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Fort St. George 21st November 1791.

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Diary

Received the following Letters

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a Petition written in the Persian Language addressed to the Right Honorable the President in Council, with which is inclosed a translation Statement for his Highness the Nabob, both prepared by the Persian Commandant of Native Infantry.

From Lieut. Colonel Macpherson inclosing a Petition from Mahomed Hussein a Pensioned Subadar and bearing Testimony to the truth of the representation

Mohamed

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which

With the truth and nature of the circumstances of this case his papers detail, and besides it's becoming impossible to forward the Petition of a person of this description I am further impelled to trouble his Lordship by certainly therein pointed out that other Native Officers of those among his Highness the Nabobs own subjects in

than

were

in

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21.st in the habits of Robbing in these Districts. which I humbly beg leave to think must continue to be the case with impunity. unless the Right Honorable the President in Council should think it expedient to make reference to Tippoo Sultan to whom this Poligar is subject. because his place of Residence being below the Ghauts and his lands joining to those of Shiva Districts no stop can be put to his practices by any other means. which I trust the confession and Evidence contained in the enclosed. given by one of the Poligar's people caught lately in the very act of executing his masters orders will put beyond any doubt. I

I have the honor to remain

Hon.ble Sir

Your Most

Obed.t Hum.ble Servant

Amboor the 11.th November 1797.

(Signed) A.t Macpherson.

Lieut.t Colonel Comm.g Amboor

Translation of a Petition from Mahommed Hussein

Native Commandant of the 15.th Battalion

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort S.t George

Dated 12.th November

Rec.d Nov.r 2.d 1797.

Answer

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Petition of Mohammed Hussein representing the circumstances attending the robbery of his House in the pettah of Amboor and soliciting the interference of Government to procure compensation from His Highness the Nabob &c.

I have served the Company for three thirty five years with diligence and zeal. twenty two years ago I was honored with the Station of Native Commandant of the 15th Battalion, and being zealous in promoting the interests of the Company, I executed faithfully and satisfactorily every Service on which I was employed, and frequently at the risk of my life; my attachment to the Service of the Honble Company is well known to Colonel Sale, Colonel McPherson, and Captain John Cuppage; and about ten years ago, those Officers in consequence of my attention and long Services having Invalided me, Stationed me at Amboorgur, where I now reside with my Wife and family. Some time ago during a short [illegible] I was Robbed I addressed a Petition with the particulars to His Highness the Nabob, and gave it to Colonel McPherson who was kind enough to forward it to the Nabob. His Highness ordered a compensation to be made me of 6000 Rupees, half of which has been paid by his Amildar at Amboorgur

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21st Amboorgur. the other half is still due. - On the 26th
of October. owing to the heavy rains the Walls of my
house having fallen down some Thieves from
Chunkul came and completely robbed me of the Gold
Silver. Money and apparel. to the amount of 831/2 =
Pagodas. which I had from the Savings of my monthly
allowance. gradually provided for the purpose of
settling my Sons &a in marriage and other Contin-
gencies. - the following are the particulars of the
theft. when your Lordship's Orders to Colonel Mr. Pherson.
for apprehending Vagrants arrived. three Robbers of
Chunkul were seized and imprisoned at Amboorgur.
Pedrair the Poligar of Chunkul. thro' the agency of
Kumuk Raoot. / a Soldier at Amboorgur. / daily sent
me Letters. with a view to obtain their enlargement.
and one by the same medium. he sent me a fine
Shawl of great value. with many submissive expres-
=sions. - but I declined accepting it. and plainly answered.
that

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21st That it was contrary to the Rules of the Company to intercede
in behalf of Robbers: the Poligar was displeased at my
Refusal and the Soddler at his instigation having for
these last four Month formed an intimacy with one
Tada a Hindoo / who has been a confidential Servant of
mine for these 5 years / was in the habits of going to
his house, eating Rice, Betelle &c and took that Oppor-
=tunity of making enquiries about my house, - such as
where I slept, where my Brother slept, where the trunk
was placed which he had himself made and given me:
the ignorant and unsuspecting Tada made them freely
acquainted with all the circumstances he required. -
Accordingly on the Night of the theft the Soddler having
come to the back part of my house, and asked Tada the
same Questions as before, he was foolish enough to
again to satisfy him. - These two people are now in
confinement and I enclose for your Lordships information
the evidence of Chinna / one of the thieves / Chairkul
who

21st. who was apprehended and is now imprisoned at Satgher, I taken before the Kazy and others of the inhabitants of the District of Satgur; I have herewith also forwarded a letter for the Nabob containing a Copy of the said evidence which I hope your Lordship will transmit to his Highness: and I am confident that the orders which your Lordship may be pleased to issue regarding this business will tend to my Welfare. —

I am with the deepest respect

I A true Translate,

(Signed) A. Falconar

Dep. Trans. to Govt.

Translation of Evidence of China of Chankul, and who is now in Irons at Satgur before Seyd Muckdoom Kazy of Satgur. Rehmut Khan, Amil of the District of Satgur. — Abdul Kauder, a Relation of the Priest of Satgur. Mahummud Reza. Kutwal of Satgur. Chikum Chitty of a Town in — that District and Puliga a Telary of Satgur. —

I have been for these two years with my Wife and family in the Service of Pidnaiee Poligar Chankul and

ast

21st. act agreably to his orders. — about five O'Clock in the morning
of Thursday the 25th. October. whilst the Poligar was sitting in
his Bungalo. Guruva Latchuga. came and informed him.
that they had returned from executing the business upon
upon which they had gone. the Poligar said he understood him.
and desired him to go away. which he did. — at 12 O'Clock
the Poligar having come from his house. and resumed his
former place. Kural Narrain. Guruva Latchugas and three
Gurgewars, who had gone out to plunder. and reported to him
their arrival. he told them to go within. which they obeyed.
and he soon after followed. I am ignorant of the Conversation
that passed there. as I remained without; after some time
had elapsed. he came out and having again seated —
himself. one Samia Brother of Pulpa —
with the intelligence that some thieves had robbed the —
house of Mahommed Hussein the Commander. and carried —
out his trunks. broken them open. and had carried off —
all the money. Gold and Silver. but not the Cloaths. the
Poligar observed that the Robbers must have been Villagers. for

21.st for to prevent Detection they had only taken the money and other things of value. - but had they been from any distance they would have made off with every thing; Imow rose up, went away and soon after meeting Tarikol Runga. & asked him if he was acquainted with the Robbery which had been committed on the Commanders house, he answered that four or five days ago Kural Narrain came to him and told him that he was going to Amboorgur and enquired if he also would come, to which he agreed and got ready for the Journey. but having got a bad omen ultimately did not. afterwards Kural Narrain accompanied by Gurava Latchuma, went and did their much. - before that Tarikol Runga lived at Pombil a dependency of Amboor. but he now resides at Charikul; also one Called Gunga, brother in law of Kural Narrain was in the habits of going to Amboorgur. to procure intelligence. and Gunga Rawut a Soldier of amboorgur frequently goes to Charikul. - Three Days after the Robbery of the Commanders

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21st Commanders house, on the night of munday. I and four others viz.t Tarikol Runga. Sidul Chinga. Sidul Tenga. Gurgi= Puli Minega. went by the orders of Pedmair Polegar of Sharikuldrug. and remained during night at Kutul yunka Gunta. in the morning having lain in wait on the highway of Satghur. we attacked Seven Weavers of the District of Kudeatrum. and plundered them of their Bales. which they were carrying to the Bazar of Lalapet. which is adjoining Satgur. and whilst we were making off with our Booty. the amil of Satgur came suddenly and surrounded us. the four Persons before mentioned escaped by flight. and I alone was taken. my booty consisted of 7½ Pieces of Saris. 4 Pieces of new Saris. and 4 Old Turbans. - We also at different times Committed Robberies by the Nairs orders. in the Countries of Sunda Poor. Nairumpet. and Brachumpet. depen= =dencies of Ambour. and in Kaskor. a dependency of Guriatum. the whole of the plunder we gave to

the

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21st The Nair before mentioned, who made us no return —

Signed. Seid Mahummud Kazy of Satgur
Abdul Kaudur Relation of the Priest of Satgur
Sheikh Hyder — —
Mahummud Reza Kutwal of Satgur
Witnesses

Dated the 9th Novr. 97.

A true Translation,

Signed Jas. Cochrane
Depy. Persn Transr.

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

Sir.

From Bengal - desiring that the Ships lately chartered there for the Manilla Expedition &c. may be returned thither as soon as possible and particularly the Bridgewater Tender. —

I am directed by the Governor General in Council being solicitous that the Finances of this Presidency should be relieved as soon as possible from the heavy monthly charges now incurred on account of the Freightage of the Country Ships taken up here for the late projected Expedition, he requests that the Right Honble the Governor in Council will cause orders to be sent to the Commanders

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21st Commanders of such of these Ships as have been directed to proceed to the East with the Troops and Stores from Penang, and also those who have been dispatched to the Moluccas to return to Bengal with as little delay as possible after they have performed the Services on which they are now employed. —

2d The Governor General in Council particularly requests that the Brisk Sloop Commanded by Lieutenant Lawrence may be returned to Calcutta as early as may be practicable. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. H. Barlow
Sec.y to the Government

Fort William
the 6th November 1797.

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

From Lieut.t Colonel Read respecting an Robbery committed on a Guard of Sepoys employed in escorting Public Money from Kistnaghurry to Ryacottah —

My Lord

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship a Letter from Major Doveton containing an account of an attack made by a party of Robbers upon a guard that was escorting the

21st. the pay of this Corps from Kisngeery to Rykota in which two Sepoys were Killed and two Wounded. The Robbers Soaring carried off the pay of two Companies amounting to between 500 and 600 Pagodas. it is requested. that your Lordship will be pleased to order the Paymaster Mr. Jackson to replace the sum that the above two Companies may be paid. I am — sorry to observe there appears no chance of recovering the Money that is lost, as by Major Doveton's account the — Robbers came from Tippoo's Country, but escorts of treasure shall be sufficiently strong after this to prevent — a similar misfortune in future. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Read Lieut. Colo.
Comdt. Ceded Districts

Kisngeery
12th. November 1797.

To Lieutenant Colonel Read
Commanding the Ceded Districts

Sir.

It is with much concern I have to report to you a most daring Robbery and attack made Yesterday by a party

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21st party of Robbers on the Guard which escorted the Pay Writers &c. with the pay of the Battalion. - in which two Sepoys have been killed and two wounded. - and the amount of the pay of two Companies carried off by the Robbers. -

The Circumstance as reported by the Naig of the Guard. the Vakeel and others. is as follows. -

The Guard Viz. 1 Naig and 6 Privates with the Vakeel and four other Privates (the Pay Writers or Men selected by each Officer of a Company to take charge of the amount of this Abstract.) also Armed left Kishengerry yesterday at 8 O'Clock in the morning. - about one O'Clock the whole were passing that part of the road which is shorted by the thick Jungle stretching from Annesgherry. Soolgerry &c. when a shot from the Jungle at the distance of a few yards was fired. Killed one of the guard on the spot. and brought to the ground mortally wounded one of the Pay Writers. - on the instant a party of Banditte to the number of 20 or

* He died shortly after.

21st. or 30 Armed with swords rushed out from the Jungle, cut down another of the Pay Writers, and wounded another of the Guard. — The Naig with the two others of his Guard, — the two Pay Writers and Vakeel, alarmed at what they saw, moved to the other side of the Road. — and the Robbers without — pursuing their advantage immediately took up the Knapsacks of the two Pay Writers who had fallen (viz which was the pay of the Companies) and the firelock of the Sepoy Killed, and precipitately retreated to the Jungle. —

The Naig not thinking it prudent to follow, remained with his Men on the spot, and dispatched a person hither to inform me of the circumstance — I immediately sent off a Havildar's Guard, accompanied by the Native Doctor and conveyance for the wounded people — the whole returned about 8 Oclock last night bringing in the wounded and also the two men who were Killed. —

The money lost on this occasion is the Pay of the 1st. Grenadier Company and that of the 6th Company, between 5 and 600 Pagodas. — It is fortunate that the Robbers

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21st Robbers did not pursue their advantage; as from their numbers they would soon have overpowered the remainder of the guard and have carried off the whole of the Pay of the Sher Companies. Artificers Lascars &c. –

The Officer in charge of the two Companies whose pay has been thus plundered have given intimation thereof to Mr. Jackson the Paymaster. – and Inquest also that you will be pleased to report the misfortune to Government. who will no doubt direct the Paymaster to disburse the Amount thus plundered. –

I have sent people towards Soolgerry. ancest=gherry &c. to endeavor to trace the Robbers if possible. and have offered a handsome reward for their apprehension. –

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed G. Doveton Major
Comm.d 1st Batt.n 4th Regim.t

Rykota
11th November 1797.

and Rykota. –

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Lieut.t Colonel Read. recommending that the appointment of Captain Grenhille to Command at Vizanabuddroog be confirmed in order by Government. —

I beg leave to acquaint you that upon the — appointment of Lieutenant Browne who Commanded Vizabuddroog to take charge of the Pioneers in these — Districts I sent Captain Grenhill to relieve him, and Captain Grenhill has since been in the constant — charge of that Garrison —

Accordingly he has drawn for his Staff allowances as Commanding that place which the — Paymaster has properly refused payment of because — Captain Grenhill has not been appointed by Govern- ment, and he has in consequence addressed the inclosed to me, hoping to obtain through your Lordship the — difference between half and full Batta which is 50 usually allowed to Officers in this situation. —

I shall only take the liberty of informing your

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21st your Lordship that there being no European Officer in the place to relieve Lieut.t Browne and Captain Greenhill being in my opinion a deserving Officer, were my reasons for placing them in the temporary Command of it. which latter circumstance may induce your Lordship to keep them in it. —

I have the honor to be

Hon.a Hon.a

(Signed) Alex.r Read

Lieut.t Col.o Com.d Ceded Districts

Triplicate

12th November 1797.

Lieutenant Colonel Read

Commanding Hon.a Hon.a

Sir

Having agreable to Distract orders assumed the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Vepery Pedderoog. In Consequence drew on the Paymaster for Staff allowances as Commanding Officer: this he has uniformly refused to pay. his Reason for which you will see by the inclosed Letter which I submit to

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21st to you trusting you will do what is necessary to procure the Payment of what my Situation entitles me to since I have Commanded at this Station.

I have the to be

Hon Hon

Verrabudderdroog
2d November 1797.

[Signed] A. Greenhill
Captain Commanding

Captain A. Greenhill
Commanding
Verrabuddroadroog

Sir

I have received your Abstracts for September Payment.

I return your Bill for Staff allowances
Commanding Verrabudderdroog from the 1st August to the 31st inclusive - as there is no other authority than a District order for your holding the Command of Verrabudderdroog.

I am not at liberty to pay you any Batta as Staff -
Commanding -

The Hey Serjeants Pay if drawn in a
Separate

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21st separate abstract shall be paid accordingly. -

I have the honor to be

Hble Hble

Kishengerry Signed C. Conner

2d September 1797. acting Paymaster

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord

From the Commandant of Innundah recommending the execution of some Repairs to the Granary and Magazine at that Station -

From an Order dated 11th July last I consider it my Duty to represent to Government several Repairs which I conceive necessary to be made to the Grand Magazine and Granary of this Garrison. but which I cannot better explain to your Lordship than by transmitting herewith Extracts of Letters from the Garrison Storekeeper and Conductor to me on these Subjects. -

I have also to represent that there is a Breach at present of 14 paces in the south

face

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25th Saw of the upper Fort Wall caused by the breaking of the bank of a Tank near to it, during the late heavy Rains. This Breach I humbly conceive ought immediately to be repaired. —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Obt.

Humble Servt.

Signed James Dalrymple

Lieut.t Colonel Commandg. Innaconda

Innaconda

17th November 1797.

Extract of a Letter from the Honble L. G.l R. Murray Garrison Storekeeper to Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple — Commanding at Innaconda. —

"I consider it my Duty to call your attention to the Granary or Store House in the Lower Fort No.1. — you will find a rent nearly from the top to the bottom, on the North Side, and the Roof is far from being in a secure State". —

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Conductor Thomson to Lieut.t Colonel Dalrymple, Commanding at Innaconda. —

"I think it my Duty to acquaint you, that the Floor of the Grand Magazine is in such a broken

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21st broken State, and in want of Cheenam, that the Powder and ammunition Barrels are exposed to the daily attacks of the white ants, and that they have in spite of every exertion spoiled the Paper and Powder of Sixty Ball Cartridges within these few days past. A daily inspection when the weather will permit is constantly made, without which it would be more than probable their depredations would destroy every Cartridge; and a Barrel in the Magazine.—

As there is no traverse to the Door of the Grand Magazine, it will also require either a small sloping tiled Verandah, or another Door to prevent the Rain beating in upon the Ammunition.—

True Extracts

(signed) L. Dalrymple

Lieut.t Colonel

Dispatched by express the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 83. 84. 85. 86.

To Commanding Officer at Pondicherry

Pondicherry

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

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21st advising him of the appearance of 2 French Frigates off this Place and desiring him to warn all Persons concerned in trade and all English Vessels. —

The same to the Persons noted in the Margin. —

To the Commandant of Trincomale — Commanding Officer on Ceylon — Resident at Cuddalore D.o at Nagore D.o at Masulipatam D.o Vizagapatam D.o and Ganjam Commandant of Cochin Resident at Anjengo Commissaries in the Province of Malabar at Tellicherry and to the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay —

The same to the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay and informing them of the Capture of the Brisk Tender. —

22d Received the following Letters entered in M. B. Nos 87 - 88 - 89 - 90. —

From the Kings Deputy Paymaster General —

From Lieut.t Colonel Beresford — inclosing the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon from 25th August to the 24th October 1797.

From the Commandant at Trincomale —

From Admiral Rainier requesting that the

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22d the Military Auditor General may be authorized to pass in the Paymasters Accounts the Charge for Conveying 25 Invalids of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment European Infantry from Trincomale to Madras —

From the Military Paymaster General —

From Mr Roebuck — enclosing a General Estimate of Cash required in his Department for the month of December —

From the Resident at Cuddalore —

From Mr Kennerby — acknowledging Receipt of the intelligence of the French Frigates —

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in

M. B. Nos 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98 —

To the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George —

To the Honble Basil Cochrane — ordering a Pension of 20 Rupees pr Month to Kareemah Beeby the Widow of Comban Ally — and the immediate payment of three months Subsistence to Broosah Said her Mother —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Major General Lydenham — enclosing extract of the above letter — referring the Accounts of the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon before mentioned and desiring he will submit a Statement of

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22d of the Expences actually incurred on account the Manilla Expedition.—

To Ditto Ditto. To Ditto. referring an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.—

To Lieut.t Colonel Read. To Lieut.t Colonel Read informing him that a Pension of 20 Rupees pr. month has been granted to the Widow of Comban Ally and 60 Rupees advanced on account to her Brother to defray the expence of his Journey from Hydrabad.—

To the Military Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham. desiring that the Paymaster at Guntoor may be ordered to reimburse Lieut.t Colonels Roberts and Dalrymple for Tents purchased from them. and that the Subsistence of the 1st. Battalion 10th. Regiment under orders to march to Masulipatam may be paid up immediately. an advance of Cash to the Agent of Supplies ordered.—

To the Secretary at Bengal. To Mr. Secretary Barlow. forwarding a Report of the Military Board on the subject of Arrack.—

To the Military Paymaster General. To Mr. Bodicott. enclosing the Auditor

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22d Auditor Generals report on the additional Estimate transmitted in his letter of the 13th instant -

To Mr Secretary Barlow - Mr Ushthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick with Mysore Intelligence -

Sent the following Letters -

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

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Forces on Ceylon at

Colombo

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in President in Council to transmit for your information the inclosed Copy of a letter from the Supreme Government with the papers therein mentioned regarding the dutch paper currency now in circulation in Ceylon -

To Brigadier General De Meuron inclosing Copy of a letter from Bengal respecting the Dutch paper currency on Ceylon, directing that the Notes received in the publick Offices at Colombo may be cancelled and a Certificate sent of the Sum cancelled that a further issue of the Bengal Certificates may take place to the Captors -

As nearly the whole of this paper which was estimated to be in Circulation, appears to have been received and deposited in the publick Offices at Colombo, His Lordship in Council directs that the several Notes may be Cancelled in the Manner recommended by the Advocate

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22d. advocate General Vizt. by drawing two lines across and —
writing the word "Cancelled" — This is to be done by the —
Register Mr. Gregory, who is to affix his name to each —
note so cancelled and to keep a regular Register of the notes
in separate books to be provided for that purpose. —

As soon as this shall have been done you
will transmit for the information of this Lordship in
Council a Certificate of the exact sum so Cancelled in order
that a further issue of Bengal Certificates may be made
to the Captors. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sirs
Signed/ J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

Fort St George
22d November 1797

To Bengal — informing them of a demand made by the Nizam on account of Peishcush and of the great deficiency in the Masulipatam Revenues —

Extract of a Letter to the Government at Bengal, from the Public Department. Dated 21st November 1797. —

We have recently received a Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad, from which we may expect an immediate demand upon us for the Peishcush of —

Rupees

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22d Rupees 387,000; We shall endeavour to be provided to discharge this Sum. in the event of your desiring us to comply with the Hydrabad Ministers application; but we are sorry to acquaint you that owing to the neglect and inattention of Mr. Strangham. the Collector at Masulipatam. there is a deficiency in our Revenue at that place to the amount of Mr. Ps. 1,60,000. which will make the discharge of the Peishcush extremely inconvenient to us —

In the mean time we shall request — Captain Kirkpatrick to inform Azeem ul Omrah that we have addressed you upon the subject —

A true Extract.

(Signed) George Barry

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident

Hydrabade

To Capt. Kirkpatrick informing him of the above inference to Bengal and desiring he will endeavour to discharge the Nizams Demands by Bills on Bengal —

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th. instant. and to inform you that the Right Honble

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22d Hon'ble the President in Council has addressed the Governor General upon the subject of discharging the Cash Account in compliance with the wishes of Azeem ul Omrah. In the mean while his Lordship desires that you will use every means in your power for liquidating this demand by Bills on Bengal —

I have also received your several Letters of the 6th 9th 10th 12th and 13th Instant with their respective inclosures. the whole of which have been submitted to the Right Honble the President in Council. —

I am &c.
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

Fort St. George
22d November 1797.

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

To Military Board — the amount of Tents purchased from Lieut.t Colonels Roberts and Dalrymple ordered to be paid — a letter from Lieut.t Colonel Walsh on the same subject enclosed — measures for the provision of Barrack at Chunda deferred — desiring that the Gun Powder may be received from the Magazine on the Island to the Fort. —

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 11th Instant. —

We have ordered the amount of the Tents purchased from Lieut.t Colonels Roberts and —

Dalrymple

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22d Dalrymple to be paid to those officers, and we enclose extract of a letter from Lieut. Colonel Kirkpatrick upon the same Subject for your enquiry and Report.—

In consideration of the great quantity of Arrack at present in Store, we think it advisable to postpone measures for the purchase of that article at Columbo, and we have submitted your suggestion in regard to the Arrack contracted for in Bengal to the consideration of the Governor General in Council.—

Having determined to appropriate the Magazine upon the Island to the purposes of a public Market we desire that immediate orders may be given for the removal of the Gun powder from thence into the Fort—

We are &c &c

(Signed) Hobart

&c Council

Fort St. George
22d November 1797

24th

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters contained in M. B. Nos 99-100-101-102-103-104-105.—

From

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From the Deputy Kings Paymr. Genrl.

24th. From Lieut.t Colonel Beresford - forwarding an application of Lieut.t Benson of the 77.th Regiment to receive his pay and allowances at this Presidency until he can join his Regiment on the Malabar Coast. -

From the Military Auditor General -

From Major General Sydenham - transmitting his Audit on the Accounts of the Kings Deputy Paymaster General - and of the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon from 25.th July to 24th. August 1797. -

To the Commandg.r of the Ship Bogle. -

To Captain Spence - desiring him to deliver to the Town Major the Cloathing shipped on board his Ship at Vizagapatam. -

To the Paymaster at Pondichery. -

To Mr. I.H. Skardon - desiring that the Arrears of Subsistence from the 10.th May last may be Paid to Lieut.t Colonel and Mad.e am Isoset. -

To the Commandant at Pondichery -

To Major General Braithwaite - informing him that the Paymaster has been ordered to pay the Subsistence to Lieut.t Colonel Isoset from the 10.th May last. -

To the Accountant General -

To Mr. Robert Woolf - desiring he will furnish

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24th. Forwards a Statement of the Sums paid at the Presidency on account the Nizams Pestkush —

To Major General Sydenham — referring

To the Military Auditor General.

an Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the ensuing month. —

25th. Received the following Letter from Mr. Johnston —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Mr. Samuel Johnston — stating some Circumstances in support of his Claim on the Amount of Grain required at Trichinopoly —

I have the honor to inclose the — Copy of an Account Current Balance in my favor Pagodas 3.484 — 36. 72. upon which I will take the Liberty to make one or two Observations for the information of your Lordship &c. —

Since the original of this — Account

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Account was delivered. I understand a Reference has been made to Mr. Hawkins the Paymaster at Trichinopoly. and that it does not appear from the Correspondence between him and Mr. Secretary Webbe. that the Nabob had asserted that the Grain upon which the above balance arises. was the property of Patcheeppa Sooberoy and others. —

The Account Current shews that I have given the Company Credit for the Money received by myself, for what was found upon my Certificates, and also for what I have ever contended. was unjustly claimed by the Nabob. —

Certificates were granted by me to all who furnished me with Grain. and they were

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25.th were discharged on presentation; - These Certificates alone could establish to whom the property belonged none except what I have given Credit for, have been presented, and it is surely Reasonable to suppose that in Seven years had there been any other Certificate Holders they would have claimed under them; I submit to your Lordships Hon.r if there can be any stronger presumption in Support of my demand. -

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships most Obedient

and very humble Servant

Gardens

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Signed Samuel Johnston

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Rr. The Honble United East India Company for Grain purchased

			Star Pags.	Fs.	C.
1790 July	To the Sum being the Cost of 1127.074 Cullum Parahs Paddy purchased by me by Order of Government and stored in the Company's Stores at Trichinopoly as appears by my Monthly Returns under the Cognizance of Coddburn from January till July 1790		56.668	33	20
		Star Pagodas	56.668	33	20

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for the Trichinopoly Stores in Account Current with S. Johnston Esq.

			Pond. Sterl.	S. Rupees	P. C.
1790					
January	31st	By Cash Received in account with the Military Paymaster General	4766.	31.	20
		By Ditto - Ditto	3900.	-	-
				8666	31. 20
		By Cash Received by Meydanah Pillah in September 1791 from Mr. Garrow by order of Government for the discharge of my receipt and Certificate	304.	29.	-
		By Ditto. by Mradina Naigum Pillah	2538.	4.	-
		Ditto Ditto			
		By Do. by Wooden Sail Ditto	1497.	35.	10
				4340	26 10
		By the Sum being the Amount of 89,279 Cullum. of Paddy claimed by me, but for which Sir Charles Oakeley ordered the Nabob to have Credit with the Company	10176.	22.	28
				53183	38 28
July	13th	By Balance due upon this Account		3,484.	36 72
		Star Pagodas		56668	33 20

Excepted

(Signed) Samuel Johnston

Recd

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27th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil. B. Nos 106-107 –

From the Commandant at Vellore –

From Colonel Sale – Advises his having ordered some necessary Repairs to the Granary at Vellore and promises to send in Captain Wood's Estimate of the Expence. –

From the Administratrix to the Estate of Major Johnson Kennedy –

From Mrs Jane Kennedy requesting – Government will authorize the payment of the Arrears due to her Husband at the time of his Death. –

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Falkofield } Esquires

Tuesday

28th November 1797.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. –

Read the following Letters from Bombay and Hyderabad: –

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 23d Ultimo. and to enclose for your Lordships Information, Extract & Copy of Dispatches of this date to the Governor General.—

I have the Honor to be very respectfully

Your &c.

(signed) J. Udny

From Assistant Resident at Poonah. advising of a New Channel of Intelligence having been opened with the Mysore Country thro' the Resident at Nanere and an Inhabitant of Goa.—

Poona

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Udny to the Governor General. Dated Poona 7th November 1797.—

I have formerly represented to your Honble Sir the difficulty of collecting in this quarter early and authentic intelligence from Tippoos Country, the nearest part of which is at the distance of about 300 miles from Poonah; Seringapatam being about 200 miles further. Aware however of the importance of

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of Multiplying Channels of Intelligence, so often and so particularly recommended by you. I have not been inattentive to this point, and it occurred to me that Bancote might be a good Station for this purpose, particularly under the Management of Mr. Charles Watkins the present Resident there, whose accurate and interesting intelligence respecting Nana Furnavese while residing at Bhar in that Neighbourhood, and whose zeal and exertions for the public Service, pointed him out as peculiarly qualified for the purpose. On submitting the matter to him, he readily made a tender of his Services, and had made some progress in establishing our intercourse with Mangalore by Boats which were to pass under the Flag of the Sides of Fizera (Sirsi) when in the course of his enquiries on the subject, he heard of a Mr. Goethals a Fleming by birth, usually Residing at Goa, who appeared well suited to this purpose, and with whom through the means of

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Lieut. John Hughes of the Bombay Marine, has sent a correspondence. I have the honor to enclose Copy of Mr Goodhall's first Letter to Mr Watkins, which seems to afford a prospect of our being supplied with full & authentic and early intelligence from that part of Tippoo's Country which lies on or near the Malabar Coast the most interesting perhaps of any in respect to the intercourse between the French and Tippoo. with which we have been through other Channels, so long observed or amused. particularly through the insidious and interested one of the Court of Hyderabad, while the Regular intelligence of Tippoo's Country furnished by Major Dowdeswell and Captain Read of the Madras Establishment. Seldom extends to such a distance as the Malabar Coast and through the Committee of the Bombay Government in Malabar have occasionally furnished very authentic intelligence from Mangalore, yet I thought it might not be unacceptable to establish another Channel

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Should through you any Dawaks by which Intelligence from Mangalore reach the Residencies of Hyderabad and Poona much more expeditiously than by any other Route. Mr. Goethal's account of the few French Men at Mangalore will be found to agree in all essential points with the intelligence we last subjoined furnished by the Committee of Government in Malabar, without any Correspondence whatever between the two Channels of intelligence. Your and Hunter's intelligence of even the non arrival of French at Mangalore cannot fail to be interesting and unexpected to us.

On advertising to the Rumours that have been in Circulation at Hyderabad for these fifteen months past of a Close connexion between Tipu Soo and the French, and the arrival at Mangalore of Troops and Stores of French and Effects from Manritius. The Communication between Poona and Bairoda can be kept up throughout the year in from two to three Days.

True Extract,
(Signed) P. Ahthoff

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To Charles Watkins Esqr.
Resident at
Bancoote

Sir

I have received your favor of the 15th instant
and trust I shall fully answer the expectation you entertain
of my ability to acquire such information as may be
necessary for the satisfaction of your Government. you
must be aware it is of the greatest importance to me as
well as one of my first wishes to render any services in
my power to your Worthy Employers. to whose notice and
protection every individual under my circumstances
must naturally be happy to Recommend himself. —
With respect to Tippoo's Country I am in
general perfectly acquainted. I resided at Mangalore three
years. I therefore visited the several adjoining Ports and
consequently not only became informed of the Mercantile
resources of this Country. but every other. my residence so long
furnished me with the means of seeking an asylum under
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a Government. Uncertain and precarious, at the same time carrying with me all the advantages I formerly enjoyed which I have remained with me ever since, having the happiness to acquire the confidence of the Governors and Natives of the Provinces with whom alone it was my interest to be connected. —

It is fortunate for me that I have long been under the necessity of keeping an Agent at Seringapatam in order to forward my business, as nothing is to be done without seeing the Ministers. I believe I need not enter more explicitly into the means of keeping up a negociation with such people, as you are well acquainted with their measures. I believe they are alike in like manner. I have at the Sea ports Agents also; so that I can inform you of every thing that is going forward hereafter. as it shall be my study for the present, you cannot expect much information of consequence in the Political line, having hitherto no inducement to attend.

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attend to such speculation. the following circumstances may however be worth your perusal. -

Yesterday Morning one of my Boats from Mangalore brought me intelligence that the 13 French men who wintered at that place had a serious misunderstanding with the Governor. six of them had left the place in a Tony:- one had gone to the Capital. the other six were put in prison at the aforesaid place. when the Boat came away. the difference is accounted for as follows. the French Men who are the Men sent from the Privateer encountered by the Swift last year. with a Patamar took one of the Surat Boats from Cochin with Timber; which they carried into Mangalore. and made into a Grab Snow with twelve Guns &c. as they told the Governor a large Frigate would come for them. and that they wished to part with their Grab. at the same time promised him a large reward if he would sell her to them Sultaun for 7000. Pagoda. which he could easily determine

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determine that she was worth. He immediately struck the bargain on account of the Sirkar and paid them the sum mentioned but privately sent for three — thousand back again the amount of the bribe. — Possession of the money however, induced the Foreman to disclaim any knowledge of such accommodation. The Governor in consequence caused the Vessel to be — Surveyed and got the Builders to declare she was not worth one. He then sent for the Foreman and told them he was sorry they should attempt to impose upon his master. and that they must return the money, which they appeared to acquiesce in, but during the same night six of them had the address to escape with the money in a Tony as already — mentioned, the rest also remain as stated. The Governor being outwitted has of course let the transaction itself drop and charged them with their crimes.

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The Sultaun is about sending the Vessel to the Isle of France with the remainder accompanied by an Embassador one of those formerly sent to France who speaks the language perfectly. The particulars of his mission I will find out and send you as soon as possible. I suppose the French Men of War had met the Privateer that was lately upon the Coast and had with her Crew concerted the business they have so handsomely compleated. I cannot otherwise account for their conduct particularly the escape of the Sea on the Tony, if my conjecture is right they have been of course taken up by their comrades in the Privateer.

Tomorrow I dispatch a Boat with a confidential person who will pass by to the one I employ at Seringapatam, therefore meet advices may be of some importance to you. Before I conclude I beg leave to inform you that I am at all times afford to supply your Government with Rice more reasonably than any other, a quantity of Sandal Wood

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Wou. I can also procure, and a quantity of Pepper of the best from the Sultaans Country, so that you see, I must have some little interest with them.—

I remain with due Respect &c.

Goa
27th October 1797.

Signed J. B. Gaethals

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Extract of a letter written to the Assistant Resident at Poona in consequence of his remarks in the Mysore Intelligence usually communicated by the Hyderabad Residency

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I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, Extract of my Letter of this date to the Assistant at Poonah.—

I am &c. &c.

Hyderabad
15th November 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad, dated the 15th November 1797. to Joshua Wilkinson Esqr. Assistant at Poonah.—

"As it does not appear to me quite
"clear whether you allude to the Intelligence which —

Major

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"Major Kirkpatrick & myself have furnished Government
"from time to time relative to the views of Tippoo and his
"expectations from the French: whom in the 5th Paragraph
"of your Letter of the 7th Instant to the Governor General you
"speak of, our having so long been alarmed or amused by
"accounts of an intercourse between them, especially through
"the insidious and interested channel of the Court of Hydrabad"
I could wish you had had the goodness to explain what Intelligence
on this particular Head you have in your eye as coming exclusively
or more immediately from this Durbar, to the end that
Government might have been enabled to determine more
clearly by such discrimination on your part how far the
Reports in question are to be considered as the fabrications
of this Court. With regard to the unfounded though positive
and reiterated rumours of the arrival of French Troops in
the Sultaums Territories, my Intelligence has generally
speaking been drawn from the same source as that of
Majors Doveton and Macleod. - that is from the Mysore
Country

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Country excepting of course what has reached me indirectly from Rhenius Satisfactorily has been abundantly shewn I trust by the Papers I have of late submitted to Government but in vain endeavored to impress the Minister with a belief of the actual arrival of such Troops at or off Negapatam. That this Court is not likely to have been at any pains to propagate what Azim Ul Omrah himself has almost invariably rejected, may be fairly enough inferred I think from no Communication ever having been made to me by it upon the subject except in one solitary instance which was a Farmurry Newspaper communicated to me by Azim Ul Omrah at my first visit to him upon his return hither from Poonah, mentioning the expectation of the early arrival at Mangalore of a French Squadron and Transports laden with Troops and warlike Ammunition.

Had your address of the 7th Instant been confined to the perusal of the Supreme Government alone, the above Observations would for me obvious reason have been in a great measure superfluous. but as I learn from

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from the 9th. Paragraph of it that you have transmitted Copies of the 5th to the Presidencies of Fort St. George and Bombay which have not the same Materials for forming a decisive judgement on the justness of your insinuations. I deem it incumbent on me to say thus much in reply to them. Lest because they appear to me to cast an unfounded reflexion on the Conduct of this Court. And to call somewhat in question the judiciousness of the exercise of no inconsiderable part of my functions as public Minister here. - I propose transmitting Copies of this and the former Paragraphs to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay. -

I am &c.

(A true Extract.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad forwards Intelligence from the Mysore Country, mentioning the the death of Kullah and Dewan Khan formerly Vakeel at Hydrabad, the rebellion of the Zemindar of Waddahee Ghaut and the deputation of Meer Alum's Mother from Tippoo to Azeem ul Omrah. -

Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Translate of

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Copy of my latest Intelligence from the Mysore Country.

and Remain &c. &c.

Hyderabad
19 November 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of Report of a Spair of Hitcharahs belonging to the Resident, who accompanied the Detachment of Syed Ghuffaar. Mier Murad. as far as the Fort of Ghurk =

= Cheerah. distant about twelve Cos from Seringapatam. =

On the 29th of Rubbee ul Sanie (21st October)
Syed Ghuffaar arrived with his Detachment at Ghurk =
= Churah: where he halted for further Orders. which he
soon received, directing him to repair to the Presence =
Attended by Soob Rao. Mohtem. Bidder Ted dem Khan
Sookh. and Shaikh Emaum Sing = Accordingly
Syed Ghuffaar attended by the above mentioned Chiefs
set off for Seringapatam, and upon his arrival there
a Mutsuddie named Gopaul Rao was sent to his
Camp at Ghurk. Cheerah to Muster the Troops. - after
the Cavalry were mustered. they were dispatched to

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the Capital, where they remained only a short time being ordered to proceed under the Command of Bedder Uddeen Khan, and Sook Rao Mahtea to join Mustafa Saheb at Koompully. This Party had actually set out said / made a March of four Cos in that direction before we left the Camp at Ghurk-Cheerah. —

The Corps of Infantry that composed the Gooty Detachment were to proceed / it was said / to the Capital, as soon as the Muster of them was over. —

The Seringapatam News in the Camp at Cheerah was as follows. —

That the Sultaun was living at his Palace in Town, and busily employed in carrying on the Fortifications, which at the rate however he was going on, pulling down one day what had been erected the foregoing, would not be finished in an age. —

That Kuttuk ud deen Khan formerly the Sultaun's Vakeel at the Court of Hyderabad, had departed this Life. —

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Regiment and authorizing in the event of circumstances appearing to render the measure necessary to raise another Regiment of Native Infantry in addition to our present Establishment and having requested he would state his sentiments with Respect to the necessity of raising another Regiment in consequence of the above mentioned authority: The Commander in Chief has no hesitation in declaring a certain Encrease is become absolutely necessary: or in proposing as the best mode for the Service: That the 33d and 34th Battalions as senior of the four Extra Corps on the Coast should be formed into a Native Regiment to be denominated the 12th and to have 20 additional Recruits attached to each Company the same as the Native Corps at present on the Establishment. The additional Force to be thus obtained may be stated as follows—

Total Natives 33d Battalion by last Return — 716.
Ditto 34th Ditto — Ditto. 732 1,448
Total Natives one Regiment with Additionals .. 2502

Difference or Encrease of Force .. 1054

Promotions

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Promotions requisite for completing the 12th

Regiment with European Officers.

1 Lieutenant Colonel ..... to be Colonel

3 Majors ..... " Lieut.t Colonels

5 Captains ..... " Majors

12 Captain Lieutenants ... " Captains of Companies

13 Brevet Captains ..... " Captain Lieutenants

35 Ensigns ..... " Lieutenants

The augmentation here proposed the Commander in Chief is aware may be judged insufficient when compared with the strength of the Regiment about to leave the Coast, and when considering the urgent applications for a Reinforcement lately received from Ceylon, as well as the effect lately produced on the Force under this Presidency, by the Drafting of some of His Majestys Regiments.

However influenced by the necessity of keeping in view economy in his attention to the service desireable as more than one Regiment might be if

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that was not an object. He does not now propose the forming a Second but rather suggests the expediency, should a further Levy be found necessary of raising more Revenue Corps - The Employment of such Corps is certainly economical and further convenient from their requiring few European Officers, and with allusion to what the Commander in Chief has already advanced of existing Circumstances. He submits to the Consideration of the Right Honble the President in Council whether one or two Battalions of the description in addition to those already in the Service might not now be very usefully employed in the Northern Circars where it is so difficult to supply the loss of the Bengal Regiment. & without weakening the Centre Division of the Army, and where the Regular Troops have been in general so dispersed on the Duties of Collection as to suffer greatly in their discipline and to contract habits and attachments which have often proved highly injurious to the Service -

Signed/ George Harris

Resolved

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Resolutions of the Board for incorporating the 33d and 3d Battalions into Infantry into a Regiment to be denominated the 12th.

Resolved in consequence that orders be issued for incorporating the 33d and 3d Battalions into a Regiment to be denominated the 12th Regiment upon this Establishment.

Promotions ordered to complete the Regiment

Resolved that the promotions recommended by the Commander in Chief be published and that Colonel Gowdie be appointed to Command the 12th Regiment.

Madras 21st November 1797.

Minute

Commander in Chief's Minute lays before the Board Major General Floyd's Inspection Reports of the 19th and 25th Regiments of Dragoons and the 6 Regiments of Native Cavalry and recommends a Riding Establishment to each Native Regiment and that Genl Floyd's suggestion respecting the Farriers and Line may be adopted recommends that the orders issued and in force may be invalidated

The Commander in Chief agreeably to the intention which he formerly Communicated now submits to the Board Major General Floyd's inspection Reports of His Majesty's 19th and 25th Regiments of Dragoons and of the Honorable Company's Four Regiments of Native Cavalry.

In respect to the Report of the European Corps he has only to notice the Satisfaction he has experienced in finding that the 19th Regiment is in

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in so efficient a state as well in regard to the Discipline of the Men as the high Condition of the Horses, and the careful manner in which they are kept and attended to, and that the 25th. Regiment from the Capacity and the deligence of its Commandant, and the assistance it has received from the 19th. is likely to be soon brought to the same degree of perfection. - The Horses now with the Corps, and those lately drafted for it being sufficient for its practice in Riding till those Commissioned by Lieutenant Montgomery arrive on the Coast. -

In regard to the Native Cavalry the Board will observe that the two Corps at Arcot Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Murray and Major Dallas have merited Major General Floyd's highest approbation - almost in every particular. - The 4th. Regiment both in regard to Men and Horses he found uncommonly healthy. The 2d. Regiment at Connatore although not so highly trained as those above mentioned he speaks favourably

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of great satisfaction and the 3rd. Regiment at Chinnandulum having appeared to him to be in every improving State, & little more practice will probably enable it to vie with the other Corps in every respect.—

As Major General Floyd has annexed to his Report of the Native Cavalry some proposition for improving the Corps, the Commander in Chief will observe on them according to the order in which they are stated.—

Riding Establishment.

The Commander in Chief agrees with Major General Floyd that a Riding Establishment in each Regiment is highly necessary.—

The Establishment however proposed by Major General Floyd is more extensive and attended with more expence than the Commander in Chief is inclined to recommend.— The following he is of opinion may be sufficient viz.t.—

For each Regiment.

1 Native Riding Master at Pag.s 7 P. month		5	—
6 Rough Riders first class D.o	D.o	9	—

Carried over Pag.s 11

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Brought over Pagodas ... 14 ... ...

4 Do. ... Do 2d Do. ... Do. ... ... 6 ... ...

Total Monthly Expence Riding Establishment each Regiment ... } 20 ... ...

Major General Floyds very laudable ...

offer of assisting to perfect a Riding master and one Troop Rider for each Regiment. if the above Plan takes place will of course be accepted. ~

Accoutrements and Equipments not provided.

Major General Floyds suggestions on these Articles it is recommended may be transmitted for the ... Report of the Military Board. ~

Sallustries or Horse Doctors and Veterinary Establishment.

Although much consideration is due to Major General Floyds opinions on such subjects the Commander in Chief in the present instance does not think himself authorized to recommend the changes of System suggested. as the Assistant Surgeons with the Native Regiments are constantly incident to removal from

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from promotion and other causes, and as the general arrangement of the Medical Department seems to be strongly adverse to the Plan proposed. Exclusive of this the difficulty of procuring Individuals in whom can sufficiently diligent, and who have a turn for such employment offers an almost insurmountable objection to the proposal. –

From these Considerations the Commander in Chief is led to decline recommending the employment of Assistant Surgeons in the room of Native Farriers in the Native Regiments. –

The method of preventing epidemical diseases amongst Horses detailed by Major General Floyd appears to the Commander in Chief to be very rational and may be recommended to the different Regiments. –

Farriers or Black Smiths. –

Major General Floyd's plan for shoeing a Black Smith, mounted as a Private on the

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the strength of each Troop, the Commander in Chief is of opinion may be adopted with much advantage. —

Line Men.

The Commander in Chief agrees with the Major General Floyd that the Line men should be discontinued, and that in the Field the allowance of a Line man should be granted to one active careful Trooper to attend the Quarter Master of the Regiment. —

As there are still a few undersized and infirm Men in the Native Cavalry who from length of Service or other causes appear to have claims to the benefit of the Non effective List the Commander in Chief recommends that they may be examined by a Special Invaliding Committee and disposed of accordingly. —

Signed George Harris

Secretary

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Trichinopoly September 1797.-

Review Report by Major General Floyd of His Majestys 19th Regiment Dragoons at this time Commanded by Captain Paterson.-

September 13th Arrived at Trichinopoly by Post.-

18th Inspected the Horse Drill of His Majestys 19th Dragoons: very Regular, uniform and good.- This Regiment has never practised any thing further than the plain lesson of Walk, Trot and Gallop to Right and Left and Turning back.- The further lessons of Shoulder in and Passaging as of late years it has been called, are often taught in Cavalry Regiments in England, but have not been attempted here, from the difficulty of finding time to instruct the teachers, and from a knowledge of the ill consequences of attempting them improperly- most of the Horses however change the Leg in the Gallop without the intervention of a few times of the Trot which is not practised in England.- The Horses

are

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are extremely animated. and the Men in general
at first. a very laudable Spirit of Horsemanship is
observable among the Officers and they are extremely
well mounted. –

September 20th Inspected the Lesson of the large Square. about 200 yards
by 100. The Regiment in a Column of Squadrons. by —
Ranks. at Intervals equal to their Front. wheeled round
the square to both Hands. at Walk. Trot and Gallop —
wheelings good. Walk. and Trot steady. the Gallop less
so than usual in this Regiment. —

22d Inspected His Majestys 19th Dragoons in Review order. —
Line extremely well formed. perfectly
well dressed and accoutrements well put on and
worn and entirely uniform. — Squadrons 26 Files. —
Passed by well. Ranked off well. Words of Command
followed Rapidly. and the whole moved well together. —
The Column of Squadrons moved into
a new direction. Formed in line Rapidly and correctly.
advanced. and retired in line. — Retired also by Filing
from

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from right and Left of Squadrons - Line changed three times
Career long. Rapid and well united - Horses stand firing
the pistols perfectly well. -

September 23d Inspected the Foot Parade of His Majestys 19th Dragoons
Fine body of men - very well set up - there are however
full fifty Men under 5. 5. which ought to be the lowest
Standard, and Sixty above 5.. 8. which ought to be the
highest, on account of the Weight - many of the Men
have an appearance of Age beyond their years, from
Causes incidental to the Climate, and it is easy to
foresee that soonrals will soon be no longer fit for
the Service - The Remitting Service at home has
never supplied this Regiment with the Men they
want, and but for accidental Drafts in India, it
would be almost annihilated. -

Accoutrements and Cloathing good -
application is made annually for supplies of
accoutrements from England, as they may be wanting.

Swords

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Swords now tolerably good. Pistols generally bad. a supply of 90½ Pairs were sent out about a year ago. but they were very indifferent and it may fairly be stated. that a compleat refit of Pistols is wanting and application has been made accordingly.

Enquired of each Troop Seperately, concerning Mens accounts. Every thing exact. except with five Men, who came into the 19th. Dragoons many years ago from the late 102 Regiment. These men Claim Sea Pay. or short allowance Money on their passage out due to them from their Captains in the late 102 Regiment. some or all of these Captains are dead. Directions have been repeatedly sent to the Agent to endeavour to Recover these Sums. but without Success. The Claim is probably just. as several Men from the same Corps. have missed their allowance many years after it was due. from their former Captains whom they accidentally met on Service in this Country.

Mens

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Mens Barracks new and good.

Stabling thatched, and much destroyed by Winds and white ants.

Visited the Lines - Horses in good order and well kept.

There are twelve Horses absolutely useless from age mostly, and incurable infirmity, which have already been recommended to be cast.

There are also several other Horses in this Regiment which cannot last long.

Thirty three Recruits from England have joined since the Inspection very promising young Men or boys.

Examined the Regimental Books - all regularly kept.

(Signed) D. Floyd

M. Gl

A true Copy

(Signed) John Malcolme

Sec.

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Review Report by Major General Floyd of His Majestys 25th Dragoons Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cotton.—

September 19th Inspected the Horse Drill of H.M. 25th Dragoons this Regiment in general is in the Commencement of its Horsemanship having been drafted a short time before they left England and the place of the Drafts supplied by Recruits.—

The Lieutenant Colonel having represented their deficiency in Teachers, applyed for, and had every assistance he wished for, from the 19th Dragoons.—

The Horse Drill is conducted exactly in the same manner as that of the 19th The men they have mounted, have made considerable progress, and from the great attention of Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, and of the whole Regiment there is every reason to expect they will in due time become as expert as any Corps.—

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The whole attention of this Corps having been given to the Rudiments of Horsemanship no further performance was required of them.

Several of the Officers are young and new and not yet expert Horsemen; but daily improving.

Inspected the Foot Parade of H. M. 25th Dragoons September 21st.

The men fresh and youthful - 138 Undersized and some not of a desirable make. About 30 oversized - that is above 5. 8.

Enquired of every Troop concerning the Mens accounts. - all exact.

Viewed the Barracks and accoutrements. good saddles rather large. Pouch belts only twelve Rounds.

This Regiment has laid aside the Carabiniers like the 19th. The external arrangement and Regimental Economy remarkably good. Regimental Books very well kept.

Viewed the Lines - Horses in good order - well kept and very tolerably good horses. - There are about

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about a Dozen Undersized. and there are ten horses +
absolutely unfit for any thing already recommended to
be Cast.—

(Signed) I. Floyd
M. G.

A true Copy.
(Signed) John Malcolm
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Report of an Inspection of Cavalry by Major General Floyd. in the Months of August and September 1797.—

Horse Companys 2nd Regiment Native Cavalry —
Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Cater —

Camatore August 9th — 10th — 11th — 12th — 1797.

August 10th Reviewed the 2nd Regiment Native Cavalry — Line not ill formed. Files too open. Horse Accoutrements not uniformly or well placed. Carabeens too low. Saddles too large.—

Passed by. and Ranked off pretty well. —

Squadrons 32 Files. Movements in line imperfect owing to the method of Marching in a Perpendicular line not

being

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being understood - The Charge tolerably rapid but imperfect for the above reason.- Horses much alarmed at the fire of the Pistols. This may be remedied.- 67 Dismounted Horses in the Field - some Supernumerary - some not fit for the Ranks and some Sick or Lame - Nine Farsey Horses in an inveterate Stage of the disorder. - Since Sept the 1st Plase Lieut.t Colonel Oates has got a Man who understands the Complaint better - Barrack and Stabling for one Troop - Hospital much wanted.-

August 11th Inspected the Horse Drill of the 2nd Regiment Native Cavalry Position of the Men on Horseback defective. much too forward. some of the European Officers bad Horsemen and not likely to improve. Paces of the Horses requires regulating - Great want of method and Uniformity in the Horsemanship of the Regiment.-

There is no Riding Establishment I propose speaking on this Head in a General Remark.-

Horses good. Sizeable - in very good Condition some Old Horses owing to this Regiment having been kept

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kept up, while Men were drafted, and reduced to a small number of Horses. - saw a Man of a Troop mounted, and full accoutred. Find the manner of placing Men to appointments. -

In the afternoon the Regiment paraded on Foot. Several men much too small as per Returns: Sword Scabbards not quite uniform, nor in perfect repair. The Size of the Men, and the Sword Scabbards will be spoken to particularly. The Men have great appearance of satisfaction with their Situation, and an evident cordiality prevails thro' the Corps. This Regiment is considered by the Natives as the Best: the foundation of the Native Cavalry. - Native Officers very fine fellows: but many of them sinking into Dotage. The Men fresh, and a great many fine fellows. Enquired of each Troop separately the State of their Accounts. - Every Man answered that all was just. Cloathing for 1796 not yet received: said to be ready at Madras. -

This Regiment has not Sabre Pouches.

which

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which appear necessary, as the Men have no Pockets.
This will be stated in a General Remark. —

August 12th Inspected the Lesson of the large Square in Column
of Squadrons by Ranks. Walked. Trotted. and Galloped
round and along about 200 Yards by 100. —
The Wheelings very good and Ranks —
tolerably steady. — Inspected the Regimental Books.
and found them regularly Kept. —
Saw Arms. and the excellent Battalion
there. under Lieutenant Colonel Torrens. —

(Signed) J. Floyde
M. G. —

A true Copy
(Signed) John Malcolm
Lt.

1st Regiment Native Cavalry Commanded
by Lieutenant Colonel Murray at Arcot. —

1797.
August 13th Arrived at Arcot. —
14th Saw the Horse Drill of the 1st Regiment Native
Cavalry Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Murray.
Mens Bodies bearing much too forward, with some
Sher

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Shew defects in the detail of this Inspection, owing to the want of a proper Riding Establishment.

Horses exceeding good. the many small, but strong, and active. and in the highest health and Condition. Scarce any ill horses in this Corps. -

August — 15th Inspected the Barrack of this Regiment. - Arms and accoutrements remarkably good. and in the best — order imaginable. -

Sadlery. Bitts. and Bridoons. Curbs. Stirrup Irons made at Arcot and good. -

This Regiment has Sabre Pouches very good. and excellent Necessary Bags. Rests with Government to determine how they are to be paid for. -

Viewed the Stabling and Lines. Horses perfectly well kept - very few sick horses. -

Barracks and Stabling new and good. Rooms wanting for European Serjeants. - Flooring of the — Barracks not bricked. and said to be very swampy in wet weather. - No Hospital. much wanted. -

Saw.

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1797.
August 16th. Saw the lesson of the great Square - about 200 yards by
100 yards - The Regiment in Column of Squadrons by
Rank. marched round at a Walk. Trot. and Gallop -
astonishingly well in all the paces. - Wheelings Excellent
Squadrons 33 Files. -

17th. Saw Regimental Books - Regularly kept -
Saw a Man of a troop full accoutred. - Find the
Appointments. -

18th. Inspected the 1st. Regiment in Review. - Line well
formed. - Squadrons well sized. - accoutrements well put
on, with some slight exceptions. - Passed by well Ranked
off well. - some want of Uniformity of Position on
Horseback, and of the position of the Carabines. - and
length of Stirrups. - Horses much alarmed at fire. -

Movements in Line exceeding good. -
Career long. - Rapid - United - four times repeated. - Points
of View understood - Squadrons 33 Files. -

Inspected the Foot Parade of the 1st Regiment -
Several Men much too small and the figures of it
many

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many not sufficiently Choice for a body of Cavalry so expensive and highly paid.- Native officers getting Rs. but respectable well behaved brave Men.-

Asked each Troop seperately concerning their accounts Every Man declared himself fully satisfied. except one Man who claimed about eleven Months Pay. and Gratuity while prisoner with the Enemy.- Due reference has been made to the Office of Audit. and the opinion Communicated to the Comm=manding Officer to guide his further proceedings. Adathery Received.-

Upon the whole- the good order. and Field movements of this Regiment far surpassed my expectations and afforded me great satisfaction.-

(Signed) J. Floyd.
M. Gl.

A true Copy
(Signed) John Malcolm
Lt.

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At Arcot.

4th. Regiment Native Cavalry

Commanded by Major Dallas.

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August 15th. Inspected the Horse Drill &c. the 4th. Regiment of
Native Cavalry Commanded by Major Dallas —

Men seat too much on the Chest. — Besides in general
much too forward. — Several however very well placed —
Want of Uniformity and System of Horsemanship
as in the other Regiments and from the same
cause, namely, want of a Riding Establishment —
Many Martingales in use. some few may be
necessary. —

Viewed the Barracks of the Regiment.
Arms and accoutrements remarkably good: and
in the best order imaginable. Saddlery. Bits.
and Bridoons. Curbs. Stirrups Irons made at
Arcot. and most of them extremely good. — Bits
rather too heavy. but the Native Workmen —
cannot

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cannot make them light without destroying the
strength.-

This Regiment has excellent Sabre
Pouches and Necessary Bags. remains to be deter-
mined by Government how they are to be paid for.

Barrack Floor wants flooring. Laid to
low swampy in wet weather. want of Rooms for
the Serjeants. Otherwise excellent. No Hospital
much wanted.

Viewed the Stabling and Lines of the 4th
Regiment. Stabling excellent. Lines in both
Regiments want a little depth.
Horses perfectly well kept. very few sick.
Looking good tho many are small. down to 14
hands. and even under. but strong and active. and
all in very high Condition.

August 17th Inspected the Lesson of the great Square. about
200 by 100 yards. The 4th Regiment in Column of
Squadrons

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Squadrons. by Banks. went round this oblong at a Walk. trot and Gallop. astonishingly well in all the Paces. Wheelings excellent. Squadrons 36 Files. Horses somewhat alarmed at Fire. Regimental Books — Regularly kept. saw a Man of ea Troop. full accoutred — Fixed the appointments. —

August 18th. Inspected the Foot Parade of the 12th. Regiment — several men much too small. and their figure not sufficiently Choice. Native Officers getting rid best respectable well behaved brave men. —

Enquired of each Troop. seperately concerning their Accounts. Every man declared himself fully satisfied. Cloathing Received. —

19th. Inspected the 12th. Regiment in Review. — every part admirable well performed. Carreer long. rapid. well connected. —

Upon the whole. the good order. and Field.

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Field Movements of this Regiment greatly surpassed my expectations, and afforded me entire satisfaction

August 20th Left Arcot.

Governor's Body Guard.

at Fort St. George

Commanded by Lieut.t Montgomery.

26th Saw the Governor's Body Guard under the Command of Lieutenant Montgomery in Review order. Well composed in Men and Horse. Performance good.

(Signed) D. Floyd.

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A true Copy

(Signed) John Malcolm

Lieut.

3rd Regiment Native Cavalry. Commanded by Lieut.t Colonel Orr.

Cantonment near Chittoor.

1797.

September 4th Arrived at the Cantonment of the 3rd Regiment

Inspected

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September 5th Inspected the Horse Drill of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Orr. - Men's position very forward. and defective. a few well performed. The lesson but indifferently performed. owing to the same cause as in other Regiments. the want of a System. and a Riding Establishment. -

Viewed the Arms and accoutrements. - in good order. Saddles not uniform. - it will be necessary to establish future Uniformity from patterns of all - accoutrements. to be approved by the Military Board. Bridles Chiefly made in Europe. and Good. -

Viewed the Lines. Horses in pretty good Condition The 4th Troop Duns. in lower Condition than the rest. - said to be owing to their having eat an unwholesome grain. of which four died while on detachment with Major Cuppage. in the Warriapollam District. - saw the Horses Received from the Temporary Coys. since the 1st of January. but indifferent. -

Upon

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Upon the whole this Regiment is somewhat inferior to the others in the quality of the horses.—

There are no Barracks, only a long Room that Contains the Arms and accoutrements.— There is a good Shed of similar Size, and parallel, for the accommodation of the Men at Stable times, built as I am informed by Lieutenant Colonel Orr at his own expence.— There no Stables, no Hospital..

This Regiment has Sabre Pouches, good and new Pieu Jany Bags very good, but more expensive — and of an entire different pattern from the other Corps: and not so neat.— The want of Uniformity may be corrected at a future day.—

September 6th Inspected the Lesson of the great Square.— an oblong of about 200 by 100 Yards.— The Regiment in Column of Squadrons by Ranks. Marched round at a Walk, Trot, and Gallop.— The Trot exceeding slow.— Intervals not very Correct.— Wheelings pretty good.— Words of Command do not follow those of the Commanding Officer with sufficient

Rapidity

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Rapidity –

Inspected the Regiment on Foot. Every man present except one Sick – Front Rank remarkably fine Men and of Considerable Size. Their persons more muscular and Athletick – better grown than the men of other Regiments. There are however 87 Men under 5 feet 4 Inches –

Enquired of each Troop Separately, concerning their accounts Universal answer of Satisfaction –

Regimental Books very Regular since Lieut.t Colonel Orr has Commanded the Regiment –

Saw a Man of a Troop full Accoutred and fixed the position of Appointments –

September 7th Inspected the 3d Regiment on Horseback –

Intervals of Squadrons too wide – Men not very well Sized on horseback – Ranks and Intervals too open in passing by. Words of Command do not follow with sufficient Rapidity, which prevents union of the movement –

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The movements in Line were regular.

Lieut. Short, and not Rapid.—

Made a movement with the Regiment on different ground.—from the March displaying into Line, and Charging Pretty Regular.—

Horses somewhat alarmed at firing the Pistols. upon the whole I consider the Regiment in an improving State.—

It is to be lamented that more cordiality does not prevail between the Commandant and his Officers.—

(Signed) D. Sloyd
M. G.

True Copy
(Signed) John Malcolm
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General Observations on an Inspection of 5. Native Cavalry. in August and September 1797.—

Two of the Regiments 1st. and 4th. appear to be in very high order, in almost all respects

Extremely

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Extremely well mounted. altho there are many small horses, but there are scarse any old ones. —

Arms and Accoutrements very good. and admirably well kept. There are however many Men in both these Regiments much too small. The Commander in Chief is already in possession of a paper on this head. —

The European Officers of this Corps are Zealous intelligent and active. and the Native Officers are no less so. —

One of the Regiments the 7th appears to be progressive and emerging from want of order. and of due Practice. the Horses somewhat inferior to those of the other Regiments. but in general good. — The Men much superior in Size and figure to any of the others. having also many under Size as already stated. —

The European Officers in this Corps are unfortunately at variance with the Commanding Officer. and this infallibly throws a shade over their practice — The

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the Native officers zealous and active. —

One Regiment the 2nd. appears not to have kept pace with the others in improvement, although the European officers, and indeed the whole Corps is — composed of well intentioned zealous men, professing a perfect good understanding thro out. — There are some very bad horsemen among the European officers. The Native officers are jealous and active. — The body of men not sufficiently Choice, altho there are many fine fellows. —

Horsemanship — There are among the European officers some excellent self taught horsemen, and in all the Corps several of the Native officers who are very expert on horseback, and both Non Commissioned officers, and Sepoys too; yet none appear well grounded in System or Science which is very necessary towards instructing others, and preserving method in a Corps. — This prevails in Consequence the greatest want of Uniformity, and a very great deficiency in the individual

Horsemanship

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Horsemanship of the Native Cavalry, such however as may be remedied and it is a matter of the utmost astonishment to see how well these men perform in Squadron and in Line. —

The figures of the men seem admirably adapted to Horsemanship. The Character of their make is slender and elegant, more pliable than strong, short Bodies and long Sticks. —

It is affirmed by European Officers who have served longest with the Native Cavalry that scarce any of their Native Officers are capable of persevering in the uniform method of Instruction, unless overlooked by an European of authority and skill and therefore not proper to be charged with the Riding Establishment of a Regiment. —

Three of the four Commandants were decidedly of opinion that the charge and superintendance of the Riding Department should rest with an European Officer. —

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It is to be observed that there is no Riding Department in the Regiments of Native Cavalry. The most expert officers European and Native and the best among the Non Commissioned officers to instruct the Men in detail, and to break in the horses. — As there is no allowance for this business, which is really laborious, not without personal risk, and attended with expence of Cloaths to the Men, and of Stable to the Commanding Officer, it cannot be expected that it is followed up with the same spirit and skill, as if a due degree of reward were attached to it. —

The Riding Department is considered as extremely essential, and it cannot be doubted that its introduction into the Native Cavalry would be attended with decided success. —

Riding Establishment. It is with great deference proposed

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proposed. that there be a Riding Establishment attached to each Regiment. Composed as follows. for one Corps —

1 Riding Master
1 Assistant Riding Master
6 Rough Riders of the 1st Class
6 Ditto ..... 2nd Class

There are some Native Officers of remarkably expert horsemen, who practised some years ago with Major General Floyd at Chevilimadoo, and who with a renewal of one months practice with him, would receive considerable benefit so that they might proceed with their Regimental Riding Drill. The Assistant Riding Master is introduced with a view to the employment of these officers if they prove it to superintend in the absence of the Riding Master by Sickness. or otherwise. And to assist the European Officer in explanation. few being sufficiently masters of the language to make themselves clearly understood by the Sepoys and Recruits. —

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The pay of the Establishment is proposed to be as follows.—

1 Riding Master per Month ——— Pagodas 20. or 22.

1 Assistant Riding Master for Native Officer ——— 5.

6 Rough Riders of the 1st. Class each 1½ Pags. ... 9.

6 Rough Riders of the 2d. Class each 1 Pagoda ... 6.

Total Monthly Expence Pags. 40 or 42

The Riding Master from his allowance of Twenty or Twenty two Pagodas per Month is to furnish all the Tackle required. Camp Colours to mark the Square. Cavessons and Longes. Long Whips.—

It is proposed that the Commandant of each Regiment should Recommend his own Riding Master, subject to the Approbation or Removal of the higher Authorities. as he is most interested in the performance of his Regiment. it is Judged that that he will be most likely to find a proper person.—

The Riding Master is to be European. an Officer. either in the Corps. or to be exchanged into it.

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but the same person not to be both Adjutant and Riding Master. —

The Rough Riders are to be Natives of the Corps. the most disposed to the business and willing also. —

Should a proper European Officer not be found the Commandant may be allowed to employ for the time the fittest Native Officer as Riding Master. —

It is of course understood that the Commandant superintends this duty, as well as all others in his Regiment. and is himself held responsible for the Horsemanship of his Corps. which must be uniform throughout all the Native Cavalry upon a given System — The System here recommended is that of the late Earl of Pembroke from which the Horse Drill published by the late Major General Sir Archibald Campbell is taken. — This Horse Drill may be revised, and republished for the use of the Native Cavalry. —

A difficulty will appear in providing European Officers of Native Cavalry duly prepared for the above purpose, and some may not be inclined. To instruct Officers

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Officers will be difficult in India —

Instruction of Riding Masters. — It may occur that Major General Floyd ought to offer his Services on this occasion, and it is most certain that he is willing to do what he can — It is however true that the avocations of this Station occupy his time Considerably, yet he might still superintend, and put on a proper Method a small number of persons, whom he might see twice a week perhaps, which would do something towards the End proposed, tho' not so well as by daily attendance. — If this plan is approved of, it is proposed to send one European Officer for each Regiment, attended by the most promising Bough Rider of his Corps, to a Training Troop, all on good horses, where a practice of six Months may do a great deal of good. It would be the General's aim not alone to instruct the Officer, but to shew how to instruct others — They ought to be men the most disposed to Horsemanship, some from make

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and dispositions are so opposite, that all pains would be thrown away - the first time to begin would be as soon as the Monsoon clears up. -

Accoutrements. It would be advisable to fix the pattern of all accoutrements that belong to Man and Horse, and to require the most rigid adherence thereto. Some time forward in this view a complete set is now preparing by General Floyd, who proposes to send it to the Commander in Chief, or to the Military Board, as he may be instructed for their examination, and if it meets their approval, to be sealed and kept for the purpose of a Pattern. - It would be proper to cause a similar set to be made for each Corps, to be in like manner sealed, and by order after a comparison to be kept with each Regiment. - These Patterns have been determined upon after due consideration, not only with all the Commandants of Corps, but with their experienced European and Native Officers.

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and even experienced Men in the Ranks. Major Dallas who is zealous and free on this and all proper occasions has given most essential aids. - altho' the Saddery is very well made at Arcot, and other places it would be very proper to keep a thousand sets made in England, in the Arsenal for emergencies. -

Turbans. - The Turbans ought also to be of a fixed Pattern. Those in use are all good, and sit firm; but as it is necessary to name some one, it is proposed they should be exactly after the pattern of those now used in the 1st. Regiment. -

Sword Belts. - After due examination it is found that the manner of wearing the sword in a Belt round the waist is highly inconvenient, and distressing to the Natives in long Duties; owing to their slender make. It is therefore proposed that the sword should be suspended from a Shoulder Belt, and be kept steady round the waist by the Strap of the Cartridge Box as per Pattern. -

Cartridge

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Cartridge Box. - The present manner of wearing the Cartridge Box in a Belt over the Right Shoulder hanging under and behind the left arm, makes it very difficult to get at its Contents. - It cannot be conveniently worn hanging on the Right side, because of the Carabine Belt; nor is it convenient when hanging for position of the Carabine Belts split for the purpose, It is therefore proposed to wear it on the Belly, as it was worn for many years by Elliots Regiment. without any sort of inconvenience, fastened by a narrow web strap, which confines the Sword Belt also, as per Pattern. -

Carabines. - After due Enquiry of the most experienced people, European and Native, in the Native Cavalry, it appears advisable they should preserve the Carabines and the Belts belong. -

The Comparative lightness of the Man, makes its weight less distressing to the Horse. The opinion of safety and superiority the Sepoys attach to their Carabines ought not to be neglected

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neglected, and it is certain the Enemy dread them. They are useful in small parties, and escorts to keep larger numbers of Horse in respect.—

It is not however meant to assume that foot from on Horseback is at all formidable, the Sword being considered as the proper Weapon of a Horseman, with which he is to attack, and defeat the Enemy. The Pistol when he is advantageously employed in pursuit, and quite near to destroy fugitives.—

Swords.— The Swords at present in use with the Native Cavalry, are of a good pattern. Last a Sword now in the Arsenal, and sent by Major General Floyd to the Military Board some Months ago, is thought preferable. The length of the Straight Lines of the Blade should be 32 Inches. It should be slightly curved, hatchet edged and Spear pointed. It should be calculated more for offence than defence, somewhat weighty to cut, not too much curved to thrust.—

In any future order for Swords this Pattern is recommended.—

Sword

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Sword Scabbards.- The Military Board having written to Major General Floyd on the method of repairing sword Scabbards.- an answer will soon be sent with a Pattern, recommending that they be repaired by the artificers of the Regiment, certain materials being furnished from the arsenal of Fort St. George.-

Equipments not provided for.- There are certain very necessary articles of the Equipment which do not appear to be provided for by the Honble Company, and which Commandants of Regiments have hitherto mostly furnished.- It is desirable to ascertain the intentions of Government in what manner they are to be provided, and to establish Patterns for future uniformity.-

Necessary Bags.- A Pattern Necessary Bag will be sent with other accoutrements.- It is calculated to hold six suits and a Tent Jacket, which is full as much as ought to be carried on a Horse.- These Bags

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last several years, and the 3rd Regiment suspects to have a new sett, which ought not to be thrown away. but future new ones should be conformable. –

Sabre Pouches. – As the short Jacket does not admit of Pockets. or ought not, a substitute is necessary: and a Pattern Sabre Pouch goes with the rest. They last – many years. –

Spurs. – The Spurs are commonly, if not always paid for by the Sepoys – they are necessary. And it is with – deference recommended, that the Men be relieved – from this Cost. –

Boots. – Boots are necessary hitherto paid for by the Men. and it is with great deference recommended, that they be relieved from this Cost. –

Badges. – Ornaments. or Badges are in use in all Corps. but not provided for in the Native Cavalry. – They consist in a small Badge or Ornament on the Flap of the Cartridge Box. and another on the Sabre Pouch. –

Pouches

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Rates of Articles not provided for as Current at Arcot.

	Fanams
Spurs per Pair	12
Sabre Pouch each	12
Necessary Bag lined with Country Cloth	12
Pair of Baggage Straps for Ditto	2
Brass Star for Sabre Pouch	6
Ditto — Ditto for Cartridge Box	6
Boots per Pair	12.

All these Articles except Boots last for several years. Country Boots may last with care about a year. Spurs are liable to be broke: and a small annual supply is necessary.

Any Article lost or broke thro neglect should be paid for by the Party.

Sallustrys or Horse Doctors. — There are Six Sallustrys or one to a Troop in every Regiment. one of the Six is stiled Sallustry Major. or Serrindar Sallustry. Each has Six Pagodas per Month. and the principal one Nine.

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and they are mounted by the Company: so that each of these Sallestrys cost about 12 or 13 Pagodas a Month: and the Head Sallestrys 3 more each. The Expence of this Establishment cannot be less than 70 Pagodas for Men &c. per Regiment besides the value of the Troop Horses and Cloathing of the Sallestrys. - The Office of these Sallestrys is to administrate to the Diseases of Horses. - The Sallestrys have no knowledge of anatomy of the Animal Oeconomy or of Pharmacy - Nothing further can be expected from them than the accidental application of certain Nostrums handed down from their Forefathers, which sometimes seems to hit. -

It would appear that this Establishment requires reform. -

An European assistant Surgeon of moderate education can hardly fail of professing more veterinary science than all the Fraternity of

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of Salisbury together, and his daily experience with assistance of Books, that are in every bodys hands will soon make him expert in that line.

It is proposed that the Veterinary Department in each Regiment shall be entrusted to the Assistant Surgeon of the Corps, with two black Doctors discommended to assist him, with proper allowance to each. It is highly probable that the employment of skilful Europeans in this branch, will tend to augment the general stock of Science.

Commanding Officers of Troops are liable to furnish Medicines and Masauls for their horses from the Monthly allowance of Lg½ fanams per horse. Straight to be fined at the rate of one Pagoda for every twelve horses, or seven Pagodas for 83 Horses. 12 Pagodas per Regiment monthly, from which sum the Assistant Surgeon may find an advancement for his trouble, and furnish Medicines, the Cost of which is inconsiderable. This is the scale

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scale, and manner of providing in the 19th. Dragoons so far no new Expence is proposed to Government –

The two Black Horse Doctors may be allowed three Pagodas per Month each, and the Assistant Surgeon is answerable for providing able and intelligent men –

Veterinary Establishment – The Veterinary Establishment is proposed to consist of for each Corps –

1 Assistant Surgeon at 42 Pagodas per Month, or at the rate of 1 Pagoda for 12 Horses, paid by Commanding Officers of Troops at the nearest approximation. – 2 Black Doctors dismounted at 3 Pagodas per Month each paid by the Horse Company. –

Disposal of Sallestrys. – It remains for Government to determine the disposal of the present Sallestrys. –

It would appear that such as have served ten years and under, have been well paid for their trouble, and cannot have strong claims on the Service unless disabled by wounds and may be discharged.

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Such as have served upwards of ten years may be invalided or pensioned on half Pay from which a considerable saving will arise, and they can have no reasonable grounds of Complaint.—

It may be observed that the uniform now proposed will a great deal more than Cover the Expence of the Riding Establishment as above stated.—

Farriers or Black Smiths.—

The horses of Native Cavalry are Shod by Commanding Officers of Troops out of the allowance of 4 9/12 pannams allowed by Government for each horse per Month.— They employ a person who follows on foot the March.— In ordinary Marches, and much more on Rapid Marches, shoes are thrown, horses lamed, and sometimes lost for want of immediate help.— This Army has seen a considerable proportion of the Horses of a Regiment on Service lost by this means.—

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In His Majestys Cavalry there is an European Farrier / Shoer of Horses / allowd as a Rank and File, a Private, - These men have been found eminently useful, not only to the 19th Dragoons but to many of the Native Cavalry also, on Service, when their Shoe smiths could not be had. -

Establishment. - It is recommended to allow one - Private per Troop, mounted and armed, and paid as a Private who is by Profession a Shoer of Horses. - There appears no doubt but they will easily be found - - This man is to be satisfied for his work and materials by the Commanding Officers of Troops as at present. and to march with his Troop carrying only his - Shoeing implements. Hammer Pinchers, paring Knife, Rasp. Each Sepoy should carry a spare Shoe, and 12 Nails. The Bullocks with the Farriers shoes &c. will follow as usual. -

Line Men. - A Custom exists in the Native Cavalry

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allowing one Pagoda and three fanams a month to one
Line Arrani in each Troop, who is also one of the Rank
and File. This man generally does no other duty, and is
hardly ever an efficient man. Formerly it was intended
as a Reward to a worn out Sepoy. But such are now provided
for very liberally by Invaliding and Pensioning -

It is strongly recommended to suffer none
but duty doing Fighting Men upon the Establishment
of Rank and File. In time of Peace the Line Man -
appears unnecessary. The Line Guard likewise in rotation
should do all the Duties now appropriated to the
Line Man, by which means every Sepoy would -
learn the essential duty of Grass boiling and other
matters tending to the care of Horses -

In time of War, a strong active intelligent
fellow is absolutely necessary to attend the Quarter Master.
and may very fairly be allowed as above for his laborious.
Office -

Disorders of Horses - His late Highness & the N. Nabob
affirmed

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affirmed that Bodies of Horses were never seen lying
together in the same place in the Carnatic. It is very
certain that they are subject to epidemick disorders, and
there are the justest grounds to believe that they are
occasioned by foul Air, even in open ground, arising
from the soil where the Horse stands, being deeply
impregnated with the ordure of his body as every one
may smell by walking over the place. —

These Disorders are very various in their
appearances. —

Some have a stiffness of the Neck so that
they cannot reach their food upon the ground, these have
inflamed and often impostthumed Livers sometimes
inflamed Lungs. —

Some have very violent Pains, some
have large flat watery swellings that cover great part
of the Belly and Chest, some have swelled Legs. —

Some have sudden Weakness in the
Loins

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Loins, dragging their hind legs with great pain, and —
suffering a weight on their back with great distress. —
All these will frequently prove fatal.
And several other varieties not necessary to enumerate
here, some also prove an appearance of health suddenly
drop down dead. —

Method of Prevention. — The Commencement of these
epidemick disorders are trifling, but their encrease rapid.
and quick observation may both cure, and prevent. —
Upon appearance of such disorders in
two or three horses, the affected should be immediately
separated from the sound. — Both sick and sound should
be moved to fresh ground, a quarter of a mile off, or further.
so as that the air and ground be perfectly fresh. The
sick may be treated as is usual in their different —
Complaints except that it is not well ascertained that
any horse attacked with the weakness in the loins
has ever recovered. This disorder is not as yet understood —

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The healthy horses should be spread abroad at double the usual distance. Cowalys or Cloths be washed and the nose bags be destroyed. In about three days they should again be moved to fresh ground, wide as under. Also every four or five days afterwards they should be moved to fresh ground for about three weeks or a month. In this time it is probable all appearance of Disorder does cease. The old ground if pretty deeply dug up and the soil replaced with fresh earth, will be wholesome and the Horses may be brought back to their original situations. Marching round about the Country if it can conveniently be done is the best preventative of all, as it entirely diffuses an perfect change of air and soil. –

(Signed) J. Floyd

A true Copy

(Signed) John. Malcolm

Lieut.

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Minute and Resolutions of the Board on the Commanders in Chiefs suggestion —

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The Board have much satisfaction in observing the favorable testimony which General Floyd bears to the order, appointments, Horsemanship, and discipline of the several Corps of Native Cavalry, but in particular of the 1st. and 4th. Regiments under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Murray and Major Dallas —

The Board concur with the Commander in Chief in the necessity of a Riding Establishment for each Regiment and it is accordingly resolved that the following be fixed. —

1 Native Riding Master at Pagodas 5 per Month
6 Rough Riders first Class ..... 9.
6 Ditto .. Ditto .. 2d. Ditto ..... 6.
Total ... 20.

The Riding Masters and Rough Riders to be selected and recommended by the Commandants of Corps for appointment by the Commander in Chief —

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to issue orders for the attendance of the Riding Masters

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Masters and Naigh Riders of each Regiment upon Major General Floyd.

Resolved that Major General Floyd's recommendation in regard to accoutrements be referred for the consideration and report of the Military Board.

Upon a full consideration of the reasons for and against the recommendation of Major General Floyd for a veterinary establishment the Board are of opinion, and it is accordingly resolved that it be rejected.

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to recommend to the Commandants of Regiments the observations of Major General Floyd upon the best means of guarding against epidemical diseases.

The Board are of opinion that it is not expedient to adopt the change recommended by Major General Floyd, for mounting a Black Smith.

In conformity with the recommendation of Major General Floyd and the Commander in Chief

Resolved

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Resolved that the establishment of Line men be discontinued from the 1st January next, and that in the Field the allowance of a Line man shall be granted to an active carefull Trooper to be selected and appointed by the Commandant to attend the Quarter Master of the Regiment.

The Commander in Chief is requested to order a Special investigating Committee to examine such of the men, as may yet be unfit for the Service.

Read the following Letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

My Lord

We have been honored by the receipt of Your Lordships Letters of the 2nd and 9th instant. also of Mr. Secretary Falconar's of the 8th with their respective enclosures.

From the Military Board recommending that the Officers of the Mysore Regiment at Vellore whose quarters are uninhabitable be allowed House Rent. report on the application of the Commissary of Stores

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stores for the Repair of his Quarter and respecting the Laboratory at Trichinopoly. Bills for work executed at Trichinopoly recommended for payment. Submit Minute of the Chief Engineer and the other Members of their Board respecting Masonry & Artificers. recommend for payment Bills for 4 pairs of Musquitto Curtains by the Agent of Supply. Refer a Letter from the Agent for Spirituous Liquors respecting Duty on Arrack.

enclosures; and in regard to the application from the Officer Commanding the Regiment De Meuron at Vellore referred for our Opinion on the 2nd instant. We beg leave to Recommend that the allowance of House Rent be granted to the Officers of that Corps upon the Certificate of the Barrack Master (or Public Staff Officer of the Station where the Barrack Master shall not be present,) specifying that each Officer drawing it is not provided with any Quarter but such as had been publickly condemned as being unin-habitable, in which case it has been usual for Government to allow Officers so situated to draw House Rent.

Having on receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Falconer's Letter referred to the State of the Arsenal. We find that of the Articles specified in its enclosure, the number of Pick Axes, Broad Axes, and a Grind Stone only, can be supplied from thence, in regard to which the necessary instructions have been given to the Commissary.

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With respect to the Estimates No. 3
and 4. which accompanied the Letter to your Lordship
from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army. We have the honor to report that as
we cannot consider the Commissary of Stores at —
Trichinopoly entitled to any Building for an Office
seperate from the Quarter allotted to him, it does not
appear to us necessary that any expence should be
incurred for Repairs on such account: and in regard
to the Laboratory at Trichinopoly, as we understand
that its situation is damp, and consequently injurious
to Laboratory Stores. We have therefore desired that
Major General Floyd will direct a particular Survey
and Report to be made thereof previous to any —
Repairs being ordered to it, as it may probably be —
advisable to establish the Laboratory on some
more favorable situation —

The accompanying Bill for &c.
Building.

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Buildings and Repairs executed under the superintendence of Lieut. Colonel Toapaid at Trichinopoly amounting to Pagodas 1465. 2. 6 being supported by the necessary Certificate of a due performance of the work.

We do ourselves the honor to recommend that the Bill be accordingly passed for payment. -

The Chief Engineer in a Minute of the 6th July last having represented the necessity of an encrease to the present Establishment of Maistry Artificers by the appointment of Persons of that description to the several Stations particularized in the Minute; and it being the sense of our Board that the Establishment of Artificers already fixed by Government for the Engineers Department in the General order of 31st October 1794 is wholly sufficient for all the purposes of the Public Service; We accordingly in conformity to the Regulations of our Board do ourselves the honor to submit to

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your Lordship in Council the Minutes of the
Chief Engineer with those of the several Members
on the subject. —

The Agent of Supply having delivered
into the Arsenal three hundred and fifty 1350/ Stand
of unfaired Muskets; which on examination by
a Committee of our Board have been approved.
We have accordingly the honor to send enclosed a
Bill for the same, amounting to Pagodas 918..33.60.
and to recommend that it be discharged. —

The Agent for Spirituous Liquors —
having addressed the accompanying Letter to our
Board, requesting duties on Arrack imported
on account of the Honorable Company — a
subject upon which we do not consider —
ourselves competent to offer an opinion

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We therefore beg leave to submit it to your Lordship's consideration.

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

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(signed) George Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Jeils
W.m Sydenham
Jn.o Richardson
B.y Close

Report of the Chief Engineer 6.th July 1797.

The Chief Engineer acquaints the Board that during the Government of Sir archibald Campbell. than whom no one was more conversant in the mode of Conducting Public works. an Establish-ment of Masons was first for the out Garrisons

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on the principle that there could neither be Fortifications nor Public Works that would not require a superveu = tending Eye to prevent their falling into decay, which the ready attention of these People assisted as occasion should require, by such artificers as the Country could afford would partly contribute to prevent it from their possessing a knowledge of the construction of Gates. Draw Bridges &c. and of the proper levels by which the water can be carried off. — Sending a Bricklayer Mastry to Madura and a Carpenter and Smith Mastry to Vellajanbad, in consequence of that arrangement is perfectly within his recollection. —

It is likewise to be observed that the Pay of the Company's Mastrys (4 Pagodas per Month,) is very little more than the common rate of hire of a common Coly Bricklayer or — Carpenter. Add to this that the Mastry Bricklayer's

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act as overseers on all occasions either to repair
of Roads works, Buildings &c. after reflecting on which
it will appear they are in point of number barely
sufficient for the avocations they are obliged to attend to.

The Chief Engineer therefore hopes
that this useful body of men may not be altogether
discharged but that the Board will be pleased to
recommend to Government that two Masters Bricklayer
and Masters Carpenter and Smiths may be retained
at each of the following Garrisons and Cantonments
In addition to those specified in the existing Regulations
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Madurah.
Seringapatam.
Pallamcottah.
Amboor.
Ongole.
Wallajaubad.
Bellary.
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If the Board should approve of recommending these artificers to Government the Legs to propose that they be put under the orders of the Commanding Officer at each Station subject to the call of an Engineer whenever an Officer of that Corps may be ordered on Service to any of the abovementioned Garrisons.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. E.

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec. Mily Board.

Minute of the Adjutant General
Dated 16th November 1797.

I regret very much that I should be obliged to pass an opinion on a matter proposed by the Chief Engineer on which his judgement must be deemed very Superior to mine. at the same time

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terms as none of the Masters now mentioned are included in the System of Regulations lately established and it still appears to me that the Engineers at the different Posts with their Establishments of Masters should be competent to all the purposes of the Service — I am obliged to refrain from giving my vote in favor of the proposal in question. —

(Signed) B.T Close A.G.

True Copy

(Signed) Fred: Pierce

Lt. Mily. Board

Minute of the Military Auditor General

The Military Auditor General feeling as he does an high respect for the professional Judgement of the Chief Engineer is concerned that he cannot — subscribe to his opinion with regard to the necessity of an additional number of Masters beyond that established by Government orders of the 31st October

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1794. being of opinion that it is sufficient for every purpose that can be required, with a reservation respecting the Engineer in the Guntoor Circar, who it is conceived ought on the same principle to have a Mastery of each Description to assist him in the performance of his Superintending duties in that District.—

The Military Auditor General cannot agree with the Chief Engineer that Mastering are necessary at any of the inferior Stations as they cannot act or perform the most trifling Work except under the direction of an Engineer, and as Officers of that Corps have been appointed to the different Divisions of the Army on an allowance of full Batta, it is presumed to be their duty by frequent Visitations to keep themselves constantly informed of the particular state of the several Forts and Military Buildings

and

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and with their own Establishment of Masters &c.
at the Head Quarters of the Division or District to
be equal to the Superintendance of any Works that
may be ordered. -

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

16th. November 1797.

, True Copy.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Lieut. Mils. Board.

The Regulations having established
Masters Bricklayers, Carpenters, and Smiths, at the
Principal Stations as part of the Engineers Depart-
=ment, where Officers of that Corps are posted, I am
of opinion that extending the number of Masters
to the inferior Stations would not be productive of any
utility to the Service, but would create an unnecessary
expence. -

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(Signed) Jno. Richardson
Dy. Mr. Genl.

, True Copy.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Lieut. Mils. Board
Major

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Major General Gells is of opinion that no Bricklayer, Carpenter, or other Mastry, should be allowed beyond those already Established by Existing Regulations

(signed) Thomas Gells.

(True Copy)

(signed) Fred. Pierce

Sec. Mily. Board

To Lieutenant General George Harris

President &c. &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

I beg leave to represent to you that hitherto it has not been the Custom for the Arrack and Rum imported by the Honble Company to pay any Duty, upon this principle that it would be a needless trouble, as the draw back on the Exports would be equal to the duties upon the Imports. of course the levying duties on the Imports of the Honble Company would only

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only occasion additional trouble without any real benefit. I therefore submit to your consideration the propriety of addressing Government on the Subject.

That an order may be passed for a continuation of the same System that has hitherto existed for these many years past. And that all Spirits imported do pass duty free on my producing to the Custom House the original Invoice of the Liquor imported and swearing that the quantity imported is on account of the Honble Company. —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
[Signed] Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Fort St George
6th November 1797.

[True Copy]
[Signed] Fredk. Pierce
Secy. Milty. Board.

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

Having made the necessary enquiries respecting the most convenient mode of having the Badges made for the Native Volunteers of the late projected Expedition We find that the whole can be executed in a proper manner for Pagodas 1086. 18. 40. agreeably to the accompanying Statement; which your Lordship will observe does not extend to the Gun Lascars, and Native Pioneers, from their not having been called upon to Volunteer, and strictly speaking are not therefore comprehended in the H.r Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 17.th Ultimo.

In consequence of Government's Letter of the 2.nd Instant acquainting us that the present Contract for furnishing Gun Carriages &.a will expire on the 7.th of the ensuing Month, and desiring our opinion

From the Auditary Board. State the Expence of the Badges ordered for the Native Volunteers on the late Expedition - give their opinion that the provision of Gun Carriages &.a should be continued by Contract and propose draft of an Advertisement in consequence - recommend an advance to the Gram agents of the 1.st and 2.d Regiments Native Cavalry on account the consumption of those Regiments until the new Contract commences and as further advance on account of their Salaries and Current expences of the whole of the agents. Subsist Regulations for landing Stores and Provisions and recommend that Grain sufficient for the consumption of the troops be sent to the Bazars by the Collector to be sold at a reasonable rate instead of being issued

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Issued from the public Stores. Enclose further Minute on the Subject of Mastry Artificers at out Garrisons. –

opinion as early as possible upon the most eligible mode of providing those articles in future. We have accordingly given particular consideration to the Subject as may be observed in the several Minutes, and beg leave to offer it as our opinion that the provision of Gun Carriages &c. should be contracted by Contract. which has been found by experience to be the most eligible mode of Supply; and under the Idea of its meeting the approbation of your Lordship in Council We do ourselves the honor of submitting a Draft of an advertizement for proposals for supplying by Contract Gun Carriages and other articles specified therein. –

The Agents of Cavalry Supplies to the 1st. and 4th. Native Regiments having represented to our Board the want of a further quantity of Grain for the consumption of those Regiments until the period appointed for the annual Contract to commence

commence Viz.t on the 1st. of April next. That for the former being twenty eight (28) Garce; and for the latter twenty (20) Garce. which they state can be furnished by the former Contractor at the same rate as before. Viz.t 63 Pagodas p.r Garce. We are of opinion that on account of the lateness of the Season this offer should be accepted, and accordingly recommend that the necessary advances be made for that purpose. Viz.t Six hundred and thirty (630) Pagodas to Captain Leonard, and eight hundred and eighty seven (887) Pagodas to Lieutenant Dallas at present. and an equal Sum on the delivery of the Grain being completed. —

As the Agents of the several Cavalry Regiments will beside require a further advance on account of their Salaries and current Expences. — which may be estimated at about four hundred (400) Pagodas to each until the 1st. of April next. We in consequence recommend that such advances be authorized —

As

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As considerable deficiencies in landing Stores and Provisions have arisen from the want of some specific Regulation for that purpose. We have accordingly framed the enclosed, which appear to us calculated to prevent such deficiencies in future, and in the event of it meeting your Lordships approbation. We request that the necessary communication may be made to the Master Attendant for his information and Guidance. —

We have the honor to lay before your Lordships in Council Copy of a letter addressed to our Board by the Garrison Storekeeper at Innercondah, and its enclosures, and beg leave to submit to the consideration of Government whether, as the issuing Rice from the Public Stores is attended with both inconvenience and expence, some arrangement might not be made by the Collector for Grain being sold in the Bazars at reasonable rates sufficient for the consumption of the Troops. —

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The Chief Engineer having laid before our Board a Minute under date the 23d Instant in support of the Sentiments which he before expressed relative to Draughtsmen Artificers at the several out Garrisons; and having therein signified a Wish that it may be laid before Government. We accordingly do ourselves the honor to forward the same enclosed together with the Minutes of other Members of the Board, in consequence; in order that the whole may be before your Lordships at the time the Subject comes under consideration.—

We have the honor to be

Hon'ble & Rt Hon'ble

Signed George Harris

Patrick Ross

W. Sydenham

Jno Richardson

By Close

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Abstract

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Abstract Return of the Native Officers and Soldiers who Volunteered for the projected Expedition against Manilla

	Companies	Officers	Privates &c.	Rate	P.	F.	C.
Detachment of Native Cavalry	6.	150.	1.	2.	2.		
2nd Battalion 5th Regiment (7 Companies)	15.	682.	1.	14.	7.		
Major Brunis Corps (6 Ditto)	13.	656.	"	10.	6.		
33d Battalion Native Infantry	16.	686.	"	9.	5.		
34th Ditto Ditto	16.	695.	1.	10.	10.		
Total	66.	2869.	3.	45.	30.		

Statement of the Cost of making Badges to distinguish the Native Volunteers for the projected Expedition against Manilla.

To be made	Corps.	Officers	Privates &c.	Rate	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
By Mr. Gordon Jeweller	Cavalry	66	"	1. 33. "	115	22.	"			
At Pondicherry	33d & 34th Battalions	"	155.	" 22. "	77	22.	"	193.	"	"
		"	1416.	" 14. 5	452.	28.	40	452.	28.	40
Under the Superintendance of Captain Hill	2nd Batt. 5th Regt. and Major Brunis Corps	"	1376.	" 14. 5.	439.	34.	"	439.	34.	"
		66.	2,947.		Pagodas	1,085	18.	40		

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec.y Mile. Board.

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Proposed Regulations for landing Stores from Ships. —

1st. That as on the arrival of Ordnance and Military Stores or Provisions by Sea for this Presidency the Secretary of Government will no doubt transmit to the Military Board Office without loss of time, a copy of the Invoices, and original Bills of Lading, the Secretary of the Board be authorized on Receipt thereof, to write to the Commander of the Ship, or Vessel or having such Stores, or Provisions on board, desiring him to acquaint the Commissary of Stores, or the Garrison Storekeeper, where they may be landed. Upon which Information the necessary Indents are to be made by those Officers on the Master attendant for the number of Boats requisite for that purpose. —

2nd. That the Commander of the Ship or Vessel, should be at the same time informed by the Secretary of the Military Board, that Boats will be appointed

Under

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The Honble L. G. K. Murray

Store Keeper

Innacondah

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you, I made application to your Conicoply in Charge of the Grain here, to Supply the new Paddy to the Garrison, but he refuses to comply with my wish, and assigns as a Reason, having Received no instructions from you to issue any of the new Grain in Store at this place, I shall thank you to forward the necessary Orders to your Agent on this Subject as the Sepoys are in great distress at present for Rice, and necessitated to pay a most exorbitant price for the common Country Rice which they can ill afford, and this has made me trouble you on the present occasion. –

I am &c. &c.

(signed) Richard Leigh

Lieut. Commanding.

A true Copy

(signed) L. G. K. Murray

Garrison Store Keeper

A true Copy

(signed) Fred. Pierce Sub. Mil. Board.

Lieut.

Bellamcondah

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Lieutenant Richard Leigh

Commanding

Bellumcondah

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th. Instant, and will forward a transcript of your letter to the Military Board, and request their Sanction to issue the Grain; and have little doubt I shall have orders from the Board authorizing me to meet your wishes. -

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) L. G. K. Murray
Store Keeper

Innundah
11th. November 1797.

A true Copy
(Signed) L. G. K. Murray
Garrison Storekeeper

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

Minute

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Minute of the Chief Engineer.

It is with regret I at any time differ in opinion from the Members of this Board, but I should do not do justice to the Service could I silently acquiesce in a Measure that appears to me so fraught with the most pernicious ill Consequences to the Interest of our Honble Employers, as suffering the Master Artificers at the out Garrisons to be discharged.

Because the Stations for which those people are recommended to be retained are so distant from each other as to preclude the possibility of assistance being afforded them from any other Quarter in time of War, with an active Enemy in the Country.

Because the heavy Work in Wood and Iron necessary to our Fortifications, particularly for Gates, Draw Bridges, Barriers, Sally ports, and Magazines, requires a considerable degree of professional knowledge, not only to construct, but even to keep in Repair.

Because

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Because, artificers of that Description are not easily formed, whose experience in the small details of their several professions are of considerable importance in assisting the correct execution and superintendance of the Public Works; frequently committed to officers who cannot be supposed to be so intimately acquainted with the Minutiæ of the artificers <u>various Duties</u> —

Because by the Returns lately received from the out Stations, the Services of their People are immediately wanted to put the Quarters, Granaries and other Buildings in a proper State of Repair —

Because, the ordinary Repair to European Quarters in Garrison and in Cantonment, is best till understood by common Country Workmen, who after being transported from place to place, at a very heavy Expence of advanced Wages, Batta &c. may be found entirely unacquainted with the nature of the Work in Garrison, and on their arrival at a place new to them: Strangers to the Resources of the Country, where they

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they must experience much inconvenience and delay in procuring the requisite materials for prosecuting their Business. —

Because, in every Garrison. or Cantonment. certain Descriptions of Workmen must be engaged to keep the Works and Buildings from falling into decay, who cannot be employed so much to advantage, as under the Superintendence of People who from long experience, are intimately acquainted with the nature of the Works, know the Situation of the Drains and the proper levels for carrying off the Water &c.a. —

Because they are the Cheapest, and most useful Servants to the Company have in Employ. Serving on 4 Pagodas pr. Month. little more than the rate of Hire commonly given to an ordinary Coolly — Bricklayer. or Carpenter. —

Because, it will be highly impolitic and unjust to discharge from the Service a Sett

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a Sett of useful Men, after they, and in many instances, their Fathers and Families had dedicated their Lives & thereto, many of them men of much observation, & intimately acquainted with the interior Resources of our Garrisons, and capable of affording essential & Information respecting their Defence. &

Because, in the connections of these People we find a constant Supply of Artificers for Field Service. &

Because, it is neither consistent with humanity, nor good Policy, to deprive of the means of Subsistence, such of the Old Servants of the Company as are described in the Letters of which the following are Extracts. - thereby dooming the Aged and infirm to misery and want, after they have dedicated their Vigour of life to the Service of the Company. -

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Gowdie. -
Commanding Madurah. - Dated 1st June 1797.

"I likewise request you will state
"the

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"The case of Canagasaboy the Mastry Smith who has
"served in that Capacity in Madurah for 25 years. that
"is since the Fort was taken from Cavan Saib. – He is now
"very old and infirm and Recommend his case to the
"Consideration of the Military Board". –

Extract of a Letter from Captain John Munro.
Commanding Salem. Dated 9.th August 1797. –

"Yagaleingum the Carpenter belonging
"to this Garrison is so old and Superannuated as to be totally
"unfit for Service. He says his Age is 70 years and I doubt
"it not: and that he has served the Company upwards
"of 30. as he is generally confined to his Cott from Age
"and infirmity. I am obliged to hire a Man at my
"own expence, when any Work is to be done". –

"I have therefore to request that you
"will be pleased to state this matter to the Board in
"order that some little provision may be made for
"this poor old Man who has not probably long to live." &c.a

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain Webber.
Commanding Ganjam. Dated 10th June 1797.

"As the Establishment of artificers
"and Lascars have been reduced by the late Regulations -
"it becomes a part of my Duty to represent to your Board
"that the Majesty Smith ordered therein to be discharged
"has been in the Company's Service from the time Mr.
"Colsford settled this part of the Circars and built the
"Fort of Ganjam, he is now a Man in years - and if -
"dismissed without a Provision being made for him
"must starve. - By the Returns his long Term of Service to
"the Company is 40 years. -

to say the Service has not made any
Provision for them, is I fear a Reflection on ourselves.
who have not recommended it. - For to question the Liberality
of Government or of our Noble Employers on such
occasions, would be doing them Injustice. - I rather
think they will be surprized to learn that four Pagodas
a Month for the little time these poor People have to.
live

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Sir, was only requisite to enable them to end their days in comfort, and that little had been withheld from them by this Board. —

The frequent visitations of the officers of Engineers at the Stations is very necessary for many purposes, among which, an intimate knowledge of the State of the Works is none of the least, but it is obvious to every person acquainted with the variety of objects that require attention, that an inspection at sight does not always afford the ready means of remedying the defects that frequently occur in the Old Works, and more modern additions of the Country Forts, which can chiefly be obtained by the ready aid of Masters well acquainted with the minute professional details of their respective Mechanical operations, and from a long knowledge — well informed of the peculiar construction, uses, and intention of the several Works and Buildings. — To enter more diffusely into these would be here unnecessary

but

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but probably the particular state of some of these Forts has not occurred. where from their distance from the Chief Stations, exclusively provided by the F. G. of 31st. October 1794. it would be extremely inconvenient to send the Sett of Artificers allowed. one or two hundred miles. for a temporary object. from where they are now immediately useful. — Madura and Palamcotta in this light are deserving of some Notice; places always considered of importance in the Southern Provinces. whose extensive Works and — Buildings require attention to retard their decay; and tho' some of the rest are nearer to assistance. their intrinsick importance in the vicinity of our Central Stations might justify the monthly expence of Twelve Pagodas. if it is meant to preserve them from being the means of incurring a much greater expence at no very distant period. —

Under such Impressions of the very many ill Consequences that must result to the Service from its being thus limited. and from a thorough conviction that without the attention of Resident Workmen these places

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places cannot be kept in good condition. I have to request this Minute may be laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council, with such Remarks as the Board may be pleased to make thereon.

(Signed) Patrick Ross.
Chief Engineer M.E.

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

Minute of the Commandant of Artillery.

Major General Gaile observing in the paragraph of the letter to Government on the Subject of Maistry's for the out Garrisons, that it stated the allotment by the Regulations were sufficient, which he considered as implying a necessity for that number. he took the liberty of inserting the Word amply before sufficient in the rough draft of the letter, but as he observes another Minute of Major General Ross's this morning, which he requests may go into Government with such Remarks as they think expedient

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expedient - Major General Gells takes this opportunity
of giving it as his decided opinion that so far from
requiring more of that description of men at the out Stations
he can hardly discover a necessity for them at the Presidency
at the same time he begs to be understood, that he does
not mean to Combat the propriety of Government extending
their Charity to deserving Objects in that line, but
but it should be on the express provision of not employing
them further.

[Signed] Thomas Gells.

[True Copy]
[Signed] Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mily. Board.

Minute of the Adjutant General.

As Major General Ross's minute
of the 21st. Instant is in support of his former opinion
that certain Mastry Smiths and Carpenters should be
established at some of the out Stations over and above
those allowed by the Regulations, Lieut. Colonel Close
is

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is of opinion that it should be sent in to Government as soon as convenient, in order that they may have the means of perusing it before they come to a Resolution on the Paragraph of the letter from this Board of the 20th Instant respective to the Maistries alluded to. —

Major General Ross having adverted to the expediency of some Maistries who have long-served the Honorable Company, and appear to be superannuated, being provided for by Government, Lieutenant Colonel Close apprehends that in some few instances Men of this description have been pensioned — and that if a list of the individuals in question be laid before the Board, they will meet with that consideration which their Services and Merits may appear to deserve. —

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(Signed) B.C. Close

(True Copy)

(Signed) Fred. Pierce

Sec. Mil. Board.

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(signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec. Mily Board.

Military Board Office
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÷ Lodged in the Office

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Minute of the Board respecting the Establishment of Military Artificers

Having paid particular attention to the Establishment of Military Artificers the Board cannot but consider the encrease recommended by the Chief Engineer an unnecessary expence. —

Read the following Letter from the Cloathing Contractor. —

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir/

From Mr. Lys. requesting permission to furnish Cloathing for the Nizam's Troops. in consequence of an application to him from Dr. George Ure Surgeon to the Residency at Hydrabad —

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter I have Received from the Surgeon to the Residency at Hydrabad and beg leave to ask the sanction of Government for my complying with the Request therein contained. the which I hope Government will have no Objection to grant. —

I have the honor to be

Hrs. &c.

(Signd) George Lys

Fort St. George
27th. November 1797.

George

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George Lys Esqr.

Madras

Sir

I perceive by the publick Papers that Government have accepted your proposals for providing the army Clothing for the ensuing year. I therefore think it probable it may suit you to supply me with the following Jackets, to be made up in every respect like those made for the Honble Company's Corps. and if so, I shall be glad to purchase them from you on the same terms of your Contract which I will take as a favour your Communicating to me before we bring our engagement to its close.

Adjutants	2
Subedars	20
Jemidars	40
Havildar Majors	2
Drum Majors	2
Fife Majors	2
Havildars	120
Naicks	120

Fifes

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Tents and Drums 40

Serjeys 2000

Blue Round Cavalry Jackets .. 200

Golandauze Subidars 2

Golandauze Jemidars 2

Golandauze Havildars 12

Golandauze Naicks 12

Golandauze ..... 200.

This Cloathing being intended for the use of
His Highness the Nizam, you will be supplied with the
Cloth from the Company's Stores at the usual rate. —

I am &c.

(signed) George Ure

Hyderabad
16th. November 1797.

Address your Answer to Mr. George Ure Surgeon to the
Residency at Hyderabad. —

Minute thereon

Though the Board cannot overlook the
irregularity and impropriety of the foregoing application,
yet if it should be the wish of His Highness the Nizam
that the Cloathing in question should be provided. —

Resolved

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Resolved to inform the Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad that permission will be granted to Mr. Leys and the price of the Cloth settled with the Board of Trade.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

To

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of

Fort St. George

My Lord

Military auditor Generals Report on the Paymaster Generals Additional Estimate in Amount of Cash required to discharge Bills drawn on him by the Paymaster on Ceylon.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 21st. instant. annexing the Military Paymaster Generals Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month. amounting to Twenty two Thousand and Eighty Pagodas Thirty three fanams and Twenty five Cash (Pagodas 22.080.. 33.. 25.) to which I see no objection. This Sum being demanded for the purpose of Discharging the

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the Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters on Ceylon whose drafts on the Military Paymaster General should therefore I presume be duly honored. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort S. George
23rd November 1797.

Hon. Hon.
/Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r General

Advance of Cash ordered from the Treasury on account of the Paymaster Generals additional Estimate for discharging Bills drawn by the Paymasters on Ceylon

Ordered that the Bills drawn by the Paymasters on Ceylon on the Military Paymaster General amounting to /Pagodas 22.080. 33. 25/ twenty two Thousand and Eighty Pagodas Thirty three Fanams and twenty five Cash. be discharged at the Treasury in the usual manner. —

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort S. George

Military Auditor Generals Report on the Paymaster Generals General Estimate for December —

My Lord

Having examined the Estimate of the Military

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Military Paymaster General for the month of December
1797. I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks
Eighty five Thousand eight Hundred and five Pagodas
Twenty Six Fanams and Seventy Eight Cash. / Pagodas
2,85,805.26.78 / is required for the payment of such
Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing
month.-

From the General Treasury	211,420.4.22
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	74,385.22.56
Pagodas	285,805.26.78

2. The late Regulations for the different
Pay Offices under this Presidency, which were ordered to take
effect on the 1st October having directed that the payment
of Company's Allowances to the Kings Troops are to be made
from that date by the Paymasters of the Stations where
the different Regiments may be doing duty, the amount
which has therefore been included in a separate Estimate
signed by Mr Rochfort, Vizt. Three Thousand two hundred
Pagodas / 3,200 / on account of the Swiss Regiment has
accordingly

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accordingly been deducted from the General Estimate. and this Regiment will of course be estimated for by the proper Paymaster according to directions which will be com = = municated from the Paymaster General. —

3. Mr Paymaster Hawkins having — reported a Balance of Cash on hand equal to Seven Thousand Pagodas /7000/ I have therefore directed that sum from the total amount of his Estimate as also an error of Twenty Pagodas /20/ in the Addition of the Estimate of the Paymaster at Vellore. —

4. On the examination of Mr Paymaster Jackson's Estimate for the next Month. an error has been discovered and rectified occasioned by extending Three hundred and Eleven Pagodas on account of the Provisore Department instead of one hundred and twenty one Pagodas the total amount stated in the Estimate under that head. —

5. To account for the increase in the Estimate now reported on. by comparing it with the late Monthly

demands

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demands it becomes necessary to state that the gross Sum before mentioned includes the half yearly Contingencies due to His Majesty's Corps from the 25th June last to the 24th of the ensuing Month amounting to Eleven Thousand five hundred Pagodas /11.500/ usually estimated for in June and December, as also Two Thousand Pagodas — required by the Military Paymaster General on account of the Garrison Storekeeper agreeably to the Orders of Govern-ment viz. Mr Secretary Webb's Letter under date the 15th Instant —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir Your

/Signed/ W. Sydenham

Mily Audr General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
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Ordered that the Sum of Two Lacks Eleven Thousand four hundred and twenty Pagodas four Fanams and twenty two Cash /Pagodas 2.11.420. 4. 22./ be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of Payments falling due from his Office on the first of the ensuing Month. —

Advance of Cash ordered from the Treasury on account the Paymaster Generals General Estimate for December. —

Read.

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Read the following Letter from the Accountant General.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

My Lord

From Mr. Woolf submitting a Statement of the Reduced Kists to be paid by the Rajah of Tanjore in the year 1799/8 in consequence of the Assumption of the Districts of Mayaveram and Manargoody.

I have had the honor to receive Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 27.th instant - and agreeable thereto and in reference to the 7.th article of the Treaty of 1792. between the Company and his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore I have the honor to lay before your Lordship a Statement shewing the amounts of the Kists to be paid by the Rajah in the Current year in consequence of the Assumption of the Districts of Manargoody and Mayaveram and on the principle that a Reduction shall take place agreeable to the words of the Treaty "proportionally from his Kists equal to the net "Revenue of the Districts Assumed." - The amount of the

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The Revenue of the two Districts Manargoody and Mayaveram stated in the Schedule No. 1 annexed to the Treaty being Pags. 4,09866. will come to be deducted accordingly from the Sum of 5.74.285. formerly paid by the Rajah and leaves the Sum of 1.64.419. Pagodas payable by him in the Current year and in monthly Kists of a proportionate Amount to the former payments. The Treaty mentions the deduction to take place from the day of the assumption but as the two Kists of May and June of last year were paid by him in full after the District of Mayaveram had been assumed. I have not noticed them in this Statement. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Hon. Hon.

Signed Robert Woolf

Accountant General

Fort St. George
Account. Generals Office
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Statement

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Statement of Monthly Kists payable by His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore for the year 1797/98 on the principle of a deduction taking place in Consequence of the Resumption of the Districts of Manargoody and Mayaveram. —

Months 1797	Former Kists	Present Kists for 1797/98
	Pags. F. C	Pags. F. C.
November	40.000 " "	11.652 3 42
December 1798.	50.000 " "	14.315 4 33
January	50.000 " "	14.315 4 33
February	60.000 " "	17.178 5 23
March	60.000 " "	17.178. 5 23
April	60.000 " "	17.178 5 23
May	60.000 " "	17.178 5 23
June	80.000 " "	22.904 7 4
July	114.285 " "	32.720 1 39
Pagodas	574.285 " "	164.419 " 3

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Errors Excepted

(Signed) Cecil Smith
Dept. Accountt.

(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Minute thereon

Ordered that the foregoing Statement of his reduced Kists be transmitted to the Rajah of Tanjore. —

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Read also extract of a letter from the Accountant General received from the Mur. Department. –

Extract of Letter from the Accountant General

Dated 14th. November 1797.

From M. Wolff transmitting a Statement of the Balance carried to the Debit of the Rajah of Tanjore's account Current Subsidy for the year 1796/7. –

I have also the honor to lay before your Lordship. a Statement required in Mr. Webb's Letter shewing the amount received from the Rajah of Tanjore by Kists, and by Collections from the Country, and the balance carried to the debit of his account Current Subsidy for the years 1796/97. – your Lordship will perceive the whole amount of the Kists is charged on the Debtor side, including the Sums payable by him for his private Creditors, and for his D. account. – to the first of these heads the amount paid in Cash and by Government Bonds transferable to England will be charged in the General Books, and the latter Head – his D. account, will have Credit for the Sum of 60.000 Pagodas being the sum carried for that purpose to the Debit of the account Current Subsidy for 1796/97. –

A true Extract,

(Signed) A. Falconar

Sub. Sec.y

D.o

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Dr His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore His Kistbundy account

To Kistbundy account for the year 1796/6 Pags. 5.74.285 payable as Pags. F. C.
follows as per Draft of the Treaty dated 12th July 1792 and Letter of
Government to His Excellency of the 12th September 1795. —

1795		
November 1st	40000	" "
December 1st	40000	" "
1796		
January 1st	50.000	" "
February 1st	50.000	" "
March 1st	60.000	" "
April 1st	60.000	" "
May 1st	60.000	" "
June 1st	60.000	" "
July 1st	80.000	" "
	114.285	" "
Pagodas	5.74.285	" -

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Errors Excepted

Signed Robert Woodf

Accountant General

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Current with the Honorable Company ..... Cr.

Pag.s 7 & 8

By Cash Received at Madras particulars per Treasury Journal as follows

1795 November 10th By Cash Received in part of this Kist for Pag.s 40.000 } 22.200
dues the 1st. Instant .....
13th By Do. in further part of Do. Do. 4.000
14th By Do. ..... Do. Do. 3.800
21st By Do. ..... Do. Do. 2.000
December 14th By Do. in full of ..... Do. Do. ..... 8.000 40.000.
" By Do. in part of Do. for Pag.s 50.000 due 1st. Instant. 32.000
1796. 15th By Do. in full of ..... Do. Do. ..... 18.000 50.000.
January 14th By Do. in full of ..... Do. due 1st. Instant ..... 50.000 140.000 " "
" By Amount Received at Tanjore by the Collectors from January 1796.
till the Country was restored to the Rajah in September 1796 as per
Revenue Accounts Statement dated 14th September 1797 ..... 254.674. 27 10
394.674. 27 10
" By Balance to be carried to the Debit of this account Current ... 179.610 8 70
Subsidy for 1796/97 .....
Pagodas ... 574.285 " "

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above Statement be also transmitted to His Excellency :-

A Congratulatory Letter ordered to be written to Agiim Ul Omrah on the Birth of a Son. -

The President proposes that a Letter of Congratu-
lation be addressed to Agiim Ul Omrah upon the Birth of a Son.-

Agreed and ordered Accordingly.-

The

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Death of Lieutenant Colonel William Prescott of Engineers

The Secretary reports the death of Lieutenant Colonel William Prescott of the engineers at Masulipatam on the 23 Ultimo.

" Hobart

" Geo. Harris

" Edw.d Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

E.H.F.

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Diary

28th. Received the undermentioned Letters entered on

M. B. Nos 108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118.

From Mr. Gordon - advising his having —

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam - Received Charge of the General Treasury. Books &c. from Mr. Strangham. Balance of Cash Pags. 7,382.. 20.. 22. 8 8 annas. —

From Mr. John Strangham - enclosing Mr. Gordons Receipt for the Balance of Cash in the Masulipatam Treasury —

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army — From General Bridges - forwarding an application from Lieutenant Campbell Commanding Chintapilly for allowances for a Pukally. Sweeper. Toty &c. —

From Ditto - Ditto — From Ditto - the 12th Regiment Bengal Sepoys ordered to prepare to return to that Presidency. —

From Ditto - Ditto — From Ditto - enclosing a Letter from Colonel Muat - Lieutenant Evans Commanding Sketch power applies for six Weeks leave of absence. —

From the Commandant in the Vizagapatam District — From Lieutenant Colonel Muat - requests permission to occupy the Paymasters quarter either until the

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28th The Commandants Quarters are repaired. & to continue
there if Government will appropriate it to the
Commanding Officer. —

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army.

From Major General Floyd - forwarding an application for Subsistence for a Masdry Smith of the Garrison of Madura. Thrown out of employ by the new Regulations —

From the Officer Commanding on Ceylon.

From Brigadier General De Meuron - forwarding an application from Lieut. Young of the Bombay Grenadiers to be allowed the usual Sum for a Horse Killed on Service. —

From the Sub. Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Stracey - enclosing fifty one Kings Commissions for Officers on the Coast Establishment sent to Bengal by mistake. —

From Capt. R. M. Grant of the 1st Battn. 7th Regiment Native Infantry —

From Captain R. M. Grant. states that the Detachment under his Command is in great want of Cash. and Requests an immediate supply may be sent to Nellore. —

Petition of Ersapah — Caddalore Carpenter Masdry

Petition of Ersapah - Masdry Carpenter

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28th Carpenter requesting that in Consideration of his long Services he may be appointed Maistry Carpenter at Cuddalore —

Received also the following Letters —

From Major General Floyd — encloses an Estimate of Repairs to Capt. Mc Gregor's quarters. recommends building a new Sepoy Barrack. and that Cuddapah a Maistry Bricklayer be Invalided on his Pay —

Right Honorable

The President in Council

My Lord,

Captain Mac Gregor having reported this Quarter almost uninhabitable, Lieut. Colonel Frazer has surveyed it, and furnished me with an Estimate No. 1. for the Repair which I have the honour to inclose for your Commands — It is situated in the Fort —

The Officer's Quarters in this Fort being very Bad, and insufficient, it may not here be improper to state to your Lordship that, in consequence of a correspondence with the Military Board, on the Subject of a Sepoy Barrack, I yesterday dispatched by a Lascar, and addressed to their Secretary, a Plan of part of this Fort, formerly allotted by the late Nabob for Barracks, shewing the

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28th the most favorable situations for erecting a Sepoy Barrack and likewise for the Barracks of the Establishment of Officers attached to a Compleat Battalion of Natives. —

I may possibly be thought more advisable to build a part, or the whole of what is therein shewn, rather than to lay out considerable sums in repairing irregular houses, erected in, or upon Choultrys, which are continually falling to ruine. The plan suggested would have the further advantage of expelling inveterate filth, and rendering these Quarters of the Garrison far more airy and wholesome. —

N.B. represents the case of Candapah. — Maistry Bricklayer in the Engineers Department, who broke his thigh about a year ago by a fall from the Works when on Duty. By this accident added to an advanced age, Candapah the Maistry is rendered unfit for the Duties of his Profession, after serving the Honble Company during 25 years. I beg leave to recommend him to your Lordships Consideration. and that you will be pleased to authorize the appointment of another Maistry. —

I have the honour to be
Hon. Sirs
Your
Signed J. Lloyd
M. E.

Estimate

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Estimate of Repairs to Captain Mc. Gregor's Quarter No. 19. at the Current prices of the Station. Friday inspected 27th. November 1797.

Measurement						Prices			
Length	Breadth	Height.	Superficial & Cubic Sq. feet	feet	1. Dwelling House.				
1/4	1/4	10		163. 10	Pillars Brick and Chunam	2.	10 Cubic ft	1 32	
32.	28 1/8				New Thatched Roof	2. 10. 40	℘ Square	20. 10	40
		9			Plastering with one Coat Chunam to Plaister Walls Floors &c. in various places	1 11	℘ do.	28	
		21			Painting with Chunam in different places	16. 71. ℘	do.	33. 62	
		2.			Whitewashing	2. 54 ℘	do.	2. 41. 58.	
		47							
6 1/2	3.			14 1/2	1 New Country Wood Door half Panneled and half Venetian with Hinges and Bolt	7. 40 ℘ Sup. ft.		3 20	20
					1 New Country Wood Door with Hinges and Bolt	5. 40. ℘	do.	2 15	
6	3			18	2 New Dr. Window frames of different dimensions	5 ℘	do.	3 14	
				28					
				22.	1 1/2 New Country Wood Venetian Window Shutters with Hinges and fastenings of different dimensions	7 ℘	do.	3 28	
						2 ℘	do.	3. 6	
				65	Repairing 6 1/2 Venetian Window Shutters of do.	2 ℘	do.	3. 18	
				72	do 3 Panneled and Venetian Doors of do			1 10. 40	
					2 Cocoanut Joists	2 ℘	do.	40	
12				20	Repairing 1 Country Wood Ladder	1. 21	each	3	
					2 Iron Door Locks	10. 40	each	1	85 15 60
					4 Iron Bolts and fastenings for Doors				
					2. Rebuilding Godown & Cook Room Wall Necessary 57 feet by 12 feet Exterior Measurement.				
				2139	Brick and Clay Walls	1. 44 Cubic ft		78 39	36
					Pointing with Chunam	16. 71 ℘ Square		9. 19.	15
168	14		23	52	Sully mud and Plastering on Clay the Floors	31. 40 ℘	do.	3 23	50.
52	9.		4.	75	10 Fogangs Brick and Clay	3	each	30	
60	16		9.	60	Part Tiled Roof with Cocoanut Beams Bamboo Rafters Nails &c.	4	℘ Square	38 16	64
168	14		23	52	Whitewashing	2. 54 ℘	do.	1. 20.	43
5	3			60	4 Doors with Hinges and Bolts	5. 40 ℘ Sup. ft.		7 36	
5	3			60	4 Door frames with hooks	5 50 ℘	do.	8 1	40
3	2.			12	2 Window frames with hooks	5 ℘	do.	1 18	
3	2.			12	2 Windows Shutters with hinges & fastenings	4. 70 ℘	do.	1 16	40
					2. Padlocks	21	each	1	152 11. 48

Total Pagodas. . . . 237. 27. 28.

signed Elisha Trapaud
Major E. L. D. & Lt. Col.

So.

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To Major General Floyde

Commanding the Southern Division of the

Army

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing a Certificate from Dr. Richardson respecting an accident that happened to Condapatch Mistry Bricklayer in my Department about 12 Months ago - since which I have been deprived of his Services and obliged to employ another Mistry at my own expence. -

As it is Dr. Richardsons opinion that he never will be fit again for duty - and in Consideration of the poor Man having been 25 years in the Service. & having as far as I know of him always done his duty well. and having a large family. - I shall be much obliged to you. if you will Recommend him to Government to be Invalided on his pay. -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed Elisha Shapland
Major E. I. D. & A. G.

Trichinopoly
19th November 1797

This

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28th

This is to Certify that Andapah Bricklayer Mastrie about a year ago had a fall from the Works, when in the execution of his duty, by which both bones of his leg were fractured a little below the knee. the being an old man the cure was tedious, and the long Confinement in one position (as frequently happens) brought on a contraction of the sinews of the ham which deprived him of the use of his ancle after the fracture was fully united — at the he has now got better of this in a considerable degree, it appears to me that the inconvenience he still suffers from it, added to other infirmities consequent to his age will remain lasting impediments to the discharge of his duty. —

signed Jas. Richardson

Head Surgeon

Pulicinopoly

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To The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord

I have the honor to lay before your Lordships

1. in Council Copy of a Letter addressed by me to Major Barbut

under

From Military Auditor General requesting the sanction of the Board to pass to Major Barbutts charge for feeding three Stallions on Thumbaroo of Delft under the Brothers subscribers to an Estimate of

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of the Value of the Stud and of the monthly Expence attending it -

28th under date the 27th September, with his answer thereto, and an account shewing the value of the Honble Company's Steed on the Islands of Delft and Two Brothers, together with Estimates of the Expence attending the same both when at Grass and in Stables. -

2. In these Estimates are included the Director's Salary, the pay of the Sloop's Crew employed in transporting the Horses, and in carrying Grain to the Islands, and every other charge excepting the Expence of the three Stallions purchased by order of Government, for which Major Barbut requests an allowance of 5 Pagodas p Month throughout the year may be granted. -

3 As the rates appear to be moderate and correspond with those fixed by Major General Stuart, should your Lordship be pleased to approve them, and to admit the proposed † charges for feeding and taking care of the Stallions I shall in this case, expect to be honored with your sanction for passing them in the accounts Disbursement of the - Paymaster at Trincomalee -

† the Charge of 5 Pags p Month for feeding each of the three Stallions approved by Govermt

I have the honor to be with the great respect

&c &c

signed W. Sydenham

Mily and Sec.

Major

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28th

Major B. J. Barbut

Director of the Honble Company's Stud

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your infor-
mation Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe, Dated the
16th Instant, and in Consequence thereof, have to request that
you will as soon as convenient furnish me with the amount
Valuation of the Honble Company's Stallions, Brood Mares,
and Fillies under your Charge, according to their Numbers
on the first of the Current Month, which Valuation, I can
conceive should be formed on the principle of that taken
by order of Major General Stuart at the time when the
Mares were received from the Prize Agents. -

Being unacquainted with the
nature and extent of the expence that may attend this
Establishment, and desirous of affording Government every
information in my power on the Subject, I beg you will
be so obliging to transmit to me an Estimate of the
probable Monthly Charges on account of the Stud.

as

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28th as it stands at present, and in Conformity to the Regulations Established by Major General Stuart by which I shall also be enabled to audit the Disbursements of the Paymaster, whose province it may be to discharge the same. -

I have the pleasure of forwarding herewith a Form of a Monthly Abstract which is to exhibit every Charge incurred on Account of the Stud during the Month for which such Abstract is made. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
27th September 1797.

A true Copy
(signed) J. Brunton
Dept Mily Audr Genl

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I was not honored with your Letter of the 27th Ultimo. until my Arrival here on the 27th Instant, and being

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28th being informed that the Sloop last calculated for the accommodation of Horses was then on the Coast I waited her return, and she was yesterday made over to me by John Jervis Esquire Assistant Supt. Revenue: I can now comply with your desire, and have much pleasure in so doing, and in assuring you that the enclosed estimates of Charges are so accurately ascertained, that I have not a Doubt but the Honble Company's Stud on the Islands of Delft and Two Brothers, will be amply supplied at those rates, and it shall be my Studious care never to admit of an unnecessary or encreased Expence. —

Agreeably to your desire I send a Copy of the Proceedings of the Committee that valued the mares & Colts by order of General Stuart, which was communicated to me through the Prize Agents, and you are already acquainted with the price of the Three Stallions. But as no allowance has been granted to me for the support of them, and as two have been on the Islands for these nine Months past expressly for the purpose

fr.

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28th of Covering the Mares. May you will do me the favor to represent the matter to Government and request that an allowance of Five Star Pagodas be granted for each of the Stallions for the paste Months and to be continued at the same rate in future. —

I have the honor to be

Wm. Wm.

(Signed) B. G. Barbut

Director of the Hissar Company's Stud

Jaffnapatam

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A true Copy

(Signed) I. Brunton

Dpty. Mstr. Genl.

Major Barbut

Superintendant of the Company's Stud at

Delft and the Two Brothers

Sir

Having received Instructions from Government to make over to you one of the Three Sloops under my Charge. I accordingly now beg leave to transfer to you the Wales, as that which you have pointed out as best calculated to answer your Purposes. Captain — Smith who has charge of her at Kaits, but who is — about

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28th about to remove into the Sloop No 4. has received Instructions to give her over to such Person whom you may be pleased to appoint to Command her. - Mr Hotse whose services I do not now require, on account of my giving up two Sloops, one to you, and the other to Mr Andrews. I can recommend to you as a Careful and diligent Sailor. - agreable to your wishes I subjoin the following account of the Monthly Expence in which the Sloop Wolves has hitherto stood the Company, exclusive of Repairs. the - probable future charges of which cannot well be ascertained. -

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed John Jervis

Jaffnapatam
30th October 1797.

A true Copy
Signed Pat. Bruce
Asst Mr Gen. Ord. & C.

One Captain	9	22	8
2 European Sailors at 3 Pags each	6	"	"
8 Black .. Do at 1 Do Do	8	"	"
Firewood Money .... Rix Drs	3	"	36
	Pags	24	13 8

10 Parrahs of Rice

E. E. John Jervis
Signed
a/s Dispatch Rec.

A true Copy
Signed R. Barbut
Director of the Hon'ble Comp's Stud.

Proceedings

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Proceedings of a Committee assembled at the request of the Prize agents to value the Stud at Delft.

Delft 19th January 1797.

The Committee composed of Major B. G. Barbut President Members Lieutenant Hamilton 1st Regiment Native Infantry on the part of the Captors and Captain Meybrink of the Dutch Service late in charge of the Stud on the part of the Honorable Company.—

The Committee proceed to class the Stud and form it as follows.

	No.		Star Pags.	F	C
1st Class	61	Brood Mares at 40 Star Pags. each	2440	"	"
2nd Do.	63.	Do. Do. at 30 Do. Do.	1890	"	"
3rd Do.	6	Fillies only eight months old at 12 Star Pagodas each	72	"	"
4th Do.	6	Mares perfectly useless from age	"	"	"
		Total Star Pags.	4402	—	—

(Signed) B. G. Barbut Major & President
G. Hamilton Lt. 1st Bn. 1st Regt. N. I.
I. T. Meybrink Capt of the Dutch Service late in charge of the Stud at the request of the Prize Agents on the part of the Honble Company.—

Amount.

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28th Amount Valuation of the Honble Company's Stallions Brood Mares and Fillies under Charge of Major Burton Garge Barbut Director of the Stud on the Island of Delft and Two Brothers — October 1st 1797

		Star Pags.	F.	C.
3 Stallions		1000	"	"
1st Class 61 Brood Mares at 40 Star Pagodas each		2440	"	"
2nd Do. 63. Do. Do. and large Fillies at 30 Star Pags. each		1890	"	"
3rd Do. 6 Fillies only Eight months old at 12 Do. Do.	72	"	"	
Total Star Pagodas		5402	"	

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Director of the Stud

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dept. Mily. Audr. General

Estimate

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28th Estimate &c. Monthly Charge on account of the Honble Company's Stud
at the Stables as it stands at present and in Conformity to the Regulations established by
Major General Stewart and other Charges lately sanctioned by Government —
October 1st 1797.

	S. Pard.	F.	C.
To 3 Stallions at			
To 130 Brood Mares and Fillies at Two Star Pagodas each pr Month including Horse Keepers and Grasscutters	260	"	"
To one Director	100	"	"
To a Deputy Superintendant of the Stud pr Month	4	"	"
To Two Assistants of the Stud at Two Star Pag.s each pr Month	4	"	"
Two Tindal and Eight Seamens Pay employed in the Boat that carries Supplies to the Islands	9	22	40
To the Pay of the Sloops Crew employed in transporting of Horses and carrying Grain to the Islands as pr following List —			
1 Captain at Pag.s	9	22	40
2 European Sailors at 3 Pag.s each	6	"	"
8 Black Do at 1 Do	8	"	"
Firewood money R. Ds 3	"	36	"
	24	13	40
10 Parrahs of Rice.			
Total Star Pagodas	401	36	"

N.B. The Probable Repairs of the Sloop and Boat cannot be ascertained but all Charges shall be strictly Investigated by me and the Vouchers regularly sent. Nor can the Repairs of the Stables be but I believe it will be nearly annually Eight Fanams for each Horse —

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Director of the Stud

(A true Copy)
(Signed) I. Brunton
Depy Mily Audr Genl

Estimates

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28th Estimate of a Monthly Charge on Account of the Stable Company's Stud for their Grazing as it stands at present and in Conformity to the Regulations established by Major General Stuart, and other Charges lately sanctioned by Government November 1st 1797.

	Sr. Pags.	F.	C.
To one Director	100	"	"
To a Deputy Superintendant of the Stud pr Month	4	"	"
To Two Assistants of the Stud at Two Pags each pr Month	4	"	"
To Twenty three Keepers Pay in Charge of the Mares Foals in Five Troops Four Men to each at One Pagoda each pr Month	20	"	"
To a Tindal and Eight Mens Pay employed in the Boat that carries Supplies to the Islands	9	22	40
To the Pay of the Hoop's Crew employed in transporting of Horses and carrying Grain to the Islands as pr following List.			
1 Captain	Sr. Pags. 9.	22.	40
2 European Sailors at 3 Pags each	6.	"	"
8 Black Do. at 1 Do. Do.	8.	"	"
Firewood Money 3 R. Ds	"	36	"
	24	13	40
10 Parahs of Rice			
Total Star Pagodas	161	36	"

N.B. The Mares are Stalled and Fed upon Four Measures of Grass each during the Months of May, June, July, August September and October the remaining months they are turned out to Grass.

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Director of the Stud

Actg Secy.
(Signed) I. Bruntone
Depty Mastr and Gen.

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To
J. Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council Extract from my address of the 19th Instant to the Honble the Governor General and hope that his Lordship will be pleased to order authenticated Copies to be sent to me of all Receipts whatsoever in the possession of Government for Specie made over on account of Paishcush.

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

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad - agreeable to an order of Government - pledges himself that no part of the Military Stores to be supplied from Madras shall fall into the hands of Rajah and - the Nizam urges the liquidation of the last List of Paishcush due, and the Balance of the 2d List of 1205 - Requests Copies of all Receipts for Cash advanced at Madras on account of the Paishcush

Hyderabad
22nd November 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Governor General under date the 19th November 1797 -

"9th After this by way of restoring the Minister to his wonted good humour I made known to him

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"I have now the ready disposition which Lord Hobart had expressed to comply as far as might be in his power with his application for a supply of ordnance and military Stores: and he did not fail on his part to return his acknowledgements for his Lordship's good inclinations on this occasion. - I deemed it incumbent on me however to give the Minister at the same time to understand that the friendly Compliance with his wishes evinced on this occasion by our government proceeded from a conviction that he would not suffer any part of whatever ordnance or Military Stores he might procure from Madras to fall into the hands of Monsieur Raymond. - This he assured me I might confidently rely upon, and formally pledged his word to me that no one but Meer Feiz Talab and a Chief of his own named Bowany Singh. should be entrusted with any of the Ordnance or Stores in question." -

"11th The Minister lastly repeated to me his earnest desire for a speedy liquidation of the last Kist of Paishcush due, and of the Balance whatever it

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it might be of the 2nd Kist of 1205 - I assured him that no exertion on my part had been wanting to meet his wishes on the former point. and that upon my endeavors to raise pecuniary supplies of the Bankers here having entirely failed, I had lost no time in - apprizing Government of this circumstance to the end, that means might be adopted as early as possible to satisfy his demands. That with regard to the - Balance that might be due of the 2nd Kist of 1205. all I could say was that if he would grant me a - discharge in full for all Paishcush up to the end of 1205 I should readily give him an order on the - Masulipatam Treasury for such Balance as appeared due by the Residency accounts - Again he made accordingly agreed to grant the required Receipt in full provided I would also give him an Note engageing on my part to give this state Credit for whatever - sum might appear upon a full investigation and adjustment of accounts to be fairly due to it beyond

the

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28th The Balance for which I proposed giving him an order on the Masulipatam Treasury. - there appearing - nothing unreasonable or embarrassing in this expedient I acquiesced in it and have to request Honble Sir that you will be pleased to direct authenticated Copies to be transmitted to me of all the Receipts of Meer Abdool Luttiff or other persons for Monies issued to them in discharge of Paishcaush: as the non production of these documents is the principal plea set up by the Durbar Mutsuddies for declining a definite settlement of — accounts." —

A true Extract,
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

30th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in

M. B. Nos 119-120-121-122-123-124 for November and

Nos 1-2 and 3 for December. —

To Mr Roebuck - transmitting him

To the Military Paymaster General. the Auditor Generals report on his General Estimate for

December. and informing him that the Sum of —

21420.4.22. will be issued from the Treasury on his application —

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To the Commandant at Vellore. — To Colonel Sale — approving his having repaired the Granary and desiring that the actual — amount of the expence may be stated. — The usual allowance of Houserent granted to those Officers of the Meuron Regiment, whose quarters are declared — uninhabitable. —

To the Secretary at Bengal. — To Mr. Secretary Barlow — forwarding a Letter from the Military Board here to the Military Board at Fort William. —

To Ditto — Ditto — To Ditto — the Ships taken up for the late Expedition will be returned as soon as possible. —

To the Officer commanding the Ceded Districts — To Lieutenant Colonel Read — Captain Greenhill confirmed in the Command of Veraboddroog — the Money taken from the Sepoys between Kistnaghurry and Rykotta ordered to be replaced by the Paymaster. —

To the Military Board. — To Military Board — referring an extract of Major General Floyd's Review report upon the accoutre=ments of Native Cavalry and desiring that such parts of the Fort as require it may be washed with white and yellow and the Doors and Windows painted. —

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1st.

To the Military Paymr. General —

To Mr. Roebuck — transmitting the Auditor Generals Report upon the additional Estimate forwarded in his Letter of the 18th. Ultimo, and informing him that the amount will be issued from the Treasury —

To the Board of Trade

To the Board of Trade — desiring that instructions may be sent to the Master attendants &c. to dispose of the two large Cattamarans purchased for the purpose of embarking Ordnance on the late expedition —

To the Military Auditor General —

To Military Auditor General — enclosing Copy of a Letter from Captain Grant of the 1st. Battalion 7th. Regiment and desiring that orders may be issued for furnishing the Detachment of the Regiment under his Command with Stay —

Entered the undermentioned Letters

From the Commandant at Manaspar —

entered in M. B. Nos 4 - 5 —

From Captain Geppe — advising that the Detachment sent to the Country of Cummara Lucchia may shortly be returned —

From the Secretary to the Military Board

From Captain Peirce — inclosing a Packet addressed to the Secretary of the Military Board at Fort William —

Sent —

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Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

1st Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. —
No 95. enclosing Papers respecting a Robbery at Arnboor and recommending the Case of Mahomet Hussain to his favorable Consideration —

D. D. to Azim Ul Omrah. — Sent Letter to Azim Ul Omrah entered in C.C. No 96. Congratulating him on the Birth of a Son. —

2nd Sent also the following Letters. —

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

To Military Auditor General informing him a Copy of his Audit on Mr Samuel Johnston's charges with the final determination of Government. desiring he will assist Mr Johnston in collecting Vouchers for the charges yet in suspence and make a further Report —

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of your Audit on the Charges of Mr Samuel Johnston; to each article of which the final determination of Government is annexed. you will Communicate the Boards Resolutions to Mr Johnston and afford him every assistance, in your power, to enable him to collect the documents required to support the Charges — Remaining

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2nd remaining in suspence.—

The President in Council desires you will allow Mr Johnston a reasonable time to collect and lay before you the above documents, at the expiration of which you will make a further report to Government and state the amount of the charges admitted.—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

Fort St George
30th November 1797.

To Mr Samuel Johnston

Sir

The Right Honble the President in Council having caused a particular examination to be made into the different Claims advanced in your Letter of the 14th July last. and having fully considered the grounds on which the respective charges are made and the objections against their admission. has directed me to communicate to you the proceedings and determination of Government on each.—

The examination of the six first charges mentioned

To Mr Samuel Johnston communicating the determination of Government on his Claims and informing him that the Auditor General has been instructed to assist him in collecting Vouchers in support of the charges yet in suspence—

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2nd mentioned in the abstract No. 1. was entrusted to the Committee appointed on the 4th. June last, to whom the Auditor General was desired to afford such explanations as the Committee might require. The enclosed Paper contains the report of the Committee, the observations of the Auditor, and the final determination of Government on the Charges in question. —

The remaining charges in No. 1. and those contained in the abstracts No. 2 and 3. were referred to the examination of the Military Auditor General with instructions to report how far the Sums claimed were supported by the validity of the vouchers produced, the usages and Regulations of the Service at that time, or by the force of the explanations you had advanced. you will receive from the Auditor General a Copy of his observations accompanied by the final determination of Government on each Charge. —

The Auditor General has been instructed to fix a reasonable time in which you are allowed to Collect

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2nd Collect the documents required to support the Charges remaining in suspence; at the Expiration of which period he will make a further report to Government when the Amount of the whole of the charges admitted will be paid to Messrs. Henderson Watts & Co. for account of Rustna Row. agreeably to the terms of the engagement made to those Gentlemen in the year 1793. —

With respect to the Claim you have advanced in the abstract No. 4. as a Balance of the Trichinopoly Grain account Pagodas 3,484. 36. 72. the laborious Investigation which was made into your accounts in the years 1790 and 1791 places that matter in so clear a point of view, to leave no difficulty in coming to our immediate decision upon it. —

On reference to those proceedings it appears, that in the adjustment of the Grain accounts — ample Justice was done you by Government. inasmuch as after giving Credit to the Nabob for the value of 89279 — Candums of Paddy in the Sum Stated by you, you received Credit

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2nd Credit for the Sum of Pagodas 2666. 31. 21. being the
value of the "whole of the grain received for the publick
Stores at that period which was not claimed by any
Voucher produced". —

The Balance claimed by you is
composed of the value of three parcels of Grain particu-
-larly noticed by the Committee for which vouchers
considered of sufficient validity were at the time
produced: and it would be altogether inconsistent
with the Justice of Government to supersede in
your favor, upon your simple application, unsupported
by any document or proof of your right, the claims
of the persons to whom the grain has been adjudged
to belong, merely because, from circumstances still
unknown to Government, those claims have lain
dormant. —

In regard to the Sum advanced
in your Letter of the 27th. Instant to the Sum of —
Pagodas 11385. 33. 77 I am directed to transcribe for
your

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2nd your information the Resolutions which have already been passed by former Governments on this Claim, by which you will observe, that the President in Council is entirely precluded from entering into a further consideration of the Subject.

Minutes of Council on a Letter from the Board of Inquiry Revenue Dated 26th November 1790.

"With regard to the mortgaged property
"in the Tinnevelly Country claimed by Mr. Buchanan
"the Board have to observe, that as transactions of
"this Kind have been repeatedly prohibited by the
"Company. they cannot recognize the present Claim.
"Besides as the Nabob, sometime previous to the
"assumption of the Management of his Revenues,
"made over to Government, all the grain in the Country
"and particularly expressed that the Mortgages were
"to look to His Highness for relief, no claim can be
"admitted on the Company of any person holding
Mortgages

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2nd" Mortgages on any of the Districts of the Carnatic" —

Minute of Council 18th July 1791 on a Letter from the Board of Assumed Revenue relative to Mr Johnstons application to Mr Torin for information respecting his Grain Concerns in the Tinnevelly Country. —

"With respect to the request made by
"Mr Samuel Johnston to the Collector at Tinnevelly,
"the Board think it wholly inadmissible: the Transactions
"he has avowed in his Letter to Mr Torin are expressly
"prohibited by repeated orders from the Company, and
"such prohibition must have been known to Mr Johnston
"whose duty it was as a Servant of the Company to
"have paid implicit obedience to the Authority under
"which he acted." —

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30th November 1797.

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(Signed) I Webbe
Sec to Government

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident at

Hydrabade

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to send you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Surgeon attached to your -

Though this Lordship in Council can by no means overlook the irregularity and improprietty of this Gentleman's making an application to the Clothing Contractor without communication with - you, or with this Government, yet if it should be the wish of his Highness the Nizam that the Clothing in question should be provided, permission will be accordingly granted to Mr. Lys. and the price of the Cloth settled with the Board of Trade. -

I inclose a Letter from the Right Honble the President in Council to Agent Vel Onrah Congratulating

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad relating the impropriety of an application from the Surgeon to that Residency to the Clothing Contractor. but that if it is the wish of His Highness the Nizam permission will be given to Mr. Lys accordingly by inclosing a Congratulatory Letter to Agent Vel Onrah on the Birth of his Son -

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2nd Congratulating him upon the birth of his Son. —

Fort St. George
30th November 1797.

Sam Hn. Hpe
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

P.S. a Copy of this Lordships letter to Agent
Vizagapatam is enclosed for your information. —

To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart:
Governor General in Council
Fort William

Honble Sir,

To Bengal informing them of the raising of the 12th Regiment and enclosing Copy of the Commander in Chiefs Minute. —

Having referred for the Consideration of the Commander in Chief the permission — granted in your letter of the 30th ultimo for — raising an additional Regiment of Native Infantry to our Establishment, in consequence of your Orders for the return of the 4th — Bengal

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2nd Bengal Regiment to your Presidency. We do ourselves
the honor of enclosing Copy of a Minute delivered in by
Lieut.t General Harris and of informing you that we
concurring entirely in the Commander in Chiefs
opinion of the necessity of encreasing our Native
Establishment. We have adopted his suggestion and
have accordingly issued orders for adding a Twelfth
Regiment of Native Infantry to the Establishment
of this Presidency. —

We have the honor to be
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most
obedient Servants
(signed) Hobart
Hon.ble Council

Fort St. George
30th November 1797.

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

Gentlemen

To the Military Board
the Mastry artificers
recommended by the
Chief Engineer &
considered unnecessary
the Agent for Spirituous
Liquors

We have received your Letters of the
20th.

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2nd

20th and 25th Instant with their respective enclosures. —

Liquors referred to the regulations at the Custom House in regard to the adjustment of Duties referring a report of the Commanding Officer at Innaconda respecting the State of the Works and Buildings there desiring that immediate Orders be issued to repair them, and that a Maistry Bricklayer be employed. enclosing a letter from the Commanding Officer at Vellore respecting Repairs. —

Having paid particular attention to your several Minutes upon the Establishment of Maistrys, Artificers, we cannot but consider the increase recommended by the Chief Engineer as necessary expence. —

We desire that the agent for Spirituous liquors may be referred to the Regulations established at the Custom House for the importation of goods at this port. —

We inclose for your consideration Copy of a Report from the Commanding Officer at Innaconda upon the State of the works and Buildings in that Fort. —

As it is of importance that the breach should be repaired without delay we desire that immediate orders may be issued for that purpose and as the cause of it appears to be of an extraordinary nature we would have particular enquiry made, that similar injuries may be guarded against either by the compleat

repair

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2nd repair or entire destruction of the Tank in question.—

During the execution of these Works at Innaiendah. we are of opinion that a Mistry Bricklayer may be useful; and accordingly authorize one to be employed there, but desire that he may be discharged as soon as the repairs shall have been finished.

We enclose Copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer at Vellore, and have approved his execution of the repairs therein mentioned without reference to the Presidency.—

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) Hobart

&c. Council

Fort St. George

29th November 1797.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir.

In consequence of a report from the Military Board upon the ill state of the Officers quarters at Vellore, the Right Honble the President in Council

To the Military Auditor General. The officers of the Madras Regiment at Vellore whose quarters are uninhabitable allowed House Rent. additional allowance ordered to Serjeant Sobey

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Pr. necessity of keeping on hand Iron and other Stores, a considerable quantity of these Articles, as well as the Stores belonging to the Work Yard, such as Carpenters and Smiths Tools &c., which at the time of Messrs. Topping and Parry taking the Contract were provided from the Company, will at the Expiration of the Contract on the 1st. Instant remain upon hand. I hope your Lordships will be pleased to take into consideration the insertion in the Advertisement for new Proposals that the Contractor shall purchase at a reasonable rate all such Stores necessary for carrying on the Contract as may remain on hand. The prices if not agreed upon between the two parties to be settled by arbitration. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Yr. Hble.

Fort St. George
2nd December 1797.

Signed Cecil Smith

Agent to the Gun Carriage Contractors

Theo

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2nd

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council.

My Lord

From Mr. Maxwell Thompson requesting that the payment of his arrears of Pay and subsistence may be ordered —

I take the liberty of addressing your Honorable Board on the subject of my Pay and allowances, which from there not having been drawn for a considerable period require your Special order to authorize the Payment. —

Inclosed I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council an account of the sums received by me during the interim from the expiration of the period of the six Months suspension until the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors were received respecting my situation from — which date Viz.t 1st September 1795. I discontinued

to

7518 Fort St George 30 December 1797.

2nd to draw Pay or allowances, the amount of which Pagodas 735 " 527 " 20 would thus have subjected me to great inconvenience to have refunded, from that circumstance I have delayed claiming my Pay and allowances until an arrear equal to that sum had accumulated an account of which I have also the honor of transmitting herewith amounting to Pagodas 1284 " 771 " 60. and have to beg your Lordship's favourable consideration of my present request and situation. —

I have the honor to be, with much respect

Fort St George
30. November 1797.

Hon Hon
(Signed) Maxwell Thomson
Surgeon

An

7519 Fort St. George 4 December 1797.

2nd An Account of allowances drawn by Mr. Maxwell Thomson Surgeon, from the expiration of the Six Months suspension, until the orders from the Honble Court of Directors arrived sentencing it for two years in addetion to the Six Months, Commencing 13th September 1794 —

		Gratuity	House Rent	Pay	Total each Month
1794	September	6 31 40	9 "	" 22 21	38 7 40
	October	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
	November	11 10 40	15 "	" 37 21	63 31 40
	December	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
1795	January	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
	February	10 21 "	15 "	" 35 "	" 60 21 "
	March	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
	April	11 10 40	15 "	" 37 21	63 31 40
	May	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
	June	11 10 40	15 "	" 37 21	63 31 40
	July	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
	August	11 26 20	15 "	" 38 31 40	64 57 60
				Dargodas	735 527 20

An

7522 Fort St. George 2nd December 1797.

2nd his death. There is every reason to believe that the arrears in question have not been paid.

2nd Under these Circumstances your Lordship will probably be induced to dispense with the usual Certificate, and to direct the abstracts to be discharged provided Mrs. Kennedy gives Security to repay whatever part thereof may hereafter appear to have been paid at Amboyna to any other person on account of the deceased.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Hon. Hon.

signed W. Sydenham

Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
2nd December 1797.

European

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Fort St. George — December 1797.

European Infantry

1st Regiment

Abstract of Pay and allowances to Major Johnston Kennedy Deceased, his difference from Captain to Major from 1st June to 19th July 1796. —

Pres. Effective		Battle	Gratuity	Established allowance	Pay	Additional Pay	Total of each	Total one of each Rank	Total
1	Major Johnston Kennedy being on the Expedition against the Eastward for June	70.13.10			56.10.40		126 23 50	126 23 50	
	Ditto. Ditto from 1st to 19th July Ditto	44.22.25			58.5.20		102 27 45	102 27 45	
								228 51 15	
	Ditto. Ditto received as Captain for the Corresponding Period	24 " "			76.10.40		100. 10 40	100 10 40	128 40 55
								Pagodas	128 40 55

Star Pagodas one Hundred and Twenty eight forty fanams and Fifty five Cash.

(Signed) Jane Kennedy

Administratrix to the Estate of the late Major J. Kennedy.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane

Military Paymaster Fort St. George 29th September 1797.

Expedition

7520 Fort St. George 1 December 1797.

2nd An Account of allowances due to, but not drawn by Mr. Maxwell Thomson, Surgeon, from the expiration of the six months and two years Suspension ordered by the Honble Court of Directors commencing 13th September 1796.

		Batta	Half Batta	Gratuity	House Rent	Pay	Total each Month
1796	September	16 36 60	6 31 40	9 " "	22 21 "	53 89 20	
	October	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	November	28 5 20	11 10 40	15 " "	37 21 "	91 36 60	
	December	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
1797	January	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	February	26 10 40	10 21 "	15 " "	35 " "	86 31 40	
	March	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	April	28 5 20	11 10 40	15 " "	37 21 "	91 36 60	
	May	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	June	28 5 20	11 10 40	15 " "	37 21 "	91 36 60	
	July	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	August	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	September	28 5 20	11 10 40	15 " "	37 21 "	91 36 60	
	October	29 2 50	11 26 20	15 " "	38 31 40	93 60 30	
	November	" " "	" " "	" "	37 21 "	37 21 "	

Pagodas 1284.771.60

Total Rupees 735527.20

Balance 549.244.40

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Fort St. George 7th December 1797.

2nd

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the claim for arrears due to the late Major Kennedy at his Death.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 1st. 30th. Ultimo. referring to my report two abstracts presented by Mrs. Jane Kennedy for arrears of Pay and Batta due to her late Husband Major Johnson Kennedy from the 1st. June to 19th. July 1796. I have the honor to state that as the accounts of Captain Meuth the late Paymaster at Amboyna have not yet been transmitted to my Office it is not possible to ascertain at present the precise rate which the late Major Kennedy was paid. The rates in the abstracts are however correctly stated, and as the Orders Communicating Major Kennedys promotion did not reach Amboyna until a considerable time after

his

7526 Fort St. George " December 1797.

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements

Abstract of Pay and allowances from 1st June to 19th July 1796. To Major Johnston Kennedy Deceased, his Difference between full and Half Batta from Captain to Major. –

Pres.t Effective		Batta	Gratuity	Established allowance	Pay	Additional Pay	Total of each	Total one of each rank	Total
1	Major Johnston Kennedy being on the Expedition against the Eastward for June	70.13.10					70 13 10	70 13 10	
	Ditto-Ditto from 1st to 19th July	44.22.25					44 22 25	44 22 25	
								114 35 35	
	Ditto-Ditto received as Captain for June 1796 from the Paymaster of the Expedition against the Eastward	24 " "					24 " "	24 " "	90 35 35
		Star Pagodas Ninety, thirty five fanams and thirty five Cash.						Pagodas	90 35 35

To the Hon'ble Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster Fort St. George
29th September 1797.

(Signed) Jane Kennedy
Administratrix to the Estate of the late Major J. Kennedy.

The

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Fort St. George 7th December 1797.

2nd

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart &c

President in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From the Resident at Tanjore recommending that a public Translator and Interpreter be appointed.

I have the present Disposition of the Rajah towards the Reverend Mr. Swartz I am entirely debarred from Employing that Gentleman's Interpretation in Communications between his Excellency and myself.

It therefore seems to me that it would be conducive to the good of the Service if I were allowed to name a person, who would be responsible as Public Translator here till I shall find myself Competent by perfecting myself in the Maratta Language.

There is a Person here named Royajee who is in every respect well qualified for filling such an Office as he is skilled in almost all the Oriental Languages, of which he knows nine, and a Man whose good behaviour has rendered him worthy of Recommendation.

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2nd recommendation -

I could therefore wish to be permitted to -
nominate him with such Salary as is usually granted
to persons in similar Situations which I have understood
is between 40 and 60 Pagodas pr. Month. -

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Sanjore Sir
29th November 1797. [Signed] Alexr. Macleod
Resident

4th
From the agent for Spiritious Liquors

Rec'd a Letter from the Honble Basil Cochrane entered in M.B. No. requesting permission to make an amended distribution of Arrack money to the Officers Commanding at Wallajabad and Vizagapatam -

Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore
Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore -
entered in C.C. No. 97. enclosing Statement of his reduced lists for the year 1797/8 and of the Balance against him for the preceding year amounting to Pagodas 179610..8..70. -

Dispatched

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4th. Dispatched the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.B. Nos. 7-8. —

To Mr. Macleod - enclosing Original

To the Resident at Tanjore. — and Copy of a Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore. —

To Mr. Secretary Morris - enclosing —

To the Secretary at Bombay — Papers relative to the establishment of a Court of Equity at Columbo. —

" Received the following Letters.

From Lieut. Colonel Read - advising the apprehensions of some People suspected to be concerned in the late attack on the Guard of Sepoys between Kistnagherry and Ryacotta. — enclosing the Confessions of two of them. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have to acquaint your Lordship that Major Doveton having used every possible means to apprehend the persons, who lately attacked and robbed the Escort proceeding with the pay of this Corps from Kistnagherry to Ryacota, he has every reason to think he

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Lt. he has succeeded. The inclosed are a letter from him to me on the subject, and a paper containing the information he has been able to procure from the persons in his custody —

Being very much satisfied with the activity of the guard he sent in quest of them, he is very desirous of obtaining your Lordship's permission to make them a small present and something to the Village people who informed against them. a months pay to the guard. and five rupees to each of the Villagers would no doubt be a spur to their activity on future occasions of the same nature. —

I beg leave to recommend your Lordship that no order being yet received respecting the pay of the two Companies that was carried off by the Robbers both the Officers and Men begin to feel inconvenience —

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(signed) A. Read Lieut. Col.
Comm. Ceded Districts

To.

Instructions
1st December 1797

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4th

To Lieutenant Colonel Read

Commanding the Troops in the

Ceded Districts

Sir

In my Letter to you of the 11th Instant
reporting the robbery which had been committed I
mentioned that I had employed people to endeavour if
possible to trace the robbers.

On the 12th at 2 O'Clock in the
morning a Person came in to me from the people thus
employed with a message desiring a guard as they had
to have been engaged in the robbery. I immediately
dispatched a Havildars Guard. on the 15th Instant the
Guard returned bringing in the following persons Viz.
Gedapah Nair and his son Tirmah of Mumendully

in

4th in the Kishengarry Talook — Sulpaul Sadah and Gogee Sadah of Koorburkully, Kishengerry Talook, and Batchah of Mumsundra Kenkusgerry Talook — upon their arrival I questioned them respecting respecting the Robbery — they disclaimed all knowledge of the matter — I put the whole in Irons — and confined each separately —

The next morning (the 16th) I had Batchah, whom one of the wounded Sepoys thought he recognized, brought before me. he still persisted that he had no knowledge of the Circumstance — upon which I threatened him with the severest punishment if he did not immediately disclose what he knew of the Robbery — He still persisted — I again threatened and at length drew from him the confession which you will read in the accompanying Paper — I took it down as he spoke — and respecting the truth of it there can I think scarcely be a doubt — as the time and place of the attack and Robbery the number

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4th number of the guard and Pay Writers who were ap-
-prised of the several articles stolen &c. exactly
when it began. the several articles stolen &c. exactly
corresponded with the facts. - of which he certainly could
not have obtained so minute a knowledge unless he
had been an accomplice and actually present. -

What the Nairs son Tennia related
you will also see in the accompanying Paper. - From
the Old Rogue Gedapah Nair who seems to be the director
of the Gang. I could extract nothing - He pledges himself
to me however. to bring in the rest of the thieves. if
I will release him for that purpose. - he will leave
his wife. son. Cattle &c. as security for his return -
on this point I request to receive your directions. - the
people whom I have employed on this
to think that he can perform what he promises.
as his gang are entirely devoted to him. -

The guard which I sent out with
Gedapah Nairs son returned at 8 O'Clock in the
evening

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4th evening of the same day - having searched the house
&c. They found the box as described, and in the place
mentioned - but no money therein. There were in the
house two matchlocks a sword and some other articles -
for the production of which the Gooroo of the Village is
answerable -

I questioned the people again yesterday
but could get nothing more from the Nair, his son
and the other two -

I have sent to Gajendgilly a person
a Relation of Noor Khan, the former Aumil to endeavour
to learn whether the present Aumil is actually concerned
in this business or not -

I beg leave to mention that the people
whom I have employed on this occasion seem to have conducted
themselves very well - I should be happy therefore to be
authorized to make them a small present -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
[signed] J. Doveton
Major Comm.d Rykota

Rykota
18th November 1797.

Rykota

75533 Fort St. George 7th December 1797.

Lt Rykata 16th November 1797.

Batchah of Munsundow Ankusgerry

Talook says - That on Thursday last Gedapah Nair of

Munandhully in the Kishengerry Talook sent his

son Tirriah to call him and the following people Viz.t

Sadanpilly and Tirriah of Tumundhully. Gertemah

of Herdendhully. and Gertimiah of Cotoor. saying that

the Company's money was coming from Kishengerry -

The above five went with Tirriah / the Nair's Son /

and remained at Gedapah Nair's house that night -

on Friday morning the whole went from thence.

Sadanpilly with a matchlock. and the other five

with Nairs knives. Tirriah / Gedapah Nairs Son /

leading them to the place where they were to take

their stand - and Gedapah Nair having given to each

3 and 4 fanams as batta. - When they arrived at

their station Tirriah went on some way further

that he might give notice of the Guards approach,

which

4th which he did about 11 o'Clock. (NB. Being asked where they took their stand. he described the identical spot, where the robbery was Committed.) when the Guard came opposite to their station. Sadanpilly fired his Matchlock which killed one of the Sepoys. the six Robbers then rushed out from the Jungle & and wounded the other Sepoys who were near while he (Batchah) took up two Knapsacks and & Sandanpilly the firelock &c. of the person whom he had killed, and the whole of them immediately ran off into the Jungle, as the Naig with two other Sepoys. who had been a little behind were coming up. - They all returned to Gedapah Nair's house where the Knapsacks were opened and the money divided. - each of the six received 40 or 50 Pagodas. - Gedapah Nair 100 Pagodas and the remainder was immediately carried by Gedapah Nair and & delivered

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4th delivered to the Amildar of Gajapulpilly. between whom and Gedapah Nair there is a constant intercourse.- The firelock, knapsacks &c. were not left at Gedapah Nair's house, as being in the Company's Talook they might be traced and lead to discovery.-

Being asked where his share of the plunder was, he said he had delivered it to his mother. and that Gedapah Nair took his own share and that of his son, and put it in a box under the roof of his house.- Batchah says that Gedapah Nair is their Chief, and sends to call them whenever he has any thing for them to do.- He adds that at Gajapul= =pilly and Cottoor there is a Comatty named — Govindah, who receives and money for, Toys &c. which may be brought in by him or his associates.-

There is another Party he says of about 15 who plunder under the orders of Ramnair of Balebadah. The two now apprehended belonged to Gedapah

Padah

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4th Sadah and Gogee Sadah of Koorburhully Kishengerry Talook belong to his party as well as to Gedaspah Nairs and were concerned in the robberies of the Shroff and Merchant on the Kishengerry road about 2 or 3 months ago. They were not on the present occasion

The names of the persons under the orders of Gedaspah Nair, Batchah says, are as follows.—

	Villages		
Batchah	of Munsundra		
Cre goodlow Timah	D°		
Gertimah	Yerundhully	Tiptoor	
Gertimroo	Cotoor		Country
Pudampully	Turrumkully		
Goodlow Timah	D°	D°	
Sultah Sadah	Koorburhully		
Gogee Sadah	D°	Kishengerry	
Timiah (the Nairs son)	Munundhully	Talook	

Batchah having been sent back to the Guard. Timiah (Gedaspah Nairs son) was brought and after some chastisement and threats of severer if

he

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Lt. he did not disclose all he knew, he gave nearly the same account of the robbery as Batchah. —

He said he had been sent by his father to call the people he named / the names & Villages, time &c. tallied exactly with Batchah's Confession / that they came with him on Thursday Evening to his father's house, and from thence went on Friday morning on the robbery — / the particulars of which as related by Jemiah corresponded exactly with the relation given by Batchah. / He says in the knapsacks were two bags of money sealed, which his father opened and each. Viz.t. the six robbers and his father took a — handfull. and the remainder was carried by his father to the Cutwaldar of Yapaulpetty. —

Being asked where the money was which had fallen to his and his fathers shares. — he said he did not know what his father had done with it, but on being threatened with severe punishment if

4th if he did not immediately tell him said his father had put it in a box above the Ct. I told him that his own life as well as his fathers might depend upon his restoring the Cash and asked if he would go and bring it. he said he would. I instantly sent him off to his house under charge of a Havildars guard. —

Tedupah Nair was then examined. but notwithstanding all threats & punishment & promises of mercy he would disclose nothing. He said that if his son or any other had related any circumstance against him it must be false. as he knew nothing of the matter. — I could get nothing from him. — nor from the other two of the Village of Koorbiahally. They — remained inflexible. —

Signed J. Doveton

Sd.

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4th

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c

Governor in Council &c &c &c.

My Lord

I beg leave to present herewith pursuant to ...

From Lieut.t Colonel Read stating the sum advanced by him to the Engineers previous to the new Regulations and the amount remaining due to the Engineer

directions received through the Secretary to Government I have advanced the Engineer from time to time nine Thousand Pags. and that agreeable to a Government order, dated the 11th July last, all advances of Cash for carrying on public Works should be made from the treasury at three different stages of the Works, arising upon the Estimate, but to receive his advances from me now: but from the Paymaster, him authorized by the Military Board agreeable to the Regulations.

Though the said regulations bear no reference to the Auditor, I have for making him advances, beg leave to observe the spirit of them has been so far attended to, that their amount is considerably within the Sum to which conformable to them he is entitled, as appears by the enclosed account, by which there is a Balance due to him of 3282 Pagodas.

It is meant by this communication to intimate that adverting to the intention of the Regulations published since the order to me on the subject, I conceive it proper to cease the making him any further advances without a fresh order to continue them, and shall recommend that he apply through the regular channel for payment of the balance due to him. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

(signed) Alex.r Read

Asst. Adjt. Genl. Bengal

Scrip.tor

1st December 1797.

Dr.

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Dr. The Honorable Company in Account

1797

Sept.

18th To Amount of Bills ordered for payment for Repairs at Salem, Kistnagherry and Ashtoor — 852 30 57

Novr.

3rd To Amount of Bills ordered for payment for Works executed at Ryakottah — 7275 87 46

Novr.

14th To Amount of two thirds of the Estimates of Works ordered at Ryakottah not included in the above Bills now nearly finished — 2624 16 38

To one third advance of the amount of Estimate for Water Courses ordered by the Military Board — 47 6 6

To one third advance of the amount of Estimate for the East Face of Ryakottah ordered by the Military Board — 1611 11 33

4282 33 77

7541. Fort St George 31 December 1797

Current with Captain W. C. Lennon Cr

1797 July 12th	By Cash received at Sundry times from Captain James George Graham for Bills drawn on Paymaster General	2000 .. ..
Nov.r 12th	By Balance due on account of Bills ordered for payment received from James Scott Jackson Esq.r	228 6 24
Nov.r 13th	By Cash received this day from Captain James Gurge Graham for Bills on the Military Paymaster General	1000 .. ..
	By Balance due to me	3282 33 77
	Star Pagodas	4282 3377

Signed W. Caulfield Lennon
Asst Engineer Ceded Districts

Attest Chas
Signed George Barry
Sub Sec.t

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Dr. The Honorable Company in Account

1797

Sept.r 18th To Amount of Bills ordered for payment for Repairs at Salem, Mestnaguerry and Ashtoor 852 30 52

Novr 3rd To Amount of Bills ordered for payment for Works executed at Ryhottah 7275 87 46

Novr 14th To Amount of two thirds of the Estimates of Works ordered at Ryhottah not included in the above Bills now nearly finished 2624 16 38

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To one third advance of the amount of Estimate for the East Face of Ryhottah ordered by the Military Board 1611 11 33

4282 33 77

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Current with Captain W. C. Lennon Cr.

1797
Decr 12th By Cash received at Sundry times from Captain
James George Graham for Bills drawn on
Paymaster General ..... 2000 . .

Novr 12th By Balance due on Account of Bills ordered
for payment received from James Scott Jackson Esq. 228 6 24

Novr 13th By Cash received this day from Captain James
George Graham for Bills on the Military
Paymaster General ..... 1000 . .

By Balance due to me 3282 3377

Star Pagodas 4282 3377

Signed W. Caulfield Lennon
Lieut. Engineer Ceded Districts

Attested Copy
Signed George Barry
Sub Sec.

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4th

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I herewith inclose for the notice of the Right Honble the President in Council a continuation of my Correspondence with Major Grant, who as his Lordship will perceive is arrived at the Place of his immediate destination Khummumnait. –

I have &c.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Major L. Grant

Commanding the Khummumnait

Detachment

Sir

His Highness the Nizam having upon my representation agreed to Grant your Corps

Hyderabad

27th November 1797.

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Correspondence with the Major Grant Commanding the Khummumnait Detachment. –

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Fort St. George 4th December 1797

4. Honours paid by this Court to the Officer Commanding any Considerable Party of the Detachment ordered upon Service. I have to request you will repair to the Residency as soon as possible after the receipt of this Letter, to the end that the Residency Moonshy may attend you — without delay to the Durbar. —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
11th November 1797.

Major L. Grant
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir.

I have the pleasure to inclose you at Major Kirkpatrick's request a Duplicate of his Instructions to Lieut. Butler respecting the New Guns and Tumbrils for your Party — I have given the necessary directions to the Moonshee at Murgaul to entertain an additional

Guard

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4th pair of Kirkarrahs for the purpose of conveying to you during your stay at Khummumnait all Packets directed to you from the Eastward as well as Westward. Should you proceed further in the District, I shall increase, if necessary, the number of Kirkarrahs for the purpose of regular Communication with you.

I have directed the Officer Commanding the Party stationed at Mungaul, to procure if necessary, a guide or two acquainted with the best Gun road from thence to Khummumnait or other part of the District you may chance to be in at the time.

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad.

18th November 1797

Sir

Your

[Signed] L. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Lieutenant Butler

Commanding the Escort in its Route to

Mungaul

By desire of the Resident I have to inform

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4th. inform you, that on the arrival of the Field Train at Mungaul, you are immediately to send off to Major Grant at Rhunnimmaut one of the best six Pounders and two of the best Tumbrils, and if you find any thing packed in the Tumbrils, that the other seven cannot receive, you will leave such articles in charge of the Dawk Moonshee or Officer Commanding at Mungaul, till the return of the two Tumbrils from Major Grant's Detachment. But if there are no such articles to be left there, the Party of one Hawildar, one Naik and Ten Sepoys which you are to send with the Guns &a. to Major Grant can return to this Camp by the Route Major Grant marched from this place.

The Town of Rhunnimmaut is only two Stages from Mungaul. And the Bearer of this will attend the Party that goes with the Guns &a. and one of the Bullock Contractor's people is with him to get the aid of fresh Cattle if there from

the

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4th the Coast seem unable to travel. -

Major Grant will be informed of this by the earliest opportunity.

Should the Cattle require the usual rest of one day at Mungaul you can allow it. -

I have the honor to be

Hrs Hble

(Signed) H. Hyndman

Major Comd Hyd. Det.

Camp Hussein Sauger

17th November 1797. -

Major D. Grant;

Commanding the Rhummummaut Detach.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d and 24th Instant, the latter apprizing me of your arrival at Rhummummaut, but neither of them requiring any particular answer. -

I have the honor to be

Hble Hrs

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

(True Copies)

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Asst

Assistant

Hyderabad

27th November 1797.

Captain

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4th

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident

Hyderabad

Sir.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th instant. The Detach-ment under my Command arrived here this morning, and tomorrow I intend to encamp on the bank of the River, about half a mile from the Town of Khummumunnait.

After the third days March from Bopal, the road to this place has been exceeding-ly Confined and difficult for the Guns and Tumbrils, nor were the Guides I was able to procure well acquainted with the pathway from Village to Village. indeed I believe the best route with Guns to Khummumunnait is by Mungaul. I will have the pleasure of addressing you again in a few days.

I have the honor to be
Wth Esteem
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signed Lud. L. Grant
Major 10th Regt N. I.
Aptain

Camp Kookrainy
the 22d November 1797.

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Captain L. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident

Hyderabad

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint you that the Detachment encamped yesterday on the bank of the Paukull Nuddy about a mile from the Town: and this Morning changed Ground to a more favorable Situation and clearer of Jungle about 200 yards from the Fort of Khummumnait which is Situated on a high Rock, surrounded with a Stone Wall with a few Guns Mounted. The Country around extremely covered with Jungle —

Jemul Ubdun Khan took possession of the House of the Aumil this Morning which adjoins our encampment. We have as yet had but little Communication, having only seen him twice since I left Ongole. The Renters of District through which we passed paid their respects

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4th respects to him, and I understand that all the others accepting one refractory Rajah either have, or are on their way to visit him. The Khan says that a Vakeel from the Rajah will be with him in a few days.

Accompanying is the Route of this Detachment. The distance computed from the time we were upon each march. but the whole track is so rugged and confined, that I would recommend any future parties marching by the Mungaud Road.

I have the honor to be

Wth Regd.

Camp Khemmummaite
the 24th November 1797.

signed Lud.k Grant
Major 10th Regt N.I.

Route

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Route from Hussain Saugor to Khummumnaick.

Names of Places	Computed Coss	Remarks.
To Oosoal	4	Good Road
" Ghut Hussoor	5	D°. D°. Encamped N.E. of the Village. good water. Some Bowlies.
" Ghumoor	5	Good Road, rather Confined with Bushes and Little Cultivation Encamped N.E. of the Village. plenty of water. no large Jack Et.
" Bhoirungeir	2.	Road Confined with Bushes and Jungle. at Bhoirungeir is a large Village and a building on the top of a high steep Rock to which there appears no access except on the South side by a path cut in the Rock. upon which are built some defences.
" Bygheir	2.	Road Stony and difficult for Guns. Encamped S. of the Village.
" Mutaheem	2½	The road through an Open Country. Cultivation. a large Village good water W.W.
" Ulloor	3.	a Village about 100 yards Et. of the Road. good ground. Water W. Near W. of the Road Cultivation. Teddy W. Near.
" Marloor	1¾	a Village. a Watering ground a Jack to the Eastward. also a small Stream on the edge of a Jungle half a mile S.E.
" Ghoorkundah	1.	a high bare Rock with a Village at the foot of it. plenty of water in a small Nullah Et. of the Village. and in Bowlies.
" Seercul	1.	a small Village a good deal of Cultivation in the Neighbourhood. two Batt.ns of Mess.r Raymonds Encamped near the Village. Fine Natural Cocoanuts.
		N.B. The Guides mistook this morning. and Imagine we guitted the Khummumnaick Road near Marloor. we again got into it at Anantwarum.
" Anantwarum	2½	Route along a path directly Eastw. through a Jungle. Joined the Khummumnaick Road near the Village.
" Sudaul	2½	Encamped half a mile N.E. of a small Stone Fort and Village. good Water from Bowlies and a Well. N. four Comp.s.
" Bamwarum	2.	Road along a path extremely Confined by Jungle. difficult and Tedious. a small Village.
" Ghoondual	2.	Road as the former two Coss. Ghoondaul is marked on the route given to Major Grant 3 Coss. but by the best information is 16 Coss from Roy Gheir. and the first per Road to the End of the route we carri. Supplies. Water W.a
Carried over	36.	

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Names of Places	Computed Cs	Remarks.
Brought over	36.	
To Purchaul	3	Road across the Fields and bad - a small Village
" Sankuspooram	1.	D° D° D°
" Chirrah Gurroor	1½	Road bad. a Topo of Tamarind Trees near the Village a small Stream N.E.
" Elour	1¼	Road bad. Encamped N.E. of the Village - sent to Cs to Ordinoor attah for Supplies - plenty of Grain - scarce any Rice -
" Punkerah	2.	Road tolerable.
" Yengatoorty	4.	Road exceedingly confined by thick Jungle. Encamped near the Village - sent to several others for Grain. -
" Omvarram	2.	a small Village -
a Deserted Village	1½	small Fort and Village deserted -
To Notukal	1.	a few huts and small Fort - a Tank and Bowlies (wells) -
" Meeriall	1½.	a small Village - no supplies - Encamped N.E. the road from Veergatoorty through Jungle said to abound with Tigers, but not so confined as for several last marches. -
" Beckamullah	2½.	Village on the right.
" Yaarumchirlah	½	D° left of the Road -
" Soolair	3	Road as from Ge abound ah much confined by thick Jungle. Encamped S. of the Village. -
" Brellie	2.	a small Village road not quite so much Confined - a Tank to the right 3 miles from Soolair. -
" Keekraing	3	Last part of the Road wet and very bad - Encamped N. of the Village. Tank and Bowlies -
" Bank of the Putaul Nuddy ½ a Cs S. of Khummummut	1.	Encampment Confined by Jungle - on the Bank of a Nuddy which rises in a Lake called Powtral about 30 Cs distant. -
N.W. of the Fort Encamped 200 yds distant -	½	
	70¼	

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Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Josiah

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Lt

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

Fort St George

From Resident at Tanjore - the Rajah proposes sending into the Mayaveram and Manargoody Soubahs the Public Officers authorized by the Treaty

This Excellency the Rajah having informed me that he intends to send into the Soubahs of Myaveram and Manargoody the Public Officers who are authorized to reside therein by the 7th Article of the Treaty of 1792, I have at his desire notified his wish to Messrs Grant and Bulmaine furnishing them at the same time with Copy of the above Article -

I have the honor to be

Hble Hble

Signed Alexr Macleod

Resident

Tanjore

1st December 1797.

From the Commandant at Pycautah -

Received a Letter from Major Doveton - entered in M.B. No 9 forwarding a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to Lord Hobart. -

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