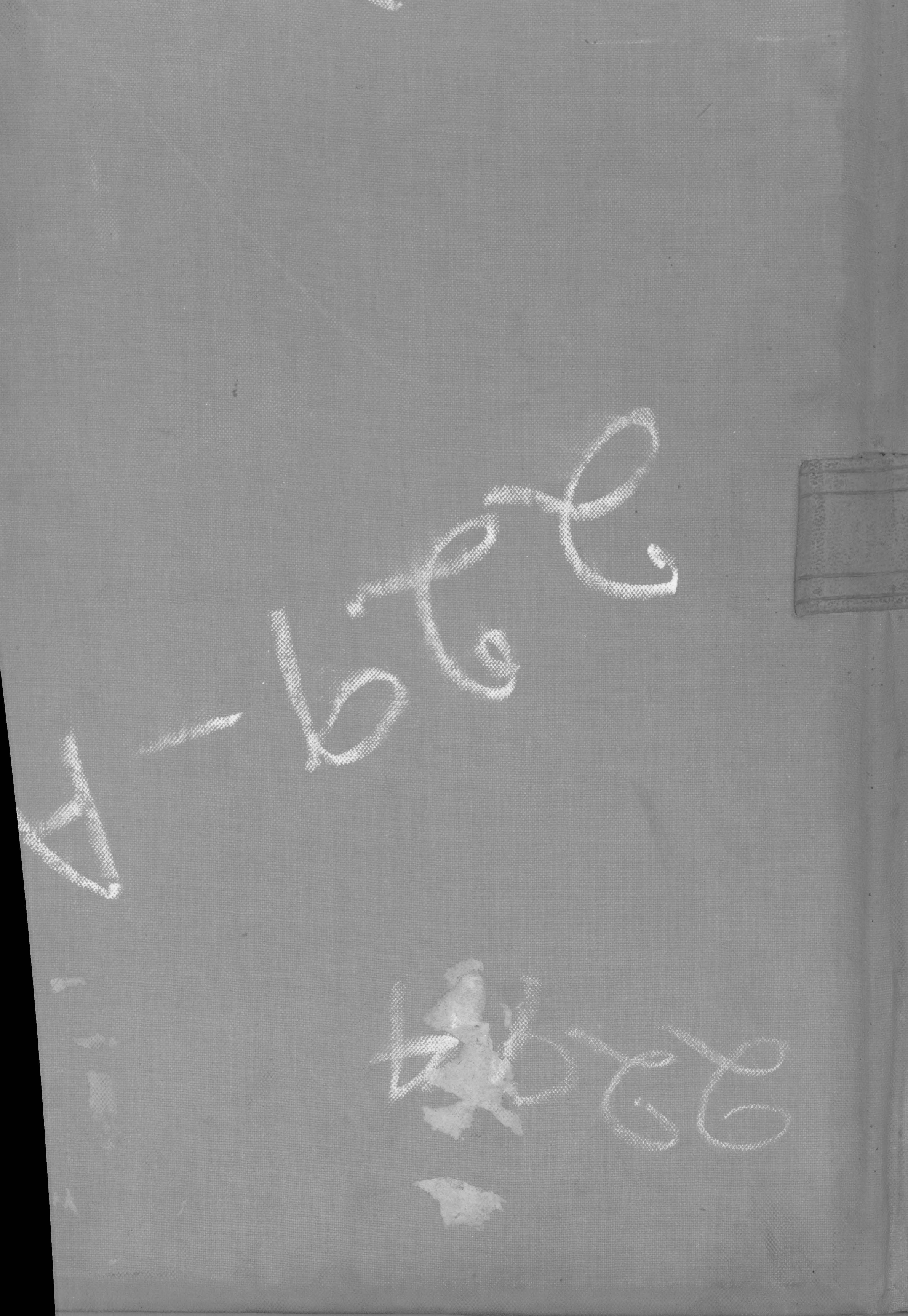


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Diary

31st Despatched a letter to the Military Paymaster General (entered in M.B. No. 158) enclosing

To the Military Paymaster General — Copy of the Auditor Generals report on his estimates of Cash for the ensuing Month, and informing him that the sum of Pagodas 204,064.22.14 will be issued to him on application at the General Treasury —

From the Military Paymaster General — Received also two Letters from Mr. — Roebuck (entered in M. B. Nos. 159–160) enclosing additional Estimates of Cash required to answer demands on his Office payable in the ensuing Month —

Nov. 1st Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 1–2–3–4 —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Lydenham referring for examination one of the estimates abovementioned —

To the Commandant at Tschinopoly — To Major General Floyd desiring that Mr. Humphryes may be secured and sent to the Presidency should he appear within the Limits of his Command —

To the Acting Collector at Dindigul — To Mr. Hurdis desiring him to send off

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Off the original Papers Mentioned in his Letter of the 25th. Ultimo without Delay to Trichinopoly and the — evidences on him to admit of their arrival at that Station a few Days previous to the assembling of the Court Martial

To Mr. George Wynch —

To Mr. G. Wynch — desiring him to proceed to Trichinopoly without delay and to communicate fully with Captain Lemerick the Deputy Judge — advocate relative to the persons and papers to be produced in evidence on the part of the prosecution —

2d.

The following Instructions to Lieutenant Lemerick relative to the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver having been sent in circulation and approved — were this day dispatched. —

To Captain William Somerville Lemerick

Deputy Judge advocate South of the

Coleroon

Sir, —

Instructions to Captain Lemerick Deputy Judge advocate on the Southern Division relative to the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the — accompanying

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To

accompanying Copy of Charges preferred by Government against Lieutenant Colonel James Oliver, for whose trial a General Court Martial has been ordered to assemble at Trichinopoly about the 20th Instant —

These charges have been framed upon Information laid before Government by Mr. George Wynch the late Collector in the Dindegul District — The principal part of the evidences and original Papers which are considered necessary to support the prosecution will be sent to Trichinopoly from Dindigul of these Lists are transmitted for your information —

Mr. Hurdis has been instructed to forward the original papers to you immediately; and to send on the Evidences; so that they may reach Trichinopoly a short time previous to the day fixed for assembling the Court Martial —

Mr. Wynch has been Ordered to proceed immediately to Trichinapoly and to communicate fully with you relative to the evidences and

original

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original papers to be adduced on the part of the —

Prosecution —

Upon the first Charge I am directed to transmit to you Copies of the General Orders therein referred to, and two Original Letters from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to Vafsoo Davay Pillah a Servant employed under Mr. Wynch as Collector of Dindigul and his Dubash Dated 19th April and 24th May 1795 — The hand writing of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver being provid, which you will be enabled to do by the testimony of Major General Floyd and many other Officers now at Trichinopoly, it is conceived that these Letters will be sufficient Evidence on this charge — you will, however be prepared to adduce such further corroborative proofs as you may judge necessary —

For the support of the second and third Charges the Board desire me to refer you to the evidences and original papers Mentioned in the enclosed Lists — As however, some time must necessarily elapse before

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before Mr. Wynch can reach Trichinopoly, the Right Honorable the President in Council has directed me to transmit to you for your private Information, the accompanying papers the perusal of which will throw much general light on the subject of the prosecution committed to your Charge at the same time that it will enable you to select on the arrival of the original records the Documents to be adduced in support of the different Charges, and point out the evidence which it is expected you will derive from the persons Ordered from Dindigul to Trichinopoly.—

I am

Fort St George
2nd November 1797

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(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secry

3d

Received the following Letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of
Fort St. George

Auditor Generals Report on Mr. Roebucks additional Estimate for the Baramaul Pay Office

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's
Letter

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Letter of Yesterdays date I have the honor to Report that the Estimate enclosed therein from the Paymaster of the Ceded Districts Amounting to thirteen thousand Nine hundred and fifty Seven Pagodas four fanams and forty Nine Cash (Pagodas 13957.4.49) and which did not arrive in time to be included in the General Estimate for the Present Month is admissible and Payable by Bills drawn on the Military Paymaster General.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
4th November 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

To George Parry Esqr
Sub Secretary to Government

From Mr George Mynch. Shall proceed to Trichinopoly as directed — wishes that some further Evidences may be sent from Dindegul.

Sir

Your Letter of the 1st Instant with its Enclosures I have the honor to Acknowledge I shall Depair to Trichinopoly with the least possible delay

&

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& Communicate with Captain Lemerick Relative to the Persons and papers to be produced in Evidence on the part of the Prosecution —

In Respect to the Dates of Original Papers I have no doubt but that Mr. Hurdis is perfectly correct —

Mootha Modely was formerly a Sumpntoy at Pylney and when at Dindigul had a house adjoining the Peshcar Sendoroy Modely's he is the same Man who gave me a Declaration under Date 2. February 1796 — he was Employed as a Tasildar by Vencatachelum on the Pollam of Nerrayadoo where he Collected 1080 Pagodas — If Mootha Modely should not be forth coming his original declaration should be sent. The Original Declaration of Curtoory Rongum under date the 22. January 1796 will I conceive be necessary —

The attendance of Pana Coolly Tomby and Vencata Iyen may I conceive be dispensed with. —

The Son of Mauryeppa Shuvegar

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3 I Omitted in my former Lead of Evidence his attendance is Material. —

S.t Thomé

3. November 1797

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(Signed) George Wynch.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort S.t George.

From the Comittee of the Bombay Government with an original Letter respecting the Frenchmen who have been lately at Mangalore. some of whom have made their escape to Tellichery —

My Lord,

1 A few days ago a petty Officer with three or four of the frenchmen of whose being at Mangalore, we have already had the honor of advising you, arrived, here in the greatest distress; having made their Escape from that place, where Ten of their companions still remain, from having been it seems unable to accompany them —

2 These fugitives delivered, on their arrival the Original of a Letter written in September last by their Captain, from the Sheba Ganjam where he represents himself to be detained a Prisoner by Tippoo; whom you will observe that he does not Scruple to write of, as a Tyrant unworthy of the — alliance

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3 There are parts of the Letter now enclosed; that, not being on political, but altogether on personal, and private Subjects; might have been left out of the present Transcript; but in as much, as they tend to corroborate the Genuineness of the

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the entire Communication it has been thought best to forward it as Received; and should your Lordship think the Intelligence it Conveys and more especially the Inference that may be drawn from it of sufficient Consequence One beg to leave to your Lordship to take such Notice thereof as may be deemed proper to the Bengal Government. ——

Pellicherry
16th of October 1797

We have the honor to be
S.r S.r —
(Signed) Jon.n Duncan
Sam.l Stuart

Extracts of a Letter from Mons.r F. Kepaud
Dated Sheikh Ganjam 16th September 1797 —
to Mons.r Magan an Officer in the Service of the
French Republick —

I have Received your Letter of the 18th August — I am disposed to believe although your letter does not Mention it that you have — Received those which I have already written you — I trust you have as they will have put you on your guard against the Treachery that will be practiced — towards you — I hope your prudence will suggest the Means of Retreating with the companions of —

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your distress from the dangerous situation in which you are now placed — preserve Unanimity for on this you must principally rely — consider fully before you undertake any Measure for Regaining your Liberty — Let your determination be founded in Prudence — and your Actions be Resolute firm and discreet — your Ruin is entenwoven on the Discovery of your Schemes — discover nothing but at the Mauritius or some other free Place you will have observed by one of my Letters that they would endeavour to tempt you singly by fair promises and offers of Money to quit Mangalore I sincerely pity those who are caught in this perfidious snare for no sooner would they have travelled thirty Leagues than they would be Robbed of all they had received and confined in some Hill Fort for the Remainder of their Days: they only want two persons to navigate the Vessel be on your guard for their designs are perfidious — Our poor friend was Robbed of all his property: and the only creme alleged against him was that of having assisted you. —

All the fair promises that were held out have vanished — for four Months I have been a prisoner on the Island and obliged to subsist myself

myself at a heavy Expence I cannot conceive how they interrupted your Letter — they refuse to deliver them up to me notwithstanding my repeated entreaties to that effect — From the day of our Second arrival the most infamous Chicanary was practised to get our Vessel at any price — You may remember the proposals that were made to us to effect exchange of our Vessel with the Old Man — they allowed the Negotiation to go on even to the time that we were to have taken our Departure and if I had declined to come to this place they would have Robbed us of the advances that had been made on this account — this I foresaw — and on my arrival here I reflected that we have — occasion for Resource in proportion to the extent our Calamities it occurred to me that in the midst of my personal distress I might be the Means of your Enlargement by Making a voluntary sale of the Vessel — on a promise that you should be sent home — immediately — Thus I caught them in the Net they had spread for me I readily sacrifised my Liberty in Order to secure yours — and by this Means effected a Return to our Owners — I am perfectly destitute and

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deprived of the Means of procuring Relief. We —
have all been Shamefully imposed upon and you as
well as Myself participate in the consequences — It is
the practise of this Country first to effect your ruin —
and then to send you home with Ignominy — This is
the Fruit of the alliance which it is desired to form
with our Country — Appear as if betrayed into their —
scheme of disuniting you — dont appear to be dissatisfied
on account of our Friend: but as soon as you shall have
dispatched an answer to this Letter which you will
do without Delay go to the Governor who will have
orders for your being allowed to proceed on board your
Vessel and represent to him that our Nation would
resent the detention of your Commander in person
that you are aware of the cruel treatment I have
experienced that such Conduct is not consistent with
friendship — that the French are a free people —
that it may be argued that the prince who would
detain your papers might also detain the papers of
our state — that if he will promise to have me
conducted to Pondy alone you will not mention
to our Nation the Indignities I have suffered, and

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that knowing him to be equally attached to his — Sovereign and well disposed towards the French you are convinced he will convey his advice to this purport to his prince."

This place is fit only to be inhabited by Mercants — the people are habituated to Duplicity and deceit and them are inseparable from their affected friendship — Distrust them in every thing — they are determined to ruin you — yesterday a Letter was written in French — I think it may be written with a view to disunite you — For Gods sake arm yourselves with circumspection courage and Resolution Let your conferencies be short but pointed — you have deceived as one already; you have seduced away our Commander by faithless promises & he is detained a prisoner by your Sovereign — together we will depart, or together we will die; if you molest us we shall be constrained to act on our defence that indeed every French Man will defend his Liberty — and we insist on our departure — our Nation shall judge of the treatment we have experienced we are peaceably disposed but will not allow ourselves to be separated —

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I think it will be found difficult
to impose upon you — be always prepared, always —
armed. They are a cowardly set of people — and dread
the sight of Arms — be always together and never close
in but in your own house — behave with conciliation
fortune will favour you — You ask my advice — it is
this — if you see clearly that they will not suffer you
to return home — prepare yourselves for the —
alternative rely on the humanity of European Nations
set out with a small sum of Money — not so much
as to render you objects worth plundering — take 30 or
40 Pagodas each — give what remains to the Person
who he is an honest trust worthy Man has a —
claim on me for 13¾ Rupees — immediately set sail
and be vigelant till out of Danger — This is the —
Line that I would adopt — it cannot be disapproved by
your Nation — On giving yourselves up you will
relate fully all that has passed to the Commandant
of the Nation where you may arrive and detail our
sufferings from the period of our quitting the Vessel
you need not enter into any Political Discussion — but
in all other Respects communicate faithfully what I

has

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has happened — and endeavour to have the Narrative
inserted in the Publick prints — appeal to the dictates of
Humanity and endeavour to obtain your release — at all
events procure permission for two of you to return to
the Islands that they may then be informed of the —
Insult that has been offered to our Nation and the
attack that has been Made on our Rights and our
Liberty — that instead of Hospitality we have found
Irons — Your cause will be espoused by any European
powers — make your Retreat to the place where you
may expect the best Treatment; Fatum will favor
you but dont put this Scheme into execution till you
shall be fully convinced that you have no prospect
of obtaining leave to proceed home."

Mem: The other parts of this Letter have
no Political reference and treat
principally of the mode of curing
a Fever with which it appears Mons^r
Repaud had been afflicted —

True Translation of the Extracts

Signed George Parry

French Translator

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore respecting the Batta payable by Serfoge to the Sepoys attached to him as a body guard—

Shirfoje proceeds now and then to Trivisar 7 Miles from Tanjore, to pay his respects to the Elder Widow of the late Rajah on these Occasions a few Sepays of the guard appropriated for his Protection accompany him— When he remains more than a Day absent from the fort he Offers to pay the— batta of the Sepays in Rice— this he sends me word the Sepoys refuse— and he therefore requests that the Right Honorable the President in Council may be pleased to favor him by giving an Order that the Batta on these occasions may be defrayed by the Paymaster at Tanjore.—

As the Batta can never amount to more than a small Sum Monthly and as the payment of it in the Manner requested by Shirfoje would put an End to little Vexations that occur I should hope the Right Honorable the—

President

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President in Council would be pleased to issue such —
Orders as he may deem proper on the occasion. ——

Tanjore
31st. October 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod
President

Dispatched the undermentioned —
Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-

To the attorney to Dr. Gilmore —

To Lieutenant Butler — informing him that the amount of the claim he has preferred will be discharged by Mr. Hawkins —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham — approving the opinion he has given on the relative Claims of Major Bluden and Captain Paterson and an Lieutenant — Showers and Application for an advance of Pay — authorizing payment of arrears due to Surgeon Gilmore and of a charge for Godowns Rent for the Stores of the — 12th. Regiment —

To Ditto — Ditto

To Ditto referring an additional — estimate of Cash required by Mr. Roebuck to discharge demands payable from his Office in October. ——

To the Secretary at Bengal —

To Mr. Barlow enclosing an — Extract of a Letter from Colonel Champagné relative to

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the delay of the Captain of the India preparing his Ships for his voyage to Calcutta.——

To the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.—

To Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Commanding Officer at — Nairpilly respecting Messrs. L'Empereur and Boward and informing them that under the circumstances therein stated the Board have authorized them to remain there—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board desiring them to state their opinion on the best mode of making up Gun Carriages &c on the expiration of the present contract — and to report on an application of the Officers of the Meuron Regiment at Vellore for House Rent.——

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly.—

To Major General Floyd communicating the Boards Determination on the Relative — Claims of Major Bladen and Captain Paterson for Batta referred in his Letter of the 25th. September last—

To Lieutenant A. Hughes of Invalids at Pollicode.

To Lieutenant A. Hughes authorizing him to remain at Pollicode till he shall have provided himself with a quarter at Muglatore — but observing that as he already draws the established allowance of House Rent he must of course quarter himself at his own expence.——

4th

Received the undermentioned Letters entered

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4th entered in M. B. Nos 13-14-15-16-

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham — enclosing his audit on the accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster General and the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon from the 25th May to the 24th June 1797.—

From the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane — enclosing an Indent for Furniture Required for his Office —

From the Commandant at Chingleput.—

From Lieutenant Colonel F. Dohn requesting permission to Make up Clothing for the Malay persons at Chingleput.—

From the Collector in the Jaghire

From Mr. Place — Representing that in consequence of the want of a sufficient number of Choultries at little Conjeveram he has ordered the — requisite number to be prepared at great Conjeveram

5th

Dispatched and Receives the — undermentioned Letters as entered in M. B. Nos 17-18-19-20-21—

To the Acting Collector at Dindigul

To Mr. Hardis — desiring him to send some further Evidences to Trichinopaly as also an original Declaration of Moolia Moodely given to Mr. Wynch on the 22. January 1796.—

To the accountant General and Deputy accountant General.—

To Messrs Wooly and Smith — desiring them

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5th Item to adjust the Nabob's Balance account in communication with Mr. John Bailey and Avaniyhedala Venkatachellum and to lay the account when agreed before Government.——

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditor's Report on the additional Estimate of Cash Required by the Barramaul Paymaster for the Current Month.——

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Secretary Barlow enclosing Copy of the Letter from the Committee of the Bombay Government entered in their former part of this Diary.——

From the Deputy adjutant General to the Kings Troops

From Lieutenant Colonel Robertson requesting that Lieutenant Gilbert and Major of the 52d Regiment who have Received permission to embark for Europe before their Corps may draw the customary allowance of Passage Money.——

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders ....

and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday

7th. November 1797

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved —

Read the following Letter from

the Military Board —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord

We have taken into consideration

the application from the Agent of Supply for an

Office Establishment referred to Us from Govern-

-ment with their Letter of the 30th. Ultimo and

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From the Military Board report on the Office Establishment of the Agent of Supplies Recommend the Execution of some extensive Repairs and alterations to the Works at Dindigul — also some Repairs to the Granaries and Store Rooms at that Station — General Report on the Grain and Provisions in Store at the Presidency and Recommendation for the disposal of various articles — Standing Bills for Stations & Provisions for the Marine Expedition retained for the Marine Expedition — Abstract Report of Deficiencies of Provisions Stores &c embarked for the Expedition and Returned — remarks on the deficiencies in the delivery of — articles shipped on the Royal Admiral Juno the Ville de Paris Boyne Houghton and Britannia — Particularly noticing the Leakage on the Rice — recommend that as large a proportion as possible of the Garrison Stock of Provisions be Issued in future the Body of this Letter

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are of Opinion that the Sum of Ninety (90) Pagodas per Month to commence from the 1st. of May last as detailed in the following Statement will be a sufficient allowance for that purpose; also that the Agents charge of Seventy five (75) Pagodas for Godown Rent Pay of a Conicopoly and Peon for the care of the Doolies from that period to the 31st. of July, being at the rate of twenty five (25) Pagodas per Month should be discharged.—

Agent of Supplies

Writers Conicopolies and Stationary	pr. Mo.	26	
Peon	Do.	2	
Office Rent	Do.	20	48

Carpenters Yard

1 Conicopoly	pr. Mo.	4	
2 Assistants	Do.	6	
2 Peons	Do.	4	
1 Carpenter Mastry	Do.	4	
1 Smith. Ditto	Do.	4	
Yard Rent	Do.	20	42
Total Pags.			90

Having

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Having given due attention to the Letter from Major General Floyd and to the several Papers which accompanied it relative to the Repairs required at Dindigul referred to our Board with Governments Letter of the 5th April last We find from the Plan and Report on that subject that Casemates are proposed to be construc=ted sufficient to contain one thousand (1000) — Native Troops under the Rampart of the North face of the upper Fort and although it is proba=ble that this Number is considerably more than the Garrison will in general consist of yet it occurs to us that these Buildings may be — converted to many useful purposes such as for Store Rooms Granaries and Officers Quarters; and will be the means of the Rampart being rendered of a sufficient width throughout, which appears to be an object of great consequence to the security of the Place; and the proposed Cavalier Mounting three Guns at the East angle

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has the advantage of Commanding a Rock under cover of which a Battery was erected when the Place was last attacked Under all these considerations — We beg leave to recommend that the Works proposed in the Estimate No 1 — Amounting to Pagodas 16434: 12: 44 — be carried into execution and that of the measure should Meet Your Lordships approbation We may be authorized to advertize for proposals for the — performance thereof by Contract —

3d — We do not see the necessity of making any other alteration to the upper Fort of Dindigul or of any Repairs at this time to the lower Fort which will be so completely defended from the upper one as to prevent an Enemy from Keeping possession of it. —

4th — The Estimate for Repairs Repre= =sented in Lieutenant Colonel Browne's Letter of the 15th Ultimo to be immediately Requisite to the Store Rooms and Granaries in the upper Fort — appearing very moderate, We accordingly Recom= =mend their being executed agreably thereto. —

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5th The Offic. Commanding at Naga-
=patam having represented the want of a Place
of security wherein to lodge the Military Stores
at that Station - that in which they are at present
being private property, We in consequence —
recommend our being authorized to direct the
Commanding Offic. to hire a proper place for
them at a Monthly Rent not exceeding ten (10)
Pagodas, as a Measure which appears indispensably
necessary to their preservation. —

6th We have the honor to enclose
a Bill from the Agent to the Gun Carriage &c
Contractors amounting to Pagodas 2073.2 for
Articles delivered by him into the Arsenal which
on examination by a Committee of Our Board
are found to be in every respect fit for the Service
We therefore recommend that the Bill be discharg
d.

Having in conformity to the
Regulations published by Government under date
19th of July last for the Grain and Provision Depart
=ment appointed a Committee of Our Board to

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Survey and Report the state of the Provisions and
Articles connected therewith in Store at the Presidency
We do Ourselves the honor of laying before your Lord=
=ship in Council a Copy of their Report in consequence
and to recommend that the Rice and Paddy which
will not keep long in a Marketable state as also such
articles as are damaged or of a perishable nature which
are particularized in the Return, be sold either by
wholesale or Retail as may be found most advantage=
=ous and that the unserviceable Articles be destroyed—
It has occurred to us that the most eligible mode of
Sale for the former will be to direct the Garrison —
Storekeeper to open a Retail Godown at the Granary or
some place adopted for the purpose and to fix the
price of the several Articles so much below the current
Rates of the Market as to induce the Retailers to —
purchase of the Company instead of the Merchants —
8th The Rice proposed to be kept in
Store is 824 Garce and 122¼ Marcals of New Moogy
and 51 Garce and 204 Maracals of New Cachery
Rice, both of which will continue good for several Months—
Ghee

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Ghee is an article said to be at present in great demand at Madras and it is supposed that any quantity of New Ghee may be obtained after the Monsoon from the Northern Circars at a price including all Charges not exceeding that which the old Ghee is likely to produce if sold at this time.

10th

The Firewood from Trincomalee which the Committee have Recommended to be disposed of, is of a Kind that from the porous Nature of the Wood will soon be Rotten and unfit for use.

11th

With respect to the Biscuit, which is an article of a very perishable Nature especially during the Rains, We propose that the quantity lately Received from Bengal by the India Vizt 43 Candies 17 Maunds and 22¾ Pounds which is of an inferior quality may be sold as well as that reported damages for whatever it will bring; and that a price be put on the new Biscuit baked at Madras sufficiently Moderate to

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induce the Soldiers of the Garrison or others to —
purchase it in preference to Bread, or it may be
offered for the Navy at a Reduced price or ultimately
sold by Auction. —

12th We likewise lay before your Lord=
=ship a Return of Articles which were in charge
of the late acting Commissary General of Grain
and Provisions and which have been transferred
to the Garrison Storekeeper whose Receipt for the
same corresponds to the particulars stated in the
Return. —

13th Having examined the Bills
transmitted to Our Board by the Garrison Store=
=Keeper on the 4th Instant Amounting to Pagodas
6983. — 59. for Articles supplied by the Master
Attendant and others for the lately intended —
Expedition Chiefly on our Recommendation appro=
=ved by Government. We find that the charges are
supported by corresponding Receipts from the
Persons to whom the Articles were delivered and
although We have no guide to enable Us to —
judge

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judge of the Rates of the different articles. yet We have no reason to doubt their being — Moderate. —

14th.

The Victory Canvas &c. supplied to the Ships of the 2d. Division for the purpose of Making Wind Sails &c. for the health and comfort of the Troops has been in general returned into the Arsenal; and We beg leave to submit to Your Lordship whether the large Catamarans provided for the Expedition should not be disposed of, or taken for the Service of the Company as a Marine Store at the price for which they were purchased. —

15th.

Having compared the Receipts for the Rice Salt Provisions and Rum imported from Bengal on the Royal Admiral Lascelles and Pitt, with the Invoices We find the deficiency so very great that We conceive it necessary to lay the Statements furnished by the Garrison Storekeeper before Government with Copies of the Certificates of the Captains and Pursers of the

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Royal Admiral and Lascelles respecting the articles
delivered from those Ships and of the Captain and
Purser of the Lascelles regarding the Rum only, viz —
Order that the same may be transmitted to the —
Governor General in Council and that the Captains
of those Ships may be called upon to account for
the cause of the deficiency — The Garrison Store=
=Keeper has reported that owing to the sudden depar=
=ture of the latter Ship for Bengal he was not able
to obtain a Certificate for the Rice and Salt Provisi=
=ons landed from the Lascelles and has therefore detained
the Bill of Lading until that Certificate is forwarded
from Bengal — On this subject it is proper to state —
that the deficiency in the Rum appears to be attri=
=butable in a great degree to the bad state of the —
Casks the Agent for Spirituous Liquors as well as the
Captains of the Ships having represented them to be
very defective and both the hoops and staves by no
means strong enough to undergo a long Voyage —
16th. This Report of the state of the
Casks is further confirmed by the circumstance of the

Agent

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Agent having received a supply of Rum on account of the Company by the Pitt, which his Agent at Bengal had purchased and which being in strong casks the Leakage on the Rum imported from Bengal for the Expedition is no less than 26⅝ per Cent a difference so very considerable that it will no doubt attract the particular attention of Govern=ment in their communication to Bengal on the subject and be the means of ensuring that the Rum imported hereafter from thence be put in strong and secure casks. — Even the above Wastage of 97/8 per Cent on the Agents Rum he states to be 11/8 more than the usual Rate which he imputes to it having been stowed upon the Rice, the heat of which occasions at all times a considerable wastage even from the best Casks placed in contact with it. 87th

Having examined the Bill of Messrs Kindersley Watts and Co. for Ninety (90) Water casks supplied by them for the Expedition amoun=ting to Pagodas 1224. — — — We find that the price charged is according to the agreement made with

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them by the late Committee of the Military Board as detailed in their Proceedings but as a Receipt has been granted for no more than eighty (80) Casks — We recommend that this number only amounting to Pagodas 1104 " — be paid for at present and that the price of the remaining ten (10) be accounted for when it shall appear that they were received on board the Rose for the Public Service as stated by Messrs Kindersley Watts and Co.

18th On examining the different accounts transmitted to Our Board by the late Commissary of Provisions (Lieutenant Goldsworthy) and the Garrison Storekeper of the different Articles shipped on board the Rose Britannia, and Houghton according to Receipts of the Officers Commanding on Board and comparing them with the quantities Reclaimed there appears to be a large deficiency particularly in the Article of Water Casks the Amount of which alone at the average rate of their being purchased Vizt Six Pagodas each is Pagodas 3078 " — and as it appears indispensably necessary to investigate the cause of such

deficiencies

deficiencies in Order to ascertain where the Responsibility should attach We have the honor to enclose a Statement of the different Articles put on board and of the quantities Relanded from each Ship in case your — Lordship should judge it proper to transmit a Copy of this Statement to the Governor General in Council for the purpose of enabling the Supreme Government to call on the Captains of the different Ships to account in the best manner that may lie in their power for such deficiency and to land at Bengal the Casks Firewood and other Stores that in the hurry of their — departure from Madras they might not have had the means of Relanding at this Place — It is proper at the same time to state that of the Number of Casks supplied by the Pitt and Lascelles for the Expedition twenty four (24) Remains to be delivered to the former and thirty (30) to the latter — Ships, which of course will fall to be deducted from the deficiencies upon the number embarked and Relanded at Fort S.t George —

19.th

The Committee of our Board desirous of having Vouchers for ascertaining the quantities actually delivered back from each Ship — thought it necessary to address the accompanying Letter N.o 25 to the late — Commissary Lieutenant Goldsworthy under whose superintendence the Provisions were shipped and Relanded. — From his Answer N.o 26 — with the Return — accompanying the Committee observed that several of the Boats sent from each ship came without any Notes to shew their contents and that the Notes Received by others were in Regard to the Articles specified in many instances very inaccurate. —

20.th

We have therefore to Regret that

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press and hurry of the occasion the Means which the Committee pursued for supporting the general Statement with efficient Vouchers have not been more successful.

21st Before concluding this Report on the Provisions at the Presidency We think it Our duty to remark that with the exception of a part of the Salt Provisions the whole of the Articles are kept in Granaries and Bankralls in the Black Town a circumstance that might eventually be the cause of serious inconveniency to the Service and therefore beg leave to submit this circumstance to the Notice of Government in order that if approved Measures may be taken for having the greater part of the Garrison Store of Provisions lodged in the Fort in such places as may be found best calculated for the purpose.

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30th October 1797

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Estimate for Widening the Rampart of the North face of the upper Fort of Dindigul with Cazemates underneath for 998 Men Including the proposed Cavalier and Cook Room and Necessary at the Current Prices of Dindigul.

1st ..... The proposed Cavalier with Cazemates underneath for 212 Men

Superfl. Content Square feet	Cubic feet						
	2758	The Revetements of the Rampart					
	4125	The Piers of the Cazemates					
	600	The Parapet Walls and Banquette					
Total	31803	Plain Brick and Chunam	at	1	60 ₱ Cubic ft	1528	36 60
	2266	Arch Work for the Cazemates	at	2	50 ₱ d°	754	5 20
	1824	Scarping the Rock for the Foundations	at	1	20 ₱ Superf.	54	12 .
31	50	Wall Brick on Edge Paving with jelly underneath		2	5 20 ₱ Square	66	34 30
43		Strong Chunam Cement 3 Coats well beat and rubbed over all the Arches		2	21 . ₱ d°	107	21 .
Cubic Yards	772	Filling up with Earth the Rampart and Parapet		.	31 40 ₱ d°	50	10 40
₱	282	15 Iron Gratings 15 Inches Square for air Holes in to the Cazemates		.	7 . ₱ Square	129	28 .
161		5 Strong Teakwood Doors 3½ Inches thick with Hinges and Hooks &c complete		.	3 . ₱ ₱	20	6 .
		5 Strong double Pad Locks		.	17 . ₱ Superf.	65	7 .
				1	21 . ₱ each	7	21 .
						2584	18 40

2 ..... Widening the Rampart from the Cavalier to the Gateway —

1661		Interior Revetement Brick and Chunam	at	1	60 ₱ Cubic ft	69	8 60
315		Arches over the Gateway	at	2	50 ₱ d°	19	28 70
Cubic Yards	1322	Filling up with Earth the Rampart	at	.	7 . ₱ Yard	220	14 .
2		Wall Brick on Edge Paving for the Ramp with jelly underneath		2	5 20 ₱ Square	4	10 40
255		Scarping the Rock for the Foundation	at	1	20 ₱ Foot	7	24 60
						321	2 70

Estimate for Widening the Rampart of the North face of the upper Fort of Dindigul 1821

		3rd ..... The 2. Cazemates for 437 Men						
	11944	Revetements of the Rampants						
	5709	Piers and Walls of the Cazemates						
Total	17653	Brick and Chunam	at	"	1 60 ₰ Cubic ft	₹ 35	22	60
	25563	Arch Work for the Cazemates	at	"	2 50 ₰ dº	1597	28	70
93	6	Strong Chunam Cement 3 Coats well beat and rubbed on the out side of the Arches		2	21 " ₰ Square	232	27	24
159	95	One Coat Chunam Plaster inside the Cazemates		"	31 40 ₰ dº	119	10	32
74	54	Wall Brick on Edge Paving with jelly underneath		2	5 20 ₰ dº	158	16	56
	2650	Scarping and levelling the Rock for the Foundation		"	1 20 ₰ foot	78	36	40
Cubic Yards	1200	Filling up the Rampart with Earth		"	7 " ₰ Yard	200	"	"
66	282	15 Iron Gratings 15 Inches Square for Air Holes in to the Cazemates		"	3 " ₰ th	20	6	"
28½		10 Teakwood Doors 3½ Inches thick with Hinges and hooks &c Complete		"	17 " ₰ foot	113	35	20
2½		10 Double Padlocks Strong		1	21 " ₰ each	15	"	"
						3272	3	62
		4th ..... Widening the Rampart from the 2. to the 3 Cazemates.						
	2484	Revetement Brick and Chunam		"	1 60 ₰ Cubic ft	103	21	"
Cubic Yards	1708	Filling up the Rampart with Earth		"	7 " ₰ Yard	291	14	
	414	Scarping the Rock for the Foundation		"	1 20 ₰ Cubic ft	12	13	40
						407	6	40
		5th ..... The 3. Cazemates for 208 ..... Men						
	6616	Revetements of Rampart						
	4290	Walls and Piers of Cazemates						
Total	10906	Brick and Chunam	at	"	1 60 ₰ Cubic ft	454	17	40
		Carried Over Pagodas				454	17	40

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Stephen Lee Esqr
Cheque for £1

Brought Over ... 1434 19 10 £524 32 2

1887 Stock Bills for the Corporation ... 2 50 Yards 669 39 20
1888 Printing Common Council 3 Books with Red and White Cloth Bindings ... 2 18 " 9 Yards 142 29 72
Ditto Ditto Stilling up the Common Council Table ... 31 10 Yds 65 18 33
Ditto Ditto Painting the Desks for Councillors ... 2 5 20 Yards 93 17 73
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Allowing the Chamberlain 3% Commission ... 54 " 8 60 Yards 50 " "
1202 Stationery Books and Printing ... 14 " 7 " Yards 180 28 "
Ditto Ditto 1084 Setting up the Common Council Table ... 20 " 1 20 Yards 8 39 "
20 ditto ditto ditto Painting the Desks for Councillors ... 239 27 "

9 Ditto 5% Commission on 4434 Ditto ... 239 27 "

3705 Advertising of Vacancy
2049 Gas and Coke of Lamps
Total ... 6754 Stock and Cleaning
6292 Ditto ditto for the Lamps ... " 1 60 Yards 284 17 10
26 25 Setting Common Council 3 Desk with Red and White Cloth Coverings ... " 2 50 Yds 499 5 20
60 62 Two Foot Common Council Table in the Corporate ... 2 28 - Yards 90 26 20
28 29 Oak Flush on Cape Council with Inlay Monograms ... " 31 10 Yds 45 19 92
1901 Painting the Desk for the Councillors ... 2 5 10 Yds 60 15 65
48 ... 1278 10 Iron Hooks 15 Inches square for Gas Fittings ... " 1 20 Yards 38 29 "
1892 5 Oiling Cushioned Seats and 3 Mahogany & Brass Hooks Repairing ... " 9 " Yds 15 18 "
5 Pairs Candle Sockets ... " 31 " Yards 33 18 "
" 5 " Yards 7 24 "

Cubic Yards	365	Filling up the Rampart with Earth	"	7 "	₱ Cubic Yd.	60 35 "	
						1084 35 17	
		8th ——— Water Drains—					
Nos	188	5 Large Iron Gratings for water Drains		3 3	₱ lb	13 18 "	
						13 18 "	
		9th ——— 25 Traverses before the Cazemate Doors to prevent the Rolling shott Lobbing in each 10 feet long.—					
	2126	Revetments Brick and Chunam	"	1 60	₱ Cubic Ft	88 24 40	
Cubic Yards	133	Filling up with Earth the Traverses	"	7 "	₱ Yard	22 7 "	
	750	Scarping the Rock for Foundations	"	1 20	₱ Sup. Ft	22 13 40	
						133 3 "	
		10th ——— Partition Walls with Doors to devide off apartments for Officers—					
"	550	Brick and Chunam 10 Walls	"	1 60	" ₱ Cubic Ft	22 38 40	
	180	10 Doors Teakwood 1½ Inches thick with Hinges and half Frames with Hooks &c	"	12 "	₱ Sup. Ft	51 18 "	
15		One Coat Chunam Plaster	"	31 40	₱ Square	11 10 40	
		10 Small Door Locks	1	" "	₱ each	10 " "	
						95 25 "	
		Carried Over				9837 1 71	

Superficial Cubic Square feet feet

Brought Over 9837 1 37

11th ..... A necessary for Europeans and Natives

1646 — Walls and Slopes Over the Arch Brick and Chunam ..... " 1 60 ₹ Cubic ft 68 24 40

356¼ — Arch Work ..... " 2 50 ₹ do 22 11 12

248 ..... Scarping the Rock for the Foundations ..... " 1 20 ₹ Sup ft 7 16 .

1 38 ..... Wall Brick on Edge Paving with jelly underneath ..... 2 5 20 ₹ Square 2 39 13

5 67 ..... 2 Coats Chunam Plaster Over the Arch ..... 1 25 . ₹ do 8 25 17

5 11 ..... 1 Do ..... Do ..... Do ..... inside the necessary ..... " 31 40 ₹ do 3 34 27

16½ ..... 1 Door Teakwood 1½ Inches thick with Hinges and Hooks &c complete ..... " 9 " ₹ Sup ft 3 22 40 157 1 39

12th ..... A Cook Room for Officers and Europeans

2010 — Walls Piers Fo Brick and Chunam ..... " 1 60 ₹ Cubic ft 33 31 40

104½ — Arch Work Brick and Chunam ..... " 2 50 ₹ do 66 39 30

219 ..... Scarping the Rock for the Foundations ..... " 1 20 ₹ Sup ft 6 25 60

3 20 ..... Wall Bricks on Edge Paving with Jelly underneath ..... 2 5 20 ₹ Square 6 33 48

20 ..... 2 Coats of Chunam Plaster over the Arch ..... 1 25 . ₹ do 10 33 47

86 ..... 1 Do ..... Do ..... Do inside the Cook Room ..... " 31 40 ₹ do 4 16 47 179 8 39

Total Pagodas 1137 1 16

Estimate

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1883 Estimate of Expenditure for 1884

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Estimate for raising the Demi Bastion on the West Face and building a Guard Room at the Sally Port—

Superft. Square feet	Content Cubic feet						
		1st ..... Raising the Demi Bastion					
	2810	Brick and Chunam Revetement	"	1 60 ₹ Cubic ft	187	13	40
Cubic Yards	476	Filling up with Earth the Bastion	"	1 " ₹ Yard	79	14	"
Do	6	Blowing up part of the Bluff Rock at the Salliant Angle of the Bastion	1	" " ₹ do	6	"	"
15		1 Strong Door with Bars &c. Complete for the Sally Port	"	87 " ₹ Superft	6	3	"
467							208 20 40
		2nd ..... The Guard Room at the Sally Port for 9 Men—					
	1078	Walls Brick and Chunam	"	1 60 ₹ Cubic ft	44	38	40
	441	Arch Work ... do	"	2 50 ₹ do	27	23	50
1	52	Wall Brick on Edge Paving with Jelly underneath	2	5 20 ₹ Square	3	9	58
1	80	Strong Chunam Cement 3 Coats well beat and rubbed Over the Arch	2	21 " ₹ do	4	21	"
4	93	1 Coat Chunam Plaster inside the Guards Room	"	31 40 ₹ do	3	29	23
Cubic Yards	8	Earth to fill up over the Arch	"	7 " ₹ Yard	1	14	"
	100	Scarping the Rock for the Foundation	"	1 20 ₹ Superft	2	41	"
20½	22½	1 Teak wood Door 1½ Inches thick with Hinges &c. Complete	"	9 " ₹ do	4	13	10
							922 22 21

West Face Total Pagodas 301 " 61
North Face &c. Pagodas 10133 11 63
Grand Total Pagodas 10434 12 44

Trichinopoly
March 30th 1797—

(Signed) Thos J. De Haviland
Lieut. Assist. Engineer &c. &c.

Abstract of the above Estimate—

	8277½	Revetements Piers Walls &c. Brick and Chunam	"	1 60 ₹ Cubic ft	3448	33	20
	5742¾	Arches of Cazemates &c. do do	"	2 50 ₹ do	3589	13	60
	10700	Scarping the Rock for the Foundations	"	1 20 ₹ Superft	318	19	"
Cubic Yards	6	Blowing up do on the West Face	1	" " ₹ Yard	6	"	"
181	79	Wall Brick on Edge Paving with Jelly underneath	2	5 20 ₹ Square	386	12	63
231	29	Strong Chunam Cement 3 Coats Well beat and Rubbed over the Arches	2	21 " ₹ do	578	9	36
12	87	Chunam Plaster 2 Coats	1	21 " ₹ do	19	12	65
405	73	do do do 1 do	"	31 40 ₹ do	304	12	40
Cubic Yards	7794	Filling up the Ramparts with Earth	"	7 " ₹ Yard	1299	"	"
Lbs	1222	Iron gratings for Air Holes and Drains	"	3 " ₹ lb	87	12	"
728½		Doors and Windows 3 Inches thick with Hinges hooks &c. Complete at 17 fanams	292	1 40			
180		Ditto 1½ Inches thick with half frames at 12 fan. ₹ Superft	51	18 "			
36½		Ditto Ditto with Hinges and hooks &c. at 9 fan. ₹ do	4	35 50			
		24 Padlocks and 10 Door locks			351	13	10
		Fractional Errors &c.			46	"	"
							10
				Total Pagodas	10434	12	44

Trichinopoly
March 30th 1797—

Thos J De Haviland
Lieut. Assist. Engr. &c. &c.

Return

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Return of Grain and Provisions and other Articles in Store under Charge of the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George as the same stood on the 30th of September 1797 Shewing the Periods when the Several Articles were laid up in Store and Supposed present State of them as Inspected by a Committee of the Military Board appointed in Meeting 7th September and Consisting of the Chief Engineer Military Auditor General Quarter Master and Adjutant Generals

Articles.								Observations of the Committee of the Military Board and probable period for which each Article may be kept in Store without Suffering essentially in Value when brought to Market.
					Years	Months		
Rice Moogy of the Year 1796/7	Pags 7573	Serviceable	Weighing	124	12¾	"	0	Supposed to be in addition to this Quantity received by the Garrison Storekeeper from the Batch which had been concealed by the Boat People and appears to be a part of the rice Shipped on the 3 Indiamen
" Bakeeganjam of	Do	778	Do	Do	10	3¾	3	Recommended to be Sold
" Calcutta of	Do	1200	Do	Do	19	301	2	
" Raw or Patchery of	1797	3213	Do	Do	51	204	3	
" " of	Do	2131	Damaged	Do	33	25⅞		Recommended to be Sold
" " of	Do	2214	Unserviceable	Do	35	185⅞		To be thrown into the Sea
Paddy of the Year 1796			Serviceable		92	385	8/9	Recommended to be Sold
Dholl of	Do	1797		Do	5	394	3	Ditto
Pease of	Do	—		Do	1	7½	1/2	Ditto
Bhoot Gram of	Do			Do	3	200	"	Ditto

Salt	of	Do	Do		13	108	3	2	
Chunnah	of	Do	Do		3	3	3	"	" To be Sold
Ditto	of	Do	Do	Damaged	"	280	"	"	" Useless and to be Destroyed
Codelly dressed	of	Do		Serviceable	2	90	½	"	" To be Sold
Pease Do	of	Do	Do		1	150	9	"	" Ditto
Arcy Pory	of	Do	Do		"	100	"	"	" Ditto
Biscuit Madras	of	Do	Past 1751	Serviceable Weight Nett	c 377	m 4	¾	"	" Recommended to be Sold
" Bengal	of	1796/7-799	Do	Do	43	17	22¾	"	" Ditto
" "	of	Do	122	Damaged Do	27	1	9	"	" Ditto
Flour purchased from Bakers of the Year 1797				Past 82 Serviceable	14	15	5	"	" Ditto
" "	Mr. Cochrane	of	Do	55 casks Do	34	2	20	"	3 "
" from Bengal	of	Do	8 Chests 93 casks	Do	55	6	16	"	" To be Sold
Sugar	of the Year 1797			Do	46	15	"	"	" Ditto
Ghee	of	Do	Do		87	14	8/16	"	" Ditto
Tamarind	of	Do	Do		161	17	19/16	"	" Ditto
Pepper	of	Do	Do		24	15	9¼	"	" Ditto
Chillies	of	Do	Do		31	18	¾	"	" Ditto
Turmerick	of	Do	Do		14	1	2/16	"	" Ditto
Garlick	of	Do	Do		11	4	8/16	"	" Ditto
Onions	of	Do	Do		8	12	24/16	"	" Ditto
Mustard	of	Do	Do		3	18	1½	"	" Ditto
Cummin Seeds	of	Do	Do		4	14	6½	"	" Ditto
Coriander Seeds	of	Do	Do		11	13	5/8	"	" Ditto
Boiled Beetle Nut	of	Do	Do		"	2	8¾	"	" Ditto

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Fort St. George 2nd October 1797

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Articles.								Observations of the Committee of the Military Board and probable period for which each Article may be kept in Store without Suffering essentially in Value when brought to Market.
					Years	Months	Days	
Rice Moogy of the Year 1796	Pags 3 Nos 9			124 12½		6		7½ Measells in Addition to this Quantity received by the Garrison Storekeeper from the Beach which had been concealed by the Boat People and appears to be a part of the rice Shipped on the 3 Indiamen
Bakerganjam of	Do	778	Do	Do		3		Recommended to be Sold
Calcutta of	Do	1200	Do	Do		2		
Raw or Patchery of	1797	3213	Do	Do		3		
" " of	Do	2131	Damaged	Do				Recommended to be Sold
" " of	Do	2284	Unserviceable	Do				To be thrown into the Sea
Paddy of the Year 1796			Serviceable					Recommended to be Sold
Dholl of	Do	1797		Do				Ditto
Pease of	Do	—		Do				Ditto
Bhoot Gram of	Do			Do				Ditto

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Fort St. George 15th January 1798

Extract from the Store Keeper's Report of Stock remaining in the Public Godowns on the 31st December 1797

Salt	of	Do	Do	13	108	3	2	.
Chunnah	of	Do	Do	3	3	3	"	" To be Sold
Ditto	of	Do	Damaged	.	280	.	"	" Useless and to be Destroyed
Codilly dressed	of	Do	Serviceable	2	90	½	"	" To be Sold
Pease Do	of	Do	Do	1	159	9	"	" Ditto
Arcy Pory	of	Do	Do	"	166	"	"	" Ditto
Biscuit Madras	of	Do	Past 1751 Serviceable	Weight Nett	377	m 4	¾	" " Recommended to be Sold
"	Bengal	of	1796/7-399	Do	Do	43	17	22¾ " " Ditto
"	"	of	Do 122	Damaged	Do	27	1	9 " " Ditto
Flour purchased from Bakers of the Year 1797				Bags 82	Serviceable	14	15	5 " " Ditto
"	"	Mr. Cochrane	of	Do 55 casks	Do	34	2	20 " 3 "
"	from Bengal	of	Do 8 Chests 93 casks		Do	55	6	16 " " To be Sold
Sugar	of the Year 1797				Do	46	15	" " " Ditto
Ghee	of	Do	Do			87	14	8/16 " " Ditto
Tamarind	of	Do	Do			161	17	19/16 " " Ditto
Pepper	of	Do	Do			24	15	9¼ " " Ditto
Chillies	of	Do	Do			31	18	½ " " Ditto
Turmerich	of	Do	Do			14	1	2/16 " " Ditto
Garlick	of	Do	Do			11	4	8/16 " " Ditto
Onions	of	Do	Do			8	12	24/16 " " Ditto
Mustard	of	Do	Do			3	18	17/2 " " Ditto
Cummin Seeds	of	Do	Do			4	14	6/2 " " Ditto
Coriander Seeds	of	Do	Do			11	13	5/8 " " Ditto
Boiled Beetle Nut	of	Do	Do			"	2	8¾ " " Ditto

Raw

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	No.	Pieces	Gauge	Remarks
Rum Puncheons	31	12	4/16	"	To be sold
Tobacco	85	1	24/16	"	Ditto
Dates	3	13	"	"	Ditto
Kismiss	"	3	4/2	"	Ditto
Salt Beef Casque	140	Pieces 33½	"	"	
Unserviceable	32	"	"	"	
Servicable	2	12	"	"	
Ditto	403	"	"	"	
Unserviceable	14	"	"	"	
Servicable	79	"	"	"	
Unserviceable	10	"	"	"	
Servicable	9	"	"	"	
Ditto	15000	"	"	"	Recommended to be sold
Empty	3900	"	"	"	Ditto
Servicable	10288	"	"	"	Ditto to be condemned & sold
Ditto	2594	"	2	"	
Ditto	9484	"	3	"	
Ditto	598	"	"	"	
Unserviceable	111	"	"	"	To be sold
Servicable	14	"	"	"	
Ditto	2377	"	"	"	
Ditto	72	"	"	"	

Rum Puncheons ... of 116 Gallons
Tobacco ... of
Dates ... of
Kismiss ... of
Salt Beef Casque ... of
... of
Pork ... of
Beef Brigade ... of
... of
Salt Pork Brigade ... of
... of
Hampers and Tongues ... of
Sack ... of
Ditto ... of
Steward ... of
Ditto ... Cargo of Champapatam ... of
Ditto ... Secondary ... of
Malt Casks ... of
Mare ... of
Ditto of Salt Provision ... of
Buckets ... of
Vinegar ... of
Coffee Do ... of

Mullays ..... of 1796/7	Do	229	"	"	"	"	60 Broke
Wax Candles ..... of 1797	Do	bandy	Ams 14	lb 16	"	"	
Teak Wooden Horses ..... of ..... Do	Do	No 46	"	"	"	"	
Ditto	Unserviceable	24	"	"	"	"	To be Sold
Tarpaulins	Do	39	"	"	"	"	
Palmars	Serviceable	1180	"	"	"	"	500 Old and Broken
Jars	Do	65	"	"	"	"	
Ditto	Unserviceable	23	"	"	"	"	} To be destroyed and written off the Returns
Ladder	Do	1	"	"	"	"	
Desk	Serviceable	1	"	"	"	"	
Iron Cash Chest	Do	1	"	"	"	"	
Wooden Do ..... Do	Do	1	"	"	"	"	
Stationary Chest	Do	1	"	"	"	"	
Almira	Unserviceable	1	"	"	"	"	To be Sold
Materials for Weighing	Serviceable	6	Setts	"	"	"	
Ditto	Unserviceable	3	Do	"	"	"	To be Sold
Fire Places	Serviceable	No 16	"	"	"	"	5 Wanting Repair
Necessaries	Do	10	"	"	"	"	
Water Tanks	Do	8	"	"	"	"	
Horn Lanthorns	Do	26	"	"	"	"	6 Good 20 incomplete
Copper Pumps	Do	18	"	"	"	"	
Gallan Pots	Do	11	"	"	"	"	
Half ..... Do	Do	20	"	"	"	"	

Quarter Sessions

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Quarter Masters	9	"	"
Pioneers	16	"	"
Corporals Grass Cutters	96	"	"
Tyers	152	"	"
Bricklayers	28	"	"
Do. Chunamers	4	"	"
Farriers Lascars and Syces	5	"	"
Do. Lascars for filling Shoemakers Tanks	6	"	"
Do. for Bullocks	5	"	"
Steel Yards	4	"	"
Corporals Scales	15	"	"
Brass Founders	4	"	"
Iron Founders	10	"	"
Dittos Lascars	4	"	"
Bunders Half Pheasures	201	"	"
Bunds and Bottom Weights	8	"	"
Gun Lascars	Allowance	2123	"
Dittos Syces	Servants	6	"
Farriers for Cutting Hoofs		60	"
Sundries		5	"
Large Chest		43	"
Small Chest		1	"
Dittos Lascars for Ditto	Servants	2	"
Dittos Syces		10	"
Dittos Pad Cutters		14	"
Dittos Stone and Rollers		536	"
Dittos		20	"
Corps Tools	Allowance	450	"
Dittos Tools	Servants	3	
Corps		2	

To draw Monthly Allowance

6d Good 2 Lad.

"	Hammers	6
"	Drivers	16
"	Punching	8
"	Chipsels	4
"	Chopping Axes	3
"	Adzes	11
"	Howls	6
"	Drawing Knives	8
"	Crow	1
"	Bung Bores	2
"	Hand Saws	2
"	Compasses	3
"	Files	3
"	Hoging	10
"	Vices	6
"	Bitt with Stock	1
"	Bolsters	3

(Signed) Patrick Ross
President

True Copy

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

Return

1892 Apl. 1 to 30 November 1892

Return of Articles in Charge of the late Acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at the Presidency on the 30th of September 1797 as Inspected by a Committee of the Military Board appointed in Meeting 7th September and consisting of the Chief Engineer Military Auditor General Quarter Master and Adjutant Generals

Articles		Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable	Observations of the Committee
Bags Gonny received from Bengal					
Gonny Bengal	Old	"	"	290	
Coirs Matt form	Old	"	"	2175	
..... Arrack		26	9	"	Recommended to be sent into the Arsenal.
Cocks Brass		43	"	1	
Cups Dram Brass		"	"	3	
Mercals Copper		1	"	"	
Pots ..... Copper		1	1	"	
.....	½ Gallon	2	"	"	
.....	¼ Ditto	1	"	"	
Pans ..... Copper		"	1	"	
Weights ... Iron	½ Cwt	"	20	"	
.....	¼ Cwt	"	1	"	
Seers ..... Copper		1	"	"	

Fort St. George 30th Septr 1797

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The following Articles remaining on the 30th of September but not included in the General Return.

Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserviceable
Collars Bullock	204	"	"
Horses Wooden	4	"	"
Horses for Arrack Carts	48	2	"
Limbers	"	5	"
Marks.....Iron	20	"	11
Pads.....Bullock	"	"	270
Yokes.....Double	84	20	14
".....Single	28	"	2

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G. Dept

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sen.r J. Mil.y Board

Ord.ce Office Fort St. George 15th Sept.r 1797

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Dr. Account Current of the Honorable Company's Sun

1797

June 30th To Patcherry Rice as pr. Invoice Bags 3000 ..... Containing ..... Bs Mds 6000 ..... "

3000- Total ..... 6000- "

To Salt Provisions as pr. Invoice ..... Casks- 152

To Bengal Rum as pr. Bill of Lading 54 Seaguers Containing ... Gallons- 8292

Gallons 8292-

Fort St. George

Errors Excepted

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Dry Articles Received Per Ship Royal Admiral Capt.n Fellows from Bengal &c.

						Bs. Md. lb.	
1797			Bags	Bs. Md. lb.			
August 14th.	By Patcherry Rice in good condition	1038	Wt. Nett	1998	45		
	By Do. ..... Do. transhipped to the Talbot in good condition	818 is average		1574	72		
		1856				3573.	35
	By Do. ..... Do. Damaged	379 is average				729.	54
	By Do. ..... Do. Unserviceable	756	Do.			1455.	40
		2991				5758.	47
	By Defeciency	9	at 4 p.r Cent			241.	35
		3000	Total			6000.	

		Casks	
September 14th.	By Salt Provisions Received	152	
		Gauged Gallons	
	By Bengal Rum Received 46 Leaguers Containing	6657½	
	Empty Casks 6		
	Staves 2		
	54		
	By deficiency about 19¾ p.r Cent	1634½	
	Gallons	8292	

P.r Signed James Brodie
Garrison Store Keeper

True Copy
Signed Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y to M.d Board

Account

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Dr. Account Current of the Honorable Company's Kempt from

1797

July 1st To Patchery Rice as ps. Invoice Double bags 3500 containing ..... Bs. Md. 10 7000 — .

Total ..... 7000 .

To Salt Provisions as ps. Invoice ..... 151 Casks

To Bengal Rum as ps. Invoice Leaguers 53 containing ..... Gallons 8547

Gallons ..... 8547 .

(Signed) J. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

True Copy

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Sundry Articles Received p.r Ship Lascelles Captain } Cr.
Bengal

						Bs.	Md.	lb
1797				Double Bags				
Septem.r 19.th	By Patchery Rice in good condition		1915	Weighing Nett		3362	7	6
	By Ditto	Damaged	1096	Ditto		1924	11	56
	By Ditto	Unserviceable	489	Ditto		858	11	60
			3500			6146	7	28
	By Deficiency @ 12 3/16 p.r Cent					853	11	54
					Total	7000	11	11

By Salt Provisions Recived		151 Casks
		Gallons
By Bengal Rum as p.r Certificate		4726
By Deficiency	44 3/4 p.r Cent	3821
	Gallons	8547

(Signed) Fred Pince
Secretary M.r Board

Account

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Dr. to Account Current of the Received Ship

1797

June 15th. To Patchery Rice as Pr. Invoice D.o Bags 2000 Containing ..... Bs. Nos. 4000.

Total 4000

To Salt Provisions as Pr. Invoice ..... Casks 152

" To Bengal Rum as Pr. Invoice Leaguers 59 Containing ..... Gallons 8488

Gallons 8488

Fort St. George

Errors

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Honorable Company's Sundry Articles Cr

Pilt Captain John Gerrard from Bengal

1797							
				Dr Bs		Br Ms	H
September	19th	By Patchery Rice in Good Condition		260	Weighing Nett	453	14½
		By Ditto	Damaged	656	Ditto	1143	33
		By Ditto	Unserviceable	969	Ditto	1688	80
				1885		3285	45½
		By Deficiency	@ 17/8 P.r Cent	115		714	36½
					Total	4000	

" By Salt Provisions

	Casks	Casks
Beef	114	
Pork	38	152

	Seaguers		Ganged Gallons
" By Bengal Rum Received	59	Containing	7193
By Deficiency	15¼	P.r Cent	1295
		Gallons	8488

Excepted P.r (Signed) J. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

(True Copy)
(Signed) Fred.k Pierce
Sec.y Mil.y Board Fort

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Dr. to Account Current of the Received Ship

1797

June 15th. To Patchery Rice as Pr. Invoice D.o Bags 2000 Containing ..... Pr. Mds. lb
4000.

Total 4000

To Salt Provisions as Pr. Invoice ..... Casks.
152

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Gallons 8488

Fort St. George

Errors.

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Honorable Company's Sundry Articles Cr

Pilt Captain John Gerrard from Bengal

1797								
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		By ditto	Damaged	656	Ditto	1143	"	33
		By ditto	Unserviceable	969	Ditto	1688	"	80
				1885		3285	"	45½
		By Deficiency	@ 17⅞ p.c	185		714	"	36½
					Total	4000	"	—

" By Salt Provisions

	Casks	
Beef	114	
Pork	38	Casks 152

		Leaguers		Ganged Gallons
"	By Bengal Rum Received	59	Containing	7193
	By Deficiency	15¼	p.c	1295
			Gallons	8488

Excepted p.r (Signed) J. Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

True Copy (Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec.y Mil. Board Fort

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Fort S.t George 16.th September 1797

This is to Certify that the undermentioned Articles of Provisions were delivered to Mr. James Brodie Garrison Storekeepir from the Ship Royal Admiral.—

Rice Patcherry coarse transhipped to the Talbat	818	Bags	containing	Bs. 82 # 1574: 72	
Ditto on Shore	1038	Ditto	Ditto	1998: 45	
Ditto Damaged	379	Ditto	Ditto	729: 54	
Ditto Unserviceable	756	Ditto	Ditto	1455: 40	
	2991				5758 47
Salt Provisions					152 Casks
Bengal Rum	45	Seaguers	containing	gallons 6640	
Ditto	1	Do.	Do.	17	6657 gallons
Empty Casks	Do.	6			
Ditto Staves		2			
		54.			

/Signed/ Robert Russell Purser

Captain Fellowes having protested against all damages being dispatched out of Season and the Rum being by the Deputy Master attendant Surveyed on board and found well stowed the Leakage must have arisen from the bad State of the Casks and the Nature of the Cargo— the Rice being

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being very wet. The deficiencies are therefore excepted — against.—

(Signed) Robert Russell
Purser—

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secrt. to Mily Board—

Fort St. George 19th. September 1797—

This is to Certify that the Undermentioned Articles of Provisions were delivered to Mr. J. Brodie — Garrison Storekeeper from the Ship Lascelles.—

			lbs. Md.	lbs.
Rice Patchery course good	1915	Weighing Nett	3362:	76
Ditto	Damaged 1096	Do	1924:	56
Ditto	Unservicable 489	Do	858:	60
	3500		6146:	28

Salt Provisions Country ..... 151 Casks

(Signed) John Linley Cantelo
Purser Lascelles—

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secrt. to Mily Board

We—

6901

Fort St. George 7th. November 1797

We do hereby Certify that the following is an exact and true Account of the delivery of 59 Casks of Rum Shipped on Board the Pitt East Indiaman by the Bengal Government on Account and Risk of the Honorable Company for the intended Expedition.—

	Casks	Gallon
Shipped on Board the Pitt	59	G.G. 8488
Nett Quantity delivered to Mr. James Brodie the Garrison Storekeeper	59	7193

The Nett Wastage is Guaged Gallon 1295 or Twelve hundred and Ninety five Gallons.—

Fort St. George
13th. September 1797

/Signed/ John Gerrard
Baron.

" John White
Paym.

True Copy
/Signed/ Fred Pierce
Secy. Mily Board

We do hereby Certify that the following is an exact and true Account of the delivery of 54 Casks of Rum Shipped on Board the Royal Admiral East Indiaman by the Bengal Government on Account and Risk of the the Honorable Company for the intended Expedition.—

Shipped

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Shipped on board the Royal Admiral as per Bill of Lading dated Diamond Harbour 26th June 1797 ..... 54 J. Gall. 8292

Nett Quantity delivered by Mr. James Brodie the Garrison Storekeeper ..... 54 ..... 6657½

The Nett Wastage is Gauged Gallons 1634½

or Sixteen Hundred and Thirty four and One half Gallons.

Fort St. George
14th September 1797

(Signed) William Dorset Fellowes
Commander

Robert Russell Purser

Having protested against all damages being Dispatched out of Season — and the Rain being (by the Deputy Master attendant) surveyed on board and found — well stowed the Leakage must have arisen from the bad state of the Casks and the Nature of the Cargo — the Rice being very wet — The Deficiencies are therefore —

excepted

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excepted Against

/Signed/ William Dorset Fellowes
Commander

Robert Russell
Purser

True Copy

/Signed/ Fred Pierce
Secy. to Mil. Board

We do hereby Certify that
the following is an exact and true
Account of the delivery of 53 Casks of
Rum Shipped on Board the Lascelles
East Indiaman of the Bengal
Government on Account and Risk of
the Honorable Company for the
intended Expedition

Shipped

In pages 6905-06 the matter appearing
entered in pages 6902-03 ante has been repeated by mistake

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Shipped on board the Royal
Admiral as per Bill of Lading
dated Diamond Harbour 26th
June 1797 ..... 54 Gallons 8292-
Nett Quantity delivered to Mr.
James Brodie The Garrison Store
Keeper ..... 54 " — " 6657/8

The Nett Wastage is Gauged Gallons 1634½
or Sixteen Hundred and Thirty four and one half
Gallons. ——

Fort St. George
14th September 1797-

(Signed) William Dorset Fellowes
Commander

" Robert Russell Purser

Having protested against all damages
being dispatches out of Season and the Rum —
being (by the Deputy Master Attendant) Surveyed
on board and found well stowed the Leakage —
must have arisen from the bad state of the —
Casks and the Nature of the Cargo — the Rice
being

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being very wet— The Deficiencies are therefore
excepted Against

(Signed) William Dorset Fellowes
Commander

Robert Russell— Purser—

True Copy

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secnd Mate & Pilot

We do hereby Certify that the
following is an exact and true Account of the
delivery of 53 Casks of Rum Shipped on
Board the Lascelles East Indiaman by the
Bengal Government on Account and Risk
of the Honorable Company for the
intended Expedition.—

Shipped

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Shipped on Board the Lascelles

as p.r Bill of Lading Dated

Calcutta 5.th July 1797 ..... 53 g. gall. 2547

Nett Quantity delivered to

Mr. James Brodie the

Garrison Storekeper ..... 53 — 4726

The Nett Wastage is Guages Gallons 3821

Fort S.t George

19.th September 1797

(Signed) John Santer Comm.r

" John Sunley Cantelo

Purser

Having Protested against all

Damages being dispatched out of Season —

and the remains of Rum being Surveyed

on Board and Reported properly stowed; the

leakage must have arisen from the —

thinness of the Casks and the Nature of

the

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the Cargo, much rice being in a Wet State

and the Hold hot ——

We therefore except against

the deficiency of Rum delivered on Board the

Lascelles. ——

(Signed) John Saniter

Commr

" John Lindsay Carlisle

Purser

True Copy

(Signed) Fred Pierce

Sec. to Bd

General

... Indiamen sheeting ...

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... Godelly Pease Anel ...

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Rate of Deficiency on the different Articles of Provision Stores Shipped on board the Rose Houghton and Britannia

	Rose	Houghton	Britannia
	p.r Cent	p.r Cent	p.r Cent
Rice	8½	11	11
Dholl	2⅛	7 3/16	4
Salt	16½	27 5/8	19
Ghee	11⅛	11	9½
Tamarind	27⅜	57 11/16	17½
Chillies	7/16	5½	8⅝
Pepper	9¼	24⅜	25⅞
Coriender Seeds	6⅜	15⅞	10
Cummin Seeds	26	99¾	9⅛
Garlick	12⅝	13½	33⅜
Onions	17⅝	37½	42½
Beetlenut	15½	26⅜	33⅜
Turmerick	11	5¾	4½
Tobacco	1½	3⅜	8⅜
Sugar	18½	7½	28¾
Codaly	11⅝	13	19¼
Pease	"	"	18½
Avil	19¼	23	19⅜
Candles	100	37½	29½
Aunsepoory	"	"	36⅞
Salt Fish	16⅞	22	23⅜
Firewood	36 5/16	98	60 3/16
Water Casks	87	76	63

(Signed) Patrick Ross
President

True Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. to the Bd. of Trade
Lieut.

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Fort St. George 7th November 1797

Lieutenant Goldsworthy

late Commissary of Grain and Provisions

Sir,

The Returns transmitted by you to the Military Board of the Provisions and other Articles Shipped on board and Relanded from the Britania Rose and Houghton having been referred to this Committee for Examination and Report and there appearing a very considerable Deficiency especially in the Article of Water Casks between the Quantities stated to have been Shipped and relanded We have to request that you will inform us as soon as possible if the Return of the Articles put on board each Ship corresponds exactly with the Receipts of the Captain or Commanding Officer, or that you will point out wherein they differ and that you will likewise furnish us with an Account of the quantity disembarked according to the Dates sent in each Boat by the Commanding Officer on board in

Order

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Order that we may be able to ascertain the Deficiency chargeable to the Captains as well as to investigate the causes of the Deficiency in general for the — information of the Military Board agreeably to our Instructions.—

There will be a Meeting of the — Committee on Friday next at one o Clock at which time we shall be glad to receive those Reports as well as such further Explanation as you may be able to give us personally thereon for the purpose before — mentioned.—

We have the honor to be

S.r — S.r

Signed/ L. Rob.s

President &.c Committee

Military Board

Fort S.t George

18.th October 1797—

True Copy

Signed/ Fred Pierce

Secr.y Mil.y Board

Major General Pat.k Rob.s

President &.c Committee Military Board—

Sirs,

In answer to your Letter dated 18.th Inst.t

I

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I have the honor to inform your Board that previous to my receiving your directions I had caused to be examined and compared the Return of the Articles stated to be put on board the Ships Britannia Houghton and Rose with the Receipts granted by Captain or Officer commanding but from the Nature of those Receipts Merely exhibiting number of Bags Contents Quality not quantities only — enabled me to ascertain if the Number of Bags stated to be sent on board on the Return corresponded with the Receipts where they do not the deficiency appears marked after examination by one of my Writers at the bottom of the Returns transmitted to your Board by the Garrison Storekeeper —

Agreable to your Request I — herewith forward a Return of the Number of Bags containing Provision Stores delivered from the above Ships agreeing with the Notes sent in each Boat which I shall produce if required with the exception as per note bottom of Return those Boat Notes do not specify quantities only number of Bags and these even very inaccurate — In Reply to your Remark on the — considerable deficiency especially in Water Casks I can only

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only observe they were Shipped and Reloaded —
immediately under the direction of the Garrison
Storekeeper's Servants consequently never Supposing
I had any concern with or that any Responsibility —
could attach to me from this Circumstance — I have
the honor of referring you to the Garrison Storekeeper
whom I should suppose can account for and —
shew where the Deficiency originates ——

I think it my indispensible duty
to observe that every precaution on my part was —
adopted guarding against embezzlement of every
kind — By ordering one of the Conductors to the
Company's Granary when the Provisions &c was —
Shipped keeping Regular account and when they
were Reloaded the same Servant with several other
Europeans &c were stationed at the Granary for the
same purpose — Circular Letters was written by the
Garrison Storekeeper and Myself to Commanding
Officers of Ships particularly desiring that they would
positively direct the Boat People to Reland the —
Provisions at the Granary previous Landing upon the
first

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first and Second days of relanding several Boats ... relanded the Provisions at the South Beach without any note accompanying — I applied for a Guard of — Sepoys who were employed in protecting such Provisions as required it —

The extreme haste in which the Provisions were Shipped and relanded opened a wider field for Robbery and Depredation than perhaps has ever been experienced — The expeditious dispatch of the Ships &c &c and from the almost unprece=dented nature of the Service I attribute principally the losses incurred —

I beg leave to mention one — instance of theft during the period of relanding the Provisions — 6 Bags of Rice 1 Cwt. 1 Qrs. of Ghee with — other articles was detected on board a Dony carried there by the Boat people agreable to accounts of those of the Dony — the same was accounted by a European Servant going on board upon which the articles were given up — after detecting this Theft and to obviate it in future a Lascar was sent —

with

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to swear to the Contents upon Relanded a
Considerable deficiency appeared — Thus —
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and explanation in My Power Regarding
the Deficiencies of Provision Stores &c —
which with all deference to your opinion
I cannot but impute principally to the —
unprecedented nature of the Service — It
was as much my inclination as it was my

Duty

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Duty to guard against and Check abuses
the Service was exposed to by Theft &c. I
pledge my honor that I have not withheld
from your Board the smallest information
in my Power to Communicate on this
subject and unless the Deficiencies of the
Provision Stores &c. have been occasioned by
by the Nature of the Service — I know not
either directly or indirectly where to place
the Cause of the Deficiencies. —

Fort S. George
October 23 1797

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jn. Goldsworthy
late Commissary Grain
and Provisions

True Copy
(Signed) Jred Pierce
Secy. to Mil. Board

Account

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Account

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Account of the Number of Bags &c &c of each and Britannia Indiamen agreeable to the

Bags Rice
Shall

Rose

Disembarked agreeable to Boat Notes 1353 50

Houghton

Disembarked agreeable to Boat Notes 1139 57

Britannia

Disembarked agreeable to Boat Notes 904 54

Total disembarked from the 3 Ships agreeable to the Boat Chits 3396 161

Note— The above is an exact Account of the Number of from Commanding Officers on board— but this ac- several of the Boats no Chits were Received and of those inaccurate.—

Part of the Rice Shipped on the from the Houghton Mann what had been sent on board on

Fort S. George
23d October 1797

(Signed)

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Article of Provisions Disembarked from the Rose, Houghton,
Boat Chits received from the Officers Commanding on board the respective Ships

Salt	Ghee	Casks	Bullocks	Tammarinds	Chillies	Pepper	Coriander Seed	Cummin Seed	Garlick	Onions	Tamarinds	Bottle Beef	Tobacco	Sugar	Candles	Bread Rice	Peas	Arrack	Salt Fish
96	7	32	10	11	24	16	6	12	8	18	25	41	5	15	21	.	.	49	
95	24	7	11	11	17	16	.	13	8	49	24	36	5	54	28	46	.	55	
95	.	35	10	27	17	15	6	8	7	51	24	13	3	16	60	50	2	50	
286	31	74	31	49	58	47	12	33	23	118	73	90	13	115	109	96	2	154	

Bags of each article of Provisions Relanded agreeable to the Boat Chits received
unt will not agree with the General Return delivered into the Military Board as with
that were the Qualities of the Articles as specified in them are in many instances extremely
Britannia, and Houghton was sent from the Lascelles and a greater quantity was relanded
account of the Expedition as will appear from the Boat Chits.

Jn.o Goldsworthy
late Commissary Grain & Provisions

True Copy
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy My Board

List

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List of the Packet

Dated

Report to Government ..... 30th Octr 1797

with the following Enclosures

No 1 Estimate for widening the Rampart of the North Face of the upper Fort of Pondegal 16134.32.44

2 Bill from Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractor ..... 2073.9 .

3 Return of Grain and Provisions and other articles in Store under the Charge of the Garrison — Storekeeper of Fort St. George as the same stood on the 30th September.—

4 Return of Articles in charge of the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions at this Presidency as it stood on the 30th Septem-ber last.—

5 Master attendants Bill for 30 Fire Places 2503.0.

6 Do ..... Do ..... for new Pinnaces 107.32.10

7 Do ..... Do ..... for Water Casks ..... 1285.—.

8 Do ..... Do ..... for Dhoons ..... 256.2.—

9 Do ..... Do ..... for Catamarans ..... 226.10.—

10 Do ..... for Stores supplied the Hannah Crown, Atlantic, Duckingfield, Hall, Princess, Royal, Britannia, Talbot, Lucy, King George, Minerva, Houghton, and Rose — 1573.12.69

Do

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No			Dates
11	Do ---for 8 Water Casks	784-5--	
12	Henry Bartlemans Bill for Coopers Tools for repairing Water Casks----	29-10-66	
13	Do ---for Iron Hoops and Rivets.....348--		
14	Messrs Hope Card and Reynolds bill for Empty Casks----------	70----	
		6913--59	
15	Statement of Provisions Receives from the Ship Royal Admiral—		
16	Do.....Do.....Ship Lascelles		
17	Do.....Do.....Pitt		
18	Certificate of the Purser of the Royal admiral		
19	Do.....Do of the Ship Lascelles		
20	Certificate of the Captain and Purser of the Ship Pitt for Rum only		
21	Do.....Do.....Do Ship Royal Admiral for Rum only		
22	Do.....Do.....Do Ship Lascelles for Rum only—		
23	Bill of Messrs Kindersley Watts and Co for 80 Water casks.....	1104----	
24	General Return of Provisions &c - Shipped on board and Relanded from the Rose Houghton and Britannia, Indiamen &c with - Enclosures A and B—		

Letter

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25 Letter from Committee of the Military Board to Lieutenant Goldsworthy } 12th. October 1797

26 From Lieutenant Goldsworthy to Committee of the Military Board with Enclosure A } 23. October 1797

Military Board Office
3d. November 1797

(Signed) Fred. Reece
Secy. to Mily. Board

Ordered that the Bills referred to in the 6th. 13th. and 17th. Paragraphs of the foregoing Letter be passed for Payment.—

Minutes on this foregoing Letter from the Military Board

The Board approve the establishment of Servants proposed for the Office of the Agent for Supplies and consent to discharge the expences incurred for the care of the Bodies from the 1st. May to the 31st. July.—

As the works which the Military Board have recommended at Vingurla appear eventually necessary to the defence of that important post, it is Resolved to carry them into execution and to call upon the Military Board to draw out an advertisement for proposals of Contracts to be published by authority of Government.—

Resolved

6923 Fort St. George 7th November 1797

Resolved that authority be given to the Military Board to dispose of the perishable and unserviceable articles of Store on the Grain and Provision Departments agreeable to their suggestion and that they be desired to give particular Instructions for the preservation of the whole of the Water Casks in Store——

Ordered that the necessary communication be made to the Supreme Government on the Subject of the short delivery of provisions and stores from the Royal Admiral Lascelles and Pitt Rose Houghton and Britannia and that their attention be particularly called to the heavy Leakage of the Rum——

Ordered that instructions be sent to the Town Major to deliver over to the Garrison Storekeeper such of the Casemates now under his charge as are not indispensibly requisite for the accommodation of the Troops——

Read the following Letter from Major General Floyd——

Right

6924 Fort St. George 7th November 1797.

Right Honorable

The President in Council

My Lord

From Major Genl. Floyd
Reports the Execution of sundry
Inflowy Repairs — and Suggests
the expediency of repairing the
Company's Office Store Rooms
and Laboratory Tuticorin poly-

I beg leave to lay before you an Estimate No 1 for the Repair of the Roof under which the deposed Rajahs of Ramnad and deposed Poligar of Pyliny are confined and to state that the Rains beat there abundantly.

Also an Estimate No 2 for the Repair of the Barrack and Guard Room at Warriore Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud having verbally Reported the state of the Guard Room to be dangerous and requiring immediate attention as well as the water spout and Terrace and the approach of the Bramsom requiring dispatch I took on me to authorize the works comprized in the circumflex amounting to Pagodas 16.35.72 which I hope will meet your Lordships approbation.

Also an Estimate No 3 for Repairs much wanted to the Commissary's Office

in

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in this Fort—

Also an Estimate No 4 for the—
Repairs of 5 Store Rooms at this Laboratory and to
the Guard Room there—all much wanted—

I request your Lordship's Com-
=mands and have the honor to be—

Trichinopoly
October 23d 1797

Yr—
Yr—

(Signed) J. Flood
Lt Col

Estimate for repairing the leaks in the Roof of the Quarter when the Rajah of Ramnad is confined—made out at the Current prices at the station—

Squares—

50 Plastering with Two Coats Chunam and one Rows flat Tyles ---------- } 3 " Pr Square 1 21 "

1 50 Plastering with 2 Coats Chunam 2 28 " Pr Square 4 " "

Pagodas ---- 5 21 "

Trichinopoly
6th October 1797

(Signed) E. Trapaud
Major C. S. D. & Lt. Col

Repairs

6926 Fort St. George 1st November 1797

Repairs and Additions Wanted to the Barracks & Guard Room at Warriore — Made out the Current prices at this Station —

Squares			Bricks	
		Brick Work in Chunam for Covering 16 Sky lights Cubic feet 704	2 ₱ hundd	33 22
6	40	Plastering with one coat Chunam for ditto	1 14 ₱ Sq.	8 22 32
1	Do	Two coat Chunam for Repairing Terrace	2 28 ₱ Square	2 28
		2 Country wood Water Spouts and with Brick work &c. 16. 35. 72.		1 9 40
		Brick and Mud for Repairing walls 120 Cubic feet for Guard Room	1 44 ₱ hundd	4 18
				Pagodas 50 15 72

Trichinopoly
29th September 1797

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Majr Engrs & Chief Engr

Estimate

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Estimate of Repairs Wanted to the Commissary's Office at Trichinopoly Made out at the Current Prices of this Station

Qua.			Prices	
	Brick and Chunam wall	306 Cubic feet	" 2 " ₱ Cubic ft	14 24 "
	Brick and Clay	Do 16 Do	" 1 44 ₱ Do	" 24 64
10	Plastering with One coat Chunam		1 14 " ₱ Sqr	13 14 "
3	Wall Brick paving flat one Course in Chunam		1 23 27 ₱ Do	4 28 1
10	Whitewashing		" 2 54 ₱ Do	" 26 60
	Cooley hire for taking down 2 Walls and Door ways 720 Cubic ft Digging Mud 100 Yards			4 " "
75	Repairing Tyles Roof for Necessary		" 13 27 ₱ Sqr	" 10 2
	1 New Country Wood Door with Hinges and bolt	Sq ft 114 ₱	" 5 40 ₱ Sq ft	1 37 60
	2 New Window frame with hooks	Do 36 " 5 " ₱ Do		4 12 "
2	Ditto Shutters with hinges	Do 36 " 4 70 ₱ Do		4 7 40
1	Repairing Door	Do 8 ₱	" 1 " ₱ Do	" 8 40

Pagodas 48 2527

Trichinopoly
12.th October 1797

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Major C. of D.y Stores

Estimate

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Estimate of Repairs wanted to 5 Store Rooms at the Labora-
-tory and to the Guard Room there in Trichinopoly — Made out at the
Current Prices of this Station. —

Sqrs

1 Store Room

6 ---- New Roof with Country wood Beam Cambo
Cheyer Nails flat and Pantiles with Chunam
Borders ---------- } 6 21 . ₱Sqre 39 . . 39

5 Store Rooms

21 ---- Repairing Tiles Roof with Flat and Pantiles
bamboo and Chunam Borders ---------- } 1 . . ₱Sqre 21 . .

Brick and Chunam for Repairing walls 30 Cubt. 2 . ₱Cubt 1 12 .

2. 50 Matt Bricks Paving flat one Course in Chunam 1 2027 ₱Sqre 3 37 27

4 ---- Plastering with 2 Coat Chunam ---------- 228 . ₱ Dr 10 28 .

5 ---- Bitts ---------- 1 -- Coat -- Dr ---------- 1 14 . ₱ Dr 6 28 .

4 ---- 75 Whitewashing ---------- 2 547 ₱ Dr . 12 56 .

1 Gate without Iron work Superfl 745 . 6 . ₱ Dr 10 9 .

1 Repairing Door ---------- Dr 15 . 1 . ₱ Dr . 15 .

1 Dr ---- Frame ---- Dr 15 . 1 . ₱ Dr . 15 .

1 Dr Window frame ---- 8 9 . 1 . ₱ Dr . 9 .

Shelf Planks ---------- Dr 275 . 3 . ₱ Dr 19 27 .

1 Brass hooks for Window frames 18 ---------- 18 27 ₱5 2 30

Guard Room

2 25 Repairing Tiles Roof with Bamboo &c ---- 15 . ₱Sqre . 33 60

1 Country wood Beam ---- 5 Cubicfeet ---- 16 . ₱Cubft 1 32 . 2 29 60

Pagodas 116 32 10

Trichinopoly
12th October 1797

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Mason C. L. W. Dept

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the execution of the Repairs Made as p Estimate No 1 and those comprized on the circumflex of No 2 and it is agreed to take the opinion of the Military Board in regard to the execution of the other works

Read the following Letter from Mr Thomas Cooper late Paymaster of Ganjam and Aska.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

I hope your Lordship will excuse my trespassing on your time for a moment to represent a small encumbrance I am at present labor under which can only be removed thro' your indulgence. It is briefly this: On my being appointed in December 1792 to succeed Mr Lennox to the Paymastership of this District, a Suit of Civil appartments that he held in the Fort of Ganjam for an Office being required for the accommodation of one of the Asistants I was obliged to provide myself in the best manner I could and not holding a Company's House was under the necessity to take the Records &c &c into my private dwelling the inconvenience this

From Mr Thomas Cooper requesting that Government will relieve him from a Retrenchment standing against him on the final audit of his accounts under the Head of Office Rent

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this put me to I need not point out to your
Lordship and I should but have ill discharged the
trust reposed in me, if I had refused to take
care of the Company's property under my
charge, In consequence of this circumstance, con-
=ceiving I had a just claim I drew Rent for
an Office and consequently in the hopes no
Reasonable objection would be made to the charge
I at avery considerable expence made suitable
additions to my House for the Company's proper-
=ty as well as to serve for a publick Office for
my Department. The Rent I had charged I
am concerned to acquaint your Lordship has not
only been struck off but it has been Ordered that
what I had already received should be refunded
a cruel stroke on me who have barely from hand to
Mouth, Permit me to plead and hope I may
meet that indulgence from your Lordship that
the refund may be taken off and that I may be
allowed

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allowed to draw Office Rent to the period of my loosing my Employ I further beg to state the whole expence encurred by me in making the necessary additions to my House to answer the purpose of an Office while I held the Paymastership amounting to 600 Pagodas should your Lordship have the goodness to Order me to be reimbursed this Expence I shall consider it as a most particular favor and Obligation and not solicit your Lordship for any Rent for an Office.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Ganjam
13th October 1797

(Signed) Thomas Cooper
late Payr of Ganjam and Aska

Minute thereon — In consideration of Mr Coopers length of Service and present situation it is agreed to remit the retrenchment standing against him under the head of Office Rent.

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trincomalie.

I

6932 Fort S. George 7th November 1797

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

I have received your Letter of the 4th Instant and from being quite unacquainted with the value of the trees that have been felled for the defence of Trincomalie and Ostenburgh I Referred the busines to a Committee of three unprejudiced Inhabitants, have the honor to enclose you their opinion and from the Conversation I have had with several people on the subject leads me to believe their valuation is fair and moderate.

You will observe there are a Number of Fruit Trees the Committee set no value on, of course payment for them cannot be expected.

The Detachment of Artillery here being much in want of an Adjutant I have at the request of their Commanding Officer appointed Lieutenant

From the Commandant at Trincomalie enclosing the Report of a Committee appointed to value the Cocoanuts &c. trees which have been cut down recommends Lieut. Simon for the appointment of Adjutant to the Artillery Detail attached to Trincomalie and Ostenburgh.

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Lieutenant Limond to act till the pleasure of the Right Honorable the President in Council is Known who will please inform me if his doing that Duty will entitle him to draw additional Pay.—

I have the honor to be

Trincomale &c. &c.

October 23 1797

[Signed] J. Champagné
Colonel

Trincomalie 21.st October 1797—

We the undermentioned Viz.t—

John Neill Paul Seeluna and Guillas—

Francois Woombeck.—

Having been called by Colonel Champagné Commanding Trincomalie to make a valuation on Sundry Trees which have been cut down by Order of Government between the two Boys—

We have mutually considered in be half of the owners to make or just value on the different trees that has been cutt down—Viz.t

Cocoanut and Palmaira trees of the

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the different Ages Thirty Six fanams with respect of different Fruit trees that are Unk are of any Value is Jack, Mangoes Limes and Pomma- -loe Trees for which are Estimated at the rate of Four Star Pagodas ₱ᵉ each tree of the different ages.—

(Signed) John Neill
Paul Seeluna
G. F. Woombek

Approved

(Signed) J. Champagné
Colonel

Minutes thereon

Read also the returns of Trees cut down at Trincomalie enclosed in Colonel Champag- -nés Letter of the 18th September — As the Palmira Trees coming under the discription of small and very small could be of little value they should be Struck out of the Returns as should also the Cocoa Nut Trees under five Years Old since they might be removed by the proprietors without injury — If it should appear that the Palmira Trees

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Trees when felled were given up to the proprietors the Board think a deduction should be made on that account from the proposed compensation.—

Ordered that Colonel Champagnie be called upon to furnish a Statement of the com=pensation to be made to the proprietors of the Trees in conformity with the above Remarks and making a deduction in the value affixed to the Fruit Trees.—

The Board consider the appoint=ment of an Adjutant to the Artillery Detail at Trincomalie altogether unnecessary.—

The President acquaints the Board that from private communications from Trincomalie he has Reason to be Dissatisfied with the Conduct of Mr. John Neill a person now residing there without the authority of Government and proposes that he be ordered immediately to quit that place and not permitted to return on any Pretence whatever.—

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.—

Read

President's Representation respecting Mr. J. Neill a person residing at Trincomalie and resolution of the Board to prohibit his remaining there.—

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Read the following Letter from

Brigadier General De Meuron —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c

Fort S. George

My Lord.

I am honored in the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 30th. Ultimo and have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that — should it became necessary to have an interview with any person from Candia particular attention shall be paid to your Lordship's instructions in the above letter — —

From Brigadier General De Meuran stating the value fixed on the printing press — Ordered to be purchased from the Prize agents on the Company's account. Major Barton applies for the allowances of a Commissary of Stores. Encloses for the consideration of Government a plan for Establishing a Court of Equity at Columbo and proposes Messrs. De Meuart Sybrandt and Welsh as the principal Officers of the Court. —

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship Copy of a letter (No 1) from the Prize Agents on the subject of the printing Press and a complete set of Dutch Malabar and and Cingalese Types; which has been taken on account of the Honorable Company under the Authority of the Government

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Government contained in a letter from Your
Lordship and Council Dated the 25th of January 1797

At the Request of Major Barton
of the Bengal Artillery I have also the honor
to enclose a letter from that Officer to Your —
Lordship in Council with enclosures (No. 2) —

I have the honor to state to Your
Lordship in Council that notwithstanding repeated
offers made to the President and Members of the —
College of Justice of Columbo to reinstate them in their
functions for the benefit of their fellow subjects they
obstinately persist expressing their repugnance to adminis-
-trating Justice — I have therefore framed a plan
for the attainment of so desirable a point which (No 3)
I have now the honor to enclose for the Approbation
and Confirmation of your Lordship in Council —

In naming to the above stations
(stated in the Plan) of Members of a Court of Equity
for the general benefit of this Island Mr. De Haart Mr.

Fylbrand

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Mr. Sylvanus and Mr. Holst I have been actuated by the following considerations — first the desire of these Gentlemen to be named as above and secondly their having all three given much satisfaction to their fellow subjects in the execution of the trusts formerly placed in them — The first having been during the Dutch Government a Member of the Court of Justice the Second having been actually found in that Station on the Surrender of Columbo to the British Arms and also first Clerk in the Secretary Office and the third having been actively employed in the Commercial Department — From such considerations I have taken upon me to Recommend to these Gentlemen as every way worthy of being Nominated to the important station of Members of a board of Equity — In anxious expectation of your Lordships answer —

I have the honor to Remain

&c &c

(Signed) P. T. De Meuron

Head Quarters
Columbo 19th Oct. 1797

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To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commander on Ceylon

Sir,

We have the honor to inclose Copy of Extract of a Letter from Government to Major General Doyle dated 25th January 1797 in consequence of which the Printing press was advertised for Public Sale and Star Pagodas 350 having been bid it has been kept on account of the Company and that Sum charged for it—

We have the honor to be

&c— &c

/Signed/ J. Rodgers Capt. & Q.M.G.
Asst. Fauj. and Prize Agent for the Army—

Columbo
16th October 1797

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ J. Reynolds
Asst. Secy

Extract of a letter from Government to Major General Doyle—

25th January 1797—

The Printing Press consisting of a complete set of Dutch Malabar and Cingalese Types offered by the Prize Agents may be taken at a fair valuation on

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on account of the Company

A true Extract

(Signed) R. Turing
acting Secy.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Rodgers Capt.n 1st. Batt.n 7th. Regt.
for self and Brigade agents for the Army

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Reynolds
A.D.C. Gen.l

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

I beg leave to offer my best thanks to your Honorable Board for appointing me to take charge of the Store Department on the Island of Ceylon the enclosed letter and extract from Mr. McDonall Paymaster Induces me to trespass a few Moments on your leisure I have done the duty of the Department to the utmost of my ability during the absence of Captain Scott (ten Months) without any allowances and I may venture to add to the satisfaction of

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of my Superiors, I have been at a great deal of trouble in surveying and afterwards arranging alphabetically the Dutch Stores the Miserable state of the Maga=zines and Store rooms require constant care and — attention and I trust I shall not be thought presuming when I humbly request your Honorable Board — will be pleased to appoint me Commissary and that the Military Auditor General be authorized to pass my allowances as such for June, with pardon for this instrusion.—

Columbo
September 30th 1797—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Barton
Major

To Major Barton
Deputy Commissary of Stores

Sir,

Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe dated 17th May 1797 to Major General Doyle having been received yesterday through the Audits Department

I

6942 Fort St. George 7th. November 1797

I have the honor to inclose a Copy and request that the allowances overdrawn by you for June may be refunded Viz.t

Difference betwixt Lieut.t & Majors Pay ---- 3/. 28.—

Allowance for Candles ---------- 4.—

Allowance for Writers ---------- 40.—

Pagodas 67. 21.

Columbo
4.th August 1797

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John McDouall
Paymaster

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe to Major General Doyle— Dated 17.th May 1797—

I am also directed to desire that Captn. Scott may be ordered to join his Station at the Presidency and that Major Barton may be appointed to do the Duty and receive the allowances of Deputy Commissary of Stores on the Island of Ceylon.

A true Copy

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secy.

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A true Extract

(Signed) Pat Bruce

Aft. M.A.G.

A true Copy

(Signed) John McDouall

Paymaster

By Brigadier General Pierre Frederic De Meuron

Commanding on the Island of Ceylon

Whereas the Council of Justice formerly established under the Dutch Government at Colum-bo have obstinately refused to continue the exercise of their functions for the benefit of the Inhabitants of this Colony, notwithstanding the repeated Offers which have been made to them in the Name of the British Government for that purpose I Pierre Frederic de De Meuron Brigadier General in the Service of His Britannic Majesty consider-ing the serious inconveniences to which the In-habitants of this Colony are exposed and the disorders which arise from the suspension of all Judicial authority within the Jurisdiction of Columbo -

have

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have judged it indispensably necessary in order
to prevent the further sufferings of the Inhabitants
from the determined Repugnance of the said Court
to the Administration of Justice to authorize
certain Respectable Inhabitants of this place to
form a Court of Equity and to assemble at the
Court house within the Fort of Columbo for the
purpose of hearing and determining all Civil
causes which may arise among the European and
Native Inhabitants of this Colony residing within
the limits of the Jurisdiction of Columbo the said
causes to be determined according to the Dutch
and Colonial Laws and Customs hitherto in force in this
Island, but without requiring the same tedious forms of
Procedure — and the Powers of this Court are particularly
to extend to compelling all persons legally indebted to
pay to their Creditors both Principal and Interest of
their respective Debts. — Therefore this is to give Notice
that I Brigadier General Pierre Frederic De Meuron
by virtue of the Chief Civil and Military Authority in me
vested

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vested on and over the Island of Ceylon authorize and appoint
Messrs. De Haart Sybrands and Holst to be a Court of Equity
and the Public are hereby informed that they are at liberty
to submit their Causes to the decision of the said Court
— And all persons whom it may concern are hereby —
strictly enjoined to acknowledge and Respect the said Court
and on No pretence whatever to impede the proceedings
of the abovenamed Messrs. De Haart Sybrands and Holst
in the performance of their functions as a Court of Equity
they acting as such for the benefit of their fellow subjects
the Colonists of Ceylon and being authorized to that —
effect by the British Government and further Notice is
hereby given that I Brigadier General Pierre Frederic
De Meuron in virtue of the Powers and Authority in me
vested, have authorized the said Messrs. De Haart Sybrands
and Holst to execute all Deeds for the sale of Houses
Gardens and other Lands as well as Bonds in the Regular
Manner as heretofore practised by the Members of the
Council of Justice for all which papers the same Duty
to the sovereign and Fees shall be paid as heretofore to the —

Secretary

secretary of the said Court of Equity and all persons are prohibited from Buying, selling or otherwise possessing themselves of Houses, Lands, or Gardens in any Clandestine or illegal Manner — and all persons who from various Causes may not yet be possessed with proper Grants and deeds for their Estates Houses or Lands are to produce their Titles to the above Court and apply for the Necessary Papers without delay. —

The Secretary to the above Court is authorized to procure stamped paper to be regularly signed and to sell it to Individuals who may require it. —

It is further Notified that the above Court of Equity are authorized by me Brigadier General De Meuron to employ Mr. P. L. Vandenstraaten to act in a Capacity similar to that known in the time of the Dutch Government by the appellation of Adjunct Fiscaal to take Cognizance of Complaints and disputes of a trivial Nature and report

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report the same to the said Court of Equity for their —
determination — and that all Petitions addressed to the
Court of Equity must be written on paper bearing a —
stamp of Six Stivers — —

Given under &c. &c. —

To Messrs. De Haart Fybrands and Holst —

Whereas the Council of Justice at
Columbo have distinately refused to continue the exercise
of their Functions for the benefit of the Inhabitants —
notwithstanding the repeated offers which have been —
made to them in the Name of the British Government
for that purpose I Brigadier General P. F. Dessenon
considering the Serious inconveniences to which the
Inhabitants are exposed and the disorder occasioned by
the suspension of all Judicial Authority within the
Jurisdiction of Columbo have Judged it indispensably
necessary in order to prevent the further Sufferings of
the Inhabitants for the want of a Court of Judicature
to authorize some respectable Inhabitants of this place to
form a Court of Equity and as you have stated to me in

consequence

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consequence

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consequence of my proposition to you to this purpose
that however unwilling you might be as faithful —
servants of the Dutch E. I. Company to serve any
other power so long as any hope remained of the restab-
=blishment of their Authority in Ceylon; Yet seeing
the sufferings of your fellow subjects the Inhabitants of
this Colony from Motives of Genuine Patriotism you
were willing to undertake the Duty of Administering
Justice according to the Dutch and Colonial Laws
for their Benefit and the Relief of their distresses a —
determination which does honour to you as Mem: I.
Brigadier General Pierre Frederic De Meuron in —
Virtue of the Chief Civil and Military Power in me
vested do appoint and Authorize you by these presents
to assemble and act as a Court of Equity for the purpose
of hearing and determining all Civil causes which may
arise from time to time among the Inhabitants both
European and Native within the limits of the Jurisdiction
of Columbo / without those tedious forms of procedure —
which only occasion Costs and Damages to the parties / &
according

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according to the Dutch and Colonial Laws and Customs hitherto in force on the Island of Ceylon — and you are to assemble for this purpose four days in the week Namely Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday from the hour of Eight to twelve in the forenoon in the — Council Hall of the Court House within the Fort of Columbo. —

As no appeals can take place the — decisions of this Court of Equity shall be final; and I do hereby authorize you to carry the sentences of the said Court of Equity into execution and to cause arrest Execution and sale of property to take place; particular =ly with respect to all such Persons as are found unwilling to pay either principal or Interest of their Just debts on complaint of whose Creditors you shall Compel them to make payment and your decrees will be supported by the Representative of the British Government — Provided always that when a Cause for a sum exceeding Five hundred Rix Dollars is decided by the Court before your decree is carried into effect

your

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You shall submit such decision to the Chief Representative of the British Government on the Island for his approbation to whom you will also be bound to explain the Grounds upon which you have awarded should he think proper to require it.—

All fines imposed by you are to be appropriated to the use of the Poor of the Diaconie—

A proper place shall be pointed out to you to confine such persons as may be refractory to your Decrees—

I authorize and appoint Mr. Cornelius Johannes Idé to be secretary to the Court of Equity and further authorize the said Mr. C. F. Idé to prepare the Stamped paper to get it Signed and sold to Individuals—

I also authorize you to Execute the Deeds for the Sale of Houses Gardens and other

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other Lands as well as Bonds in the Regular manner as hitherto practised by the Members of the Council of Justice for all which the same Duty for the Sovereign and the usual Fees are to be paid as heretofore to Mr. Idé Secretary to the Court of Equity who will pay the amount thereof to such person as I shall appoint and furnish me with a Monthly account of such Duties and Fees and of the Produce of the sale of stamped paper.

And in Order to prevent your time from being constantly taken up in the Investigation of Complaints and disputes of a trivial Nature I do authorize you to employ Mr. P. L. Vanderstaaten to act in a Capacity similar to that known in the time of the Dutch Government by the appellation of Adjunct Fiscaal to take Cognizance of such causes and Report the same for the Decision of the Court of Equity — and further to facilitate your Proceedings you will be allowed three Writers and an Interpreter who understands Malabar

to

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to be chosen by you besides Eight Lascoryns to convey your Orders.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

&c &c &c

Fort S. George

My Lord.

From Brigadier General Stuart
Receives a proper application
from Lieutenant General
Stuart to return the Bombay
Grenadiers to the Malabar
Coast point out the impossibi
=lity of dispensing with their
Services till they can be
relieved.—

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Last Night arrived in the Roads the Honorable Company's Cruizer Drake last from Tellicherry having in Company with her a small Vessel with a Cargo of Pepper.—

I Received a letter from Major General Stuart Soliciting the Return of the Detachment of the Bombay Grenadier Batta= =lion to that Presidency of which letter I have the honor to enclose a Copy.—

The disturbances in the Carles

were of such a nature as to put me under the necessity of detaining

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sending into the Field all the Troops that could be spared from the Fort; the Bombay Grenadiers from part of the Detachments on the Field — and it is not in my power to replace them for the continuance of our Operations in the Salpetty Corle and for the Protection of the Cuegam Corle — From these considerations I hope that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to authorize me to detain the Detachment of Bombay Grenadiers untill such time as an equivalent Reinforcement arrives here —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

(Signed) P.r F.r De Meuron

B-G-G-

Head Quarters

Columbo 22-Oct.r 1797

To Major General De Meuron

Commanding &c &c &c on the

Island of Ceylon —

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Drake Cruizer of the Honorable Company's Marine and a Portletter freighted by this Government to Columbo with a Cargo of Pepper are now under dispatch for that Port —

I beg leave to mention to you that the return of these Vessels offer a favorable opportunity of

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of embarking the Detachment of the Grenadier Battalion
or as many as there may be transport for and of sending them
back to this Presidency where their services are much —
required —

The Adoption of this Measure is —
become the more expedient as it is intended to Recall the
Grenadier Battalions to Bombay where it would be —
extremely desirable that the whole of the Corps should
be collected on a public account as well as to remove —
any uneasiness from the Minds of the Men by the
period of Seperation from their families being so long
protracted —

I therefore hope the exigencies of the Service on
Ceylon may permit you to return the Grenadier by the oppor=
=tunity above mentioned and I am persuaded Sir that you will
not refuse me the favor of expediting their departure by any means
within your power. ——

Tellicherry
23d September 1799 —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
A true Copy (Signed) J. Reynolds (Signed) J. Stuart
Aut Secy

Minutes on the foregoing
Letter from Brigadier general
De Meuron ——

Ordered that the printing Press be purchased on the
Company's account for 350 Pagt and that the Paymaster at Colombo be authorized to pay
the allowances of a Commissary of Stores from the 1st June last to Major Barton
Ordered that an extract of Brigadier General De Meuron's letter of the 19th Oct.
respecting the Court of Justice at Colombo be sent to the public Department —
Resolved to inform the Bombay Government that the situation of affairs on the Coast
will not admit of the removal of the Bombay Grenadiers till an arrangement can be made
for relieving them. ——

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Attornies to the Prize Agents for Trincomalie &c.a

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord

From the Attornies to the Prize Agents for Trincomalie &c.a requesting that Bonds may be issued to the amount Value of articles for which they have produced the Vouchers required by Government.

We have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Barry's Letter of the 25th Instant with Copy of the Military Auditor Generals Report on the Accounts of the Agents for the Captors of Trincomalee Jaffnapatam. Mannar and their Dependencies which we had the Honor to lay before your Lordship in Council on the 15th September last. We have agreeable to your Lordships desire communicated in Mr. Barry's Letter written to the Prize Agents desiring they would procure and transmit us the particular Receipts Vouchers and Certificates alluded to in the 4th 5th and 7th Paragraphs of the Auditor Generals Report as necessary

for

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for supporting the respective Claims charged upon them. the objection in Para. 2nd of that Report is explained away by Captain Scotts subsequent Vouchers accompanying —

As the remaining Items of the accounts submitted to Government appear to have been Admitted by the Military Auditor General; we take the liberty to request your Lordship in Council will be pleased to grant Government Bonds for their amount bearing dates agreable to their respective deliveries as therein specified —

N°. 1.	Account and Corresponding Vouchers of Grain and provisions delivered the Commissary 3rd November 1795 passed by the auditor General	2027. 12. 10
2.	Account and Corresponding Vouchers of artificers Tools delivered the Commissary of Stores. and of Rice to the Commissary of Grain 22nd January 1796	232. 35. 24
3	Account and Corresponding Vouchers of Sundry articles delivered at Trincomalee &c. delivered in November 1795	2834. 9. 19.

N°. 6.

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N.o 1 Account and Vouchers of the valuation of Bread Mares delivered in December 1796 ..... } £402 .. — .. —

5 Account of Grain and Provisions delivered to the Commissary 25th February 1796 ..... } £730 .. 36 .. 79.

We request that the Government Bonds may be made payable to Captain James Rodgers and Lieut.t Samuel Torrens Prize Agents for the Captors at Trincomalie Batticaloa Manaar and their dependencies. —

We have the Honor to be

Sir &.a &.a

(Signed) Sulloh Brodie & Co.

Fort St. George

2.nd November 1797.

N.o 1.

The Honorable E. I. Company Dr.

1795 To the Captors of Trincomalie and Ostenburg - For sundry articles of Grain Provisions &.a ordered by Major General James Stuart to be taken on account of the Company &.a.s

1796 Nov.r 3.rd 147 Garce of Paddy delivered to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions @ 37½ Bag.s p.r Garce ..... £762 .. 22 .. 40

4½ Casks of Salt Beef delivered D.o @ 25 Bag.s D.o ..... 112 .. 22 .. 40

1 Cask of Salt Pork ..... D.o ..... 25 .. — .. —

2½ Garce of Salt ..... D.o @ 20 p.r Garce ..... 50 .. — .. —

371 Gallons of Arrack = 2½ Leaguers @ 25 D.o p.r Leaguer ..... 62 .. 22 .. 40

1 Large Iron Scale and 11 Brass Weights ..... 12 .. 33 .. —

7 Pieces of Coopers Tools ..... 2 .. 32 .. —

Per the Commissary of Grain and Provisions Receipt ... 2027 .. 42 .. 40

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No. 2.

The Honorable E. I. Company Dr.

To the Captors of Tranquebar and Ostenburg.

To amount of artificers Tools at Tranquebar ordered by Major General Stuart to be taken on account of the Company.—

1796					
January 22.	Do.	2 Grinding Stones delivered to the Commissary of Stores	@ 2½ P. Ea	1..	..
		2 Long Saws	Do. @ 26 Ea.	4 ..	..
		7 Ditto Files	Do. @ 5 f. Ea	..	35 ..
		12 Files of sorts	Do. @ 3 f. Ea	..	36 ..
		7 Chizels	Do. @ 3 f. Ea	..	21 ..
		5 Hand Hammers	Do. @ 8 f. Ea	..	40 ..
		4 Plate Screws without tips	Do.	2 ..	.. ..
		2 Ditto ... Do ... with Do.	Do.	10 ..	.. ..
		1 Chest of Gunstockers Tools	Do.	4 ..	.. ..
		1 Large Bellows	Do.	..	.. ..
		50 Staffs for Pikes	Do. @ 3 f. Ea	3 ..	15 ..
		2 do Miners Tools of sorts or pairs	Do. @ 18 f. Ea	6 ..	18 ..
		2 Screw Plates	Do.	3 ..	.. ..
		3 Sledges	Do. @ 16 f. Ea	8 ..	.. ..
		1 Chest of Turners Tools	Do.	..	.. ..
		1 Chest of Carpenters Do. and 9 Planes of sorts	Do.	12 ..	.. ..
		630 Short Pallisades round 6 feet long by 6 Inches Square	@ 6 f. Ea	84 ..	.. ..
		2 Carpenters Adzes	@ 12 f. Ea	..	24 ..
		19 Plates Tin Sheet Wt. 132 lb.	Do. @ 62. 18 f. 6 each	16 ..	26. 24
		Per the Commissary of Stores Receipt		157.	35. 24
		One Garce of Rice delivered p. Commissary of Grains Receipt		75 ..	.. ..
			Pagodas	232.	35. 24

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N.o 3.

The Honorable Company Dr. To the Captors of Jaffnapatam and its dependencies for Articles Ordered by Major General James Stuart to be taken on account of the Company.

1795. August.	To 28 lb. Parahs of Paddy @ 2 lb. Seers per Parah delivered at Point Pedro to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions @ 37½ Pag.s per Garce of 400 Marcals per Receipt N.o 1.			53 11 20
October	31. To 26420 Marcals of Paddy delivered to the Commissary at Jaffna @ 37½ Pag.s per Garce of 400 Marcals		2476. 39. 30	
	494 Marcals of Rice delivered D.o on Receipt @ 75 Pag.s per Garce		92. 22. 10	
	363 lb. Salt Fish D.o @ 1 fanm each		8. 3. "	
	12½ Gallons of Arrack @ 25 Pag.s per Leaguer of 150 Gallons		2. 3. 60	
	Per Commissarys Receipts N.o 2.			2579. 29 20
	1333 Seers 111 Marcals of Rice issued for Troops on different Islands N.o 3			20 36 45
	@ 75 Pag.s per Garce of 400 Marcals			
	Amount of Cash paid to the Dutch Garrison at Jaffna after the surrender of the place by order of Major General Stuart per Vouchers D.o 528 & 37 Nos. N.o 4			141 . 20
Novm.r 3.d	To the following articles delivered out of the Prize Stores as per the Subconductors Receipt.			
	4 Barrs of Iron weighing 200 lb @ 12 Pag.s p. Candy		4. 36. "	
	1 Bar of Steel 30 lb @ 1¾ fanm. each		1. 7. 40	
	10 Skeins of Coir Rope		1 15 "	
	1 D.o of Europe lines 26 fathoms		2. " "	
	25 Gallons of Oil 12 fanm.s per Gallon		6 30 "	
	2060 Nails 2 fanm.s per Hundred		" 40. 64	
	Per Sub Conductor of Stores Receipts N.o 5			16 39 24
	To the following articles delivered by order of Major Barbut.			
	1600 Cubits of Country Coir 3000 fathoms weighing 600 @ 10 Pag.s		12 " .	
	½ Candy		" 32. "	
	4 large Bundles of Coir @ 8 fanm.s each		2. 28. 10	
	63 lb Nails @ 1 fanm. 70 p. lb.		" 20. "	
	2 Bundles of Cachum @ 10 fanm.s each		6. 37. 40	
	102½ Measures of Oil 3 fanm.			
	Per Store Sergeants Receipt N.o 6.			22. 27. 50
			Pagodas	2834. 9. 19.

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No. 4.

The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Sadasheotun and its Dependencies for articles delivered by Order of General Stuart on account of the Company.

1796
December .... To the amount of 130 Brood Mares Wrs. Yrs. on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers as per the Proceedings of the Valuation Committee on them ... ..

Star Pagodas .. 4402 ..

No. 5.

The Honble Company Dr. to the Captors of Mares Carpenting and their Dependencies for articles ordered by General Stuart to be taken on account of the Company. —

1796
February 25th To 111 Large and 77 Small Casks of arrack containing 18.904 Gallons. by the gunger as p Mr. Atkinsons Commissary of Grain and Provisions Receipt and at 25 Pags per Leager of 150 Gallons ..... 3150 30 "

To 3 Garce and 290 Marcals of Rice as p Mr. Atkinsons Receipt at 75 Pagodas p Garce 279. 16 67

To 31 Garce and 167 Marcals of Paddy as p Mr. Atkinsons Receipt at 37½ Pagodas p Garce 1288. 35 12

To 240 Marcals of Salt at 20 Pagodas p Garce of 600 Marcals as p Do ..... 12 " "

Star Pagodas .. 4730 31 79

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the undermentioned Eight

p.t Cent Bonds be drawn out in favor of Captain James

Rogers and Lieutenant Samuel Torrens Prize Agents for

the Captors of Trincomale Batticaloa Manar and their

Dependencies on account of Prize Stores and Provisions

issued for the public Service -

Abstract of Bonds ordered to be issued

				£	S.	D.
1 Bond	dated 3rd	November	1796 for	2027	42	40
1 D.o	" 1st	December	"	2834	9	19
1 D.o	" 22d	January	1796 "	232	35	24
1 D.o	" 25th	February	"	4730	36	79
1 D.o	" 1st	January	1797 "	4602	—	—

Ordered that the original Vouchers sent in

by the Prize Agents be forwarded to the Office of Audit -

Read the following Letters from the

Commandant at Ongole -

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir.

From the Commandant at Ongole respecting the Desertion of a Subadar and requesting Instructions respecting his Family & the removal of ally Subah.

I have the honor to acquaint you for the

Information of the Right Honble the President in Council

that a Subbadar belonging to the Company at this Station

deserted last Night and took with him an Havildar as he

was

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was the only Native Commissioned Officer here, he was on
Standing duty at the Main Guard, and went off from there.
his motives are unknown but I strongly suspect he meant
to dispatch me and Secure a thousand pagodas of the
Company's Money, that he knew was on my Cash Chest.
an orderly of mine gave me early information, that the
Subbadar was in the Sepoy Barracks Caballing with the
Sepoys who were very Noisy, but I suspect his whole
was not ripe for execution, for on my getting on my Cloaths
and running towards the Main Guard he mounted off his
Horse was ready Saddled and his Bullocks prepared, but
those he left behind him, with his Wife and a Son about
twelve years of age whom I have secured. I have not as
yet been able to discover what Sepoys were concerned with
him but have great reason to believe from the Noise
they made, that many of them were not consenting
to his wishes, one thing I have heard about the
Prisoner Ally Saheb was to have gone away with the
Subbadar, and I hope his Lordships forgiveness for
suggesting

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suggesting that Mani's removal from this for the natives look up to him with a degree of Enthusiasm. –

I have the honor to be

Hon. Sir

(Signed) Ur. Vigors

Ongole

1st of November 1797.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Commandant at Ongole respecting the further desertion of 20 Naigues and seventeen Sepoys – confirms Raymonds secret agents to have prevailed on them to desert their Colours –

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council that 20 Naigues and Seventeen Sepoys Deserted last night from the Company doing duty here, and as I learn have followed the Subbadar having taken the Common Road. I have further to request you will inform his Lordship that for some time back I have many people employed as spies to endeavor to seize any of Raymond's Emissaries that might be lurking about here, but as yet have been unsuccessfull. I shall however continue to keep a good look out after them – I request his Lordship's orders respecting

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respecting the Subadars family, the wife has not sent a
morsel since her confinement, and would if she were
permitted make away with herself —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Wm. Vigors

Ongole
2nd November 1797.

Minute on the two foregoing Letters —

Agreed to direct Lieut.t Colonel Vigors to use every means in his power to discover the cause of the late serious desertion from his Garrison, to keep the Subadars Family in confinement, and to send ally Sahib to the Presidency —

Read the following Letter from Colonel Kay Macdowall —

To
S. Webbe Esqr.

Sir

From Colonel Macdowall stating forth his claims to an allowance of Table Money during the absence of Major General Braithwaite from Pondicherry —

I shall be much obliged to you to take an early opportunity of laying the accompanying Letter before the Right Honble the Governor in Council — Should there be any information

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in the mode of forwarding it be pleased to set me right.—

Sam Hall Hall

Pondicherry Signd Hay Macdonald

Colonel

31st October 1797.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

Having Commanded this place for two

Months and having found that my unavoidable expences

have far exceeded my pay and allowances, I have the

honor to address your Lordships in Council to request

that you would be pleased to permit me to receive the

usual Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pagodas per

Month. here to fore granted by Government to the

Officer in Command of Pondicherry. he not being a

General Officer on the Staff. — As since my arrival

here I have endeavoured to be hospitable without being

profuse, I trust should your Lordships in Council pay

any

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my attention to this application that you will have the goodness to state a retrospect to the 1st of September last. —

I have the honor to be

Wm Wm

Pondicherry

21st October 1797.

Signed Hay Macdowall

Colonel

Minute thereon

Although the officer succeeding to the temporary Command of Pondicherry cannot be subject to the same additional expences as the person especially appointed by Government, yet as he must necessarily incur a considerable expence in this Table, it is resolved that the officer actually holding the Command during the temporary absence of Major General Braithwaite, be permitted to draw at the rate of one hundred Pagodas p Month, under the head of Table allowance, and that Colonel Macdowall be considered entitled to this allowance from the day on which he assumed the Command. —

Read the following Letter from Majrs Wolf and Smith. —

Do

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c.

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Mr. Sec.y Wolff and Smith inclosing a Statement of the Nabobs Kistbundy account for the year 1796/97 -

Agreeable to the orders contained in Mr. Sub. Secretary Parry's Letter of the 6th. Instant. we have the Honor to lay before your Lordship. his Highness the Nabobs Kistbundy Account Current for the year 1796/97: with the Honble Company. - The usual amount of Poligars Pishcush being carried to his Highness's Credit. -

We have the Honor to be with great respect

Hon.ble Hon.ble

(Signed) Robert Wolff

Cecil Smith

Fort St. George

7th. November 1797.

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Dr. His Highness the Nabob his Kistbundy Account Current.

1796. To Kistbundy Account for the year 1796/7.

Pags 12, 56, 600 - 15 - 5 h. payable as follows as per Treaty of 12th July 1792. -

September 1st	100.000	-
October 1st	100.000	-
November 1st	100.000	-
December 1st	100.000	-
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January 1st	100.000	-
February 1st	100.000	-
March 1st	150.000	-
April 1st	150.000	-
May 1st	200.000	-
June 1st	156.600.15.5h	1256600.15.5h

To the Amount of Peligaw Pistareth payable on the Nabobs Account in part of the 9 lacks for Subsidy ..... 264706h 20 pg

Carried forward ..... 1521105. - -

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with the Honorable Company ..... Cr

1796 By Cash received at Madras particulars of
which are entered in the Treasury Journal as follows.

September	14th	By Cash in full of the Kist for Pags 100.000 due the 1st Instant		100.000	" "
October	14th	By Ditto ..... Ditto		100.000	" "
November	14th	By Ditto in part of Do for Do due 1st Do	40.310		
	15th	By Ditto in full of Do ..... Do	59690	100.000	" "
December	15th	By Ditto in full of Do ..... Do		100.000	" "
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January	13th	By Ditto in part of Do for Do due 1st Do	32.400		
	14th	By Ditto in full of Do ..... Do	67.600	100.000	" "
February	15th	By Ditto in full of Do due 1st ..... Do		100.000	" "
March	14th	By Ditto in part of Do for Pags 150.000 due 1st Instant	66.718		
	15th	By Ditto in full of Do ..... Do	83.282	150.000	" "
April	7th	By Ditto in part of Do ..... Do	30.713		
	12th	By Ditto in further part of Do ..... Do	11.939		
	13th	By Ditto ... Ditto ... of Do ..... Do	45.200		
	14th	By Ditto in full ... of Do ..... Do	62.148	150.000	" "
May	10th	By Ditto in part of Do for Pags 200.000 due the 1st Inst	20.432		
	13th	By Ditto in further part of Do ..... Do	89.042		
	15th	By Ditto in full ... of Do ..... Do	90.526	200.000	" "
June	8th	By Ditto in part of Do Pags 156.400.15.54 due the 1st Instant	21.148		
	13th	By Ditto in further part of Do ..... Do	21.799		
	15th	By Ditto in full ... of Do ..... Do	113453.15.54	156.400.15.54	

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Excepted

(Signed) Robert Woolf

Cecil Smith

Ordered

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Ordered that an Attested Copy of the foregoing Account be delivered by Messrs. Woolf and Smith to the Native Deputies, and it is admitted to be correct what they require from the Deputies a similar account, with their Signatures affixed, on the part of His Highness's Ships provided by me for the Garrison of Trincomalee.

Read the following Letter from the Collector at Ramnad.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's two Letters, dated the 21st instant.

Agreeably to the orders of the Right Honble the President in Council I now enclose a Statement of the whole of the expences incurred on account of the Bullocks and Sheep provided by me for the Garrison of Trincomalee.

In consequence of your letter of the 26th of August I had prepared three hundred Garce of Paddy and had hired Donies to transport the whole to Columba. The Paddy has been brought from the different Pulocks to the Sea Port of Tondy

From the Collector at Ramnad stating the difficulty he experiences in carrying into effect the Bramin's orders for beating out into rice the 300 Garce of Paddy collected for the use of the Troops at Columba and enclosing a Statement of the expence incurred on account of the Slaughter Cattle and Sheep sent to Trincomalee

† entered in the Public Department N° 312

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Territory, and of Course the Expences of Conveyance / freight &c to Columbo excepted / has been already defrayed - The whole province being under Cultivation, and all the People employed at this present Moment in the Cultivation of the Ground, there will be great difficulty in procuring Hands sufficient to beat the Paddy into Rice - at Jaffnapatam there are but few Inhabitants - the People to be employed on the occasion must therefore be taken from the Cultivation and collected from different parts of the Country - and this I fear cannot be done without affording to some of the Renters a Plea for not finishing their Visits, the first of which falls due next Month. Under these Circumstances I take the Liberty of submitting, whether it would not be more advantageous to the public Service to Ship off the Rice in the Husk - the Paddy is quite new, and of the best quality produced in the Province -

I request the favor of an early answer, that I may take immediate measures for beating the Paddy into Rice, if on a further Consideration it should be so determined by his Lordship in Council. -

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

Ramnad
30th October 1797.

Statement

Statement Shewing the whole expence incurred in the purchase and transportation of Bullocks and Sheep from the Ramnad Country to the West Coast of the Island of Ceylon for the use of the Garrison of Tonicomale as per Order Government dated the 13th May 1797.

					Star Pdos	Fs	Cs
To three hundred Head of Black Cattle average Price @	3	Pdos 2	16 Fs		918.	5	75
To one thousand Sheep average Price @		7	59/16		214	34	9
To freight paid for 38 Donies burthen 1529 Candies @		7	59/16 P Candy		328	23	60
				Total Star Pagodas	1461	27	64

E. E.

Signed W. C. Jackson

Ramnad
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Sent by Lieutenant Chambers 1797.

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Minute thereon

In consideration of the Circumstances stated in the foregoing Letter, it is resolved to send one hundred and fifty Garce of Paddy only from Bannaul to Colombo, and to have the remaining one hundred and fifty Garce sent into Rice before it is embarked. —

Read the following Letters from Doonah —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the assistant Resident at Doonah Seindiah makes an unavailing demand on Baaji Row that affairs between the Company Nizam and Tippoo and the Maratta States should be conducted thro' this Agency - states his Ideas on the probable extent of Tippoo's Negociations with the French procures the Enlargement of the three Roman Catholic Priests - a Vackeel arrives with congratulatory letters and presents to Baaji Row from the Rajah of Tanjore - States some extravagant demands said to have been made by Seindiah on Baaji Row —

I have the honor to enclose for your — Lordships information extract of my late address to the Governor General, with extract of the Governor Generals — letter to the Resident at Hyderabad dated 29th December last thereon referred to. —

The Governor General informs me under date the 25th ultimo. that Mr. Du Prats request for his Son to be allowed to proceed hither from Pondicherry, referred to your Lordships on the 26th August last is left to your decision

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decision with which I hope to be shortly honored. Leaving in the interim only to observe to your Lordship that it does not appear to me that compliance with Mr. Duprats request is likely to be attended with any ill consequences to set while humanity, Candour and conciliation seem to be in favor of compliance. I understand that a Mr. Kerugel is Mr. Duprats Agent at Pondicherry.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

Wm. Wm.

Signed I. Uhthoff

Poona
17th October 1797.

Extract of a letter from Mr Isaac Uhthoff to the Governor General dated 10th October 1797.

3 Accounts that reached me through private channels that Doulut Row Scindiah as a consideration for acquiescing in Baajy Rows wishes for his continuance in this quarter of late made sundry requisitions one of which is that the affairs of the English the Nizam and Tippoo with the Marattas should be conducted through him to which Baajy Row has declined assenting.

True Extract
Signed I. Uhthoff
Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uchthoff to the — Governor General. dated Poona 14th October 1797. —

I take the liberty to submit to you some reflections that have occurred to me on the subject of the suspected connexion between Tippoo Sultaun and the French. We are yet ignorant of the name of the French Agent at Seringapatam, whence he came, by what — route, and by whom deputed. nay, he may for aught I — have heard to the contrary, be a self appointed Agent. possibly one of the French Natives at Pondicherry. a small Vessel or two under the Colours of Tippoo Sultaun and with a few French men on board, has doubtless been in existence. and may possibly have made one or more Voyages between Mangalore and the French Islands, by which means an Agent may have been brought from those Islands. On the general subject of the — Danger we have to apprehend at the present period in this Country from Tippoo, the Marattas or Nizam

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as connected with the French. I beg to call to your notice + Noble Lord the sentiments contained in the 10th paragraph of your Letter to Major Kirkpatrick of the 29th December last. which seemed to be then extremely well founded. + and apply equally well to the intervening time between that period and this. As to the arrival of the French in India in such force as materially to effect our present desirable Tranquility in this Country. admitting that they are equal to so extensive an enterprize. and that the connexion between France and the Islands of Mauritius and + Bourbon. and the internal state of those Islands are perfectly favorable to such an object. (though the reverse is now, and has long been the case.) I humbly presume that so great an Armament as would be necessary. would require time to fit out. and that its preparation and Departure could not escape the vigilance of our Government. nor of our Residents and other agents at foreign Courts on the Continent of Europe. and between Europe and India. that the Voyage to the French Islands

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of so large a Fleet could not be performed very expeditiously; and that some time would elapse in storing refitting and refreshing at those Islands. From these premises it seems to follow, that the arrival of the French in force in India (admitting it to take place) will in all probability be preceded by intelligence of the preparations in Europe for such an Armament, of its actual sailing and of its arrival at the French Islands, and even then some further time will be allowed us for preparation during its stay at the Islands and voyage from the Islands to India, and experience in the comparatively small and light Armaments under Admirals Sercey and Linois seems to be in support of this reasoning. —

My observations and enquiries in this Quarter do not corroborate the Rumour lately conveyed to Captain Kirkpatrick of a Treaty having been formed between Tippoo Sultaun and Dowlut Row Scindea; nor even the Rumour circulated through other Channels also, of the latter having lately had a Vackeel named Gunkut Row at Seringapatam. Rumours have been in circulation in Scindea's Camp here of a connection between

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between Tippoo and Nanna Furnavese and again Ulmmah.
possibly both rumours of a connexion with Tippoo have
been founded in mutual apprehension or mutual incli-
=nations to irritate or indispose us towards the adverse
party rather than in actual matter of fact. In the course
of my enquiries on this subject I have been informed
that Sadoo Row Bhaskur one of Dowlut Rows Ministers
had proposed the establishment of Agents at Hyderabad.
Nagpoor and Seringapatam to collect and convey to —
Scindeah partly the intelligence of those places and that
it was intended to adopt this proposal. —

On the 12th Instant Tippoo's Vakeels
made their first march from Poona on their return
to Seringapatam. I have regularly reported to your
Honble Sir. every thing material that has come to
knowledge respecting their actions and Designs
their Commission from Tippoo may possibly have
embraced some objects eventually inimical to us: and
Conversations
may have passed between them and some of the
parties

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parties there in which expressions inimical to us may have been used, with an intended view, or to collect each others disposition or Sentiments towards us, or a general view of the Subject, however if I might presume to hazard an opinion, it would be with due Submission and diffidence, that the Embassy in Question is not likely to involve consequences inimical or materially embarrassing to us. —

In the Month of February last three Italian Roman Catholic priests named Illumine, Giovanni Lorenzo, and Giovanni Battista, proceeding by way of Goa by land from Bombay to Madras, at which latter place they have, I understand, some establishment fell in with a body of Troops belonging to the Rajee of Kolapore (the Chief of the Mahrattas on the Malabar Coast,) who Seized, plundered, and confined them. Mr. Illumine, an Italian man, who accompanied Lord Cornwallis's Army during the last war against Tippoo, and is well known in the Carnatic, obtained his release in a few days, for the professed purpose of proceeding to

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Sack for otherwise with all to Pandoo his companions —
Returning to Bombay, he obtained a Letter to my address
from Sir Charles Malet. then in the Government. —
desiring I would take such means as might be in
my power to procure the release of the confined priests:
and on an application to the Durbar for this purpose
I was furnished with a Letter from Nanna Furnavees
to the Raja of Kolapore, which I immediately dispatched.
It was not however till the 9.th Instant that the two
priests arrived here, having in the interim experienced
very Rigorous confinement in the fort of Bocra. —

I am informed that on the 12.th Instant
the vakeel of the Rajah of Tanjore mentioned in the
3.d paragraph of my Address of the 23.d Ultimo. delivered
presents of congratulation from his Master to Bajee
Row, Chimna Apspa, and Ennaut Row on the accession
of the former to the Peishwaship. —

My last intelligence from Nagpore
intimates that Rugoje Bhonsla was not at that
period in possession of the fort of Guora Mundela, and
that

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that he had made an application to Doulut Row Scindea
for an order to the Killadar for its surrender to him. —
I am informed, but cannot vouch for it.
that among Doulut Row Scindeah's requisitions to —
Baajy Row mentioned in the 2nd paragraph of my last
Address are the following. The Seizure of Nanna Furnavese
and his remaining in Doulut Row's Custody: his Property
to be equally divided between Baajy Row and Doulut Row.
The office of Dewan to the Peshwa to be conferred on —
Doulut Row. — The Cession to Doulut Row of the Hill
Fort of Juneer and some other places. It is said that
Baajy Row is not inclined to assent to either of these
conditions, and that some prospect is afforded thereby
of a reconciliation between Baajy Row and Nanna. —

A true Extract
Signed J. Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from the Governor General to the
President at Hyderabad dated 29th December 1796. —

It appears to me that the question
of War and Peace in India as far as the English are concerned
depends

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depends principally on the ability of our National Enemies to make a formidable attack upon the Company's possessions. In such an event we should have every thing to apprehend from Tippoo with little confidence in the attachment or cooperation of our allies. The event is however remote I trust, if not impracticable, but whilst the possibility of its occurrence remains, it behoves us to be prepared against it, and attentive to the conduct of our allies and Tippoo. -

I have Extract,

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad receives Intelligence of a misunderstanding having taken place between Tippoo and his Minister Purneah and Cummer Ud Deen Khan. -

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council translate of the Intelligence from Purgoondah

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Pungoondah alluded to in my Letter of the 22d Instant.

Sam Wm Wm

Hyderabad
24th October 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of a Paper of Intelligence from the Camp of Syed Ghuffaar, dated Pungoondah (Pennacondah) 16th Rubbee-ul-Sanie (8th October 1797.) Recieved the 22nd October 1797. —

The report in this Camp is that the whole Detachment is to proceed to Sera, where three months pay is immediately to be issued to it. Accordingly Syed Ghuffaar Marches again tomorrow on his way thither. Budder Ud Dien Khan has recieved orders it is said to move from Sera to Roompolly. The Detachment encamped near Gurrumcondah is in Statu quo. —

A Barber, a Native of Kurnool who arrived in this Camp on his way thither from Seringa-patam, which he left twelve days ago reports that — Kummeruddien Khan, and the Dewan Purneah had

been

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been forbidden of late attendance at the Durbar, in Conse-
=quence (it is said) of the Sultaun's displeasure against
them for recommending to him to be very Cautious in his
proposed Connexion with the French, as likely to involve
him in hostilities once more with the English. The
Nizam, and the Mahrattas, and that the Binkey
Nawab and Syed Ahmed Khan were on the Contrary
in high favor at present for advising their master to
follow by all means the dictates of his own judgement.—
That the French Vakeel attended regularly at Durbar,
and gave out that troops of his Nation were arrived
at Mangalore, and many more expected:— That the
Sultaun was busily employed in completing the Fortifi-
=cations of his Capital, and occasionally made ex-
=cursions to the Camps at the Moty Talow— That a
Vakeel from Dowlut Rao Saindeah had arrived at
Seringapatam for the purpose (as it was said) of making
Certain overtures from his Master to the Sultaun—

A true Copy and Translate
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

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Read and passed the annexed resolutions upon the following proceedings of the Medical Board.

From the Medical Board - report the death of Surgeon Shippard. recommend that leave be granted to Mr. Kennedy to visit the Presidency and that Mr. Stevinson be appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon -

Resolutions of Government in Council 7th. November 1797

Medical Board 6th. November 1797. -

We have received Mr. Parry's Letter of the 21st. ultimo and shall pay strict attention to the orders of Government in transmitting correct Statements quarterly to the accountant General of the amount valuation of Medical Stores at the Subordinate Stations. as well as under charge of the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency. -

Mr. Alexander Kennedy Surgeon to the Garrison of Vanjore requests permission to come to the Presidency for a short time on his private business. - and as

Permission granted

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as he has obtained leave from the
Commanding Officer, and will take
care to provide for the discharge of the
duty during his absence. We recom-
=mend that his request may be granted.
Memorandum to acquaint
Government that Mr Thomas
Bloxsom Surgeon to Mayflower
Died there on the 26th Ultimo of a
disorder in his Liver.
Memorandum that William
Stephenson be appointed a Sub
Assistant Surgeon and Stationed at
the Presidency General Hospital.
in the room of Saml Pascal
promoted to Surgeon.

Signed Jas Anderson
Physician General
W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

Approved. Mr Ap-
=pointment will
be published in General
Orders.

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Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

To
The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council &c.

Fort St George

My Lord

Auditor General's report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Presidency Paymaster for October Months &c

I have the honor to report on the annexed Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency, which accompanied Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 2nd instant, and to state that the amount Viz.t Six thousand and Ninety Nine Pagodas Seventy Eight fanams and forty one Cash (Pagodas 6.099.28.41.) is admissible, and payable from the General Treasury. This sum being required to discharge the Town Majors Bills for furnishing Slops for the French and Malay Prisoners of War, agreeably to the orders of Government Dated 4th Ultimo of which the Paymaster

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as he has obtained leave from the Commanding Officer, and will take care to provide for the discharge of the duty during his absence. We recommend that his request may be granted.

Necessary to acquaint Government that Mr. Thomas Blackspoard Surgeon to Major Lister died there on the 26th Ultimo of an disorder in his Liver.

We recommend that William Stephenson be appointed a Sub Assistant Surgeon and Stationed at the Presidency General Hospital in the room of Said Purcal permitted to resign.

Signed Jas. Anderson
Physician General
W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

Approved. The appointment will be published in General Orders.

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To
The Right Honble Lord Hobarte
President and Governor in Council &c.
Fort St George.

My Lord

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Paymaster has furnished me with a Copy of Rice &
purchased and delivered to the Storekeeper on account
of the projected Expedition against Manilla, and for
arrears of Table allowance to Lieutenant Colonel &
Fraser of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment which last
Command of Commander in Chief last Bills were &
passed in any Office in consequence of the Orders &
Government signified on the face of each. -

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
4th November 1797.

Hon. Sir
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. General

Cash ordered to be issued
from the Treasury on
the above Account -

Ordered that the Sum of Six thousand
and Ninety Nine Pagodas twenty eight fanams
and forty one Cash (Pagodas 6099-28-41) be issued from
the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on
account of additional Demands on his Office
for the Months of October. -

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General requests he may be furnished with Copies of the Journal and Ledger of the Military Paymaster General in Bengal for the year 1795/6. as well as with regular reports of the arrival of all Ships in their roads - and suggests an arrangement for bringing the Receipts and Issues to account in the Military Books. -

1. Having obtained from the late Military Auditor General at Bengal, a Copy of his Books for the Year 1795/6. for the purpose of establishing as near a coincidence as possible in point of form between them and the Books of my Office, I find altho' they have been very useful in this respect, that being only a counterpart in Miniature of the Books of the Military Paymaster General, it will be extremely desireable in order to their being perfectly understood, that a Copy of the Latter should also be obtained from Bengal, to enable the Paymaster General here and myself to conduct our Books on the same plan, which becomes the more necessary as the Bengal System of Accounts has been completely introduced

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I produced at this Presidency by the Regulations of the Government under date the 19th. July last. May I now therefore request that your Lordship will be pleased to apply to the Governor General in Council for a Copy of the Journals and Ledger of the Military Paymaster General at Bengal for the Year 1795/6.

2. Finding that the Medical Stores supplied to the Military Department on the Coast are not as at Bengal brought to account in the Military Books. I take the Liberty of suggesting that the Medical Storekeeper at the Presidency may be directed to furnish the Accountant General with a Quarterly Statement of the Medicines received from Europe and issued to the Military Department in order that they may be charged Quarterly by the Accountant General to the Military Paymaster General in his account of Advances by which mode the actual Expence of all Medicines issued

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I shall will be regularly brought to account in the
Books of this Office at the end of each Official year. —

3 As by the new Regulations, all Charges
for Boat hire &c. incurred on account of the Military
Department are audited and passed by me before pay-
ment, Your Lordship will no doubt think it expedient
that I should be furnished from the proper Office with a
Copy of the Regulations respecting the rates of Boat
hire for my guidance in the Audit of such Charges. —

4 I humbly conceive it will appear to your
Lordship equally necessary that I should receive from the
Master attendant Notice of the arrival of all Ships for the
purpose of regulating the allowances of Officers &c. from
official information of the period of their arrival, instead
of having to depend on hear say report, and it is on such
Information only that the Batta to Officers coming to
this Coast from Ceylon or the Settlements to the Eastward
can be effectually checked and Controuled. —

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
6th November 1797.

Minute thereon

Agreed that an application be made to the
Supreme Government for Copies of the Journal and
Ledger of their Military Paymaster General for the —
year

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year 1795/96. and that Instructions be sent to the Dewan
Board for sending to the Accountant General the quantity
Statement referred to in the 2nd Paragraph of their
foregoing Letter.

Ordered that Instructions be sent to the
Board of Trade, and Master Attendant for furnishing
the Information and reports required by the Auditor.

The President acquaints the Board that
he has learnt by private communications from Pondicherry
that the Family of Lieutenant Colonel Isfet are in
real distress, and proposes that the Lieut.t Colonel and
his Wife be each allowed a Monthly Subsistence of 15 Pags
Rupees to commence from this Date.

Approved and Ordered accordingly.

Resolution of the Board to grant a Monthly Subsistence to Lieut.t Colonel and Madame Isfet in consideration of their present distressed Situation.

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board a General Order published by the
Commander in Chief in India on the 25.th September
last. respecting the Kings Promotions by Brevet
of the Company's Officers in India, and takes this
occasion to observe to the Board that the following
Officers, owing to their Brevet Promotions not having
been

Suggestion of the Commander in Chief and resolution of the Board respecting arrears of Rank due to Brevet Colonels Gent. Brevet Lieut.t Colonels Arbuthnot, Troughton and Lawson and Brevet Major Pendergast Clarke.

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Been published in orders by Government have not
drawn the Amount due to them on account of the
Batta of their Brevet Rank. -

Lieut.t Colonel Gent promoted to the
Rank of Colonel by Brevet. date --- 3.d May 1796.

Majors William Prescott
Elisha Trapaud
and
George Saxon
} Lieut.t Colonels -- Ditto

Captain Tredway Clarke - Major -- Ditto

The Commander in Chief further
observes that the above Brevet Promotions
were announced in orders to the Coast Army by the
late Commander in Chief on the 22.nd October 1796.
and submits to the Board the Claim of those
Officers to draw the Batta of their advanced Rank
from that Date agreeably to the Regulations
of the Service. -

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The Board admit the Claim of the above officers to draw the advanced Batta of their Brevet Rank, from the date of the publication of their promotion by Lieutenant General Clarke as suggested by the Commander in Chief

" Geo. Barnes

" Edw. Saunders

" Ellis Sandford

Compared
Andw. Barclay

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Diary

Received the following Letters —

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord Fort St George

From the Navy Agent & Vanderallen - Relative to the mode of Calculating the Duties of the Arrack & lately Landed on his account

I beg leave to inform your Lordship that in adjusting the Customs to be paid by me upon the Batavia Arrack Landed here for the use of His Majestys Navy, and entered for Exportation difficulties have arisen, the particulars of which I shall here state in order that you may be able to decide upon the same —

It is the Custom of the Port for all the Importers of goods to Swear to the truth of their Invoices, and if imported in Danish Bottoms 60 per Cent is added to the Original prime Cost of the Articles, after deducting the Charges and if on English or American Bottoms only 15 p Cent is Charged —

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is levied upon the Original Cost at Batavia – but because the Arrack was not shipped from & Batavia in my name – I am told that & I cannot swear to the Original Invoice – and must either make an entry of the Original Bills as it stands on at Madras, or abide by the Market prices and upon those prices the Sea Customer says he will charge the advance of 60 per Cent because it was & imported on a Danish Bottom –

Had I conceived that this would have been the case, I might have secured & M.r Shannon to have put the Arrack into Dorrier under English Colours in & Trangueber Roads, which would have saved this distinction as it in that case it would have come under the class of Imports on English Bottoms –

I am now to request that your Lordship will be pleased to direct that the Sea Customer be ordered to permit me to swear to such Original Invoices of Batavia Arrack

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7. Awack imported as I may be able to produce from the Original Purchasers, and that the usual Duties be levied upon the same— and in all cases where I cannot produce the Original Invoice, that the Customs be levied upon the Amount of the Original Bill handed to me by the Merchant from whom I purchase the Awack, with the addition of 15 per Cent as directed by the above quoted order of Government dated the 9th April 1796— which together with the Fees I am ready to discharge.—

In order to shew your Lordship that I may with great safety swear to the Original Invoice I shall there insert a Copy of the Oath usually taken at the Custom House on such Occasions as follows.—

A.B. Maketh Oath and saith, that the annexed Invoice is to the best of his Knowledge and belief, true and just, and the Sums written opposite to the Articles are the true and just prime Cost.—

Sworn before me
this day of
/Signed/ C.D.

/Signed/ A.B.

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is levied upon the Original Cost at Batavia - but because the Arrack was not shipped from & Batavia in my name - I am told that & I cannot swear to the Original Invoices - and must either make an entry of the Original Bills as it stands me at Madras, or abide by the Market prices and upon these prices the Sea Customer says he will charge the advance of 60 per Cent because it was & imported on a Danish Bottom -

Had I conceived that this would have been the case, I might have covered & M. Shannon to have put the Arrack into Dorniers under English Colours in Trangueber Roads, which would have & evaded this distinction as it in that case it would have come under the class of Imports on an English Bottom -

I am now to request that your Lordship will be pleased to direct that the Sea Customer be ordered to permit me to swear to such Original Invoices of Batavia Arrack

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and the Customs are levied upon the aggregate of Sum, by which means the Goods imported by Danish Ships pay a duty of 2¼ per Cent more than what is levied upon the imports by English or American Ships.—

Some inconveniences having arisen from this System from Merchants not being able to ascertain the prime Cost of Goods consigned to them Government by Minute of Council dated 9th April 1796 came to the following Resolution.—

"In consideration of the difficulties which the Merchants represent of ascertaining the "Prime Cost of Goods consigned to them—

"Resolved to direct that upon all such "cases the Sea Customer shall dispense with the "Oath hitherto required, and that in lieu thereof "15 ℔ Cent be added to the Market price of the "Goods so imported and the Duty levied upon "the Aggregate—

The Sea Customer says that this order only extends to English and American Ships also the

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the Country Craft but that 60 per Cent must be added to the Market price of the Goods imported by foreign Ships.—

This makes it particularly hard upon me, for had the Arrack been Shipped from Batavia in my name, I of course would have been able to have Sworn to the Original Invoice, but the War precluding my having any intercourse with that Port myself, I am obliged to purchase it from those who can trade there.—

I do not make any purchases until the Vessels are in the Roads, and it is upon conditions that Government will permit me to land the Cargoe.—

I shall here state a case in point—The Danish Ship Count Bernstoffe that brought 400 Leagers of Batavia Arrack for which was purchased by the greater part of the Honorable Company, brought also Sugar &c. &c.—The latter Articles were entered by Mr. Shamier at the Sea Custom House and duty

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which does not say that the Arrack was originally
purchased and Shipped on my Account - all that is
required of me is to hand in the Invoice and I
Swear to the best of my Knowledge and belief it
is true and Just and that the Sums written
opposite to the Articles are the true and Just
prime Cost - and further from my Knowledge
of the Average price at which Arrack has stood
at Batavia for these some years past I can
have no difficulty in doing. -

Fort St. George
6th November 1797

I have the honor to be
Yr. Hble
[Signed] Basil Cochrane

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Mr Maughan -
in explanation of the
Conduct towards the
Origin is hereby request
that the General Treasury
may not be removed for
his Charge. -

I have this Day had the honor to
receive your Command, communicated through
Mr Deputy Secretary Parry, in Consequence of
which I shall with as little delay as possible
Close

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11th 27th Close the Books of the General Treasury to the last day of October, and deliver whatever balance of Cash there may be on hand to the Charge of M.r Gordon the Paymaster at this Place.—

In expressing my Concern which I beg leave sincerely to do, at your Lordships disapproval of the Style of my Letter to the Assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad, and which has in part occasioned your displeasure, it is a duty, and but Justice that I owe to myself, to state that the Circumstance mentioned of my having styled a Sezawal Peon over his Highness the Nizams Agent is unfounded in Truth, consequently M.r Kirkpatrick must have been Misinformed.— I never upon my Word of honor did take upon myself such a Measure and I do Solemnly declare that never had I such an Intention, although I did I imagine, and I express myself to that Effect, that the Authority vested in me by your Lordship

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Lordship in Council extended to the recovery of Debts due from one Individual to another in Masulipatam.—

Having stated thus much in palliation, I trust, of the Circumstances which have drawn upon me the Displeasure of Government, I take the liberty to inform your Lordship that Mr. Gordon with whom I have personally communicated on the Subject I have always suggested consented to wait the result of this reference before he takes Charge of the Treasury:—a suggestion which I have had more best public Motives in making for the degradation I must inevitably experience in being deprived of a part of my public Charge, will as inevitably in its operation affect my weight and Authority in the other, and the fair prospect I now have of success in my Collections will I fear be very much damped.—

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I must hope also that after reading this address your Lordship will observe that the last part of the Censure conveyed in Mr Parry's Letter was unmerited, because I certainly did not place Meon over the Nizams' Agent, and the former may admit of reconsideration when my Motive for making the advance, together with the loss I may eventually (indeed probably) sustain are taken into View.— I made the Advance at the earnest solicitation of the Agent, and I positively declare on Account of Articles which he informed me he meant to purchase, nay that he was ordered to purchase, expressly for the Nizam and for the use of his Family.—

If your Lordship will revoke your Orders on this occasion, there shall be no further cause of Complaint and my Motive for this solicitation must be evident, when I ask for additional trouble, to secure the due realization

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realization of the Revenues under my Care.—

I have the honor to be with respect

Masulipatam
21st October 1797.—

&c: &c:
Signed John Wrangham
Collector

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Sir,

From the attorney to Mr. Salomon De Waas claiming payment for a quantity of Arrack which he states to have been detained at Masulipatam on the Company's account

I request the favor of you to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council the accompanying papers Containing a Claim of Mr. Salomon De Waas Inhabitant of Negapatam on the Honorable Company for Star Pagodas Three thousand, Nine hundred and Twenty Eight and thirty three fanams /3928 3/4/ being the Amount of One hundred and twelve and a quarter /112 1/4/ Leaguers of Arrack delivered to Major Bowser and to have it ascertained thro' Major General Lydenham whether the above Arrack has been Credited Major Bowser — And if so that an Order might be granted me as Agent to Mr. De Waas for the payment

&c

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of principal and Interest ...

The Papers are as follows

Letter A Petition presented Major General Stuart by Mahomed Meera Lebbe Gemashah to Mr. De Waas; attested by Major Bowser. –

B Ditto ..... to — Ditto by Salaman DeWaas

C Billon the Honble Company, signed by Major Bowser for Pt. Pagodas 3,928 3/4

D Certificate from Messrs. Rogers Ian & De Bondt with a Translation

E Certificate of Mr. Toriano

F Copy of a letter from Mr. B. De Waas & Red Schoer to Messrs. Rodgers & Torsens

G Answer to the Same with a Certificate of the Officers present at the Capture of Manar. –

H Petition to Major General Stuart from Messrs. R. T. Schoer and B. DeWaas

i Do to Major General Doyle from Salamon DeWaas with an Answer

K Mr. Salaman de Waas. Power of Attorney to J. G. Matthiessen. —

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November 3d 1797.

I have the honor to remain
with great Respect. —
Hs. Hs.
/Signed/ J. G. Matthiessone

Remark also the under mentioned
Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28.

From Military Pay-
master General. —

A From M. Roebuck - enclosing an
Estimate of Cash, amounting to Pagodas 3055..15.
required by the Presidency Paymaster. —

From Ditto enclosing an application

From Dr. — Dr.

from Mr. T. D. Jackson for leave to visit the Presidency

From the Officer
Commanding the
Ganjam District

From Lieutenant Colonel Lighton
advising of his having assumed the Command of
the Ganjam District. —

From Paymaster
at Vizianagaly

From M. Hawkins - enclosing Account
Sales of the Horses sent from the 19th and 25th Dragoons

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

From M. Brown advising of the
Measures taken on the requisition of Lieutenant
Colonel Fotheringham for repairing the temporary
Barracks within the Fort of Vizagapatam. —

From

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From Do — Do.

From D°. representing that the above Work will be shortly completed and at a very trifling expence. —

From the Commandant at Angole

From Lieutenant Colonel Vigors — advising of a further Desertion of twenty one Sepoys and of his having apprehended one concerning whom he Solicits the Orders of Government

9. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N°. 29. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45. A 45 B

To the Collector at Rammad. —

To M°. W. C. Jackson - desiring him to correspond with Captain Kingston relative to the mode of bringing to Account on the Military Books the expence attending the Supply of Slaughter Cattle and Sheep provided by him for the Garrison of Trincomale - desiring also that he will send off 150 Garce of Paddy to M°. Atkinson, and beat out the Remaining 150 Garce into Rice previous to its being shipped for Columbo. —

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To Mr. Atkinson communicating the purport of the above Letter to Mr. Jackson desiring him to be guided by the Instructions of Brigadier General De Meuron as to the mode of Issuing out the Paddy and the Rate at which it is to be charged to the Troops.—

To the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron requesting he will take the above Subject into Consideration and issue such orders as he may judge necessary to Mr. Atkinson.—

To the Officer Commanding the Troops on Ceylon at Columbo.—

To Mr. M.c Dowall desiring him to discharge the Prize Agents Bill for 380 Pag.s for apprizing Sloops purchased from them on the Company's Account.—

To the Paymaster at Columbo

To Mr. Hawkins—desiring him to discharge the Batta Chits of the Sepoys &c.a attached as a Guard to Sepoys on the Countersignations of the Resident inserting this Charge in his Accounts with the Civil Paymaster General.—

To the Paymaster at Tanjore—

To

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To the Resident at Tanjore — To M.r Macleod advising him of the Instructions sent to M.r Hawkins. —

To the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores. — To M.r W. Webb notifying the Establishment of Servants allotted to his Office from the 1.st May last. —

To Lieutenant Colonel St. John &

To the Commandant at Chingleput. — Authorizing him to make up the clothing for the Malay Prisoners at Chingleput. —

To M.r Roebuck enclosing Copy of the

To the Military & Payomaster General Auditor's Report upon the additional Estimate of Cash which accompanied his Letter of the 31.st Ultimo — and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 6099.. 28.. 41 will be issued to him on this Account for the General Treasury

To Colonel Macdowall at Pondicherry — To Colonel Macdowall — communicating the Boards Resolution to allow the Officer officiating the Temporary Command of Pondicherry during the Absence of Major General Braithwaite the Sum of 100 Pagodas P Month for Table Money, and to grant him this Allowance &

retrospect —

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retrospectively from the day on which he assumed the Command.—

To Mr. Sharden with instructions on the foregoing Subject and for paying a Monthly Subsistence of 50 Rupees each to Lieutenant Colonel and Madame Josset

To the Paymaster at Pondicherry

To Mr. Cooper—remitting the extract of an Account standing Against him under the head of Office Rent in consideration of his Length of Service and present Situation.—

To the Paymaster at Ganjam and Asst

To the Board of Trade—enclosing for the information and Guidance of the Board a Paymaster and Master Attendant extracts of the Regulations lately established for the Ordnance and Store Department relating to the embarkation and landing of Ordnance and Stores from Ships in the Road—and desiring them to furnish the Military Auditor General with certain Information respecting the rates established for Boat hire &c.—

To the Board of Trade

To

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To Mr. Taswell - desiring him to

To the Master attendant

make regular reports to the Military Auditor

General of the Arrival of all Vessels on the Road -

To Messrs. Tulloh Brodie & Co

To the Attorney's to the Prize agents for Pimento &c.

informing them of the Bonds ordered to be

issued, in conformity with their Request. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors &

To the Commandant at Angole

desiring him to endeavour to discover the causes

of the late serious desertions from his Garrison,

to keep the Subadar's Family in Confinement

and afford them the means of Subsistence, and

to send ally Sahib, under a proper Guard to

the Presidency. -

To Messrs Woolf and Smith -

To the Accountant General - and Deputy Accountant General -

desiring them to deliver an attested Copy of

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To the Attorney General

To the Attorney General desiring his Opinion on the Establishment of a Court of Equity at Columbo upon the Plan Suggested by Brigadier General De Meuron —

10 Sent the following Letter

To Colonel J. Champagne

Commanding at

Trincomale

Sir,

To the Commandant at Trincomale requesting the Compensation Table made out by the Orders of the late Lieutenant Leonard Appointment as Adjutant to the Artillery which disapproved Mr. John Mill the Board immediately to quit the limits of this Command —

I am by the Governor in Council desires me to observe that as the Palmera Trees coming under the denomination of small Trees and very small Trees" could be of very little Value he is of opinion accordingly directs they may be struck out of the Account as the Cocoa nut Trees under five Years old might be removed by the proprietors, they should also be struck out — the large Palmera Trees when full the President in Council presume

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presumes were delivered up to the Proprietors, in which case you are desired to state whether some deduction should not be made in the Sum proposed to be given in Compensation to the Owners. The Value fixed on the Jack, Mangoe, Limes and & Pommalow Trees should be limited to those & bearing fruit.—

You are desired to lay before the Board a correct Statement of the Sum to be paid each & individual conformably with the above observations, and valuing the Cocoa nut Trees above four years old at thirty Six Fanams as suggested by the Committee.—

The President in Council considers the specific Appointment of Lieutenant Lemond to act as Adjutant to the Artillery Detail attached to your Garrison altogether unnecessary and desires that it may be annulled

The President in Council desires that M. John Neill may be ordered immediately to quit the Limits of your Command, and that he

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To:

he may not be allowed to return, on any pretence whatever

Fort St. George
9th November 1797.

Sam Hs Hs

/Signed/ George Barry
Asst Secretary

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 30th Ultimo, and have passed for payment the Bill of the Contractor for Gun Carriages agreeably to the recommendation.—

We approve your Suggestion relative to the Office Establishment of the Agent for Supplies, and have given the necessary directions to the Paymaster for passing his Bills.

As it appears that the Works which you have recommended to the Fortifications at Dindigul Amounting by the Engineers Estimate

To the Military Board the purport of the Establishment for the Agent for Supplies approved an Advertisement for proposals of Contract for executing the Work at Dindigul to be submitted to the Chief for attestation & Registration & notice thereof to the Paymaster & Auditor of the Provincial and Commissariat Articles of Store and in the Grain and Forage Departments. Sundry suggestions adopted—repairs stated to be necessary at Trichinopoly submitted for their consideration.—

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10: Estimates to Pagodas 10,434.12.44 are essentially & necessary to the Defence of that important Post we have resolved to adopt your Recommendation, and desire you would lay before us the draught of an advertizement for Proposals for contracting for the execution of the work in order to its being published by our Authority.—

We desire you will Authorize the Commandant at Negapatam to hire a Godown at a Monthly expence not exceeding ten Pagodas for the Accommodation of the Stores at that Station —and that you will give the necessary directions & for the execution of the Repairs required to the Store rooms and granaries in the upper Fort of Dundegul.—

We desire that the perishable and unserviceable Articles of Stores in the grain and Provision Departments may be disposed of Agreably to your suggestion; the Sales either by wholesale or retail as may on experiment appear most advantageous for the Company—

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– The Sylph from Cape under Charge of the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions may be transferred to the Arsenal –

We desire that particular instructions may be given to the Garrison Storekeeper on the subject of preserving the whole of the empty Casks in Store – as they may hereafter be required for the publick Service, or be disposed of to advantage if not wanted. –

We have transmitted to the Governor General in Council an Extract of your report respecting the deficiencies of Provisions &c. sent from Bengal, and embarked here on the Royal Admiral Lascelles and Pitt, Rose & Houghton and Britannia for the lately projected Expedition and have called the particular attention of the Supreme Government to the heavy Leakage of the Rum –

We have desired the Board of Trade to report their opinion on the best mode of disposing of the two large Catamarans purchased on the Company's Account –

We

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We consider it on every Account
advisable that as large a proportion as possible
of the Garison Stock of Provisions should be
lodged within the body of the Fort - we have in
consequence directed the Town Major to deliver
over to the Garison Storekeeper such of the Casemates
now under his Charge as are not indespensably
requisite for the Accommodation of the Troops. -

We enclose Copy of a Letter from
Major General Floyd with the estimates therein
referred to We have approved the repairs made
as per Estimate N°1 and those in N°2 Amounting
to Pagodas 16.35.72 - should the remainder of the
Repairs included in this Estimate and the Work
mentioned in N° 3 and 4 appear to you necessary,
We desire you will issue orders for their execution. —

We have passed for payment the Bills
referred to in the 12th Paragraph of your Letter of
the 30th Ultimo

We are &c. &c.

Fort St. George
9th November 1797

(Signed) Hobart
&c. Council

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To the Honorable Sir John Shore Bart.

Governor General in Council

at

Fort William

Honble Sir,

We have the Honor to forward to you Extracts of a Report made to us by the Military Board Relative to the Deficiencies in the delivery of Supplies consigned to us from your Presidency on the Royal Admiral Lascelles and Pitt, and on the disembarkation of Artcles sent on board the Rose Houghton and Britannia for the late intended expedition against Manilla

We beg leave to call your particular attention to the Representation of the Military Board Relative to the Leakage on the Rum, and request you will call on the Commanders to Account for the short delivery of the Artcles embarked on their respective Ships —

At the Suggestion of our Military Auditor General, who represents that those accounts

To Bengal - respecting that deficiencies of Stores &c from on board the Royal Admiral Lascelles Pitt Rose Houghton and Britannia - Military Leakage on Rum and - Application made for Copies of their & Military Paymaster Generals Journal & Ledger for 1795 & 96

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are necessary towards establishing as great a
coincidence as possible between the Books
of our respective Presidencies /, we request
that we may be furnished with a Copy of
the Journal and Ledger of your Military &
Paymaster General, for the year 1795/96

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Hobart & Council

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To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the Forces on Ceylon
at Columbo

Sir

I am directed by the Right &
Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge
the Receipt of your Letters of the 19th and 22 Ult.

To Brigadier General
De Meuron - orders for taking
Charge of the printing press
- Reply to his Letter respecting
the Bombay Grenadiers -

W. M.c Doual has been authorized
to pay the Sum of Pagodas 350 to the Prize
Agents, for the printing press, which the
President

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President in Council desires you will take Charge of on the Company's Account - M.r M.c Donall has also been authorized to pay the Allowances of a Commissary of Stores from the 1.st June last, to Major Barton -

I shall hereafter be sent to that part of your Letter of the 19.th Ult.o which relates to the Court of equity -

In consequence of the expected departure of Lieutenant General Stuart from the Malabar province the President in Council has advised the Bombay Government that His Lordship has in agitation an Arrangement for sending a Reinforcement of Native Troops to Ceylon from this Coast as soon as the Season will admit of their embarkation, and that the present Situation of Affairs on the Island, and the important duty in which the Bombay Grenadiers are employed will not enable the Government to dispense with their Services

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till they can be relieved. -

Fort St. George
8th November 1797

I have the honor to be
&c: &c:
Signed/ George Parry
Secretary

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Governor in Council
at
Bombay

Honble Sir,

To Bombay relative to Genl Stuarts application to Brigadier General D'Meuron for sending the Bombay Grenadiers to the Malabar Coast. -

Brigadier General De Meuron &
having laid before us Lieutenant General Stuarts
Letter to him of the 23rd September last, on the
subject of sending the Detachment of the
Bombay Grenadier Battalion now serving on
Ceylon, to the Malabar Coast, we think it
necessary to apprize you that on Account of
the refractory conduct of the Inhabitants in
the neighbourhood of Columbo, and the active &
Service on which the Grenadiers are employed, &

they

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they could not at this Time be removed without exposing the Company's Affairs on that Quarter to the most serious embarrassment.—

We have in agitation an Arrangement for sending a reinforcement of Native Troops to Ceylon from this Presidency; but under the uncertainty we are in at present as to the period when we may be able to carry this Arrangement into effect, we can only assure you that the Bombay Grenadiers shall be returned to your establishment as soon as their Services on Ceylon can be dispensed with.—

Fort St. George
8th November 1797

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

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

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

7. the Military Auditor General. Number to be in Compliance with the late Appointment of the Commissioners of this Depart.t

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of Supplies noticed & vouchers for Articles so delivered by the Prize Agents for Trincomale for the public Service and paid for, noticed for distribution, the refund of Office Rent standing against Mr. Cooper remitted and purchase of a printing Press at Columbo authorized Major Barton to draw the allowances of a Commissary of Stores and Lieutenants Gelbert and Moore of 52nd Regiment for passage Money to England - the Table Money granted to the officer holding the Command of Pondicherry and Subsidiary allowed Lieutenant Colonel or Josselle's Family noticed -

Sir

I have the receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant and am to acquaint you that an application has been made to the Bengal Government for a Copy of their Military Paymaster Generals Journal and Ledger for the year 1795/96 - orders have been sent to the Medical Board for furnishing the Accountant General with quarterly State = ments of the Receipts and Issues of Medicines &c to the Military Department - and Instructions have been given to the Board of Trade and Master Attendant for sending to your Office the Regulations established relative to the rates of Boat Hire, and the Arrival of Ships -

Enclosed I transmit to you eleven Bills for Articles supplied on Account of the lately projected expedition against Manilla amounting (at the Exchange of 43 fanams to Pagodas 8,087 — 39, which you are desired to pass for Payment -

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I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of my Letter of this Date to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores, and to desire that the Paymaster may be authorized to discharge Mr. Webb's Monthly Charge for Servants, as well as his Bill for the Arrears due.—

I am also directed to forward to you the accompanying Abstract Accounts and Corresponding Vouchers of Articles delivered by the Prize Agents of Seringapatam &c. on Account of the Public Service, which have been discharged in the undermentioned Bonds.—

			P.	F.	C.
1 Bond 8 p.c.	dated 3 November 1795 for		2027.	42.	69
1 Do.	1 December		2834.	9.	19
1 Do.	22 January 1796		232.	35.	26
1 Do.	25 February		4730.	35.	79
1 Do.	1 January 1797		4402.	—.	—

These Accounts and Vouchers may tend to notify any errors that might have occurred in the Subsidiary books the Paymaster

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in Council desires they may with their views
be deposited in the proper Offices.—

In consideration of the Length of Service
and present Situation of Mr. Thomas Cooper &
the late Paymasters of Ganjam and Ajka the
Right Honorable the President in Council has
been pleased to remit the retrenchment standing
against him under the Head of Office Rent and
desires that this Charge may be passed in
his Accounts from the period of his appoint-
ment to the date of his being Relieved by
Mr. George Wilson.—

The President in Council has authorized
the following Charges in the Accounts of the
Paymasters at Columbo and Pondicherry the
former 350 Pagodas for the Value of a present
prese purchased on the Company's Account
from the Prize Agents — and the Allowance of
a Commissary of Stores to Major Barton
from the 1st June last — the latter — table
Allowance

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Allowance at the rate of 100 Pagodas P.M. Month to the Officer holding the actual Command of the Pondicherry, during the temporary absence of Major General Braithwaite and the Arrears due to Colonel Macdowall on that Account from the 29th August last - also a Subsistence of 50 Rupees P.M. Month each, to Lieutenant Colonel and Madame Josset, to Commence from this Date -

The Commander in Chief having granted permission to Lieutenants Gilbert and Moore of His Majesty's 52nd Regiment to proceed to England, before the general Embarkation of that Corps, the President in Council desires that the Paymaster at the Presidency may be Authorized to advance those Officers the usual Allowance of Passage Money -

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

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Recvd the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B: N.s 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52.

From the Military Paymaster General

From M.r Roebuck enclosing an Additional Estimate for Pagodas 4750 required by the Presidency Paymaster.—

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford enclosing his Accounts of Subsistence from the 24 August to the 24 September 1797.—

From the acting Collector at Dindigul

From M.r Hurdis advising of his intention to send off the evidences to Trichinopoly on the 11.th Instant, and particularly requesting that those who belong to Pyleny may be allowed to return as soon as possible

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts at Guntoor.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts advising of the Arival at Guntoor of four Companies of the 1.st Battalion 11 Regiment on their March from Masulipatam to Angole Nellore and Rampore.—

From the Commandant at Rayachoty.—

From Major Doveton—acknowledging Receipt of M.r Webbes Letter of the 28 Ultimo with

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with the Papers thereto &c. which accompanies it.—

From the late Commissary of Grain and Provisions for the Manilla expedition

From Lieutenant Goldsworthy—
pointing out an Error in his Statement of
advances to the Servants, making a difference
in his favor of Pagodas 66:16:64.—

From the Commandant at Amboyna—

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson
inclosing Bills for the Subsistence of Prisoners.
and an application from Brevet Captain &
Philips for an Allowance for a Writer and &
three Hircarahs employed by him on Detach-
ment.—

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters
entered in Mr. B. Nos. 53. 54. 55. 56

To the Medical Board

To the Medical Board desiring that
the quarterly Statement ordered on the 25th Ultimo to
be sent to the Accountant General may comprize
a distinct Abstract of the Value and Issues of
Medicines and Instruments to the Military
Department.—

To the Commandant at Tuticorin.—

To Major General Floyd approving the
repairs he has executed according to his report of
the

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the 23d October and informing him that the opinion of
the Military Board has been called for in regard to
the Repairs which he has submitted to the
consideration of Government.—

To Mr. Woolf desiring that the
Amount value of the quarterly Receipts of Medicines
may be charged in his Accounts of advances to
the Military Paymaster General.—

To the Accountant General

To the Town Major desiring that as
many of the Casemates, now under his Charge,
on the Sea Face, and other interior parts of the
Fort as he can clear out by a careful distribution
of the Troops in the Lunettes or other places fit
for their accommodation may be delivered over to
the Garrison Storekeeper.—

To the Town Major

11 Received from the public Department
extract of a Letter Sent to the Accountant
General vide M: B: No. 571 forwarding a
Statement of the Sums realized from the
Sonbah of the Tanjour Country from January to
September 1796 and desiring him to furnish a
Statement shewing the Sums that Remain to
be

To the Accountant General

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be debited to the Rajah on Account of the Subsidy for that Period.—

Sent a Letter to the Military Auditor General / entered in M.B. N.o 581

To the Military auditor General.—

referring the Presidency Paymasters additional Estimate of Cash for last submitted by the Military Paymaster General.—

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Received the following Letters.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I do myself the pleasure of addressing you by the Vestonia enclosing a Return of the Troops embarked on the fleet under her Convoy, a copy of which I have annexed. Viz.t—

From the Agent for Transports to the Manilla Expedition reports the Sailing of the principal Fleet from Penang for Madras intelligence of supposing the Malabar destined for China & Amboyna and Malacca

Princes

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		Offrs	men	Total
Princess Mary	12th Regiment	15.	247	262
Phoenix	74 do			384
Calcutta	do	14	347	361
Atlantic	5 do N.I.	5	332	337
Minerva	do	13	468	481
	Cavalry	1	14	15
Princess Royal	33 Regt	5	307	315
Eliza Ann	do	4	341	345
Hercules	do	1	101	102
Brick Tender Cavalry followers				10.
			Grand Total	2609.

The whole fleet were clear out of this harbor on the 25th Instant I am therefore in hopes they will arrive before the Monsoon sets in.—

The Centurion Arrived here yesterday but the Store Ships Ajax, and Crown, going under her Convoy cannot be ready in less than eight days, the Stores which are to compose their Cargoes, being landed from the Earl of Talbot and Crew, for the purpose of clearing those Ships with more expedition, and from the cautious I must this Departure will take place on the 1st of October The Amboyna Fleet is

will

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will be ready to sail in the 2nd week of next Month, the Conclusion of their Cargoes being so difficult to accomplish, from the Merchantships of them not being practicable, without great detention of the China fleet.—

It is impossible, yet, to send a Statement of the Supplies for Amboyna, before the whole is landed and Reshipped.— So far I may venture to assert, that Rice will be the only Article near complete, the Superintendant having delivered to me four Thousand bags of the Company's Stores

Sorry to add that unavoidable expences will be incurred for Storage cooley's &c.— a Statement of which I will bring in the Abstract, as I intend to return on the Coast, as she is to call here, after carrying relief to the Garrison of Malacca, consisting of Colonel Campbell & with the two Companies of the 2nd European Regiment under his Command.—

I have the honor to be with the highest

Prince of Wales's Island 25th Sept. 1797

&c. &c.

(Signed) Francis Kempt
Agent for Transports Scinde

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant-Colonel Vigors - appointed upon service previous to the directions from this Garrison - a Slave boy in the Service of the Killedar -

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that I have taken up and confined a Moor Slave belonging to the Killidar of this Place who Confesses that he offered his Services to Some Sepoys that were going to desert by assisting to carry their Baggage and be their Conductor — The Reasons he assigns for his conduct is that his Master had treated him very cruelly and did not allow him a sufficient Quantity of Victuals and that he was in hopes by accompanying the Sepoys of being taken into Raymonds Service, but that after he got a little way from the Fort there it was an alarm of their being pursued, and on it the Sepoys dispersing he made his escape and it come back having Reported of the Step he it was about to take, these circumstances he it mentioned

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mentioned in presence of many people but there is no other proof of his guilt I am of opinion that a severe flogging thro the Village would have a good effect by deterring others from a similar undertaking. —

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

Ongole 10th of November 1797

(Signed) W. Wigors

To George Parry Esqr.

Sub Secretary &c.

Sir,

I have received the Copy of the Charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, and the papers that accompanied them. I shall pay the utmost attention to the Instructions I have received. and

I am, Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

(Signed) M. L. Limrick

Deputy Judge advocate

J Webbe

From the Deputy Judge advocate Swith of the Charges exhibited against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver relative to the prosecution of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver

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To

I. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major Bourn enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with the Ceylon Prize Agents and requesting that Government will order an immediate audit and adjustment of his Accounts. —

I have the honor to enclose you Copies of Letters which you will be so good as lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council. —

I need not say, how very anxious I am to have my Boat and Grain Accounts Audited in order that I may settle with the Prize Agents for Money Received from them for the purpose of applying it for the Public Service, whilst in the Command of Mannar. — you will much oblige me by Mentioning to the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I have some Charges now laying in the Auditor Generals Office, for Victualling the European &c: whilst in the Command of Dindigall and was given to understand / by the late Auditor General, Colonel Malcolm / that as they would be Audited from time to time, which

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Audit has never as yet taken place, I have only to request that the Right Honorable the President in Council, will oblige me so far as to order an Audit.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Vellore 13th November 13: 1797

(Signed) Thos. Bowser

In consequence of the accompanying Accounts having been returned to me from Columbo, in order to put them into proper form, and Major General Stuart having left the Island— I request you will be pleased to submit them with the Vouchers, to the Right Honorable the President in Council, in order that they may be passed, or ordered for Audit— I have not charged, in my Accounts, for the Grain Captured at Palgautcherry, and Manar, but have accounted, the Manner it was expended neither have I been allowed, or charged for Head Servants, to the different Departments I had to attend to— I have the

Copies

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Copies of Letters, will I hope convince the Honble Board, how very anxious I was in having my Accounts finally arranged - and I beg leave to add, that previous to my leaving Colombo I proposed to General Stuart, that the Grain Accounts, those of the Prize Agent, and of what Extra Charges against the Company - might be left to the Decision of the Commissary of Grain and Provisions, the Prize Agent, and any other person, General Stuart might nominate, to which I would abide by - but I unfortunately did not receive an Answer which obliges me to be under the necessity, of troubling the Honorable Board. -

(Signed) Thomas Bowser

January 20th 1797

Returns

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Return of Sundry Articles bought and Rec.d at Manar in the Month of January 1796.

		Paddy	Rice	Salt
		G. M.s	G. M.s	G. M.s
1796				
January	1st To Balance brought from Last Month	28.330.		
	To Paddy and Rice purchased in this Month	7.104.	21.292 8.	
	Total	36.34.	39.108 1/2	2.133 3

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Garce of Rice purchased & Accounted in the Return of July 1796.

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Return of Sundry Articles Issued to Different Departments at Manar in the Month of January 1796

		Paddy	Rice	Salt
		G. M. S.	G. M. S.	G. M. M.
1796 January—	31st. Issued to 5422 Men as per Daily Returns Rice Sers 74,826 is	" " "	15.235.2.	
	Ditto to 3474 Men as ff D°.	" " "	1.74 7⅜.	
	Salt Measures 3799⅜ is			
		" " "	15 235 2.	1. 74 7⅜
	Balance Remaining	3634 "	23.272 11/2	1. 58. 3⅝
	Total	3634 "	39.108 1/2	2.133 3

31st January 1796

Errors Excepted

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A true Copy

[Signed] Thomas Bowser
Major

Major

Return of Sundry Articles Received at Manar in the Month of October 1795.

1795		Paddy G. M. L.	Rice G. M. L.
	Prize Agents of Ceylon		
Octr	Received from Steen Ske & following Articles		
	Paddy found at Manar and Calpentine 6918 Parahs is	28.330 -	
	Rice D.o at D.o 2548 Parahs is		22.280 -
	Total	28.330 -	22.280 -

N.B. Paddy found at Manar 5670 }
D.o at Calpentine 1248 } 6918
Rice found at Manar 250 }
D.o at Calpentine 5198 } 5448
at 240 Parahs Salgam

31st October 1795

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A true Copy
(signed) Thomas Bowser
Major

Return of Sundry Articles issued to different Departments at Manar in the Month of October 1795

1795		Paddy G. M. L.	Rice G. M. L.
Oct.r 31	Issued to the Manar Hr Daily Return Sur 889 is		74 1
	Balance Remaining	28.330 -	22.206 11
	Total	28.330 -	22.280 1

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Major Thomas Bowser
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Sir,

Government having Refined our Prize Accounts to the Military Auditor General and he having objected to the Charges for Prize Rice Issued to the Troops, at and Passing Manar from November 8th 95 Untill February 8th 96 as Yr the enclosed lists / Copies / and as not been Supported by the Regular and proper Vouchers, which you will be pleased to recollect were delivered to you, as remarked at the bottom of the lists at a time you intended Staying us for the whole of the Grain Captured at Manar and Charging Government with that along with what private Grain you had Issued on their Account

For those Vouchers Captain Rodgers and I wrote to you Many Many Months ago from Columbo, for forwarding those Accounts to our Agent to lay before Government and as you had not favoured us with an Answer previous to my departure

I am

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from that Island, nor as Captain Rodgers has not since sent any Vouchers here, I of course conclude he has not Received them & therefore Request you will on the Receipt of this Letter forward them to one here directed to the Care of Messrs. Tullah Brodie and Co. that no longer delay may be occasioned in realizing this property — which you have hitherto by detaining these Vouchers prevented us from doing. — Hoping to hear from you and to receive them by Return of Despatches, as this business alone detains me at Madras and as we must give Government an immediate explanation. —

I have the honor to be,

Madras
October 31st 1797

&c: &c:
Signed/ J Sowers
Lieut 52nd Regt for
Self and Prize Agent for
the Army. —

P.S. Should you not have forwarded the Vouchers

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Vouchers in question to Captain Rodgers and that I would not have the pleasure of receiving them in due time I shall be under the ✠ disagreable Necessity of laying the whole of the circumstances before his Lordship in Council as it is my duty to take every Measure to have this property secured for the benefit of the Captors, to whom it must appear most extraordinary ✠ that it has not already been Realized when we have Received Bonds for Similar Articles made over for the use of the Honorable Company at Columbo.—

As of course Captain Rodgers has ✠ written to you Respecting our Bill Returned ✠ by you to Messrs. Tulloh Brodie and Co. I shall say nothing just now on that Subject.—

Received also the undermentioned ✠ Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 59 to 60.—

From Mr. Rochuck enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 1650.—

From the Military Paymaster General.

From

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From the acting Collector of Dindigul

From Mr. Hurdis relative to the Additional papers and Witnesses required by Mr. Wynch.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor

Tuesday 14th November } Lieutenant General Harris President

and

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr

Edward Saunders Esqr absent

indisposed.—

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 with the Copy of Treaty with Rajah of Tanjore and Copy of Instrument formed thereon for the Assignment of the Revenues of Tanjore &c. for the Payment of the Bengal Army—

Sir,

I am directed to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council, the enclosed Copy of a Treaty concluded with the Rajah

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Rajah of Travancore, with a Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief at Bombay, and to acquaint him that the Governor General in Council has approved of General Stuart's proposition for converting the three Battalions of Native Infantry to be entertained agreeably to the Treaty, into a Regiment.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Gn. H. Barlow
Secry to the Govt.

Fort William
the 16th October 1797

Proposed terms for a Treaty of future perpetual Friendship, Alliance and Subsidy between the Honorable East India Company and Raja Ram Raje Behauder, the Reigning Raja of Travancore & concerted between the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr. Governor of Bombay on the part of the Honorable Sir John Shore Baronet, the

On this side the Treaty was engrossed in the Persian language.—

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The Governor General in Council of Fort William in Bengal, in Virtue of the Powers vested in him by the King and Parliament of Great Britain, and by the East India Company to direct and Controul the Political Affairs of all the Company's Settlements in India on the one part, and the said Veigning Raja of Travancore on the other.—

In consideration of the Raja's Application to the Bengal Government in the Month of September 1793, to have a permanent treaty concluded with the English East India Company to settle and fix the terms of their old friendship and Alliance, and for the defence of his Country against foreign Enemies the result is contained in the following Articles.—

Art I. Before the breaking out of the last War between the Honorable Company and Tippoo Sultaun, the Three Talooks of Parur, Alangaur and Koonatoor were made part of the Rajah of Travancore's Country and having by the said Sultaun

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Sultaun been included in his Cessions to the Honorable Company by the Treaty of Peace of the 18th of March 1792 the said Company do, in view to their ancient Friendship with and the Plea of Right preferred by the Raja of Travancore renounce every Claim that they may have had to the Taalooks in question; and all the said 3 Taalooks are accordingly left on the former footing as part of the said Rajah's Country.—

Art II. If any Powers or States, near or remote, by Sea or Land, shall without aggression on the part of the Rajah of Travancore, attempt or begin hostility and War upon the Country of the said Raja, or of his Successors; under such circumstances the expulsion of, and the protection of the Country Against such enemies rest with the Company's Government.—

Art III In consideration of the Stipulation in the Second Article, the Raja of Travancore

Do the

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doth engage for himself and his Successors to pay Annually at Anjengo, both in peace and War, a Sum equivalent to the expence of three of the Honorable Company's Battalions of Sepoys, together with a Company of European Artillery and two Companies of Lascars.—

ART. IV The Company stipulate that their force of Infantry and Artillery shall, if the Raja desire it, always be stationed in his Country, or on the frontiers near it, or in any other part, within the Company's possessions where he shall possess, and they shall always be in readiness; and in respect to such Requisitions as the Raja and their Successors may have occasion to address to the Officer in Command of these Troops to proceed to act against foreign enemies, who shall have invaded the said Raja's Country; it is proper that such Commanding Officer should previously furnished with instructions from

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from the Government of that Presidency &
whence he shall have been detached or thereafter
he is immediately on such Requisition to
procure instructions, and the Sanction of
his said Superiors for repelling such &
invasion; but in the Event of the Rajas Country
being so unexpectedly invaded by an Enemy
that the urgency of the danger or Attack from
without shall not admit of deferring the &
necessary operations, till the orders of the &
Government of such Presidency can be &
received, the Commanding Officer is, under
such Circumstances, to apply immediately,
and without objection the force under his &
Command to the defence and protection of the
Rajah and his Successors, and should it so
happen that the aforesaid force and the &
Rajahs own Army be at any time found &
unequal to cope with and defend the Country
against, the superior force of the Enemy, the

expence

expence of such Further Troops as it may be
necessary and requisite for the Company to
furnish in such instances, is to be altogether
at the said Company's Cost, nor shall their
Government any wise object to furnishing
additional sums, the expence of which shall in
no respect be chargeable on the Raja, or his
Successors, nor shall the Company ever after
sue for, or demand any Sum on that Account,
nor propose any plea, or claim to make
any further Requisitions for pecuniary Aid,
from the Raja or his Successors, by reason of
any Warfare or hostilities that may hereafter
eventually occur.—

Art: V As the Company do only engage
to defend and protect the Country dependant
on the Rajah of Tanjore against unprovoked
attacks, it is therefore to be clearly and
distinctly understood between the parties that

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that the Rajahs present and future are not
to commit any hostile aggression towards
any other State, whether Indian or European,
and in the event of the Raja or his Successors
having any disputes of a political nature or of
tendency, it is necessary that the same shall of
be transmitted by the latter to the Honorable
Company's Government, who will determine of
therein according to Justice and Policy and of
mutual concert.—

Art. VI The Reigning Raja of Travancore of
for the time being shall not keep in his Service, in
any Civil or Military Capacity, nor allow to of
remain within his Dominions as Merchants,
or under any other plea or pretext, the subjects
or Citizens of any Nation being at War with
Great Britain, or with the East India of
Company; nor, under any circumstances of
peace or War, allow any European nation
to obtain Settlements si: e: territory or places of

under

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under their own Authority / or that the same
nor enter into any engagements with any
European or India States without the
previous concurrence of the British Government
in Council.

Art: VII When the Company shall require
of the Raja of Travancore any part of his Troops
to assist them in War, it shall be incumbent
on the said Reigning Raja for the time being
to furnish such aid to such extent, and for
such Numbers, as may be in his power &
from his Regular Infantry and Cavalry, exclusive
of the Native Troops of this Country; which numbers
thus furnishable by the Raja as far as they
be consistent with the safety of his own &
Country, shall be liable to be employed as
far, by the Company's Government, on either
Side of the Peninsula as to Madura and
Calicut; and to be during such Service at the
Company's expence, under their orders.

That

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Art: VIII That the peppper contract with the Company shall continue in perpetuity, liable however, after the expiration of the period of the existing Contract, to such Modifications as to the price, period, or quantity as may from time to time be agreed upon between the Parties

Art IX The Company engage not to impede in any wise the course of the Rule, or of the Administration of the Rajahs of Saavanore's Government, nor at all to possess themselves, or enter upon any part of what regards the Management of the present Rajah's or his Successor's Country; at the same time it is to provided that all the former Agreement between the Honorable Company, and the Rajahs of Saavanore, relative to the Settlement of Cunjo and Eddova or Erowa, and to the Company's privileges in respect to Trade, throughout the Rajahs Dominions, remain in full force according to the practice hitherto; and as likewise

the

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the object of this Treaty is finally to provide
for the purposes of external defence it bears
therefore no Reference whatever to the Rajah's
Situation as a tributary to the Carnatic &
concerning which the Rajah of Tanjore
doth in the sincerity of his heart of his
own accord acknowledge and declare that
in the line of his feudal allegiance he
established towards the Sirkar of the Nabob of
Arcot there shall never arise any difference or
deviation —

Art. X All unsettled Claims of a pecuniary &
Nature which the contracting Parties may respectively
had upon each other Relative to warlike &
expences esp to the period of the conclusion
of the Treaty of Peace with Tippoo Sultaun,
under date the 18th of March 1792, shall
be cancelled and declared null and
Void. —

The

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Art: XI The Company engage that none of the Rajahs of Malabar under their jurisdiction, shall be allowed to commit excesses in the Country, or to encroach on the Rights of the Rajah of Travancore or of his Successors, and both the Contracting parties engage not to give Shelter to the Rebels, whosoever they may be, of either of the two States, within the Country of Malabar; but on the contrary to seize on, and mutually to deliver up, such persons.—

Art: XII On the Commercial Vessels of the said Rajahs frequenting any of the ports in India appertaining to the Honorable Company they shall obtain every requisite Assistance and Supply on paying for the same; and in like Manner the Honorable Company's Ships shall experience the like Assistance and Supply in the ports and Roads of this Country.—

This proposed Treaty, consisting of twelve Articles, has been concerted in the neighbourhood

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Neighbourhood of Angengo on the Seventeenth of
November 1795 of the Christian Era corresponding
with the Sixth of Thanthee 971 of the Malabar
Style, between the Neighbouring Rajah of Travancore
and the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
Governor of Bombay, on the Fortieth that the
said proposed Treaty shall by the latter be
transmitted to the Honorable the Governor &
General in Council, when after his approval &
he will forward it to England, and having it
thence also been approved, is within two years
to be Returned, under the Seal and Ratification
of the Company; in the meantime by
delivered to the Rajah, from which time the
preceding corrected Copy being considered as a
full and complete Voucher, shall be strictly &
adhered and conformed to, by both Governments
- The Amount of the Subsidy under these proposed
terms of perpetual Treaty shall on Short fail
to

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be Annually paid in Cash at Anjengo in three equal Kists or instalments at the expiration of every four Months.—

(Signed) Jon.r Duncan

Whereas in the 7.th Article of the above Treaty, the following words occur, "which & "succours thus furnishable by the Raja, as far as & "shall be consistent with the safety of his own & "Country, shall be liable to be employed, as far, by the "Company's Government, on either side of the peninsula, "as to Madura and Calicut. and these terms being deemed not sufficiently expressive of the & & intentions of the Contracting parties they & hereby Mutually agree that the Words," and "the Boundary of the Cavai," be added immediately after the Word "Calicut", and that accordingly the said Article stand as follows.—

Art: VII When the Company shall require & of the Raja of Travancore any aid of his troops to assist

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assist them in War, it shall be incumbent on
the said Reigning Raja for the time being to
furnish such Aid to such extent, and in
such Manner, as may be in his power, &
from his Regular Infantry and Cavalry &
exclusive of the Native Troops of his Country,
which Succours shall be furnished by the &
the Raja, as far as shall be consistent with
the safety of his own Country, shall be &
liable to be employed, as far by the Company's
Government, on either side of the Peninsula
as to Madura, and Calicut and the boundary
of the Cavai; and to be during such
at the Company's expence and under their orders

The above Treaty having been &
transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors
for the Affairs of the united Company of &
Merchants of England Trading to the East &
Indies for their confirmation, agreeably to
the Stipulation therein contained, and the

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Honorable Court having expressed their assent to the several Articles of the said Treaty, including the Amended Article subjoined to the Original Articles, the said Treaty including the amended Article, is hereby ratified on the part of the said Company. In testimony whereof we the Governor General and the Members of the Supreme Council have affixed thereto the Seal of the said Company and our Signatures at Fort William in Bengal, this Eighteenth day of the Month of May, in the Year One thousand Seven hundred, and ninety Seven of the Christian Era.

L. S.

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Minute

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Minute

1 The subsidiary Treaty with his H
Highness the Rajah of Travancore being H
ratified and exchanged, justice and good H
policy point out the necessity of executing
without delay, the Conditions on which we
have contracted that engagement.—

2 I have the pleasure to lay before the
Board my sentiments in regard to the Military
aid which we have bound ourselves to hold
at the Rajah's requisition, and shall have
much satisfaction if my ideas should be
received with approbation.—

3 The three Companies of Artillery at
present in Malabar, I have in the first H
place to propose may be completed either by
draffs from the Presidency, or by the H H
expedient which I shall hereafter suggest.

4 Two of the Companies when formed
will more than suffice for the Ordinary duties of

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of the Province, and those that Remain over, with the other Company, may be stationed unbroken at Calicut to improve in their discipline, and be in constant readiness to assist his Highness.

5 The Battalion of Artillery will, on this Arrangement, consist of six Companies; whereof three will be allotted for the Service of the Presidency: the Establishments to the Northward, and duties of Emergency.

6 The Corps of Artillery in its present state of five Companies, has a few men above the complement; and I am in hopes of completing it nearly to the Strength of six Companies, by inviting the discharged Men of the Regiment at Cannanore to enter. I shall immediately order this trial to be made, and it is likely, that numbers who are averse to reinlist in the Regiment, may gladly engage with the Artillery. —

In

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7 In regard to two Companies of Lascars which we are also engaged to furnish on the same account, I would Recommend, that they be in like manner formed in Malabar of the four Companies now in the Province which are more than complete, and may be continued in their present Situation to Answer the purposes of the Treaty, and our domestic demands

8 In this case, it will be necessary that two Companies of Lascars, or the Number required to fill up the complement be provided at the Presidency.—

9 It being a further stipulation in the Treaty above mentioned, that we shall keep in Readiness three Battalions of Native Infantry for the defence of the Rajah of Travancore, I have to offer the following Plan to consideration, as the best adapted to carry this measure into speedy and effectual execution.— In

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10 In order to preserve uniformity and
in consistency with the System established
by the Honorable Court of Directors I have to
Recommend that the three Battalions in=
question be converted into a Regiment on the
principle of the late organization of the
Indian Army.-

11 This will secure to his Highness the
Rajah, a force more efficient in Officers and
a greater Number of Men.-

12 As I think, that the adoption of this
proposition would tend to the promotion of
the general good: Whether considered as relating
to relating to the interest of individuals, or
the public Service, and to be besides a true
interpretation of the intention of the Honorable
Court of Directors I shall not detain the
Board by accumulating arguments, in favor
of it.-

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precedent and Example that the 11th Regiment
was

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was added to the Madras Peac. Establish-
ment in Room of the Battalions paid
by the Nizam.-

14 Concluding therefore, that the
obvious prosperity of this measure will
obtain the ready concurrence of Government;
I shall proceed to explain the mode in
which I judge it may be most expeditiously
and successfully carried into effect.

15 In order to expedite the raising &
and forming of the Regiment, the European
Officers should, in the first instance, be
appointed; and to complete the Corps, without
delay, effective, it would be expedient
that the Established Regimental Corps
furnish a proportion as a base, of Commissioned
Officers, non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers

16 Further to assist the measure if
any Corps should happen to have supernumerary
they ought to be incorporated into the new Corps,
as most

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without however exempting such Corps from furnishing their proportionate quotas.—

17 The two Companies which are shortly to be withdrawn from Poonah, may also be reckoned on, as a source of Supply, and it is presumable that a considerable number of Volunteers may be obtained from the Surat Locals.—

18 A Draft from the Marine Battalion is a more certain dependance, and the deficiency, after such Assistance, there is a reasonable hope may be supplied, in a short time by the Exertions of so many Officers, employed in Recruiting.—

19 In the following Calculation and Scheme it is proposed to leave the Grenadier Battalion in its present State, and also the 3d Regiment, on Account of its extreme Weakness.—

Accordingly

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20, Accordingly two Regiments and
a half, or fifty Companies, with some less
certain corps enumerated above, are to
furnish the foundation of the new Regiment.

21 This expected accession may by these means,
obtain a Surplus as follows

Each Company of 100 proposed shall
give four Men or that -

30 Companies, or two Regiments } ... 200 ---
and a half is .....
The Marine Battalion is } ... 40 ---
ten Companies .....
Two Recruit Companies ..... 136 ---
The Supernumeraries from } 40 --
the whole Service supposed }
We Pioneers from the 4 } 200 ---
Coast Corps .....
Total Privates 616 ---

22 The Native Officers are to
be proportioned in the following
Manner

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2d Battalion of the 1st Regiment ... 1 Jemedar
1st ... Do ... 2nd ... Do ... 1 Subidar
2nd ... Do ... Do ... Do ... 1 Jemedar
1st ... Do ... 4th ... Do ... 1 Subidar
2nd ... Do ... Do ... Do ... 1 Jemedar
Poonah Companies ... 2 Subidars
Do ... Do ... 2 Jemedars

Total 4 Subedars and ... 5 Jemedars

23 It is farther proposed that the proportion of Non Commissioned Officers to shall be contributed by the undermentioned Corps Vizt.-

	Havildars	Naigues
2d Battalion 1st Regiment	2	2
2nd Regiment including both Battns	4	4
4th Do	Do	Do	4	4
Marine Battalion	2	2
Poonah Companies	4	4
	16	16

24 Making a Total of Thirty two Non Commissioned Officers, which being something better than three to a Company is supposed to-

be

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be a sufficient ground Work to enable the
Officers to complete the Corps, independant
of the additional aid, if necessary of the
Supernumerary Non Commissioned Officers above
the present Complement of the Establishment,
and computed to amount to 40 Havildars
and Naigues.-

25 Having, in this manner, obtained
an effective force of Nine Native Officers,
Thirty two Non Commissioned Officers &
inclusive of the Supernumeraries, and Six
hundred and Sixteen Privates, I would &
propose that the 13 Battalion nearly &
this Strength be formed to Ten Companies
and denominated the 1st Battalion of the
Regiment and that the preceding detail &
be embodied into same number of Companies
and called the 2nd Battalion:- I

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26 The whole Regiment to be Styled of
the 5th Native, or Travancore Regiment.-

Head Quarters
Tellicherry 2nd September 1797

/signed/ J. Stuart

/A true Copy/
/signed/ J. A. Grant
Secy

/A true Copy/
/signed/ J. Stracey
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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
&c
Governor in Council
at
Fort St. George

My Lords.-

From Bengal requiring a further communication & relative to the number of Lascars to be raised for Service on the Coast, and the mode of embodying them

1 We have had the honor to receive your Lordships letter of the 23d ultimo, from the Military Department, requesting us to raise Six hundred Lascars for your establishment in consequence of the great reduction of your Artillery Corps, and particularly of the Gun Lascars, by detachments on foreign Service-

Observing

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2 Observing from your dispatches to us from the last Department of the same Date, that your Resolution to apply to us to raise these Men, was formed on a supposition of the prosecution of the expedition against Philippine, and the expected absence of the large Detachment from your Artillery & Corps destined for that Service, it has appeared to us probable, in consequence of the Relinquishment of this expedition, that you may not have occasion for the whole of these Levies; and we have accordingly determined to restrict them to three hundred Men, until we shall receive further information from you as to the necessity of being completed to the Number which you originally desired, or otherwise

3 We request also that you will be pleased to acquaint us, whether the recommendation in the intention of the recommendation in the concluding paragraph of your letter that the

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Men should be formed into and kept in companies
with their proper Complements of Officers, and that
on their Arrival on the Coast neither Officers or
Men should be liable to be drafted into other
Companies. We have not a doubt but that the
offering such terms would operate as a great
inducement to good Men to enlist, and also
prevent their afterwards deserting; but we
have not deemed it advisable to make
Assurances to this extent until we shall be
advised by you how far the Circumstances of
the Service on your establishment may admit
of Men being entertained for it under such
Stipulations. —

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servants. —

Fort William
the 25th September 1797

Signed John Shore
Alured Clarke
Peter Speke. —
Agnd

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Minutes on the two foregoing Letters from Bengal—

Agreed to acquaint the Supreme Government that since the Expedition has been relinquished the Board Consider three hundred Gun Lascars a sufficient Recruit for this Establishment, and to request that that number only may be raised—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bengal ordering the Return of the 6th Regt. now serving on the Coast—

We are anxious that the 6th Native Regiment should Return to Bengal with the least possible delay, and unless circumstances should exist to render the continuance in the Carnatic of great necessity, We request your Lordship in Council will give orders for its immediate Return to this Presidency. We conclude that the Troops Ordered on the expedition will have returned to

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to Fort St. George previous to the Receipt of this Letter:—

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 27th October 1797.—

&c &c

(Signed) John Shore
Alured Clarke
Peter Speke
Wm Cowper

The Commander in Chief is requested to give in an Arrangement for the Relief of the 4th Regiment of Bengal Sepoys that it may be returned to that Presidency without Delay.—

minute thereon

Read the following Letters from Poonah.—

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

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah—Mr. Boyd states his dismission from the Service—Remark on the probable consequence of Complying with Azeem Ul Omrahs late application for Military Stores.—

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose,

for

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For your Lordship's Information, Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor General

and take very respectfully,

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Walthoff

Poona
28th October 1797

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Walthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 28 Oct. 1797

Mr. Boyd has been constrained by the Indian party, much against his own inclination, to make over the whole of his Corps, and Military apparatus, to Cloud Catelka Telow, for the sum of thirty five thousand (35,000) Rupees. Doulat Row & refused to entertain Mr. Boyd with his Corps, and intimated to him, in very intelligible terms, that He would not be permitted to take employment with any party here, nor to seek Service elsewhere. This, at present is Mr. Boyd's intention to refrain to Bombay, for fear of

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preparatory to his proceeding to Europe or America.—

Gumpoot Row Colonel Palmer's Agent here informs me, that He has been Spared by Kesheva Chitnavees, Abba's Brother one of the principal and most Respectable of the Sundaw Ministry, that Doudut Rows late Letter to Tippoo, by the Vakeels Abdulla Beg and Reza Ally Beg, was merely of a Complimentary nature in Answer to Tippoo's, and in acknowledgment of the Congratulatory present on the Accession of Baajy Row to the Peshwaship

I Jeem to fall within My province to submit to you Honorable Sir, whether the Application of the Nizam for a Supply of Military Stores mentioned in the 6th Paragraph of the Letter from the Assistant at Hydrabad to your

address

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extract of the 19th Instant, may not
afford a precedent for some or all of the
Members of the Maratta Empire for a
similar Application; and consequently,
that the decision to which you may be
pleased to come, on the former Requisition,
should be of such a Nature, as to apply
to a similar eventual Requisition from
the latter. On the General principles
of consistency, and rectitude, by which
the British Government in India is to
regulated, it would seem that no distinction
can reasonably be made by us between the
two applications above referred to. The
Government of Hydrabad being now
generally supposed to favor the views of
Nana Furnavese against that of Doulat
Row Scindia our Compliance with the
Application

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Application in question, may be likely to
give offence to Doubt how. As to the
advisableness, on general principles, of
supplying the Native Powers of India
with Military Stores or how far it may suit
our convenience to comply with the present,
or any other application, it is unnecessary, &
and might be deemed presumptuous, for me
to attempt to afford any light to assist
your Judgement; and as to the advisableness
of supplying the Court of Hydrabad with
Military Stores under present circumstances,
it would be presumption in me to interfere
with the province of the Hydrabad Residency
on this point. I mean not to apply these
principles to the Comparatively immaterial
measure of supplying the Six condemned
field pieces, now at Hydrabad, to Mr. Finglas,
who

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who, it affords me satisfaction to find, has proved himself worthy of Captain Kirkpatrick's confidence.—

Your Extract

[signed] J. Uhthoff

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

From the assistant resident at Poona, communicating the unsuccessful Conduct of the Mahratt Party under Thoba from Tooga towards the Nizam's country—as also on the applications for Mons. made to the Bombay Government by the London Company wanting to augment

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Extract of my address of this Date to the Governor General with the Papers therein referred to.

And to be my Respectfully

Y.e &.e

[signed] J. Uhthoff

Poona
31st October 1797

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 31st. October 1797

I have the honor to enclose a translation of Doulut Row Sendea's letter to Sir Charles Malet, translation of Sir Charles's Answer to which accompanied my letter to you of the 21st. Instant, and which will be found to have some connexion with the remarks contained in the 9th. Paragraph of my last Address, a Copy of which, and not of the 10th Paragraph, as I apprehend I inadvertently mentioned, was transmitted to the Governor of Fort St. George, as shall a copy of this paragraph and the next, as somewhat Worthy, if possible, of his Lordship's notice, in considering the Subject of the letter from the Assistant at Hydrabad to the Madras Government of the 8th. Instant

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The Vakeel from the Raja of Tanjore,
of whose delivery of presents of congratulation
of Baajy Row and Nana Furnavees on the
accession of the former to the Peishwaship,
I have already had the honor to advise you,
has also gone through the same ceremony
with Dowlat Row Sindia. I understand
that he is a Brahmin named Krishnajee Govin
although it would be congenial with our
principles, that the most perfect good
understanding, and constant intercourse of
good Offices, should subsist between
Chiefs of India yet they cease to subsist
to your Honorable Sir, whether, under the
existing circumstances of the powers of
India, and the connexion between the
Raja of Tanjore and the Company, there
is not some thing exceptionable in the
mission in question; undertaken, as it
appears

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appears to have been, without the Knowledge
of our Government, and studiously avoiding,
as the Agent in question does, any intercourse
with this Residency. It would not at all
derogate from the respectability of the Raja
of Tanjore, were his Agent here to demean
himself in such a Manner toward this Residency,
as to Shew the good understanding subsisting
between his Master and the Company; while
this Residency would probably be able to
contribute somewhat to the gratification
of the Raja, in any reasonable object that
he might wish to attain in this quarter. —

True Extract
(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Translation of a Letter from Anbutsel Emrah Doulet
Row Sendia to Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart &c. &c.
without Date, and Received 25th September 1797

As the Troops of the noble and dignified
Babur

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Baboo Rao Angriah, are approaching towards
the Fort of Kurlabah, and the Command of those
entrusted to Dunkerjee Lahankee, I am induced
in consideration of the affinity between me and
the said Rao, and in reliance of the absence of
all dissimulation between us, to write these lines
to my friend to admit of the purchase of such
Articles Powder and Lead &c. as Mr. Lane said
Dunkerjee Lahankee may have occasion for at
at Bombay, without impediment, and in
conformity with the Usuly of your Sirkar, on
application from Lieutenant Rae Resident and
Should any Vessel belonging to the Said
Jey Seing Rao, be sent from Kurlabah, for the
purchase of Powder, Lead, or Grain &c. to
Bombay, it will be conformable to the former
amanity of our Sirkar to dispatch the
Said Vessel, together with the persons sent
by the abovementioned traitor. On this head

Such

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Such Compliance with the purport of this Letter as may be accorded, will be proper, and in its place as much as it will contribute to the encrease of Satisfaction and greatly Strengthen the bases of our friendship. Why should I write more?

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ David Price
Persian Translator

True Copy
/Signed/ J. Ulthoff,

From Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart.
To Omdut ul Omrah Doulut Rao Sindiah

Bombay 4th October 1797

C. P.

I have been favored with your Kind Letter of an Agreeable Nom, and shall always feel the highest pleasure, to contribute every thing in my power to your Satisfaction, both in forwarding your Views, and preserving on a firm basis the Friendship established between Our

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Our Sirkars in the Mean time, as it is the object
of this Government to avoid as much as possible
all interference in, or Encouragement of the disputes
of our Neighbours, you may rest assured, that so
far as is Compatible with this established Rule
Jeswunt Rao Angria shall not be permitted
to Supply himself with Warlike Stores from
this Port. — What further &c.

True Copy
(Signed) Davis Scott
Persian Translator

True Copy
(Signed) H. Chitthoff

The Commander in Chief to whom is
the following Minute with an address from
Lieutenant Colonel Oliver —

Commander in Chief's Minute

November 14th 1797

Lieutenant General Harris in
laying before the Right Honorable the President
in

The Commander in Chief having read
the following Letter from
Lieut. Colonel Oliver

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in Council the Accompanying address, &
from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to obtain
permission for Mr. E Samuel Attorney at
Law to proceed to Trichinopoly for the &
purpose of assisting Lieutenant Colonel Oliver
on his approaching Trial, desires to have
it understood.—

That as he does not feel himself
Authorized in his Official situation to
with hold Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's
Request from the Board, he conceives &
that he should be wanting in his duty
by the Army if he did not submit his
Opinion on the point contained in the &
address, for the purpose hereafter to be
explained.—

Opinion— That after long experience
and judging from all he has seen and heard
respecting Courts-Martial, he is firmly &
persuaded

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persuaded, that the Judge Advocate with the
Assistance of the Presidents and Members, is every
Aid requisite to the Prisoner and the Service—
The Commander in Chief state this
Opinion under the comprehension that the Judge
Advocate is at the same time prosecutor for the
Crown and Counsel for the Prisoner—That
Courts Martial are Courts of honor bound to judge
by the Articles of War and Customs of the Service and
which every Officer has the opportunity of being well
acquainted with long before he is allowed to become
a Member of a General Court Martial—
The Commander in Chief does not enter
on the doubts and perplexities likely to arise in
the Minds of Officers who are general conversely be
acquainted with Military law and usage by
attempts of introducing the Reasoning and
Arguments of the Civil Law before Courts Martial
but he begs leave to bring the Idea to the
Consideration of the Right Honorable the President in

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in Council by way of introducing his hope to
before alluded too, that with their assistance
some means may be fallen on to prevent in
future Lawyers in this Country from
interfering at Courts Martial.—

The Commander in Chief could
adduce many Arguments against the
Indulgence of Government being now granted
but under all the particular Circumstances
of this case he does not mean to Recommend
that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's request
should be rejected though he has thought
it his duty to say thus much for the
reasons he has already assigned.—

The Commander in Chief should not
do justice to his feelings if he did not in
concluding, observe how greatly he thinks
the Service supported by the Right Honorable
the President having refused his leave as

Governor

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Governor to Mr. Samuel to quit the
Presidency for the purpose Lieutenant
Colonel Oliver now solicits.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c.

My Lord

Transmitting Letter from Colonel Oliver requesting that Mr. Samuel should remain at the Presidency for the purpose of giving the Lieutenant Colonel the opportunity of applying to him in his Defence.—

I have the honor to inform you that I have received a Copy of the Charges preferred against me by His Majesty's Government so that when the Court Martial is ordered to assemble I shall have had sufficient time for Arrangement, the length of time which the Matter has laid over, and the difficulties which I am consequently subjected to with the extraordinary means to be made use of to bring home the Charges against me rendered it absolutely necessary for me to apply

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apply for legal Assistance, I accordingly requested of Mr. Emanuel Samuel, Attorney at Law to apply for Leave to proceed home, that he might Assist me with his advice, which permission I am apprized your Lordship has deemed proper to refuse. I am therefore to request, as it will be wrong in me to enter on my Defence without his Assistance, that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to grant him permission to proceed to me at Trichinopoly, that I may have the benefit of his Assistance, a Request to which the Laws of my Country give me a just Claim —

I should your Lordship in Council be pleased to deguesse in my Request, which I would fain persuade Myself will be granted, I beg the Indulgence of Mr. Samuels being apprized that he has permission to proceed to me, as an early Communication

with

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with him is of the most material Consequence

to me — With the greatest Respect.

I have the honor to be

Cuddalore Sir &c.

November 9th 1797 (Signed) James Oliver

Lt Col 2d B.n 3d Regiment

The Board entirely concur in the Sentiments

of the Commander in Chief —

Ordered Accordingly that Mr Secretary

have permission to leave the Presidency — that

the Subject be particularly pointed out to the

Minute on the forgoing Subject Notice of the Honorable Court of Directors, and

that the following Answer be sent to Lieut.

Colonel Oliver —

To Lieutenant Colonel Oliver

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in

To Lieutenant Colonel Oliver in reply to the foregoing Letter — Council to acquaint you that in Consequence

of your application through the Commander

in Chief for the assistance of Mr Dundas

Secretary

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Samuel upon the Court Martial Ordered to try
you upon certain Charges exhibited against
you by Government he has signified to
that Gentleman that he may proceed to
Trichinopoly –

With respect to any Claim you may
derive to the indulgence which has been
granted to you from the laws of your Country,
the Governor in Council is not aware of any
law affecting the Subject except that which
prohibits any Person from going beyond ten
Miles from the Presidency without the
express permission of Government

Fort St. George
15th November 1797 –

Jam &c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to the Govt

The Commander in Chief delivers
in the following Memorandum –

Memorandum

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Memorandum

Commander in Chief's Memorandum respecting expenses of Passage from the period of his being ordered to the Coast to the time from which he commenced drawing the allowances of Commander in Chief on the Coast -

Bill from the Commander in Chief for Pagodas 750 being the difference between the Allowances granted to a Major General on the Staff at Bengal in Garrison, and on service from the date on which Major General Harris was ordered to proceed to the Coast as Commander in Chief, till that on which he commenced drawing Allowances as such - and which is presented to the Right Honorable the President in Council as the mode in which the expences actually paid by Lieutenant General Harris for the Passage of His Family Suite & Baggage he hopes may be Reimbursed him -

Ordered that the difference of Allowances due to the Commander in Chief being Pagodas 750 be immediately discharged -

The Commander in Chief laid before the Board the following Address from Captain & Officers

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Officers of the Corps of Engineers –

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

My Lord

From the Captains and Subalterns of Engineers inclosing a Memorial addressed to the Court of Directors relative to the promotion of Captain Fenwick in the List of Engineers –

We take the liberty of Submitting to your Lordship in Council the Accompanying Memorial to the Honorable Court of Directors, and we humbly Request that should the motive and representation be such as to merit your attention, that you will be pleased to allow it to make a Number in the first Packet that may be dispatched to England

We have the honor to remain with the greatest Respect &c &c &c

Fort St George
October 1797

[Signed]

T. Wood Capt. Lieutenant
J. Caldwell Capt. Lieut
John Blair Capt. Lieut
R. H. Fotheringham Lieut
W. Castle Lieutenant
Tho.s D Havilland Lieut
R.d John Cotgrave Lieut
John Fotheringham Lieut
Benj.n Aydenham Lt and Adj.t –

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the above mentioned Address be forwarded by the next dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Military Auditor Genl. Report on the Paymasters additional Indents for Cash.

To the Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Carey's Letter dated the 31st. Instant Accompanying additional Estimates of Cash required by the Military & Paymaster at the Presidency for the present & Ensuing Month, upon which I have to report as follows

2 The Estimate dated the 7th. Instant Amounts to Pagodas Three Thousand and fifty five and Fanams Fifteen /3055-15/ which is admissible and payable from the General

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being required to discharge the pay for the 4
Current and Arrears for the preceding Month to
Six Companies of the 2nd Battalion 9th Regiment
Native Infantry lately Arrived at Walajahbad,
as on Reference to the Estimates for this Month
I do not find that this detail had been included

3 The Second Estimate bearing date the 4
10th Instant comprehends pay and Allowances
for November to Six Companies of the 1st and 2d
Battalions of the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry
Amounting to Two thousand five hundred Pagodas
(P. 2500) to which no objection can be made,
as the pay and allowances of this party for the
before mentioned Month has not as yet been
estimated for.-

4 With Respect to the Amount 4
required to discharged the Medical Storekeepers
Bill of 20 Cash per Day for each European
Commissioned, Non Commissioned Officer on the
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Coast for the last Quarter Viz. Two Thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas (P. 2250) & Shall to obtain that as this Sum would not exceed the Apothecarys Charges for the foregoing period according to the Established Rate already stated, no objection could arise to the admission thereof had I not found on reference to the Estimates of the Paymaster of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops for the last three Months that Four hundred Pagodas had been included and passed on each under the head of Hospital Charges the Sum of One Thousand two hundred Pagodas has therefore been deducted from this additional Estimate leaving a Balance thereon payable from the General Treasury of Pagodas Three Thousand five hundred and fifty (Pagodas 3550) I have the honor to be with great respect &c.

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
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Fort St. George
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