
was paid by General Stuart as well as the
Allowance to the Singalese and Malabar Inter-
preters and paid ever since the Capture of
Columbo Brigadier Major Wilson having left
this place for Madras on leave of Absence — 11
months

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prevents an immediate reference to him, but I can
add, they were and are now in constant daily
Occupation, interpreting in the Numerous
Complaints reffered to the Commanding officer
and Town Major by a very populous and
litigious Colony.

On the Arrival of his Majestys
Ship Carnsfort in the Month of May, the
Accounts of each Corps were made up and
the balance paid 3/4 in Gold and 1/4 in Copper
for May 1/2 in Gold and 1/2 in Copper — for
June 1/2 in Gold and 1/2 in Copper — for July 3/4 in
Gold and 1/4 in Copper — and for August the
whole now paying in Gold.

The immediate object of your
letter being complied with, his Lordship will
I trust not think it Extraordinary that my
Cash Account has hitherto been a simple
Recital of the Sums paid, wherefore to comply
in future with the orders received it must
be a complicated Account of each different
coin received and issued. —

I have

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I have the honor to enclose Copies of a letter from the acting Barrack Master and a Bill presented against him for Articles purchased by Order of the Late Major General Doyle for the Government House here, for the payment of which I request you will obtain the Sanction of the Right Honble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(signed) John McDouall
Paymr

Columbo
22d September 1797.

To John McDouall Esqr.
Military Paymaster

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose you a bill of Mr Hopes the Merchant of this place for Lamps &c purchased by order of Major General Doyle in the Month of March last for the Government House of this place where they now are, Major General Doyle informed me that he had written to Government stating the necessity he had felt himself under, of ordering me as acting Barrack Master to make the purchase of different Articles of

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of this nature and that for answer he had been told that what had been done was approved but that he was requested not to make further — purchases without their permission previously — granted as prior to the receipt of the letter the Lamps &c were bought I hope it will obviate all objections to the charge: when Mr Hope first sent me the Bill the General was dead that I could not trouble him on the — subject

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

(signed) J.W. Kerr
Acting Barrack Master Colombo

Colombo
20th September 1797

A true Copy
(signed) John McDonall Paymr

Lieutenant Kerr — — — Dr.

March 30th 1797.

To Lamps furnished for the use of the —
Government House — — — Star Pagodas 7/3 —
Colombo 2 Sept. 1797. Contents received —
Purchased by order of the late (signed) W. Hope
Major General Doyle. — 7/3
(signed) J.W. Kerr

A true Copy
(signed) John McDonall
Paymr

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The Board consent to authorize the Payment of the Bills referred to in the foregoing Letter: but it is agreed to address Brigadier General De Meuron on the Subject of the very high Salaries drawn by Mr Gosler as Dutch Writer and by the Malabar and — Cingalese Interpreter.

The explanations offered in Mr McDonald's Letter does not occasion any alteration in the opinion already expressed by the Board, that much of the inconvenience which has been attributed to the course of exchange, has arisen from inattention to their orders for issuing proportionate quantities of Copper, Gold and Silver at the time: and it is accordingly resolved to require that Mr — McDonald pay particular attention to such Instructions as he may receive from — Brigadier General De Meuron in consequence of the recent orders of Government on this important Subject.

Read the following Letter — from Lieutenant Colonel Munat

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieut. Colonel Wood repeating his representation of the insufficient Force stationed in the District under his Command — suggests the expediency of establishing a Depot of Ordnance and Stores at Chicacole —

With reference to my Letter of the 4th Instant I have now the honor to acquaint you that the Company mentioned as detached with treasure to the Presidency, having returned by Sea to Vizagapatam, I ordered it from thence hither, — where it arrived this day, and I have now here three Companies of the 2d Battn 8 Regiment Native Infantry, to meet as far as practicable with so — small a force, any emergency that may happen although I hope that from the prudent manage- ment of Mr Collector Scott, it will at least be — diverted, until I have the means of crushing it more effectually. But fall out what may, I beg leave with the utmost deference to remark, that a — much more respectable force than from the present Military Strength of the District I can possibly draw together, is extremely needful not only for facilitating the negociations of the Collectors

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Collectors in settling the Revenue in their several Divisions, as well as an account of the Zemindar of Kermedy in particular whose refractoriness immediately occasioned my application for reinforcement, but also for realizing it afterwards, by ensuring the due execution of such settlements.

Another subsidiary circumstance tho' in my humble opinion of essential import to the protection of the District, I have still to trouble you with, concerning which I request the decision of the Right Honble the President in Council. It is that by general regulation, the only depositary for all ordnance, ammunitions and Stores not in use, is the Arsenal at Vizagapatam, which being remote from by much, the greater part of the second, and the whole of the third Division, the quarters of the Country where troubles most frequently and suddenly arise, very hurtful delays may happen, before necessary supplies can arrive for the expeditious equipment of Detachments. When formerly in Command of the District, I endeavored to remedy this defect, by detaining at this Station, which is Sixty miles nearer to those parts than Vizagapatam, two 3 Pr. field Pieces with their trumbrils and Stores, when the Detachment of Artillery was ordered in from the Field Stations, as I had before that, a quantity of Musquet ammunition and working

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working tools, received from Vizagatam, after the Camp there had broken up. These two small guns with their appertenances and the other Stores mentioned still remain here: but in consequence of a correspondence between the Military Board and Major General Erskine, concerning his application for Lascars to take care of them, I daily expect an order for their being sent to Vizagapatam. Considerd of the great inconvenience & Entirety that may arise, from having such a small + expensive magazine at Chicacole. I shall retain these + Articles, until I am favored with your reply

Besides what I have thus respectfully + submitted concerning them, permit me to add, that their transportation to Vizagapatam and from thence back again when wanted will cost be so much additional charge. Allow me likewise to say, that of two of the 6 Pr field pieces, and the two small Howitzers now at Vizagapatam were moved hither, they might be conducive of much benefit by being ready at hand for occasional sudden Service and thereby affording me the option of employing either of them or the 3 Pr in preference as the roads and nature of the Country should determine.

Agreeably to an order of Government under Date the 3d of may last I have the honor to mention

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mention that by a Garrison order I have appointed Mr. Patrick Nicolls Assistant Surgeon to the Medical charge of the Native Detachment here, there being no Surgeon from the Corps it belongs to.

Chicacole
11th October 1797.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(signed) Geo. Muat Lt. Col.
Comm.g Chicacole and the
Vizagapatam District

Minute thereon

As the measure suggested by Lieut.t Col.t Muat, of forming a Depot of Ordnance and Stores at Chicacole would render it necessary to Detach — Neither a considerable Number of Lascars and a proportionate detach.t of European Artillerymen and as the Board are not aware of the means there may be at Chicacole of affording adequate cover to the Ordnance and Stores it is resolved to defer its adoption, unless an unfavorable turn in the Affairs of the District should render it advisable to hold a considerable force in readiness to take the Field —

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Death of Lieut. Col. Walter Anderson and Lieutenant Robert Mackay of the Infantry.

The Sub Secretary Reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Walter Anderson, and Lieutenant Robert MacKay of the Infantry, at the Presidency on the 20th Instant.—

Geo: Harris

Edw Saunders

A Wallace

Compared
G Strachey

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Diary.

25th Received the undermentioned letter

entered in Mr Sec.s 134. 135.-

From Lieutenant A. Hughes - advising

From the Commandant at Nuggatore. - of his having been under the necessity of removing from Nuggatore to Policole for want of a proper quarter at the former Place to shelter himself and family from the violence of the Rains -

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an additional Estimate of the Vizagapatam Paymaster for Pag.s 27910. 36. 25. -

From the Military Paymaster General

26th Sent the following letters -

To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.t
Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

To Bengal - the State = ment of Expences incurred on Account of the Manilla Expedition will be furnished as early as possible after the return of the Troops from the Eastward and the Warrant before p.d from Bengal placed on the pension List. -

Honorable Sir,

We have received your letter of the 29th

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29th Ultimo, and have in consequence issued orders to our Military Auditor General to Collect the necessary Materials, so that no time may be lost, in making up the Statement of the Expence incurred at this Presidency on account of the projected expedition against Manilla, on the return of the Troops from the Eastward

Our Secretary has laid before us Mr. Barlow's Letter to him of the 25th Ultimo, and We have given directions for admitting the Worn out Sepoys Natives of this Coast, who have returned from Bencoolen, on our Invalid Establishment on their arrival here -

We have the honor to be
Gentn
Your most obedt Servts
(Signed) Hobart
Mr Council

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

The Right Honorable the President in

To the Military Auditor General respecting the Statement required from Bengal of the Expence
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in Council wishing to forward to the Supreme — Government, as early as possible; a Statement of the expence incurred at this Presidency on account of the projected expedition against Manilla; desires you will collect the necessary Materials to enable you to furnish the Statement required, with, the least possible delay, after the return of the Troops from the Eastward. —

Having duly considered the representation of Mr. F. S. Jackson on the subject of the allotment of publick Servants for the duties of his office the President in Council is Confirmed in his former Opinion that, with proper Management, the present Establishment is fully adequate to enable that Gentleman to conduct his business with punctuality and precision — and that the plan you have suggested of Staying the Troops at Salem from the office at Sankey droog will not be attended with any public inconvenience the President in Council desires that this Arrangement may be adopted —

of Manilla Expedition the present Establishment of Servants attached to the Baramaul Pay office Confirmed, the Troops at Salem to be paid from Sankey droog - Nothing Authority given for — payment of Bills for Secret Service and — Furniture at Colombo - for the Employment of Mr. Reynolds as Secretary to Brigadier General De Meuron - for the repair of the Crown Godown of the 19th Dragoons at Trichinopoly and the Depoy Barracks &c. at Dindigul. Claims of Puttallies of the 5 Regiment to the additional Mysore Donation and Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing Month referred for — examination, Mr. Peters to draw the Pay of an Assistant Surgeon and Mr. Carron Arrears for attendance on the Detachment of the 1 Battalion 4th Regiment Native — Infantry at Royacotah Captain Brunton to — superintend the Servants employed in Closing the Books of the late — Commissary's Office — — Accounts of the Garrison Storekeepers Referred for audit —

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The president in Council has authorized the Paymaster at Columbo to discharge two Bills on account of Secret Service Money disbursed by the late Major General Doyle and furniture purchased for the Government House at Columbo amounting together to Pagodas 412:28:40.

At the request of the Brigadier General De Meuron the president in Council has consented to his employing Mr John Reynolds as his Secretary and desires you will authorize Mr Macdonall to discharge his Bills for the customary Allowance.

Having authorized the execution of some repairs to the European and Sepoy Barracks at Dindigul, estimated at Pag.s 93. 25 45/4. and the repair of the Grain Godown of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons at Trichinopoly, at an expence not exceeding P.s 64 — you will desire the paymasters at those Stations to discharge —

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the Bills for these Works on the countersignature of the respective Commanding officers -

I am directed to refer for your examination and report the accompanying Application from Some Puckallies attached to the 71st. Regiment to participate in the additional Mysore Donation; as also the Estimates of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing Month. -

In consideration of the Want of Medical Assistance on Ceylon the President in Council has permitted Mr. Peters, a Gentleman formerly employed on the Dutch Service to attend the Garrison of Batenburgh, and desires you will authorize the Paymaster to discharge his Bills for the Allowances of an Assistant Surgeon until further orders. -

The President in Council desires you will authorize the Payment of the Arrears that may be due to Assistant Surgeon Carnie on account of his Attendance on the detachment of the

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1st Battation 4th Regiment Native Infantry doing duty at Tryacotah from the 1st May to the period of his removal to the 1st Regiment of European Infantry on Ceylon.—

The Board readily avail themselves of the Services of Captain Brunton in Superintending the Office establishment of the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, and are satisfied that, under his direction, the Books of that office will be brought to a Close with the utmost dispatch.—

Herewith you will receive an account Current of the Garrison Storekeeper of articles provided for the lately projected expedition against Manilla which the Residues in Council desires may undergo the established audit—

Fort St. George
25th October 1797

I have the honor to be
Sir
your Most Obedt
Humble Servant
(Signed) J Webbe
Sub to Govt

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

To the Military Board Bills recommended by them passed for payment - consideration of their report respecting the Arms Granaries deferred, Garrison Storekeepers accounts referred for Audit repairs authorized to the Granary Godown of the 19th Dragoons and Sepoy Barracks at Dindigul their Opinion acquired on the Subject of building a permanent Barrack at Pulicat -

We have received your letter of the 20th Instant, and have passed for payment the Bills therein recommended -

We shall postpone our decision, relative to the Granary at Arnee, until we are furnished with the report called for in our letter of the 21st Inst.

The Garrison Storekeepers accounts for provisions supplied for the lately projected expedition have been referred to the examination of the Military Auditor General agreeably to your suggestion -

We enclose Copy of a letter from Major General Floyd, in consequence of which we have authorized the execution of the Repairs required to the

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The Grand Jodown of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons We have approved the reasons urged by Major General Floyd for postponing the repair of the Barrack at Putoor; and desire you would report your Opinion on the expediency of erecting a New Barrack at that Station after the Monsoon.-

Lieutenant Colonel Brown having represented to us the necessity of making some immediate repairs to the European and Sepoy Barracks, and building a Sepoy Hospital at Dindigul we have authorized the execution of the Works at the Expence stated in the enclosed Estimate.-

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We are

Vrs. Vrs.

(Signed) Hobart

Vr Commit

Returned the following Letters.-

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

Petition of the Widow Gordon representing the Distress she — experiences from the decease of her pension and Solicitory a — recommendation of her Case —

My present helpless situation reduces me to the necessity of entreating Your Lordships pardon for this trouble and your candid attention to the accompanying Memorial

When I was informed of the — reduction of my pension I was struck to the heart with the Melancholy tidings. —

I saw myself unexpectedly sunk from comfort and independence to a state of great distress — At my time of life and in my precarious state of health to see this reduced — is dreadful. —

Two years have now elapsed since your Lordship was pleased to grant this — pension — All my plans of future Economy — were

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26 were laid and arranged upon the plighted
faith of a Solemn act of the English
Government. I implore most humbly the
intervention of your Lordships humanity and
justice to rescue me from inevitable Misery.

If it were not deemed presumption
I could refer your Lordship to persons of
respectability in all the departments of
the Company's Service to give testimony to
the use which I have made of my pension -
But I appeal with confidence to your
Lordships' feelings as may best refuge
under the deep affliction which this
unlooked for event has caused - had the
pension ever exceeded its present reduction
I should have done the best in my power
to confine my expences within its limits -

Besides my own family there
are many persons dependant upon me -

Who

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who must also cruelly suffer by the operation
of this most unexpected reduction. —

I shall not take up any more of
your Lordship's valuable time. —

But if your Lordship could continue
the difference between my former allowance
and the present reduction - the 111 Pagodas per -
Month to be drawn as my pension, the —
remainder from a consideration of the very
peculiar circumstances of my unhappy —
situation; my Gratitude should not cease but
with life. —

Pondicherry
21st October 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Ann Gordon

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

Sheweth, The Memorial of Ann Gordon —
Widow of Dr. Wm Gordon late a Head Surgeon
on the Madras Establishment. —

That

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That your Memorialist's late Husband departed this life on the fourth day of September One thousand seven hundred and Ninety three, leaving your Memorialist and family in very embarrassed situations owing to the many disappointments your Memorialist's late Husband had experienced during a period of more than thirty six Years passed in the Honorable Company's Service —

And your memorialist Sheweth that some time in the Month of October One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety three your Memorialist did humbly represent her unhappy situation to the Honorable Court of Directors in a Memorial which she did at that time forward to them, and did in the said Memorial humbly solicit the Honorable Court of Directors that they would be pleased as well on account of the long and faithful Services of her Departed

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departed husband Aron account of her —
unfortunate and distressed situation; to grant
to her a certain pension to enable her to support
herself and aid her in maintaining and —
educating her children and your Memorialist
Sheweth that the Honorable Court of Directors
were graciously pleased to listen to the prayer
of your Memorialist's memorial and did in
a Genral letter to Government declare that your
Memorialist was entitled to a pension from
Lord Lord Clives Military fund, on her —
making the usual affidavit, which will —
appear by an Extract of the said letter, a
Copy of which is hereunto annexed and to
Which your Memorialist begs leave to refer;
and your Memorialist sheweth that she
did make the affidavit required and that
thereupon your Lordship was pleased to order
that the directions of the Honorable Court of —
Directors should be fully complied with, and —
your Memorialist begs leave to observe that
at —

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at the time your Memorialists said pension
was granted, her right thereto was investigated
by the then Auditor General, the result whereof
being referred to your Lordship, her Right and
title thereto was sanctioned; and your
Memorialist died and hath until the Month
of September last uninterruptedly drawn
the said pension of 52 Pagodas being one
fourth part of the ordinary stated pay
which her late Husband was entitled to
and drew at the time of his death being
One thousand Pounds Sterling Per Annum;
Nor hath your Memorialist heard that any
objection on the part of the Honorable Court
of Directors hath been by them since made
to your Memorialists receiving the pension
she hath hitherto enjoyed and your Memorialist
sheweth that by the reduction now last
made by your Lordship in your Memorialists
pension she is greatly and very Materially
distressed

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2d distressed and injured..

Your Memorialist therefore humbly entreats and hopes from the circumstances of her unhappy case and your Lordship having the power to revise your own order that your Lordship will from Motives of humanity and justice towards your Memorialist + rescind the late order made by your Lordship relative to your Memorialists said pension And your Memorialist as in duty bound will ever Pray.-

Pondicherry
24th October 1797

Signd Ann Gordon

Extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department Dated 6th May 1795.-

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We have to acquaint you in answer to this paragraph that Surgeons and assistant Surgeons are included in the benefit to be derived from Lord Clives Military fund — and

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21 and to observe that Mrs. Gordon will be entitled to a pension on her making the usual affidavit.-

A true Extract

Signed / T. Conolly Sect Mar.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to Government

at

Fort St. George

From the Collector at Rammad - Enclosing Papers tending to shew that the failure of the attempt Made by the Detachment under Lieutenant Smith to Seize the person of the Sanpatoo Polygar was not owing to the misconduct of the Guides as afserted by Major General Floyd -

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose the Translate of a declaration Sworn to by the Guide who conducted the Madura Detachment to Capapetty on the night of the 9th Instant, with Copy of my letter to Major General Floyd of this date -

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed, W. C. Jackson

Rammad

19th October 1797

To

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To Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army
at Trichinopoly

Sir,

Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie having acquainted me that he had received your Opinion on the papers which he had transmitted relative to the late attempt to seize the deposed Polygar of Laupatoor, "that he (the Polygar) would have been taken, had my People been at their stations" I take the liberty of laying before you the accompanying papers, which will fully and satisfactorily explain that the Detachment was let at once to the House where the Polygar dwelt that it was conducted thither by an Inhabitant of Litchmeporum a Neighbouring Village that the Polygar was asleep in the House - that five Sepoys belonging to the Detachment got

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got over the wall of the Compound - that one of the Sepoys was killed in the Yard with a Cruse Key a Servant belonging to Commia Naigue - and that the Polegar effected his escape by leaping the Wall some time after the Detachment had reached the House From hence then I presume, it will be admitted, that the Enterprize did not fail in consequence of any mistake made by the Guides sent by me, altho it is so strongly insisted upon by Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie and Lieutenant Smith - Had the Guides been at the Top of the Pass and conducted the Troops to the House, they could not have done more than what was actually done - The House was pointed out - The Polygar was within it - and still he effected his escape

I should not have troubled you with this communication, if I had not been directed by Government to Correspond with

you

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you on every matter relating to the late Exploit - and on this account, I have judged it necessary to transmit herewith Copy of a letter which I have received from Lieutenant Smith, with a Copy of the letter Written in consequence to Lieutenant Colonel Gowdie -

I have the honor to be
&c, &c, &c.
(Signd) W.C. Jackson

Ramnad
19th October 1797

A true Copy
(Signd) J Balfour

Translate of a Declaration made by Vy delingum the Guide who was sent to escort the Madura Detachment to Papapatty Village

On Wednesday the 4th Instant after taking my leave of the Collector, I proceeded to Madura with a letter from him to Colonel Gowdie, I arrived at Madura on the 6th and having enquired for the Colonel

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I found him at the house of Lieutenant Smith having sent him word that three Mocawahi (including himself) were come from Rammaud He sent Lieutenant Smith to us, who desired of us to deliver to him the letter we had and that the Colonel had desired him to receive it We answered, that as we were instructed to deliver it into the hands of the Colonel — that we could not deliver it to him — He thereupon observed to us that he knew the business we came upon, that it was his business and having hinted to us a part of the business which Mr. Jackson had secretly communicated to us, we trusted, and delivered the letter to him after receiving the letter, he ordered us not to go to the Colonel — nor any where else — but to attend him exactly at 10 Clock on the Morning of the 9th on Monday — We accordingly attended him after 6 o Clock in the evening Lieut. Smith

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and another Offair left the Fort with two Companies and desired us to go in front and to shew the road to Paulputty We accordingly led the Detachment by the road of Sholawood — On approaching Mollepollam Village one of the Officers and four Sepoys remaind behind not being able to proceed - We proceeded and on passing Candowetty Canavoy, the Offair desired two of us (Shesarayen and Soncapullah) to proceed before to the pass of Vikramanglum Nareampetty where they would find two Men with a letter from Mr. Jackson which he desired them to receive and to return with those two Men they accordingly proceeded - and the Detachment soon after arrived at Nareampetty Canavoy and having looked for the two Nareanahs who were forwarded could not find them the Offair then ordered to search for the two Men of Goumde Row's — but they were neither to be found Lieut. Smith Thompson asked me what was to be done?

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26 told him that I was ignorant of the road from hence and that Gounda Row's men ought to guide from hence He said as they are not to be found that I would do it as well as I could - Again told him that I could not undertake to shew the road any further & that if any danger should occur from my ignorance that I would be a Criminal and that I was only directed by Mr Jackson to lead the Detachment so far and therefore that I could not do it - but he still insisted upon my shewing the road, and gave me two strokes with the Horse Whip & thereupon proceeded as far as I knew for I knew, on our approaching the Village of Pilchemoram belonging to Woodapa Naig I told the Officer that as I was ignorant of the place where Cawmea Naig - & was to send two Sepoys with me, that I would go, and being a Man of the Village to

direct

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direct us forward he accordingly gave me two Sepoys we went to the Moniga of the Village told him that we were going to — Dindigul on the Company's business that being dark we have lost our road and desired he would send a Man to guide us — he accordingly sent a Man — with whom we returned to the Detachment after having proceeded a little way Lieutenant Smith questioned the Villager — whether he knew Cavonia Naig who was at Papapetty — He answered that he knew him as well as the house in which he lived — the Officer then desired him to shew the house — he agreed, and led the detachment to the — Village — on approaching the Village it was 4 o Clock in the Morning I then suggested that the Village should be surrounded the Subidar observed that the Sepoys were not sufficient — We then on advancing to the Village the People who — were watching with lights a herd of Cattle

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on perceiving the detachment runaway the Villager then pointed out the House where Cawmia Naig (he said) resided and then elopped from us, the Detachment then marched directly to the House with a view to surround it, but finding that they could not conveniently do it on account of the contiguousness of other houses, the Sepoys posted themselves at the door of Cawmea Naigs house as it was found to be looked at the inside, and four Sepoys jumped over the Wall, and went into the house the people who were in it were alarmed and some of them made their escape by passing over the back wall- Cawmia Naig and two or three principal Men were found to remain- One of the Sepoys having laid hold of one of the principal Men he was instantly stab'd by another Man and killed upon the spot- Cawmia Naigs people who

fled

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fled from the house a little before, now fired at the Sepoys who were in the house – the four Sepoys then fired at those who were attempting to make their escape after – stabbing the Sepoys and killed an Adapacarem x Then jumped over the wall back again to give Notice to the Affair of what happed within the house and found all the Sepoys preparing to fire they instantly discharged four or five Vollies into the house at random – The four Sepoys at this Moment joined them, the firing was stopped the Sepoys then jumped into the house and opened the door – took four horses a Hawk and two pikes that were found in it, and before they came out of the House, about a thousand of the Kullers belonging to the Rajah and to Woodapa Naig made their appearance and surrounded

x This Signifies a Man who is seperately employed for Cutting the Nutts and preparing the betle &c.

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Surrounded the Village some of them fired at the Sepoys - Consequently the Officer desired me to shew the road to Ameyoor for the — detachment to proceed thither - the thousand Kullers pursued the detachment on its way to ameyoor and fought for an hour the three large horses were so frightes at the Noise and firing that they runaway - the Little horse was only broughtaway - while the Thullers were encountering on the way to Ameyoor. — Some of them wrenched five firelocks from five Sepoys who were in the rear - about 7 — the Next Morning Govinda Row with a — party of Sepoys and Kullers joined the — Detachment near Villakumpully Village — belonging to Wootapa Naig and altogether arrived at Chokatalavumpully Village — belonging to Ameyoor - Lieutenant Smith — at this place questioned Govinda Row why he did not place a Man at the Conaway -

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he told him that he had placed two
Men at Sholavundan and two more at
Vekraimungalom Church the officer then
asked why he did not place them at the
Canawoy and was answered by Govinda Row
that he had directed them to remain at
the Pass but that they had to the Contrary
remained at the Church observing that they
did not belong to them a letter was then
delivered by them to Lieutenant Smith One
of the two guides who were sent in front to
the Convoy from Sholavundan to look
for the Men placed at that place arrived
and reported that he was plundered of all
he had and that the other was seized by
the Shalleys - He afterwards proceeded with
the Detachment and arrived at Madura
having acquainted Lieutenant Smith the
next day that I was going to Ramnad he
informed me that he has written to Mr.

Jackson

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Jackson and divided Me also to State — what had passed Me then Mentioned on — Colonel Gowdie and having told him that We were going to Rammad he enquired of us regarding the occurrences and then desired us to return to Rammad — I solemnly Swear that the foregoing declaration contains a true Statement of facts. —

Signed, Vydelingum Iyen

Sworn at Othundarama Swamys Church in presence of Venatachellum Braming. —

A true Copy

Signd, J. Balfour

Assistant Collector

To J. Webbe Esqr.,

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing further Information respecting the account Current between Sambasiva Chetty and Venkata Chellum Mondeliy —

I Sriramenniy Chetty having ad

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Length appeared I have taken his
Declaration and have the honor to enclose
it herewith -

I have waited in hopes that his
Excellency would give orders to his people
to furnish me with a Copy of the Bond
given by the grandson of Gunnapetty -
Soubiah, but I do not see much Probability
of obtaining that Document -

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Tanjore
21st October 1797

(Signd) Alexr Macleod
Resr

Trennienny Chetty - Merchant

Being questioned on the first
article of the account Current (Marked A)
declares that he sent the Amount in
Chuckrums to Rama Pilly taking Security
the Bond of Soubarow Appah the Carbar
of the Elder Widow of the late Rajah, &

and

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and paid the Amount to Samba Sheva Chetty.-

He denies having paid the Sums mentioned in Articles C & E. Samba Sheva Chetty being Confronted with him, says that he cannot tell; that Timmeny Chetty paid these Sums; that he only found his Name in the Accounts - Saamy (this Conveyer) being sent for brings the Accounts and states that the Sum mentioned in the Article C was received by him from Roderam at the house of the latter, but that the Sum in the article E was paid into his (Saamy's) hands by Timmeny Chetty.-

Timmeny Chetty denied this in the most positive Manner.-

Tanjore 18th October 1797

A true Copy

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Resdt.

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Dispatches the undermentioned —

Letters entered on Bd No. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140

141 142 143. 144. —

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue — referring Copy of a Letter from the Nabob respecting an act of Violence committed by Gooda Row a Zemindar of the Guntoor Circar in the Palnaud Country with orders to send such instructions on this Subject to Mr Ram as may appear necessary — Notifying the transfer of the Charge of the genral Treasury at Masulipatam from the Collector to the Paymaster —

To the Attorneys to the Prize Agents of the Army on Ceylon

To Messrs Tulloh Brodie & Co enclosing Copy of the Auditor General's report on the Claims of the Prize Agents for Trincomale &c. and desiring them to procure the Vouchers therein referred to. —

To the Resident at Tanjore —

To Mr. Macleod desiring him to make another Application to the Rajah in the Name of Government to relinquish the Godown

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Goodwin which he forgot to mention for the accommodation of his Stock of Paddy.

To the Assist. Com.ry manding the Forces in Ceylon.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron authorizing the employment of Mr. John Reinolds as his Secretary and desiring his opinion on the propriety of rewarding the Salaries of the Malabar and Cingalese Interpreters and Dutch Writers.—

To Mr. Mac Donall authorizing Payment of the Bills which accompanied his letters of the 29th. July and 22d. September and desiring him to pay implicit attention to such instructions as he may receive from Brigadier General De Meuron relative to the future Issues of Gold and Copper in payments to the Troops—

To the Paymaster at Columbo.—

To Colonel Champagne — appro=

=ving the temporary appointment of Mr. Peters to the Charge of the Dutch at Colombo=

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To the Commandant at Trincomale—

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26 = burgh, with the Allowances of an
Assistant Surgeon.—

To the Assistant Resident
at Hyderabad—

To Captain Kirkpatrick
informing him that a reference has
been made to the Military Board to
ascertain to what extent it may be
found practicable to comply with Azim
ul Omrah's application for Stores and
desiring him to acquaint the Minister
in General Terms, that the Board will
feel pleasure in complying with his
wishes to the extent of their Means.—

To the Offic Com-
-manding the
Northern Division
of the Army—

To Major General Bridges
desiring that the two Men referred to
in his letter of the 10th Instant may be
sent to the presidency by the first Sea
conveyance.—

To the Commandant
at Pulicat.—

To Captain Godfrey—permitting
him

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26th Have to remit the Pagodas for a few days

To the late acting Paymaster in the Baramahal &c. Districts

To Captain Cormer acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 4th Instant together with the papers therein mentioned.

To the Commandant at Angola

To Lieutenant Colonel Vegors approving of his having put Ally Saheb in heavy Irons.

To the Military Paymaster General

To W. Roebuck informing him that the resolutions of Government in his letter of the 19th September relative to the Servants allotted to the Paymaster in the Baramahal will be communicated to Mr Jackson through the Channel of the Military Auditor General.

27th Received the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 148. 149.—

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army.

From Major General Bridges advising

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2d advising of the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Prescott of the Engineer Corps at Masulipa = - Same on the 23d Instant. -

From Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron requesting that the Officers of the Meuron Regiment inhabiting - a decayed Quarter at Vellore, may be allowed the same House rent as other Officers - belonging to that Garrison who are similarly circumstanced. -

From the Officer Commanding the Detachment of the Meuron - Regiment at Vellore

2b Sent a letter to Tippoo Sultaun as entered in C.C. No. 94. accompanying a Complementary present on occasion of the Marriage of his Son Mahomed Yaseen. -

Substance of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun

2c Directed also the under = -mentioned Letters entered in C.C. Nos. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. -

To Major Doveton inclosing the abovementioned letter for Tippoo, with a Copy for his Information. -

To the Commandant at Ryacottah

To

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To the Collector in the Jaghire

To Mr. Lionel Place desiring him to clear out a sufficient Number of Huts at Little Conjeveram for the Temporary accommodation of about 700 Native Troops.

To the Officer Commanding at Walajanbad

To Lieutenant Colonel Spens desiring that the three Companies of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry at present at Walajabad may be sent immediately to Chinglepat and advising him of the Move (above Ordered) in which it is intended to provide cover for the principal part of the Native Troops ordered to Walajabad, until the Gun Shed shall be completed.

To the Commandant at Chinglepat.

To Lieutenant Colonel St. John desiring him to prepare for the reception of the three Companies.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Read —

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Vizigapatam District

stating the Circumstances which have induced Government to decline the adoption of his plan of forming a Depôt of Ordnance and Stores at Chicacole.

To Mr. Secretary Secretary Barlow

To the Secretary at Bengal and Resident at Poona and Hyderabad —

Mr. Ahthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick — communicating Mysore Intelligence.

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To the Military Board — enclosing a List of Ordnance and Stores applied for by the Nizam, and desiring them to state the extent to which His Highness's wishes may be complied with, without embarrassment to the Service —

To the Military Board

31st

Received a letter from the Acting — Barrack Master at the Presidency (as entered in M. B. N° 157) requesting that orders may be issued for repairing sundry sentry Boxes.

From the Acting Barrack Master at the Presidency

At

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Fort St. George 31th October 1797

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor ——— President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 31th October 1797 — Edward Saunders and Ernst William Tallofield .. } Esqrs

Minute of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letters from Poonah and Hyderabad.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah acquainting Intelligence of Zemaun Shah's intended march towards Bundelcund Ragoje Bhonsla reaches Nagpore & conceives it to be his intention to espouse Nanna Farnaveés Interests in conjunction with Azeim Ul Omrah in opposition to the views of Scindeah.—

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(Webbe) of the 27th Ultimo and to enclose, for
your Lordship's information, Extracts of
my two last addresses to the Governor General
I have the honor to be very respect-
fully, &c. &c.

Poona
10th October 1797.

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to
the Governor General, dated Poona 7th October 1797

On the 4th Instant I was officially
advised by Moro Pundit, that Tipsoo vakeel
had taken leave of Nanna Furnavees the
preceding evening.—

Intelligence has reached me, for
the authenticity of which, however, I cannot
pretend to vouch that Zemaun Shah is
preparing for an Expedition towards —
Hindostan and that his intention is not
to advance farther than the Neighbourhood
of Lahore, and establishing a good understanding
with

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with us and the Marattas to employ himself
against the Sikhs even to their Extirpation
if possible.

Though it is most probable that
Soobroos Suspicion to the Carnatic does not
involve any object of much importance;
Yet it seems desirable to prevent, or check,
the employment of such intrigues who —
without doing any good are frequently the
cause of trouble, vexation, and mischief —

A Spair of Cossids, who arrived
here with letters for Tippoos Vakeels on the
5th Instant say that when they left —
Seringapatam, about the middle of —
September, Tippoo was still there —

Both on the 5th and 6th Instant
there were long private consultations at —
Nanna's House, at which were present —
besides Nanna himself, Govind Kishen,
Govind Punglah Dada Gyra, and Tippoos
Vakeel on his part, and on the part of —

Doulut

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Dowlut Row Sindea Bannaja Kuzra
Kouraje Kuzra Kistna Chitnauees Jadoo
Row Basker Baboo Row Angria and —
Nillul Pundit —

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the
Governor General Dated Poona 10th October 1797 —

On the 7th Instant Baajee Row
and Chinna Appa paid a visit to Doulut
Row Sindea and the Emaut Row the ensuing
Day. —

On the 9th Instant Tippoo's Vakeel
have took leave of Doulut Row Sindea,
and preparations are on Foot for their
Departure from this Quarter, which is expected
to take Place in a few Days

I have received a confirmation of
Ragoje Bhonsla's arrival at Nagpore
A variety of circumstances having reference
to him, that have come to my Knowledge
during his residence in this quarter, on his
Journey

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journey to Nagpore and subsequent to his
arrival there, tend to corroborate his acting
in concert with Nanna and Azim ul—
Omrah rather than his being master and
that he entertains considerable Jealousy
and all ill will toward Doulut Row —
Scindeah so far from having lately —
disbanded any of his Troops, many of
whom had been raised during the late —
convulsions in his quarter in addition to —
his former fixed establishment I am —
informed that, since his return to —
Nagpore he has issued orders for new
levies, and rumours are in circulation in
Scindeah's Camp that both Ragoje —
Bhonsla and Azim ul Omrah will —
probably be again in this Quarter ere —
long in support of Nanna's Cause I have
not heard that the fort of Gunna Mundela
is yet in the possession of Ragoje —

Bhonsla

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True Extracts

Signd, I. Uhthoff

I. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hydrabad - requires Information that Syed Ghuffaars Detachment is not to proceed further to the Southward than Sera -

Sir, I have the pleasure to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, that a pair of my Burkarrahs stationed with Syed Ghuf: Jaars Detachment are just come in, and report, that they Accompanied it as far as Pennacondah which is about thirty five Cos from Goote on the high Seringapatam road. That the day on which they left it (the 8th Instant) it was generally reported in Camp, that the Detachment was not to proceed in a Southern direction beyond Sera, which is about forty Cos from the Capital Another pair of my Burcarahs whom they left with the Detachment

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Detachment; proposes remaining with it until its arrival at Sea, and upon any considerable Rain taking place there, to bring me account of it together with such other information as their vicinity to the Capital may enable them to obtain.

I am &c.

Hyderabad
22d October 1797

Signed, J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Read also the following letter from the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government at Tellicherry —

To Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government
at
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of Government to transmit to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the President

From the Secretary to the Committee of the Bombay Government enclosing Mysore Intelligence of little importance Communicated to the Committee by the Gorga Rajah

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President in Council, the Accompanying Copy of the Translation of a letter from the Coorga Raja, dated the 13th instant—

I have the honor to be

&c. — &c.

Tellicherry
18th October 1797

(Signd) J. A. Grant
Secretary

Translate of a letter from the Coorga Raja to the Honorable Governor — Dated the 13th of October and received the 17th 1797. A.C.

My Friend previous to this with a view to obtain intelligence from Seringapatam I sent four pair of Hircarahs from whom one returned, and I wrote you the information they brought, since which another pair have returned from Puttum who have not brought any recent intelligence Tippoo with a view to size the Horseman who had been sent to Gootie and Mud Kunna had near been

or

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a eight thousand Men en readiness at Carigat
An the horsemen who had been committing those
Wicked acts in Coorg hearing this, they fled;
On Tippoo receiving this Information he
cantoned those Troops within a days March
of Seringapatam, and is now in that place
with about five or six thousand Men I have
not heard any other News than the above;
Whatever may come to my Knowledge I will
acquaint you with but four of Hircarahs
are at present at Seringapatam, and I have
given them particular directions to remain
with the Army till the Durbar For the
reason that on the Durbar Tippoo's Army
assembles at one place; and on their obtaining
certain information to return to me, they
have not as yet returned when they do I will
Write you the Accounts which they bring —
There is daily from various people ten different
Accounts, but what benefit would attend —

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sending such information – At the time of
my hearing any news from my people
considering the same with attention I will
communicate it in writing to you:-

Before this I wrote you of two
French officers having been in Tippoo's Army
and of one of them having returned to France
Tippoo is in hopes that from France he shall
obtain his wishes, and also to give the
Princes of another district assistance, and
stimulate them to cause a disturbance these
two are his only intentions – He does not posess
power of himself having lost a part of his
Territory and the Inhabitants of that part
which remains with him are discontended,
and the Revenues are daily decreasing and
by reason of his Troops not receiving their
pay they desert, which decreases his strength,
and he does not wish that any Enemy should
invade his Country, but employs himself

in

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in the case of it, and I am certain that Tippoo will never during his life be so powerful as for any thing to be effected.—

Favor me at all times with Friendly communications of your Welfare and Command my Services.—

A true Translate

Signd / J. Wilson Sr

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

Minute October 31st 1797—

Commander in Chiefs Minute recommending that Jemadar Balloo be dismissed the Service that the Sepoys of the 7th Native Regiment at Columbo who are affected with the Beni Berre be placed on the pension list that Court Martial be permitted to resign the Company's Service and Ensign Wood appointed to the Cavalry in his stead—

It having been represented by Captain Kenny that Jemadar Baloo of the 35th Battalion who was cashiered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial & published on the 13th of last January, but which sentence was remitted at the strong recommendation of the Court, has again disgraced his Character as an Officer by getting

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getting drunk on duty, notwithstanding he was informed that he should lose the Service without the form of a trial, if he again gave his Commanding Officer cause to be dissatisfied with his behaviour and as it appears that the Lenity shewn him on that occasion, and the Caution he received, have not had any good effect in regulating his Conduct, the Commander in Chief recommends that Jemadar Balloo be dismissed the Service in public order, and declared unfit to be ever employed again in a Military Capacity.-

Four Men of the Division of the 74th Regiment serving at Columbo having lost their health, and being rendered unfit for further Service by the Berri Berri are ordered Speedily to Ceylon, Captain Rodgers the Commanding Officer of that Corps, Exports that those Men have solicited their discharge

and

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and at the same time points them out as objects deserving the favorable Consideration of Government, although the period of their Service is too short to entitle them to be received on the Invalid or Pension List; the Commander in Chief therefore, in consideration of those Men having been on foreign Service, recommends that the usual Regulation of the Service be dispensed with on this occasion and that those five men, together with one other, not included in the List received from Captain Rodgers who has served 14 years, and lost his health since he served on Ceylon may be admitted on the Pension List and be authorized to receive their full Pay and field allowances, for a period that will enable them to join their families on the Coast.-

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The Commander in Chief submits an application from Cornet George Fisher of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry for the permission of Government to resign the Service. Recommends it may be complied with and that Ensign Henry Hunt of the Infantry may be appointed a Cornet in his Room.

(Signd) Geo. Harris

To Lieutenant Colonel Orr

Commanding 3d Regiment Native Cavy

application of Cornet Fisher of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry for permission to resign the Company's Service

Sir

Circumstances have arisen which induce me to wish to have permission to resign the Honorable Company's Service and I have the honor to request that you will make my desires known on this Subject to the Commander in Chief that I may obtain

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The Sanction of Government to my resigna-
tion of the Service -

I am
&c. &c.

Tranquebar
October 10th 1797

(Signd) George Tucker
Cornet 3d Reg.t N. C.

Minute thereon

Resolved that Jemadar Baloo be
dismissed the Service in public order, and -
declared unfit to serve the Company, in any
capacity, hereafter -

The Commander in Chief is requested
to issue order for removing the undermentioned
Men, alluded to in his Minute to their -
respective places of Residence on the Coast
till their Arrival they are to be permitted to draw
their field Allowances; and they will be
furnished by the Town Major with a pension
Certificate of that Date -

Abdul Cawder
Cawder Saheb
Appiah

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Triplicate

Shaik Ebram

and

Ramasawmy

Resolved That permission be granted to Cornet George Teschen to resign the Service, and that Ensign Henry Minot be appointed a Cornet of Cavalry.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector at Dindigul.

Josiah Webb Esqr
&c, &c, &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have been favored with your letter under date 11th Instant.

The accompanying is the List of the original papers and cadjans amongst the records of the Dindigul cutcharee.

The Evidence residing in Dindigul are ready - save one - he is at Trichinopoly - I have requested General Floyd to detain him

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From the Acting Collector at Dindigul respecting the Evidences and Papers required in support of the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Elliot.

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The Evidences residing in —
Pylney are assembling Vico Jyon is gone
to Caroor it will not be possible to —
get them and Pylney Mally Pillah is
gone - Report says to Madras. —

If the other absentees of the —
Pylney people shall appear you —
so soon as I am better informed, which —
will be in the course of tomorrow. —

As many of the Evidences as
are in the province may be sent to —
Trichinopoly so as to arrive on the 2d
Instant. —

The Cadjans &c noticed in
the accompanying List are all in readiness

I have the honor to be
&c. — &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Actg Collr.

Dindigul
19th October 1799

Original

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Original Letters received from Colonel Oliver under date the 30th January 1795.-

13th February
18th Ditto
9th October.. No Original Letter Dated
19th December. the 15th October nor can
22d. Ditto the Copy of any in the
24th Ditto Correspondence be
28th January 1796 found of that Date
10 & 17th February
instead of 9th and 19th.- Of which no
Letters appear in the
Correspondence.-

7th March
13th. Ditto instead of 30th.- Ditto
31 — Ditto —

Original Cadjans from Vallaid Raig to
Mr Wynch.-

23d. January 1795- There is no Date in
the Cadjan but
by Comparing it
with the Contents
in the Diary it is
presumed to be
the

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The right -

15th February - Ditto. - Ditto

25th September

7th October

From Iyagroody Vakeel not
Dated sent from a trans=
-late in record it is -
presumed to be the Right

From Poligar of Iyagroody to
Rungia and Pylorey
Waly Pilla no Date
presumed to be the
one Named in the -
List. -

Declaration of Vide Iyen Dated 13th
February 1795 Mortgage Bond Dated 1st June 1793

Declaration of Annunda Row 25th January 1796

Declaration of Sanapully Pilla and Chockaliga
Moodelly the former has no date the
latter is dated 30th December both supposed
to be the same date, - and which are
required as the two Names are not
Mentioned in the same declaration -
but each person gives a Separate Cadjan -

Jws

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Two Cadjans from Vallaid Raig to Mr. Wrangham
respecting the delivery of Trewangoody.—
Bound book containing the letter from Mr.
Wrangham to Colonel Cuppage and
Captain Oliver.—

The above are among the records
of the Dindigul Cutcharee.

(Signd.) J. B. Hurdis
Acting Collector

19th. October 1797

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
&c. &c. &c.

Sir.

From the Acting Collector at Dindigul on the same subject.—

By the Accompanying list you will perceive what medicines are ready.—
Those reported in Trichinopoly and
Madura I have written General Floyd and
Colonel Gowdie about.— desiring the former
may be detained and the latter sent to me
if to be found.—

Sungra Moorty
Shake Meera Pahvettan

and

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and Sammy Chetty cannot be got at within any specific time.—

Ramreddy is not to be found

You were before advised of the other absentees

I shall keep the people ready to dispatch them so soon as I hear from you—

I think it necessary to say that it is very unlikely any of the Absentees can be got at— and that the appearance of those now present, can alone be depended upon.—

I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Dindigul

23d October 1797

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

Evidences at Dindigul

Amunda Chitty

Kistnama Chetty

Seenevasa Pillay

Vakeel

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Nattam Chokin Chilly

Chokin Chilly

Comarasawmy Chilly

Ponniah pillay

Gopia Naigue Vakeel

Rampresaudum

Trivangoody

Parea Cooty Tombu

Venkitty Iyen

Rungapah Naig

Jacooty

Condapillay

Arrived from Sydney

Sandboy

Soobroy Chitty

Sammoogum Pillay

Saviapetty pillay

Nagoor Pahvellen

Para Mura Pahvellen

Ismall Pahvellen

Mahomed Peway

Shedumbrum Moodelly

Cauminnia Woman

Murreyan

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Murreyan Shroffar.

Iya Mootoo is supposed to be the one named in the List Iya Moodelly of this name no one is here.

Evidences formerly resident in Pulney and Dindigul - absent or not now to be found -

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Cockalinga Moodelly not to be found -

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Saumy Chilly gone to Kangyem

of Daraporam to a Mariage.—

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Madras.

Vide Ayen formerly resident in

Dindigul now gone to Carroor—

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Diary of the 10th Instant, and to take the

necessary Measures for assembling a General

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Court Martial, at Tuticorin for his trial with the least possible delay.

Instructions to the Deputy Judge Advocate relative to the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Clunes ordered to be prepared.—

Ordered that the Instructions now prepared for the guidance of the Deputy Judge Advocate, in the support of the prosecution, — be prepared and sent in circulation for the approval of the Board.—

further Resolutions on the same Subject

Resolved that the Instructions be sent to Mr. Wynch to proceed immediately to Tuticorin, and to Communicate fully with Captain Limerick, relative to the persons and papers to be produced on evidence on the part of the prosecution — and that Mr. Hurdis be ordered immediately to forward to Captain Limerick the original papers mentioned in his Letter of the 25th. Instant, and to send off the evidences he has collected, in time to admit of their arrival at Tuticorin a few Days previous to the meeting of the Court.—

Read the following Letter from the Commandant

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Commandant at Trincomale.-

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Ship Indra is unloaded and the Captain has received sailing Instructions in conformity to the Commands I received from Government he would now be advanced on his Passage had he Complied with my desire of anchoring in a Safe convenient situation for landing the Stores and taking in Water and Ballast and for which I sent on board one of the best Pilots for the harbour from this and the Master informing me that he will not sail for some days, leads me to believe that his procrastination proceeds from a prospect of demurrage on his arrival at Bengal, he has been apprised with every Boat and Vessel in our possession.-

From the Command-ant at Trincomale: respecting the procrastination of the Commander of the Indra in preparing his Ship to proceed on her Voyage to Bengal proposes Mr John Neill for the appointment of Master Attendant at Trincomale on the first Vacancy.-

I have

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I have just heard that Mr. Marshall is appointed Master Attendant at Pondicherry as it makes a Vacancy here I beg leave to recommend in strong terms to the Right Honorable The Governor in Council Mr John Hill he was a considerable time in the British Navy (Masters Mate) has resided here 11 Years from being well acquainted with the language as well as with every Bay and harbour in this district and being very active) having acted for Mr Marshal ever since he left this much to my satisfaction / from these circumstances as well as from the use he has been of to the Service from his perfect Knowledge of the Interior leads me again to offer him to the protection of his Lordship as a person well qualified to be Masters Attendant at Pondicherry

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

Trincomalee
October 11th 1797

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Minute thereon

Ordered that a Copy of the first paragraph of the foregoing Letter be sent to Bengal that the Governor General in Council may urge the circumstances therein stated in objection to any claim which Captain Elmore may eventually advance on Account of Demurrage

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lords,

Auditor's Report on Mr Roebuck's Genl Estimate of Cash for November.

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of November 1797 I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Two Lacks, Seventy One Thousand and forty Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and Sixty five Cash (Pags. 271040. 20. 65.) is required for the payment of such

Military

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Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month. —

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From the General Treasury . . . 70,064: 22: 14:

By Bills on the Military Pay Dep.t 66,975: 40: 57:

Pagodas . . . 2,71,010: 20: 65

The Military Paymaster at Trichino= =poly having reported a Balance of Cash on hand equal to Seven Thousand Pag.s (Pag.s 7000) that Sum has therefore been deducted from the General Estimate. —

Although the Military Paymaster General has not included in his General Estimate the Amount required by Mr. George Wilson Paymaster at Vizagapatam &c.a for the ensuing month, I have nevertheless included it in the Gross Sum herein reported upon, as the last mentioned Estimate was forwarded for examination with that of the Paymaster General. —

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The amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters on Ceylon Vizt. Twenty two Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty Six Pagodas Twenty eight Fanams and forty Eight Cash (Pay.s 22.856. 28. 48) has been included and passed in the General Estimate on the same principle as former drafts from those Pay Offices as has also Four Thousand Seven Hundred Pagodas (Pay.s 5700) required by the Military Paymaster General for the Payment of discount on Bengal Bills issued by him in liquidation of Drafts from the Subordinate Paymasters which I presume is equally admissible.—

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

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
30.th October 1797

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(Ordered that the Sums) two

Cash to be issued from the Treasury on account of the Military Paymasters Annual Estimate for November

Lacks, four Thousand and Sixty four Pagodas Twenty two fanams, and fourteen Cash. (Pag. 204,064.22:14) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his general Estimates of Cash for the ensuing Month. —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From the Military Auditor General a Opinion on the relative Claims of Major Bladen and Captain Paterson — and on the applications of Lieutenant Shawes and the attorney of Assistant Surgeon Gelmours Executors — a republication of the G.O. respecting the Mode of drawing Pay for absent from their Corps — and that an Error in the Pay Tables of European Troops be rectified.

1 I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's letter under date the 21st Instant referring to my consideration and report a Claim on the part of Captain Paterson of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons to the Full Batta of a Major during the temporary absence of Major Bladen from the Cantonment of that Corps. —

also

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also applications from Lieutenants Butler and Showers, the latter to be paid his allowances at Madras and the former enclosing a Bill for Medical Allowance to Mr Assistant Surgeon Gilmour in the absence of the Surgeon of Tanjore who during that period officiated as Head Surgeon at Trichinopoly

2 Having given due attention to the different subjects I have the honor to report on the first, that I do not think the Claim of Superior Batta to apply to the case of an Officer in the temporary Charge of a Corps owing to the established Commanding Officer of that Corps being absent on Leave, but that the terms upon which Superior Batta is granted have a relation only to — Officers succeeding to the Charge of a Corps — during the absence of the Commanding — Officer in Europe, off the Coast, or employed on Staff or other public Duties entirely detaching him from Regimental Charge or Concern: —

Under

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Under this head of the 9th Article of Rules of Expence
that Captain Paterson during the temporary
absence of Major Bladen can only be entitled
to the Full Batta of his Regimental Rank,
as Lieut in the temporary Charge of the Detachment annexed to the Corps - accordingly
his Assistant Lieutenant Half and Full Batta
is to be made good to them by Major Bladen
agreeably to an article of the printed Regulations
considered to be still in force Vizt. that when
"Officers Commanding Out Stations are absent -
"on private business for a few days not exceeding
"one Month they may be permitted to draw
"their full allowance, but then out of those
"allowances they must pay the Next Officer
"in rank his proper Batta whilst he -
"remains in charge and officiates as Commandant
"of the Station, nor is the Company on Account
"of such temporary absence to incur any -
"additional expence" and altho the above -
Regulation limits the absence of an Officer -
from

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from his Command to a period not exceeding
one Month, it does not appear to have been
strictly enforced in the particular the absent-
Officer having satisfied the person who Commands
for the time being by giving him from his
own allowance a sum to make up to them
the Full Batta of his Regimental Rank.-

3 I am further of opinion that the
orders of Government under date the 27th
September 1796 are in favor of Major Bledins
Claim to Superior Batta during temporary
absence, and that according to the Spirit of
that Order no Officer junior to himself can
draw Superior Batta from the Honorable
Company during temporary absence unless
Specially authorized by Government.-

4 With respect to the application
of Lieutenant Showers, I beg leave to observe
that it was not in my power to pass his
Bills as the Regulations of the 24 March
expressly

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expressly direct that affirm on Lease of Absence shall be drawn for on the Abstracts of their Companies and the Pay kept on the hands of the Paymaster until their return or paid to their Order, and it must be obvious that great irregularity and confusion in Accounts would result from a different practice for the present case Lieutenant Thowen can have no difficulty in obtaining his Allowances, if he encloses to his Commanding Affirm a Certificate of the period to which he has been paid at Madras accompanied by a Surgeons Certificate of his Inability to join his Corps: He will then be included in the abstract of the Company to which he belongs, and on his requisition, the Paymaster will feel it his duty to transmit to him Monthly while absent by sickness, a Bill on the Military Paymaster General for the Amount of his Allowances—

5 In regard to the claim preferred by

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by Lieutenant Butler on account of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Gilmour, I find that there is no other objection to it than the time which has elapsed since it became due, as those charges were allowed to the Garrison Surgeon at Tanjore in which capacity Mr. Gilmour acted and have not been drawn by any other person - I rests therefore with your Lordships to determine how far the cause assigned by Lieutenant Butler for having so long delayed to forward the Bill may be admitted -

Having observed an Error of the Press in the printed Regulations for the Victualling Department published 10th July last, in which 1½ Measure of Rice is given to each European instead of the customary allowance of half a Measure & Day, I have taken Liberty of enclosing a Draft of

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a General Order for the purpose of showing that Error corrected.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Yr. Hble.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
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(Signed) W. Sydenham
Lieut. Col. Gen.

Government having been frequently importuned by Officers absent on Leave from their Corps to authorize the Payment of their Allowances at the Pagoda Contrary to the Regulations of the 24th March last, which direct that "Officers on "Leave from One Station to another are to be "included in the abstract of the Company to "which they belong, and the Amount of their "Allowances to be kept in the hands of the "Paymaster who will pay it on their return, or to "their Order" The Right Honorable the President in Council thinks it necessary to declare that such applications will not in future be received or any Deviation whatever allowed from the established Regulations of the Service

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An Error in the Prop having been observed in the printed Regulations for the Victualling Department under date the 19th July last, in which 1/2 Measure of P. Rice is stated to be the daily allowance to each European instead of half a measure agreeably to the long established Rate Confirmed in the original Copy of the above Regulations and as it becomes necessary in order to prevent Mistakes that this Error should be speedily corrected the Commanding Officer of Native Corps, and Detachments are accordingly to see that it is done in their respective orderly Books as well as in all the printed Copies of the Regulations which have been transmitted to them on the above subject.-

Mutiny Thereon

The Board Confirm the Auditor Generals Opinion on the Claims of Major Bladen and Captain Patterson and it is ordered that the necessary communication be made to Major Genrad Floyd for the information of those Officers the Board approve the auditors Opinion on Mr. Gelonon's Bills and resolve to publish the General order he has suggested.- The President remind the Board that the present Contract for furnishing Gun Carriages &c. will expire on the 7th December Next and proposes - that

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That the Military Board be desired to State their Opinion upon the most eligible Mode of providing these Articles in future -

Approved and ordered Accordingly

" Gld. Harris

" Edw. Saunders

" Ellis Challenger