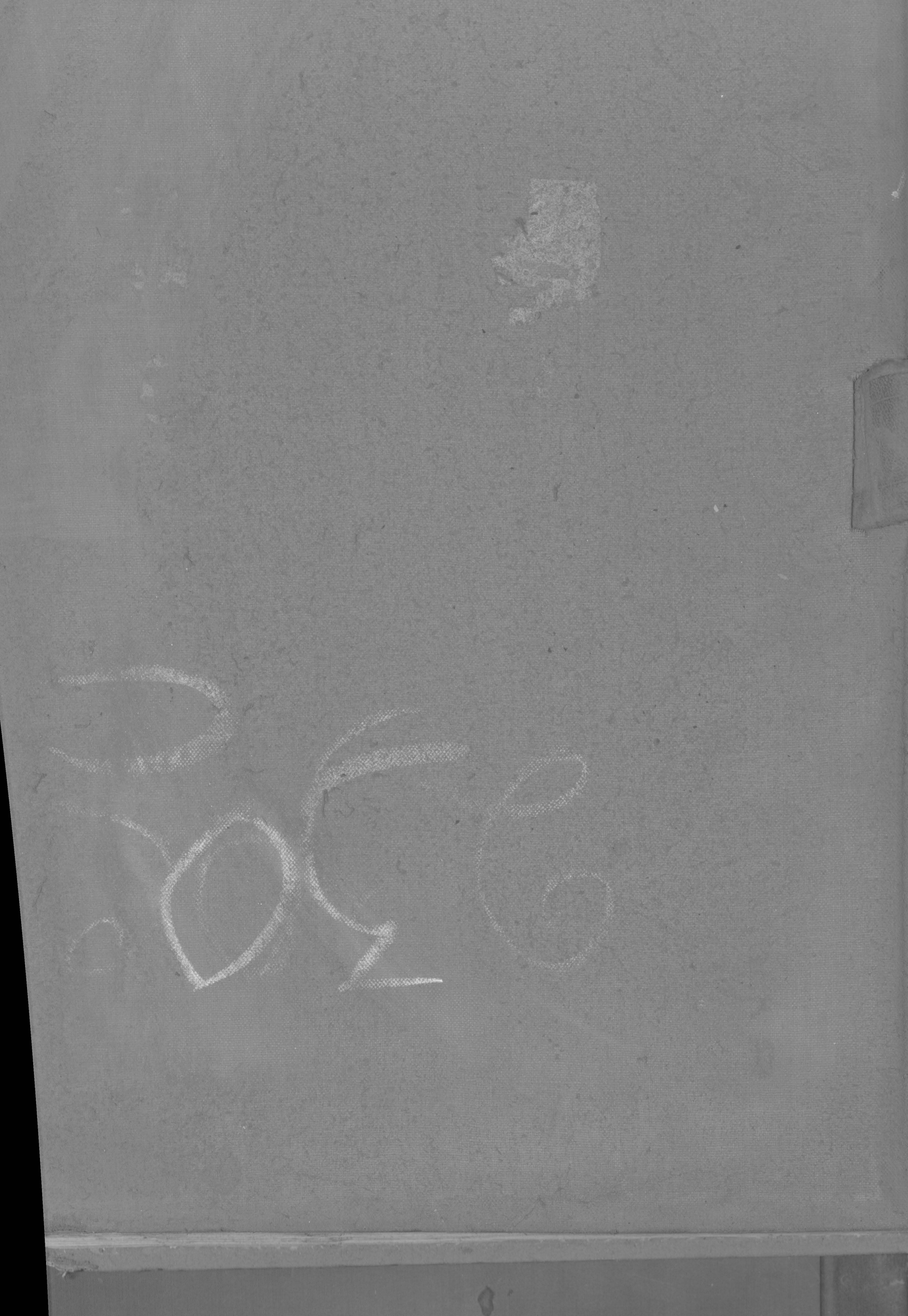
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Diary

Received the following Letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Commandant of Nellore requests an — additional allowance in Consequence of the — Number of travellers going thro' that place —

Impressed with a grateful sense of the — Obligations your Lordship's goodness has already laid me under, I should not have ventured to trouble your — Lordship on the subject I am about to lay before you but that the Expenses I am indispensibly put to on Account of Travellers renders a representation to your Lordship a necessary measure, in doing which, I feel a perfect — confidence that your Lordship will have the goodness to bestow some consideration on it, and give such relief as your Lordship in Council may judge fit. —

It must be well known to your — — Lordship, that the small, very small savings to be made by an Officer in command of a station, — situated in the most retired part of the Country, cannot well exceed the difference between his half and full Batta, if he has those comforts around

him

him so necessary in this Country to the enjoyment of health,
admitting this to be the case my Lord, how much must
my expences exceed my Pay and Allowances, when I can
venture to declare to your Lordship, that hardly a day
passes over without Gentlemen of both the Civil and
Military Establishments putting up at my House, —
some time for days together, as the season of the year
may offer for Travelling. Were my circumstances,
My Lord, such as could support the Expence, it —
would be a matter of the highest gratification to me,
to shew every hospitable treatment towards Travellers, —
which I have hitherto had a pleasure in doing, as far
as my circumstances would admit, to those, who are
unavoidably obliged to call on me being in the only
publick situation at this place, on the high publick
road to and from Bengal, Bombay, Hydrabad,
and all the Northern stations, but it is a matter
of the highest regret to me, My Lord, that my —
income falls very short indeed of the expence I am
obliged to be at, so much so, as to exceed my Pay
and Allowances considerably. Under these considerations
My Lord, and circumstanced as I am, I am —
imboldened to request your Lordship in Council
will

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will have the goodness to make me such monthly allowance as your Lordship may deem adequate to the extra expences I am necessitated to bear. —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c &c

Nellore
16th December 1797.

I Signed Nath.l Forbes Capt.n
Comm.g Garrison of Nellore

Right Honorable the President in Council

My Lord

From Major General Floyd, enclosing — Estimates of some repairs required for the Barracks and Church, the Fort Adjutant of which enjoys claims additional Batta in consequence of his having Charge of the European and Native Invalids and Pensioners. —

The Church of this Garrison being again in some degree of danger, which may be removed by the support of a Buttress, and by some repair of cracks, I have caused it to be examined by Lieutenant Colonel Frapaud, whose estimate N.o 1. I have the Honor to — & inclose and request your Lordships Commands. —

In the European Barrack in this Fort, a large Stone having given way, a portion of the Terrace above was in immediate danger of falling, I therefore took on me to order the pillar, stated in the Estimate N.o 2, to be built, which I hope will meet your Lordships approbation — other repairs to the out Houses of the same Barrack, and adjoining Hospital being greatly wanted, are included in the same

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same Estimate, and wait your Command.

I beg leave to state to your Lordship, without troubling you with a letter I have received, that Lieute=nant Smith, Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly, represents that his Brethren at Dindigul, and at Masulipatam, are allowed additional Half Batta, for having Charge of one Company of Invalids, Natives and of a few European Invalids and Pensioners that the Lieutenant Smith, is actually in charge of above five Hundred European Native Invalids and Pensioners, which Number always swells at the periods of Committees. He therefore prays to be indulged with the same allowance and that it may be accorded to him from the 1st of September last, soon after the date of his charge, and I beg leave to recommend his request to your Lordship's consideration.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c

Trichinopoly
December 12th 1797

I Signed John Floyd
Major Genl

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Commandant of Angole, requests some Additional Allowance in Consequence of the Expence he is put to by Travellers passing his Station. —

Highly sensible of the obligations I am — + already under to your Lordship I know not what apology to offer for again troubling you on a subject that I beg leave to submit to your Lordship's goodness and — + consideration. — .

The very heavy expenses + I am constantly put to on account of travellers renders this representation to your Lordship indispensibly necessary, for tho' my pay &c. in another situation would be very ample, in this thorough-fare it is perfectly inadequate to my support, could I in any way live Genteely and entertain those Gentlemen that put up at my House within the — + limits of my Income I never should have troubled — + your Lordship on this subject, and under these Circum- stances I have a hope that your Lordship in Council will have the goodness to make me some monthly allowance for the Extra Expences I am unavoidably exposed to. —

I have

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Angole
13th December 1797.

I have the honor to be, with great respect.
&c &c &c
Signed W. Vigors

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council,

My Lord of Fort St. George

From Auditor General report on the application of Lieutenant Bainbridge of His Majesty's 19th Regiment foot.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 14th instant, refering to my examination and report, Copy of an application from Ensign Bainbridge of His Majesty's 19th Regiment, for full Batta, whilst in charge of a party of Recruits of that Corps at the Presidency, I beg leave to state, that as that Officer has not joined his Corps since his appointment to it, having been ordered to take charge of the recruits at Madras, he cannot be considered entitled to full Batta — until he proceeds to join the Regiment, as it is an allowance entirely of a local nature, and not granted to Officers belonging to Corps on the Island of Ceylon, who are not on the spot. he may however be permitted to draw House Rent on the Certificate prescribed

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prescribed by the Regulations.—

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect
&c &c &c

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
16th December 1797.

Signed W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, Lieutenant Barclay succeeds in apprehending Coosen Naig in the Tadah Zemindary.—

With reference to my letter under date the 5th instant I have the honor to acquaint you for information of the Right Honorable President in Council, that the Subadars party of Native Regulars from Rajam, by a forced march of eighteen hours joined Lieutenant Barclay and his Revenue detachment at Sittanagrum on the morning of the 4th instant, and that thus reinforced he proceeded to Saloor on the night following, and succeeded in apprehending Coosen Naick, of the partizan who was taking measures to support Rayapah Rauze's insurgency in the Tadah Zemindary, but found no body of peons actually assembled with him as had been reported to Mr. Collector Webb. It fortunately happened also on the 5th that the sons of Nellapah Rauze came with Rayapah

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Rayapah Rauze on the hills of Coorcooty and routed him with his adherents after a brisk action in their way, in which four of the insurgents were killed, many — wounded, and the rest held in pursuit when the account reached Lieutenant Barclay, so that I hope this petty insurrection will be quelled without the necessity of any troops going farther amongst the hills at this very unhealthy season. Lieutenant Barclay's letter — mentioning these circumstances is dated on the 6th from Saloor, where he then remained with his detachment, to act as occasion might require. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Geo. Muat
Lieut. Col. Comm.

Vizagapatam District
Head Quarters at
Chicacole, 11th December 1797.

To the Right Honorable George Lord Hobart
President in Council &c. &c.

My Lord, Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Colonel Halcott requests to retire from the Service on the 21st December —

I request the favor of being permitted to retire from the Service on the Pay of my Rank on the 21st instant instead of the 1st of January next, as mentioned in

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in my Letter of the 27th of September

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Signed Tho.s Halcott

Lieut.-Col.o 2.d Batt.n 9.th Reg.t Native Infantry

Tranquebar
December 17.th 1797.

Sent the following Letter to the Nabob —

[entered also in C.C. N.o 109]

To His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah

&c &c &c &c &c

"May it please your Highness"

I have had the honor to receive your —

Highness's letter of this date requesting the assistance of two Officers in disciplining your Highness's body guard — in answer to which I beg leave to assure your Highness that I should have great pleasure in complying with your wish, but that the present circumstances of the Company's army render it wholly impossible.

To the Nabob the assistance of two Officers to discipline his Body guard cannot at present be granted — remark on the Breach of his engagements to Sir Paul Joddrell —

I have also had the honor of receiving — your Highness's letter of 14.th instant informing of your having completed the payment of your Kist for this Month. This is certainly a great satisfaction to me,

but

but I confess that it is materially allayed by your Highness's failure to make good your engagements to Sir Paul Jodrell and it is my duty to state that that Gentleman has in consequence been exposed to much difficulty and mortification, as long as there was a hope of your Highness's listening to his distress, he was able to obtain the means of Subsistence, but your Highness's nominal arrangement of his demands followed by a total disregard of that arrangement has entirely undermined the small remains of his credit. —

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I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
Signed Hobart

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent also Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C. C. No. 110 informing him that W. Macleod has been furnished with Instructions in the event of the Death of his Brother's Widow. —

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Sent also the following Letters

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident

at

Tanjore

Sir,

To Wm McLeod the Rajah to be permitted to perform the funeral Ceremonies in the event of the death of Maha Bhaey Saheb.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inclose for your information Copy of a letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore with a Copy of the Answer and to desire that in the event of the death of Maya Bhaie Saheb his Excellency may be permitted to perform her funeral obsequies.

as the President in Council deems it advisable that his Excellency should not be advised of this resolution except the event, which is apprehended, should actually take place, his Lordship has thought it sufficient to inform the Rajah that you are furnished with instructions for your guidance upon this case.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

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Signed Jos. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To

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To Sir Paul Jodrell Bart.

Sir,

To Sir Paul Jodrell the security offered by him considered satisfactory and orders issued in Consequence to the Civil Paymaster General

In answer to your letter of 13th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the President in Council deems the security you have offered perfectly satisfactory, and has in consequence issued orders to the Civil Paymaster General for the monthly payment of one hundred Pagodas to you from the first day of January next until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors shall be received. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

Jos. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Fort St. George
19th December 1797.

To Lieutenant Colonel Shawe

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Shawe, order issued for paying Captains Pay and Batta to the Major of Brigade to Commissary of Grain &c appointed at Penang, and for paying his Bills for the allowance usually granted to Officers Commanding Brigades —

In answer to your letter of the 15th instant I am directed to acquaint you that orders have been sent to the Office of audit for paying Captains pay and Batta to the Officers appointed by you to the stations of Major of Brigade and Commissary of Grain and Provisions to the detachment under your Command from the day

on

19th on which the convoy returned to Pinang untill the reembarkation of the Troops for this Presidency. –

The Auditor General has also been authorized to pass your bills for the usual allowance drawn by Officers Commanding Brigades for the same period. –

Fort St. George
19th December 1797.

I am,
&c &c
(Signed) Jos. Webbe Jr. to Gov.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Wks No. 59 60 61 62 63. –

From the Commandant at Vellore –

From Colonel Sale requests that the usual allowance may be granted to Mr. Head Surgeon Watson for attendance on 3 Companies 2d Battalion 5th Regiment Native Infantry. –

From Captain Lemerick requests an allowance for a Writer. –

From the Judge Advocate in the Southern Division

From Colonel Champagne advising receipt of the intelligence respecting the French Frigates. –

From the Commandant at Trincomale

From Captain Johnston requesting to be put on field allowances on account of the great range of Country he has to superintend. –

From the Engineer to the Vizagapatam & Ganjam Districts. –

From Captain Wm. Crock applying for 3 years furlough

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Distribution of the Troops who are to Embark for Bengal.

Fort St. George 20th. December 1797

Ships	Corps	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Surgeon	Sergeants Drummers & Fifers	Rank & File	Women	Children	Total	Total each Ship
Phenix	Royal Artillery	"	"	2.	1.	1.	50.	2.	2.	54.		
	71st Foot	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"		107.
	72d Do	"	"	1	1.	"	51.	1.	1.	53.		
Earl Spencer	71st Do	"	"	"	2.	"	1.	"	"	3		57.
	72d Do	"	"	1.	2.	"	50	3.	3.	56		
Bourke	72d Do	"	"	"	2	1.	25	2.	3.	30.		30
Prince Wm Henry	71st Do	"	"	1.	1.	"	2.	"	"	2.		36.
	72d Do	"	"	"	2.	"	28	3.	3.	34		
Total		"	"	6.	11.	2	207.	11.	12	230.	230.	

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Distribution of Troops to Embark for Bengal

Dec.r 1797.

Extract from the Deputy Assistant General's following Amended Distribution of Troops to embark for Bengal Bombay and Ceylon -

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Fort St. George 1st December 1791.

Officers Corresponding with the foregoing Distribution

Phonix	Earl Spencer	Hawke	Prince Wm Henry
Major Captain Cockburn Captn Quayle Lieut Cockburn Surgeon J Lamb — R. Artillery	Lieut Forbes Lieut Mc Pherson — 71st foot	Lieut: J Stuart Lieut: J. Fraser Asst Surgn Andrews — 72d foot	Capt: Mackenzie Lieut Bovenden — 71st foot Lieut Mackenzie Lieut Tucker — 72d foot
Captain Beckwith — 71st foot	Captain Emmerson Lieut C. Mc Donnell Lieut Whittle — 72d foot		
Captain D. Stuart Lieutenant Orrock — 72d "			

Signed Jas. Robertson
Depy Adjt Genl

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Distribution of Troops to Embark for Bombay & Island of Ceylon

Fort St. George 20th December 1797.

Distribution of the Troops who are to Embark for Bombay & Island of Ceylon

Fort St. George 20th December 1797.

Ships	Corps	Major	Captains	Subalterns	Chaplains	Surgeons	Sergeants	Rank & File	Women	Children	Total	Total each Ship	Observations
Victorious	72. Foot	1	2				100				100	100	
Princess Mary	72. Foot		1	3									
	75th D°			1			1						
	77th D°			1							202	42	46	290	290
	80th D°		1										
Atlantic	72. D°			3	1								
	80. D°		1	1							198	44	52	295	295
Eliza Ann	19th D°		3	2			20				20	20	
	Foot	1	6	13	1	2	520	86	99	705	705		

Distribution of Troops to Embark for Bombay and Bengal

Dec.r 1797

Fort George 28th December 1781

Officers Corresponding with the foregoing Distribution

Victorious	Princess Mary	Atlantic	Eliza Ann
Major Mc Innes Lieutenant White Lieutenant Tucker } 72. foot	Captain Mc Dougall Lieut.t R. Mc Donald Lieut.t Gib } 72. foot Lieutenant Skelton Lieutenant Bullock Asst. Surgeon Symes } 75.th foot Lieutenant Benson - 77.th " Captain Sturt . . 80. "	Lieutenant Oliphant Lieutenant Raitt Ensign Bayley wood } 72. foot Chap.n D. Mc Kay Surgeon C. Anderson Captain Mc Pherson Lieutenant Wheeler } 80.th foot	Captain J. Eyre " John Mc Rae " Doherty } 19. foot - Lieut.t Dalrymple Ensign Bainbridge

Signed James Robertson

Depty Adjt. Genl

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in
WB Nos. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. –

To the Commanders of the Ships Britannia Earl Spencer Hawke Prince Wm Henry and Atlantic. –

To Captains Wm Orrock Raitt. Baker Barkert and Probeart enclosing an amended Return of Troops to be embarked on their Ships. –

To the Commanders of the Ships Atlantic & Eliza Ann

To Captains Probeart and Heughes desiring them to receive on board some Medicines to be sent by the Medical Storekeeper. –

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lydenham with an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General. –

To the Military Board

To Military Board returning their report upon the Bills for extraordinaries with the Board's Resolutions referring Papers received from Bengal relative to the Cargo of the Indra. –

To the Attorney General

To W. Sullivan enclosing Papers regarding a Ship detained at Point De Galle for his Examination and opinion. –

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Received from the Deputy Adjutant General to the King's Troops the following an amended distribution of the Troops to embark for Bombay and Ceylon.

Distribution

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21st. Distribution of the Troops to Embark for Bombay & Ceylon

Fort St. George 21st December 1797.

Amended Distribution of troops to embark for Ceylon and Bombay.

			Majors	Captains	Subalterns	Chaplains	Surgeons	Assistant Surgeons	Sergeant Drummers	Rank & File	Women	Children	Total
Victorious	72d Foot		1	2						100			100
Princess Mary	72d			1	3								
	75th				1					1			156 29 37 222
	77th				1								
Atlantic	72d			3	1	1							151 29 37 217
Eliza Ann	80th			2	1								
	12th			1									207 28 25 260
	19th			3	2								
Total			1	7	13	1	1	1	6	14	86	99	799

Signed Jas. Robertson Depy Adjt. Genl.

List of Officers Corresponding with the foregoing Distribution for Bombay and Ceylon

Victorious

Major McInnes
Lieut: White
Lieut: Tucker
} 72d foot

Princess Mary

Captain McDougall
Lieut. R. McDonald
Lieutenant Gibb
Lieutenant Skelton
} 72d foot

Lieutenant Bullock
Mr. Surgeon Symes
} 75th foot

Lieutenant Benson 77th foot

Atlantic

Lieut. Oliphant
Lieut. Raill
Ens. Bazlewood
Chapn. Dunc. McKay
Surgeon Anderson
} 72d foot

Eliza Ann

Captain Wilson 12th foot

Captain John J. Eyre
" Johnstone McRae
" Doherty
Lieutenant Dalrymple
Ensign Bainbridge
} 19th foot

Captain Hurst
" McPherson
Lieut. Wheeler
} 80th foot

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21st Sent the following Letters

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General pay for December to be advanced the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment. a Bill for Clothing the Malay prisoners at Chingleput to be passed if correct. a Letter from the Prize Agents at Columbo inclosed. Captains Bay and Batta to be paid the Major of Brigade and Deputy Commissary appointed at Penang to the usual allowances of Officers Commanding Brigades to Lieutenant Colonel Shaw the Officers of the 33. Regiment lately arrived from the Cape to be advanced 3 months subsistence and the Officers and men about to embark for Bengal to be allowed their pay and allowances for this months.—

The Right Honorable the President in Council directs me to desire that orders may be issued for advancing the pay for December to a Detachment of 1st Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry under the Command of Captain R. W. Grant about to March for Trichinopoly.—

I inclose a bill for Cloathing the Malay prisoners at Chingleput amounting to Pagodas 14. 26. 60 which the President in Council desires may be passed for payment.—

I am directed to refer for your examination and report Copy of a letter from the Prize Agents at Columbo with the original papers therein mentioned.—

I inclose copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Shawe commanding the Troops lately at Penang, and am directed to desire that the allowance of

Captains

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Captains pay and batta may be granted to the Officers appointed by Colonel Shawe to act as Major of Brigade and Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions. His Lordship in Council also directs that Lieutenant Colonel Shawe be permitted to draw the usual allowance of Officers Commanding Brigades.

These allowances are to be paid from the day on which the convoy under his Majestys Ship Victorious returned to Penang until the reembarkation of the troops for this Presidency.

The President in Council directs that the Officers of his Majestys 33d. Regiment, lately arrived from the Cape of Good Hope, may be allowed to draw three months Subsistence including what they may have already received on account since their removal here.

The Officers and Men about to embark for Bengal are permitted to draw the whole of their pay and allowances for this month.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George
20th December 1797

Signed Jos. Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To Military Board the Atlantic and Princess Mary not to touch at Trincomale the Eliza Ann to touch at Negapatam for the drafts of the 52. Regiment and from thence to proceed to Trincomale and Columbo a quantity of Rice to be sent on the Atlantic and Princess Mary if possible.

The Right Honorable the President in Council having resolved that the Ships Princess Mary and Atlantic shall not touch at Trincomale has ordered an amended distribution of the troops destined for Bombay and Ceylon, of which I enclose a copy for your information, and am directed to acquaint you that it is the intention of his Lordship in Council to dispatch the Eliza Ann with orders to touch at Negapatam for the drafts of his Majestys 52. Regiment and to proceed from thence to Trincomale and ultimately to Columbo. The President in Council therefore desires that the necessary alterations may be made in shipping stores and provisions for the troops according to the present arrangement.

As it is an object of importance that as much rice as possible should be sent by this opportunity to Columbo, the Right Honorable the President in Council is pleased to desire that if in consequence of

this

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25 this charge the Princess Mary or Atlantic should be able to carry any quantity of that Article you will order as much as possible to be loaded on them in addition to the quantity which may be shipped on the Eliza ann.—

Fort St. George
24th December 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Sigd J. Webbe Jr. to Gov.

Received and sent the undermentioned —

Letters entered in Ltr Bk 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78
79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89.—

From the Acting Barrack Master at the Residency

From Captain Turing, reports that Racks for the Mens Arms are wanting in the Barrack in Popham Broad way, and that several of the Officers quarters in the fort require repair.—

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly

From Major General Floyd enclosing —
Estimates of the repair of two Pontons and of a Gram —
Godown of the 25th Dragoons at Warriore.—

From the Surgeon of the Ship Busbridge—

From Mr. Arundel requests payment of a Bill for Medicines, wine, and attendance on part of the 12th Regiment on board the Busbridge from Pinang to —
Fort St. George.—

From the Commander of the Ship Hercules—

From Captain McFarlane with a Bill for

the

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From the Military Paymaster General

For the accommodation of Lieutenant Kempt on board his Ship.—

From Mr. Roebuck with an additional estimate for December.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham enclosing a Copy of a Letter from the Commander of the Bainbridge and desiring that the Charges may be passed if correct.—

To Do. Do.

To D. with Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors respecting the passage money of Subaltern Officers.—

To the Adjutant General of the Army

To the Medical Board

To Lieutenant Colonel Close, informing him of the death of Lieut. Jnº Redman in England.—

To Medical Board informing them of the Death of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Hathway in England.

To the Commanders of the Ships Princess Mary Eliza ann and Minerva

To Captains Nash, Hughes and Robeart, enclosing Amended Returns of the Troops to be embarked on their Ships.—

From Lieutenant Francis Kempt.

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From Lieutenant Kempt enclosing his Account.—

To the Commander of the Ship Intrepid Cruizer

To Captain Selby desiring him to proceed to Trincomale with dispatches from Captain Clarke, and obey his further orders.—

From Lieutenant Henry Raymond Barker

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From Lieutenant Barker requesting that a Passage to point De Galle may be ordered him on board

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Board the Eliza Ann. –

To the Commander of the Ship Eliza ann

To Captain Hughes desiring him to receive on board his Ship for Point De Galle Lieutenant Barker of the 1st European Regiment. –

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham desiring him to advance 20 Pagodas to each of the Bengal Cadets, the Officers of the 33. to be advanced 100 Pagodas each instead of 3 Months Subsistence. –

From the Commandant at Trichinopoly 24th

From Major General Floyd applying for 2 Months leave of Absence for Captain Davison — Commanding Tutocoryn, enclose Estimate of a Door to the place of Confinement in the European Barracks. –

From the Do. Do.

From D°. enclosing Estimates of a quarter for the Serjeant attending the flag staff at Negapatam and for the repair of an expence Magazine at the same place. –

From Lieutenant Colonel Bowser.

From Lieutenant Colonel Bowser. –

requesting that some Vouchers claimed by the Ceylon Prize Agents may not be delivered to them until his Arrival at the Presidency. –

From the Commander of the Ship Ajax

From Captain Hodges. reports his Ship ready

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Ready for Sea, all the Cargo being landed except the Shot and Shells.

From Captain Mackenzie of the 71st Regiment.

From Captain Mackenzie claiming adjutants Allowance while acting as such with the 71st Regiment.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham reporting on the accounts of the Deputy King's Paymaster and the Pay-master to the King's troops on Ceylon from 25th September to 24th October 1797. and a reaudit on Colonel Beresford's Accounts from 25th April to 24th June 1797.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck with his general Estimate for January 1798.

Sent also the following Letters

To Brigadier General De Meuron Commanding the Troops on Ceylon

Sir

at Columbo.

To General De Meuron enclosing Returns of the troops, and invoices of the Stores provisions &c on board the Princess Mary Atlantic and Eliza Ann for Columbo. Orders respecting their further Destination Amount of treasure on board those Ships and to be received from the Renter of the Pearl Fishery - a large supply of Rice on the Eliza Anne.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inclose distribution returns of the troops and invoices of the Stores and provisions Shipped on the Princess Mary, Atlantic, and Eliza Anne for Columbo, which you will accordingly transmit to the proper Offices.

The Princess Mary and Atlantic have been put

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put under convoy of his Majesty's Ship Victorious, and Captain Clarke has been authorized to transhipt the Stores and troops for Bombay to the Raymond and Woodcot in the event of his finding these Indiamen at Point de Galle or Colombo. —

The President in Council desires that as much expedition as possible may be used in discharging the Cargoes of the Atlantic and Princess Mary in order that they may proceed to Bombay according to the orders which the Commanders may receive from the Senior Naval Officer or eventually to Bengal according to the orders which have been issued to them at the Presidency — Copies of which are herewith enclosed. —

A large supply of Copper Coin has been laden on the Princess Mary and Atlantic and treasure to the Amount of two Lacks of Rupees has been shipped on the Victorious for the use of the troops. In addition to this I am directed to acquaint you that fifty thousand Pagodas will be transmitted to Colombo from Manar upon the Arrival of the renter of the pearl fishery at that place. —

A large supply of rice as per invoice has been sent in the Eliza Anne and in order to

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Carry as much as possible she has been permitted to discharge her ballast at this place, you will therefore give orders that she may be provided with ballast at the public expence, and that she may be enabled to pursue her Voyage to Bengal according to the orders issued to her Commander for that purpose. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed J. Webbe Secy. to Govt.

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To Captain Thomas Probeart
of the Ship
Atlantic

Sir,

Sailing Instructions to Captains Nash & Probeart

Having received on board your Ship the Stores and troops for Colombo and Bombay — according to the orders and distribution already — transmitted to you, you are hereby further ordered to put yourself under convoy of his Majesty's Ship Victorious and proceed with her to Point de Galle. —

If upon your arrival at Point de Galle the Honorable Company's Ships Raymond and Woodcot should be found there, the — Senior Naval Officer has been requested to transship

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the Stores and troops for Bombay from the Atlantic to one of those Ships, and as soon as this may have been done you are to proceed upon receiving his orders to Columbo, and then deliver the Stores and troops on board your Ship for that place according to the orders which you may receive from Brigadier General De Meuron or Officer Commanding.—

In the event of your falling in with the Raymonde and Woodcot, as above mentioned, you are, as soon as you may have discharged your Cargo for Columbo, to make the best of your way to the River of Bengal, when upon your arrival you will put yourself under the orders of the Governor General in Council, but should you not fall in with the two Indiamen you are to proceed with the troops and Stores on board your Ship to Columbo and ultimately to Bombay according to the orders you may receive from the Senior Naval Officer.—

I am
&c. &c

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Signed J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

The same to Captain Nash
of the Ship Princess Mary

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To Captain Smedley

of the Ship

Raymond

To Captain Smedley of the Raymond and Hannay of the Woodcot desiring them to obey all orders of the Senior Officer of his majesty's Ships

Sir

You are hereby ordered to put yourself under the Command of the Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships, and obey all such directions as you may receive from him.—

Dated in Fort St. George the 24th. December 1797.

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

I Signed J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

The same to Captain Hannay

of the Ship

Woodcot

To William Clarke Esq.r

Commander of his Majesty's Ship

Victorious

To Captain Clarke requesting him to take under his Convoy the Atlantic and Princess Mary Directions in case the Raymond and Woodcot should still be at Point de Galle 17 Chests of Treasure embarked on the Victorious for Columbo

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to request you will take under your convoy the Ships Princess Mary and Atlantic, the Commanders of which have been instructed to put themselves

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themselves under your orders.-

A considerable Number of troops intended for Bombay have been embarked in these Ships, but if upon your Arrival at Point de Galle the Honorable Company's Ships Raymond and Woodcot should still be there, which from the latest advices there is reason to believe, the President in Council requests you will cause the troops with their Baggage and Stores to be transhipped to the full armed Indiamen, and take them under your Convoy to Bombay, ordering the Princess Mary and Atlantic to Colombo.-

Should the Raymond and Woodcot have sailed from Point de Galle, his Lordship in Council requests that you will continue your protection to the Princess Mary and Atlantic to Colombo in order that they may deliver the Stores, which have been laden on them for that place, and proceed with them afterwards to Bombay.

The President in Council requests you will receive on board the Victorious a quantity of treasure in 17 boxes for the garrison of Colombo, which is to be delivered to the order of the Commanding Officer at that place.-

I have the honor to inclose letters for the

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the Commanders of the Raymond and Woodcot ordering them to obey such instructions as you may find it expedient to issue in the event of your finding them at Point de Galle, also copies of the sailing orders delivered to the Commanders of the Princess Mary and Atlantic.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Signd J. Webbe Jun. to Govt.

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To Captain R. Hughes
of the Ship
Eliza ann

Sir,

Sailing Instructions to Captain Hughes of the Eliza ann

Having received on board your Ship the troops and Stores for Ceylon according to the distribution returns and orders already sent to you you are hereby ordered to proceed to Negapatam when upon your arrival you will receive on board your Ship the drafts from his Majesty's 52. Regiment intended for Ceylon. -

As soon as these troops may have embarked you are to proceed to Trincomale, when upon your arrival you are to land the men and Stores intended

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intended for that place according to the orders you may receive from the Officer Commanding.-

As soon as you may have discharged your Cargo for Trincomale you are to proceed with the remaining Troops and Stores to Colombo and there deliver them to the Officer Commanding at that place.-

This Service performed, you are to proceed to the River of Bengal, when upon your Arrival you are to put yourself under the orders of the Governor General in Council.-

The Commanding Officer at Columbo has been directed to supply you with balast at the public expence in lieu of that which you have been directed to discharge at this place.-

I am,

Fort St. George
24th. December 1797.

Sir,
Your Most
Obedt. Hble Servt
Signed J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Colonel Champagne
Commanding
at
Trincomale

To Colonel Champagne, forwarding Distribution Returns of the Troops and invoices of the Stores Shipped on the Eliza ann for Trincomale the Eliza ann to be sent on to Colombo after landing that part of her Cargo.

Sir,
I am directed by the Right Honorable the
President

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24.th President in Council to inclose distribution returns of the troops and invoices of the Stores Shipped on board the Eliza Ann for Trincomale, which the Commander had been ordered to land according to the directions he may receive from You.

As soon as the men and Stores may have been landed You will permit the Eliza Ann to sail for Columbo according to the instructions delivered to the Commander for that purpose.

I am,

Fort S.t George
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W.m & Co.

Signed J. Webbe Jun.r to Govt.

To John. Morris Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

of Bombay

Sir,

To Bombay enclosing Distribution Returns of the 72.d Regiment on board the Victorious, Atlantic and Princess Mary, to be transhipped to the Raymond and Woodcot if they should be still at Point de Galle - directions for the further disposal of the Atlantic and Princess Mary and information of the arrangement for Victualling the Officers and the men on board the Victorious -

I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Governor in Council at Bombay, that according to the desire expressed in his letter of the 13.th September the drafts from his Majesty's 72.d Regiment have been embarked on the Company's extra Ships Atlantic and Princess Mary and on his Majesty's Ship

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24th Ship Victorious according to the distribution returns, which I have the honor to inclose. -

As there is reason to believe that the Company's Ships Raymond and Woodcot are still at Point de Galle the Senior Naval Officer has been authorized to tranship the troops and Stores for Bombay from on board the Atlantic and Princess Mary to the Indiamen; but, should he not fall in with the latter, the former two ships are ordered to proceed to Bombay and put themselves under the directions of the Government there. - and it is requested that, in the event of there being no Cargoes for these Ships at Bombay, they may be directed to sail for the Calcutta with all possible expedition -

Provisions, Water, and Stores have been shipped on board the Atlantic and Princess Mary for the use of the troops, the invoices of which I inclose for Your information but in regard to the troops embarked on the Victorious, Captain Clarke has acquiesced in the requesting of this Government to victual them in the same ratio as his Majesty's Seamen and

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the provisions are accordingly to be paid for upon the Arrival of the Victorious at Bombay.

I am directed to add the request of this Government that the Victualling of the whole of the Officers may be paid for at the rate of one Pagoda each per day during the Voyage, being the amount paid to the Commanders of the different Ships on the late intended expedition. In consequence of this arrangement the Officers are not entitled to full batta.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
J. Lynch J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

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Sent and received the undermentioned Letters entered in WB Nos. 90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97.

To the Commander of the Ship Princess Mary

To Captain Nash directing him to receive on board four packages directed to the Town Major at Columbo.

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To Do directing him to receive on board eleven Boxes directed to the Adjutant General on Ceylon.

To

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To Major General Sydenham referring

To the Military Auditor General

the Military Paymaster General's general Estimate

for January 1798.—

26.

From Captain Foubester reporting his

From the Commander of the Ship Princess Royal

Ship ready for Sea.—

From Major De Meuron reports—

From Major De = Meuron

having received intelligence of two deserters of the

Meuron Regiment being at Hydrabad.—

From Captain Griffin enclosing Certi=

From Captain D. F. Griffin

=ficate of the last issue of Pay to him and requesting

that the payment of his Arrears may be ordered.—

From Captain Kempt requests Govern=

From Captain Francis Kempt

=ment will indemnify him for 63 Pairs of Shoes

lost on the Lascelles which he has been obliged

to pay for to Lieutenant Colonel Fraser.—

From Captain Flemming—

From the Commander of the Ship Aber=

reporting his Ship ready for Sea.—

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 26 December 1797.

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

Read the following letters from Poonah.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

From Assistant Resident at Poonah Tippoo's Vackeels pursue their Journey towards Seringapatam. Mutual Hostilities between the Rajah of Kolapore and the family of Purseram Bhow Guyaba Guyes Marches from Nagpoor.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 15th Ultimo, and to enclose, for your Lordship's Information, Extract of my Address of this Date to the

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The Governor General.

I have the Honor to be

very respectfully.-

Poona
1.st December 1797

Hon.ble Hon.ble Hon.ble

Signed J Uhthoff

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff
To the Governor General,

Dated Poona 1.st December 1797.

On the 29th Ultimo, the Sirkarras —
whom I employed to watch the motions of —
Abdulla Beg and Ruzza Ally Beg, between
Poona and Tippoo's frontier, returned hither, with the
following report. that they had proceeded by the
route of Jejury Phulten, Tasgaum, Merritch,
Gokarek, Hoobly / near Darwar / and Shahnoor, —
and that they crossed the Tumbuddra, on the 17.th
Ultimo, at Burryhur, or Hurriah Tippoo's frontier
town in that direction, about 300 Miles from
Poona, and 200 from Syrungputtun, to which latter
place, it was the intention of the Vakeels to proceed
without

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without delay, that nothing very material occurred during their March to Cherryhur, in the course of which, they had purchased about thirty two horses, and that the persons mentioned in my address of the 26th September last, joined them at Gokarick, with about twenty five horses more, That two of the Peshwas' Sirkarras were to accompany the Vakeels to Syrungputtun. That every thing was quiet on both frontiers, in the Kurrychur quarter, but that four thousand of Tippoo's troops had lately arrived at Bednore, to quell some Polygar disturbances, between that place and Carwar. That the general persuasion in that quarter, was, that Tippoo was not likely to molest any of his Neighbours, from the low state of his treasury, the smallness of his Military force, and the desolation, in which his Country still remained, from the incursions of the allies during the last War. That, besides, the vigor of his Military, Civil, and revenue Departments, was, since the war, much relaxed. That Doondo Punt Gokly, the Marratta Commander on the Southern frontier, was at Shahnoor, with about twelve hundred horse and foot. That depredations were mutually committed in the Districts of the Raja of Kolapore, the Chief of the Malwans, and of the family of Purseram Bhow who

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whose eldest son, Appa Saheb, was in the town of Merritch, under a guard of about two hundred of the Peshwas' troops. That throughout the whole of the Maratta Country between Poona and Bhurrumpoor the early part of the rainy season had been very dry, but that, latterly, there had been abundance of water, and that the common grains toward the frontier, were at about 30 Pukka seers pr. Rupee, but became gradually dearer on approaching Poona.—

I have intelligence that Gujaba Gujer marched from Naugpore on the 18th ultimo with about 3000 troops. there seems to be something mysterious in this affair.—

Sindeas troops were yesterday still at the ghaut, but I understand that orders were yesterday issued by Doulut Row, for their advancing toward Colabba.—

True Extract

I have &c

J Uhlhoff

To the Right Honorable

Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordships

From Assistant Resident at Poona
Ragojee Bhonsla dispatches
Moral Pundit towards Gurra
Mundala and to be joined
by Ensuant Row Bolkar
Advises that he could make
remittances to Bengal
at a favorable exchange
for Bills on Madras.—

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Lordship's Information, Extract of my Address of this Date to the Governor General, with Copy of my Letter to the Assistant at Hydrabad.—

Poona
4th December 1797.

I have the Honor to be,
very respectfully &c &c
(Signed) J Uhthoff

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, Dated Poona 4th December 1797.

I have intelligence that on the 20th ultimo Nittul Pundit was despatched from Naugpore, by Raggojee Bhonsla, toward Gurra Mundela, with about 10,000 Men, and twelve Guns, and that on the 23d Eswunt Row Holkar was within seven cose of Naugpore, with about 200 horse, 100 foot, and fifteen Camels, that it was expected he would have a meeting with the Raja the ensuing day, and be employed with Nittul Pundit on the Gurra Mundela expedition.—

True Extract
(Signed) J Uhthoff

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

at

Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo, and to acquaint you, that I could now make remittances to Hydrabad, for any bills upon Madras, on terms much better than par, in the Company's favor, which I submit to you, in the Idea, that this channel of pecuniary negociation may possibly be some what eligible, for the payment of the Peshkush of three Lacks and a half of Rupees, which become due on the 31st. October last, and for the liquidation of which the Court of Hyderabad have been very importunate, while you have found it extremely difficult, if not impracticable, to raise funds for the purpose, the advantage of the rate of Exchange is ascribed to the pearl trade, great quantities of that Article from Manar having been brought hither, the returns for which are required to be made to Madras in specie or bills. I shall furnish the Madras Government with a Copy of this Letter.

I have the Honor to enclose Copy of my address of this date to the Governor

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Governor General

Poona
4th December 1797.

and to be &c &c

Signd F Uhthoff

True Copy

Signd F Uhthoff

Minute thereon

Having lately made a reference to the Governor General in Council upon the subject of providing for the discharge of the Nizam's peishcush, the Board think it unnecessary at present to take any measures in consequence of this letter from the Assistant at Poona.—

Read the following letters from

Hydrabad.—

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of his latest intelligence from Seringapatam.

Sir,

Fort St. George

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Translate of my latest Intelligence from Seringapatam.—

Hyderabad
8. December 1797.

Sam. G. Rs.

Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Translate

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Translate of the Report of a pair of the Resident's Kirkarrahs who arrived here the 5th December 1797.

We left Seringapatam twenty three days ago, on our arrival there, we put up at a place called Chullur Somnarum point on this side of the Cavere, and remained there four days. We afterwards went to the Town of Ganjam where meeting with our old friend Hunumunt Row, the mutsuddie and native of Adoni, we tarried with him nine days. During our Stay Tippoo came out to the Darea-dowlet Garden, and mustered the Troops lately returned from Goote. He ordered the Cavalry to foraging Stations, and the Infantry into Quarters, in the Town of Ganjam. After a Stay of three days he returned to his Palace in Town.

We made particular enquiry if any French Agents were at Seringapatam, and we can assert with confidence that there is not one there now. Even the old French Vakeel is gone. The only Frenchman of any Consequence at Seringapatam is the person who has been so many years in Tippoo's Service. He commands a body of three or four thousand Men, and was encamped under the Kanighaut Hill on this side of the Cauveri.

Tippoo's Troops were four Months in arrears, and

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and deserting frequently in Consequence.—

Fifteen thousand Workmen were daily employed on the Fort. The foundation of the Wall had been sunk to a great depth, on which they were then building.—

It was reported in Seringapatam that another Detachment would proceed against Kurnool.

The whole of Tippoo's Infantry, including Matchlockmen &c.a amounted (it was said) at the late General Musters, to one hundred thousand, his Cavalry to ten thousand.—

A true Translate & Copy

(Signed) J.A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

J. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing copy of his letter to the Resident at Poonah vindicating his Residency from the imputations alleged against it by Mr. Ushtoff.

Hyderabad
10.th December 1797

Sir,

Fort S.t George

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council copy of my letter of the 7.th Instant to the Assistant at Poonah.—

I am, &c &c

(Signed) J.A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Joshua

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Joshua Uhthoff Esqr.

Assistant at Poonah

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 25th Instant.-

After bestowing the utmost attention in my power to every part thereof, I am free to confess the perplexity I still labour under with regard to the mode of replying to it. -A perplexity arising both from your misquotation, and consequent misapplication of the wish and opinion expressed by me in my Letter of the 15th Ultimo and from the interrogative dispositions which pervade your whole Epistle, the drift of which, as far as they relate to the points in debate, I am by no means clear that I have a right comprehension of.- Your Concluding Paragraph however furnishes a clue which I shall endeavour to follow, as it proclaims undisguisedly enough your opinion, -or rather your suspicion, that the rumours from Hydrabad of hostile designs against the British Power in India on the part of Tippoo Sultaun or the French jointly or separately (by which I take it for granted your mean the Intelligence on these heads furnished to Government by Major Kirkpatrick and myself) are the fabrications of Natives employed by this Court to deceive us, for such I conclude

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is your meaning in the terms "interested" and "insidious" as applied to the channels through which you insinuate these communications reached us.-

I am by no means disposed to question the sincerity of this notion, which you profess to entertain, however I may be inclined to differ therefrom, the following passage however from Major Kirkpatrick's address of the 1st May 1796. to the Governor General, while it certainly deprives such notion of all claim to originality, tends at the same time to evince that he was himself long ago aware of the objection, which has since been occasionally brought forward by your Residency, against the credibility of his information, though I do not recollect your having ever even attempted to disprove its general verisimilitude.- I have sometimes I says the Major in revolving the subject of the present address in my mind, been ready to imagine it possible, that one of the views of this Court in manifesting a disposition to be upon cordial terms with Tippoo might be to inculcate the necessity of our contributing effectually to the protection of his Highness against the encroachments of the Marattas if we did not wish to

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"to see him throw himself, for this very purpose, into the arms
"of that Prince" after the ample examinations however this
question subsequently underwent in Major Kirkpatrick's
Correspondence with the Governor General, in August, —
September, and October 96 and the decisive judgement
pronounced thereon by Sir John Shore, I was not, I confess,
altogether prepared for your late reagitation of it. It seems
so superfluous indeed to pursue an Inquiry, which has
thus been the subject of such full and able investigation,
that nothing but a wish to avoid any thing which may —
wear the appearance of an unbecoming fastidious reserve,
induces me to commit to paper the following remarks in
reply to your Letter now before me. Before I proceed —
however to submit them to your perusal, it is incumbent
on me to shew that I am not unwarranted in asserting
that you have misquoted and misapplied the passages
in my Letter of the 15th ultimo, which form the basis of
your reply. —

I express a wish, you say, that you would
point out the period to which you allude "of the in-
"-terested and insidious conduct of the Court of —
"Hydrabad and of the rumours that have been in
"circulation

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Some trouble appears to me I confess, to leave the question just where you found it, and being at all events in no way conducive, in my humble apprehension, to the elu= =cidation of the point upon which we are at issue. You would have answered my expectations better, had you exemplified your position by producing even a few solitary documents in support of your argument, from the accumulated mass of materials, collected by the labour of years.

Should I have succeeded in the above attempt to shew that you have mistaken my meaning in the simple wish I conveyed to you, It will be allowed I imagine, almost necessarily to follow, that you have equally misapplied the opinion I express in the conclusion of my Letter, that opinion, as I have already observed, being strictly confined to the unfounded reflexion which a specific and unsupported charge or insi= =nuation of yours appeared to me to cast on this Court, which whatever its demerits on the score of insidiousness or interestedness, may abstractedly

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be, has neither invented nor particularly disseminated /as far as my observations enable me to speak to the point/ those rumours of an intercourse between Tippoo and the French or of the former's hostile designs against English, with which you say "we have been so long alarmed and amused."

I now proceed to examine the remaining parts of your Letter, intreating you, at the same time, to bear in mind my undissembled inability to discover their applicableness or relevancy to the immediate subject under discussion, as it may chance to carry me even wider from the point — of which it is my wish to adhere to, than your misconception, or what is more probable, my own inaccurate expression of my meaning appears to me to have already lead to, on your — side. —

You ask "what can have been "the "motives of the Court of Hydrabad in the affair of "Medenee Sahel? If by affair you mean, that — of "Vackeels Mission hither, I answer, that such mission including

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including that of his two Predecessors Sookaram Pundit and Kauder Hussein would appear from all the information which has reached me on the subject to have originated in the advances made by the Roy Royan to the Court of Seringapatam in the futile hope of evading by a connexion with the Sultaun the fulfillment of the dis=graceful and onerous Conditions imposed on his Highness by the Marattas at Khurdlah. Though such seems to have been the origin of the present limited intercourse between the two Courts it was not long before Tippoo would appear to have thought that the absence of Azem ul Omrah presented a favorable opportunity for establishing such an in=fluence at Hydrabad as might be favorable to his views of future re-aggrandizement or revenge views, which I do not recollect your having ever denied may possibly be lurking in his bosom. For same such purpose then, it may be presumed, he deputed Medena Saheb hither, but in no very secret, for by clandestine manner as you after

since

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Since this Vackeel as well as his predecessor Kauder Hoyseins
was introduced at Court, was provided with a regular
Kustans or Letter of Credence, and presented as a Nuzzer
to his Highness at his Introduction, a Bow and a quiver
of arrows. The first of these circumstances you may
perhaps be inclined to controvert, as the copy and
Translate of the Kustans transmitted by Major Kirk-
=patrick to Government, was procured by a Secret Agent
but with regard to the latter, namely his Introduction,
you will probably agree with me that the Resident was
not likely to be equally imposed upon. they are neither
of them however, any further of consequence, than as
they go to rectify your mistatement, having little
to do any more than such mis=statement itself,
with the main question of, whether or not the
hostile designs against the English imputed to Tippoo
and the French jointly or separately, are fabrications of
this Court, and not much more perhaps with the one
growing out of it, namely, whether the Sultaun has or
has not been laboring for these 18 Months past, to
detach

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detach the Nizam from his connection with the English. That such was Tippoo's object, and that he was but too near attaining it, may be in some degree inferred from the abrupt Dismission of the Detachment in September 96. during the height of Imtiaz ud Dowlah's power, and from the studied neglects, not to say slights which the Resident was about that period frequently subjected to, by this Court.—

If to this you object that such dis= =mission, and such neglects, were mere experiments resulting from a systematic plan of intimidation, adopted with a view of driving us to a closer connexion with this Court I must beg leave to ask, how it happened that the system was so abruptly broken in upon, by the sudden recall of the Detach= =ment at the urgent instances of azim ul Omrah and to submit likewise in my turn to your perception and better judgement, how far it is likely that, two omrahs of this State the most—

notorious

notorious of all others for their predilection for a connexion
with Sippoo Sahib Imeam Imtiaz ud Dowlah and
Umied ud Dowlah Should have been such
active instruments in a plan intended to produce
ultimately an effect the very opposite to their wishes —

For my own part, I see only one way of solving
the difficulty, which is by supposing they were not
in the secret, though this, to be sure, would be
doing some Violence to common probability,
as these two personages happened to be at that
time the leading men in the state. —

I have thus satisfied you to the
best of my ability, as to the original cause of
Medinie Sahebs Mission, as well as the probable
object, which it subsequently embraced, but I am
aware that I shall not have fully met your
wishes on this head, until I offer some reason
for his continuance at this Court so long after
Azem ul Omrahs return hither though I —
must once more beg leave to remark in
this place, that however indelicate or unfriendly

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the Ministers' Conduct may be considered in still retaining this Vackeel; who even by his Azem ul Omrah's own account, came charged with propositions of the most hostile nature to the Nizam's ally the English, it is a consideration distinct from the one which gave rise to the present controversy, as it has no immediate relation that I can discover to the specific insinuation thrown out by you against this Court the justice of which I ventured to question.

It appears to me then, that Azem ul Omrah's principal motive for detaining Medina Saheb after such repeated applications from this Vackeel for his Conge, is a hope of being able, by holding sometimes to him the language of Conciliation, and sometimes that of intimidation, to keep through his means the Sultaun from carrying into execution his long talked of seizure of Kurnool, for though the late impending

danger

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danger to that Principality, is averted for the present by the recall of Syed Ghuffaar's Detachment, yet the Minister is doubtless aware that Tippoo will neither be easily induced to wave his demands upon Alij Khan nor unlikely to enforce them sooner or later by coercive measures. — If though I take this to be the Ministers main — motive for witholding his consent to the departure of Tippoo's Vackeel from hence, as often as the latter has applied for his Congé, yet I am inclined to suspect, that a trimming and intriguing propensity — so Common to Asiatic Politicians, and from which Azem ul Omrah is far I fear from being exempt, has its share in his detention of Medina Saheb as to there being "nothing of that kind of intercourse between the Nizam and Tippoo, which might reasonably be expected between two foreign States at peace with each other" though I neither understand the drift of this observation, nor have any distinct idea of what kind of intercourse is reasonably to be looked for between the Courts of Seringapatam and

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and Hydrabad in the relations they at present stand with respect to each other, it may be proper to say thus much in reply to it, that if you thereby mean an Epistolary inter communication of compli=mentary Congratulations on particular occasions, such intercourse has certainly existed and has ever been attended occasionaly with exchanges of presents.

Though it is far from my wish to detract from the well established merits of your Presidency, yet I must be allowed to say, that their value does not appear to me to be much enhanced, by a contrasted display of them. Could I suppose for a moment however, that any part of the Information procured and transmitted by this Residency was calculated or likely to produce on a British Government those un=pleasant not to say disreputable effects particu=larized by you, I should not I trust be back=ward in applauding attempts made with the laudable view of counteracting them, but until you demonstrate by proofs or solid

argument

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argument, - that the body of information relative to Sippoo's hostile views and expectations of co-operation from the French, which major Kirkpatrick thought it his duty to submit to Government had such a pernicious tendency, - you must pardon me if I incline to think that the endeavors made in your Quarter "to inspire a rational confidence in our security" however zealous and well intended, might with safety and propriety have been withheld as long as no symptoms of despondence had rendered the absence of such confidence manifest. - should it be allowed that the necessity for such reassuring doctrine was never very urgent, you will grant me I trust that a perseverance on your part in propagating it, is now still less so, if, as you seem to think, our superiors have at length penetrated the veil of mystery, which you describe as encompassing Meeana Saheb's Mission, and as enveloping of Course the other points which you suspect to be so intimately connected with it - on the other hand, if any conclusion can be drawn from the occurrences of an earlier period it would

would not appear, that the "matters of fact" whatever they were exhibited by your Residency down to October 96 had been considered by the Governor General as materially affecting the authenticity of the large Body of information furnished by Major Kirkpatrick relative to the hostile designs of Tippoo as, in his letter of the 20th October of that year to the Resident after declaring in the 1st Paragraph that "he cannot sufficiently commend his ability in collecting and assiduity in reporting for his information, all Intelligence calculated to throw light on the dispositions and views of the Nizam or the probable designs of Tippoo" he proceeds to pronounce in the 5th that, "on the communications "of Medina Saheb and Murtiza Khan ... it is "only necessary to remark, that successive Circumstances, have generally confirmed the authenticity "of the Intelligence contained in them. It may be objected, I am aware, that these opinions of the Governor General were delivered more than a year ago, yet unless it can be made to appear, that they have been cancelled or at least weakened by subsequent ones, I am warranted, I trust in

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concluding, that such are still the sentiments of Govern=
=ment. —

There can be no doubt but the conduct of this Court in intriguing with our most inveterate foe has been highly unfriendly and even perfidious towards us: if the intelligence procured on this subject by me be authentic — a point however still involved in uncertainty, as it rests upon Secret information, the — internal verisimilitude of which, however favorable a complexion it may be thought to wear, is as yet — unsupported by any external corroborative evidence, for as the native french Emissary, of whose departure from hence, I sent advice to the Government of Fort St. George escaped apprehension, nothing beyond a mere presump=
=tion can be built on the Circumstance of a person — answering to his description, having been traced to Angole and having subsequently evaded research, in consequence probably of his timely encounter with the Nizam's News writer Kufsulpoory Pillah.

For the rest, my sentiments on these suspected intrigues between the Nizam and the French are fully set forth in the 12th. Paragraph of my address.

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large a Force it is not improbable that the apprehensions of the Nizam are really alarmed for this Province"

Though I would scarcely hazard even a surmise as to what may have prevented Tippoo from prosecuting his designs on Kurnool yet I confess I should be very slow in ascribing it to his apprehensions of their being opposed by English or Marattas seeing that Sir John Shore's demand of explanation last year from the Sultaun in the name of the allies of his Military preparations would seem to have had no other effect than that of making him increase them both in the Gooty and in every other quarter. And here it occurs to me to notice another assertion of yours, which I feel no hesitation in declaring to be as void of foundation, as your charge against this Court the justice of which I have already ventured to question. I allude to the unqualified terms in which you affirm, that a few months back, "this Court had again recourse to the expedient of calling upon him [Tippoo] in the name of the "Allies for an explanation of his Military

preparations

"preparations, from which Statement and the conclusion im-
=mediately following it, it would necessarily I conceive be
inferred, that the Court of Hydrabad had actually called
upon the Sultaun for a second explanation in the —
name of the allies, whereas it never went farther than
calling upon each of its allies to agree to such a —
second address, for with regard to Ballajee Pundits Letter
to Tippoo on the subject of Kurnool/Copy and Translate
of which I forwarded to the Governor General in my —
address of the 13th September last/ though written no —
doubt at the application of Azem ul Omrah it can-
=not well be considered I imagine as the immediate
act of this Court and far less the joint one of the allies
spoken of by you.-

I have thus entered into a some what
minute, and I fear but too tedious examination of the
queries and reflexions contained in your Letter of
the 15th - the comparative rationality of which with any
other that have hither to occurred to you on the —
subject, "it is not for me to dispute, but it may perhaps
admit of some doubt whether they may not be excelled
in this respect, by those of an opposite tendency, which

have

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have occasionally come from one, whose judgement you will perhaps admit to be less fallible than your own. — In bringing therefore a few of them to your recollec= tion I trust I have met your wishes, an opportunity being thereby afforded you of correcting your opinion on subjects, "the Mysterious and Complicated points of which" you acknowledge with a laudable — Candour "that you presume not to develope — accurately." —

In the Course of these desultory and already too much protracted enquiries, I have — purposely foreborn from entering into any detailed reasoning, and from adducing any proofs to — shew, that the hostile designs so long imputed to Tippoo in Conjunction with the French against the English are not the fabrications of this Court; partly because I have no reason to think that our Superiors entertain any such notion, and partly because it will be time enough for me to do so, when you shall have — established your insinuations to that effect, on

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on the solid ground of proof or logical enquiry.- In the mean time, it may not be entirely useless to remind you, that Major Kirkpatrick invariably imputed on no slight grounds, the invention of some, and industrious circulation of all the Reports relative to the designs of the French in this quarter of the Globe, to Raymond and his party I shall just exemplify this by one instance out of the many, which are to be found in the Majors' Correspondence with Government. the present one occurs in the 5th Para= =graph of his address of the 10th November 95, and is a speech of the Nizam in full Durbar reported by the Major to the Governor General.-

"After expressing himself thus in
"open Durbar he the Nizam/ thanked God that
"the Intelligence which he had just heard, was
"of a very different Complexion from what had been
"Communicated to him only a few days before by
"Meherut Ram/ the Native Agent of Monsieur
"Raymond/ who had represented the French
"as continuing to carry every thing before them in

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"in Europe and as being in fine, no longer resistable"

Your apprehension cannot be greater than my own, lest the present irksome and unprofi=table discussion should be farther prolonged, and this sentiment I trust will induce us both to — avoid as much as possible in future, any opini=ons or Comments on the conduct of the Court we respectively reside at, leaving our Superiors to form their judgement thereon, from the Reports of the one, who from a personal Residence ought to be the least liable to receive and for his own sake, will be cautious of communica=ting false impressions of it. —

The question you propose in the — Conclusion of your Letter as the basis of future discussion — should any be necessary, is an — important one no doubt, but not perhaps easy of satisfactory solution. — It may be answered generally perhaps by observing, that with — respect to the French the extraordinary efforts

they

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they have proved themselves capable of duly adverted to, prudence would scarcely warrant us in considering our possessions in India perfectly safe from their attacks, as long as hostilities continue between us and that nation and with regard to Tippoo that "there can be no doubt / to use the words of the Governor General in the 15th Paragraph of his address of the 29th August 96. to Major Kirkpatrick / "that he / Tippoo / would renew "hostilities with the English whenever he deemed "the period favorable for such an attempt."

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 1st Instant, and am happy to think, that it contains no fresh matter on the subject of the question it refers to, requiring further reply from me.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Hyderabad
7th December 1797.

/ Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy

/ Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman applies for leave to go to Masulipatam and for occasional absence when his presence with the detachment can be dispensed with.—

I have the honor to enclose for the notice of your Lordship in Council, Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman, and beg leave to request that I may be favoured with an early communication of your Lordships' pleasure on the subject of this Officers' application.—

Hyderabad
11th December 1797.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect.—
Wc Wc
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Captain Kirkpatrick
Assistant Resident

Assistant

Hyderabad

Sir,

As it is probable, I may have occasion to go as far as Masulipatam, in the Month of December or January next, provided no particular Service may be required of the Detachment under my

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my Command, and of which you will be able to judge, I have to request the favor of you to gain the sentiments of the Honorable the Governor General, and Right Honorable the Governor and President in Council of Fort S.t George thereon; as also to request, that they will be pleased to authorize you, to grant me this indulgence on any future occasions for Fifteen, Twenty or Twenty five days, when my presence with the Detachment can be dispensed with. —

I have the honor to be,
W.e W.e
(Signed) H. Wyndman Major
Comm.g Hyd.d Detachment

Camp near Hyderabad 21.st October 1797.

A true Copy
(Signed) F. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Though the Board do not object to that Minute thereon

Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman's being permitted on his present application to go to Masulipatam on account of his private affairs, yet they cannot allow that latitude for occasional absence, which that Office solicits. —

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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad, with Copy of his Letter to the President at Poonah on some points of Difference existing on their Political opinions. —

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

I am &c &c

Hyderabad 15th December 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Joshua Uhthoff Esqr.

Assistant at Poonah.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the — receipt of your Letters of the 4th and 8th Instant. —

On the subject of the former I beg leave to refer you to the enclosed Copy of a Letter from — Secretary Webbe by which you will perceive that the Government of Fort St. George have referred to the — Supreme Government my application to them for the discharge of the last Kist of Peishwa's dues. —

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It escaped me while replying to your Letter of the 25th Ultimo, to offer any thing in Answer to your observations relative to the exhortations to warlike measures, which you describe as having frequently been committed to writing by this Residency.—

As my conduct on the occasion you allude to was nearly if not indeed entirely confined to Verbal representations your remark as far as it refers to written Exhortations, must apply almost exclusively to Major Kirkpatrick, who certainly did upon Tippoo's Troops being collected in force on the Nizam's Frontiers, more than once exhort this Court by Letter to make such preparations as prudence required and warranted, to repel any eventual attack from the Sultaun on his Highness's own immediate possessions. Such exhortations however, were not merely "meant" as you say, to recommend defensive measures, but were in every instance studiously couched in terms so guarded and unequivocal, as not to admit of being twisted to any other meaning, so that even supposing them to have been communicated to

Tippoo

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Tippoo himself or his agents or adherents at Hydrabad I am not aware what useful purpose such communication of them could have answered to this Court. For the rest they all passed under the inspection of Government, and by a reference to the Governor Generals' Letters of that period to Major Kirkpatrick, you will find, that the Major gained credit on the occasion, for some what more than bare goodness of intention. —

I take this opportunity likewise of acknow=ledging, that my memory some what failed me when in the 3.d Paragraph of my Letter of the 7.th Instant I advanced, that no attempts had, to my recollection, been made by your Residency, to disprove the general Verisimili=tude of the intelligence transmitted to Government by Major Kirkpatrick, relative to the hostile views of Tippoo against the English; Sir Charles Malet — certainly having, in his Letter to the Major of the — 20.th January last, entered at some length upon an explanation of the grounds on which he thought — proper to reject the principal points of the intelli=gence here alluded to. —

I have the honor to enclose for your

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Your information Copies of my address of the 9.th and 13.th Instant and to be.-

H.r H.r

Hyderabad
15.th December 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
ajistant

A true Copy
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
ajistant-

J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Fort S.t George

From Assistant resident at Hyderabad represents the sickly State of the Khummummait detach:ment under major Grant. the Mortality at present in that District.-

Sir,

Herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of a Letter to me from Major Gerard, Commanding the Khum:=mummait Detachment dated the 13.th instant, and of my answer to the same of this date.-

Sam.l H.r H.r

Hyderabad
16.th December 1797.

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
ajistant

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident
Hyderabad

Sir

In consequence of the daily increase of sick in this Detachment, I consider it necessary to State to you, that

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that from our being situated in a Country covered with Jungle, if our stay is prolonged, the Number unable to move with us will, I fear, become very considerable: of fourteen Europeans with the Detachment, the artillery Officer, Corporal, three Matrosses and 2d Master Serjeant 1st Battalion 10 Regiment are ill of fevers - of the Natives Forty four — Commissioned Non Commissioned and Privates, sick in Camp - Camp followers of all descriptions, in great — numbers. -

I have myself examined, and made every enquiry to discover any part of the District more favorable for an Encampment, without success. I am told that, during the Cold months, the Natives are generally unhealthy. —

From what I have seen of Khummum-mait, and our being obliged to send into the — Company's district to procure, even Grain for this Detachment, I conceive the Revenue must be very inconsiderable not of such consequence as the health of the People. -

There appears to be no disturbance in the Country - a Rajah, who was thought to be refractory

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refractory, sent his Vakeel to the Camil soon after our arrival, and he continues with him still. what agreement exists between them I am unacquainted with, as I never see Zein ul ubdien Khan. -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Sgnd Lud.k Grant - Major

Comm.g the Khummummait Detachment

Camp near
Khummummait
13th December 1797.

A true Copy -

Sgnd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Major L. Grant
Commanding the Khummummait Detachment

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant, and am greatly concerned to learn of the Sickness which has begun so early to prevail in the Detachment under your Command as there is nothing so favorable to the speedy Cure of Fevers contracted in Hilly and jungly Districts, as an immediate removal to a purer Air; I would by all means recommend your sending your Sick without loss of time back to Head Quarters at Hyderabad, except such bad Cases as your Surgeon may be of opinion, require the benefit of

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Congratulatory Letter to Azim ul Omrah, on the birth of his son, has been duly presented. –

Hyderabad
18th December 1797.

Sam,
W. W.

/Sign/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant to the Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

Being called upon by you to explain the cause of my addressing myself directly to Mr. Lys on the subject of Certain quantity of Cloathing, which I was desirous of procuring for the use of Mr. Singlass's party, I beg leave to state that I took this step from my — ignorance of their being any thing irregular or — improper in the proceeding, which I looked upon in the light of a private transaction between two — Individuals, regarding which, I was not aware of — there being any necessity for troubling you or the Government of Fort St. George. –

I have only further to declare, that in addressing myself immediately to Mr. Lys, I proceeded upon

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upon the supposition that there was no prohibition against the importation by Individuals of cloth the grand staple commodity of the mother Country, into his Highness's Territories, and to express my concern that my ignorance of this Circumstance should have led to the irregularity noticed to you by the Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort St. George, to whom I beg leave to submit to you, the propriety of a copy of this Letter being — forwarded. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Ure
Surgeon to the Residency at
Hyderabad

Hyderabad
17th December 1797.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant

Minute thereon

Under the foregoing explanation Resolved that the Contractor for Cloathing be permitted to make up the jackets required for the Nizam's troops and that the Board of Trade be desired to adjust the price of the cloth with him. —

Read the following letters from

Bengal. —

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort S.t George

Sir,

I am directed to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council, the enclosed Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief, on the subject of his Letter of the 4.th ultimo with an Extract from the Resolutions passed in consequence by the Governor General in Council, and to express his recommendation that these Resolutions may be adopted in regulating the payments to His Majesty's Regiments, serving under the Presidency of Fort S.t George.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Sec.y to Govt.

From Bengal communicating the Minute of the Commander in Chief and their Resolutions on the reference from Fort S.t George respecting the additional Allowances claimed by the Heads of Troops, Surgeon and Paymaster of the 19.th Dragoons and the Allowances for Grass Money and the 1/2 penny p.r day Poundage to the infantry regiments.

Fort William
the 24.th of November 1797.

Minute by the Commander in Chief
Dated 24.th November 1797.

I think it incumbent on me to apologize to the Board for not having sooner complied with their wishes respecting the Letter and Enclosures received from

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from the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, under date the 4th Ultimo; but the points they contain, which are referred to my consideration, seem to me of such high Importance, both as they affect the Kings Troops under my Command, and the Honorable Company they are serving, that I was anxious to obtain all the Information I could before I should offer opinions upon Subjects that had not come much under my observation, and consequently that I felt great difference in deciding upon.

I was in hopes to have found some Documents amongst the Official Papers left by my Predecessors in the Command that might have assisted my Enquiries, but have not been able to discover any other than a Letter from the Secretary at War to Lord Cornwallis dated the 23d of March 1791, notifying the augmentation of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons to 414 Privates of that date, and the absence of the Kings Deputy Paymaster General deprives me of that aid which his Knowledge in the Pay Department of the Army would have furnished upon Questions wholly relating to his Office. I am therefore at a loss to give the Information required in so satisfactory a manner as

may

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may possibly be expected, and I could wish. But I will state the points in doubt, which appear to be three, and make such observations on each as I hope may contribute to relieve for the present at least, the diffi=culties they occasion. —

1st. The first Question is whether the additional allowance claimed by the Heads of Troops, — the Paymaster, and the Surgeon of the 19th Dragoons, on the ground of the Troops consisting of seventy and upwards, — including Corporals, should be paid them, or what part of it and from what period the increased — allowance should begin. —

On this I must observe that I coincide in opinion with the Military Auditor General at Fort St. George, that the several Officers concerned should only receive the Sums allowed by the late Regulation, dated the 13th of August 1794. for Troops under 70 — Privates, as I suppose it is in conformity to the Pay Office act, which I cannot think includes the — Corporals in the Number, which is expressly denomina=ted Privates — and with respect to the period that the encreased allowance to a Troop of sixty nine — privates should begin, I think that mentioned by

Major

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Major General Sydenham should be adopted / the date of the Warrant, August 13th. 1794 / at present as least — a liable to inconvenience, though I am of opinion the Regi= =ment will be entitled to this increased allowance from the period, when it can be ascertained, that it was — e established in England, which was probably some time between the passing of the Pay Office Act, and his — r Majesty's issuing the Warrant before mentioned —

2nd. The second Question is, whether the allow= =ance hitherto made to the 19th. Dragoons, under the — e denomination of Grass money, which now forms a part of the consolidated allowance given to Dragoons by the King's Warrant of September 1st. 1795 should be with held from the Dragoons serving in India. -

On this point I agree entirely in the reason= =ing and opinion of the Military Auditor General, that this allowance should continue to be paid to all the non Commissioned Officers and Privates that are actually — mustered as effective, and to them only. -

3rd. The third point is, whether the half penny per diem given to the privates of Infantry Regiments by His Majesty's Warrant of September the 1st. 1795

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in lieu of what was formerly called Poundage or Old allowance for Necessaries, should be admitted in the distribution of Subsistence &c. to His Majesty's Regiments in India.—

With respect to this I have only to observe, that, though no Official notification of the Consolidated allowance in Question has been received here, as it appears from the Warrant in possession of many of the Corps &c. that such Consolidated Allowance has been established, it would seem right, in conformity thereto, to admit such a Charge in the distribution of Subsistence to His Majesty's Regiments of Infantry serving under the several Presidencies.—

I have only to add my perfect acquiescence in the suggestion of Major General Lydenham, that all Regulations effecting a Change in the Pay allowances, or appointments of His Majesty's Troops in this Country should be communicated from the War Office to the Court of Directors, and from them to the respective Governments in India, and as much Inconvenience has been experienced

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for want of such Communication, I would recommend that the Expediency of it be submitted to the Honorable Court of Directors by an early opportunity. —

(Signed) Hured Clarke

Resolutions

The Governor General in Council having taken into consideration the reference from the Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort St. George, under date the 4th ultimo, and the Minute of the Commander in Chief on the subject passes the following Resolutions. —

1st. That the Heads of Troops, the Paymasters and Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons, — serving under this Presidency shall receive the Sums — allowed by the late Regulation dated the 13th of August 1794. for Troops under 70 Privates, each, that is 69 Privates, exclusive of Corporals, &c. from the period at which they may appear to be entitled to them. —

2nd. That the allowance hitherto made to the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons serving under the — Presidency of Fort St. George, under the denomination of Gross money, which now forms a part of the — Consolidated allowances given to Dragoons by the Kings Warrant of the 1st September 1795, be granted and

continued

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Continued to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates that are actually mustered and effective in India, and to them only. —

3rd That the half penny per diem given to privates of Infantry by His Majestys Warrant of the 1st September 1795, in lieu of what was formerly denominated Poundage or Old allowance for Necessaries be admitted in the distribution of Subsistence &c. to His Majestys' Regiments of Infantry, serving under this Presidency. —

A true Copy

(Signed) G. H. Barlow

Secy to the Govt.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a copy of the Commander in Chiefs minute with the resolutions of the Supreme Government be transmitted to the Military Auditor General, with directions to adopt them in regulating the payments to his Majestys' Regiments serving under this Presidency. —

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal - enclosing receipts for Treasure supplied by Captain Clarke of the Victorious - Viz.t Dear 18918 to Lieutenant Colonel Shaw and Lieutenant Colonel Campbell - 10000 Dollars to the Superintendant of Prince of Wales's Island and 5000 Dollars to Rear Admiral Rainier

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to transmit you the enclosed Papers received from Prince of Wales' Island, and to request that you will lay them before the Right Honorable President in Council.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

Fort William
the 1.st December 1797.

Sigd. John Stracey
Secy.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the bills abovementioned amounting to Pagodas 22601.2.26. be distributed to the proper Offices and that "Bengal Presidency be credited for that sum in the general books.

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From Military Board recommend that the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Colombo be authorized to purchase Arrack for 6 Months Consumption. Enclose draft of Advertisements for executing Buildings and repairs at Dindigul and Coimatore.

My Lord,

We have been honored by the receipt of Government's

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Government's Letters of the 30th ultimo, and 6th Instant also of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 13th, with their respective Enclosures.-

2d The Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo having reported to our Board that there is but a small quantity of Arrack remaining in Store at that Station, We in consequence beg leave to recommend that authority be given for the purchase of a quantity of Arrack equal to the consumption of the Troops at Columbo for Six Months, according to rates to be approved, and Certified, by Brigadier General De Meuron.-

3d In compliance with Government's Command under date the 9th Ultimo, We do ourselves the Honor to send enclosed Drafts of Advertisements for proposals of Contract for executing Buildings, and Repairs &c at Connatore, and Dindigul.-

We have the Honor to be, &c &c

Fort St. George
16th December 1797.

/ Signed Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Giles
Wm Sydenham
Jn Richardson
BJ Close.

Government

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Government Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Sealed Proposals of Contract will be received at my Office until the 31.st January next for Erecting at Comatore, Five new tiled Stables Each of Eighty Stalls, to be constructed agreeably to a plan to be seen at the Military Board Office at Fort Saint George, and Arnee. Each Stable to be 363. 6.ft long, and 25 feet wide, outside measure. -

The Foundations to be of well burnt bricks laid in Clay. The Piers above the Base End walls to be of well burnt Bricks, laid in Chunam. The roofs to be composed of Ridges, Brest Summers, and Shep. Rafters of well seasoned Country Timber, Strengthened by 160 Black Palmeras, Large Bamboo Rafters, Bamboo Reepers Bamboo matts, Nails, and Chunam Borders. -

The Cement to be mixed in the proportion of 3 Parrahs of Chunam to 5 of Sand, and 7 ℔ of Jaggaree to be mixed with the Quantity of water sufficient to lay 1000 Bricks. -

Likewise

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Likewise a Detached Stable for Sick Horses,
to consist of 24 Stalls, of the same Construction as the
aforegoing - £ 111. 6. s long, by 27 feet Broad outside
measure. -

All the Materials for these works will
be required to be the most perfect of their Kind,
Musters of which may be seen on application at
the Office of the Military Board, where any
other information that may be required, will be obtained. -

The Materials, and Workmanship,
to be subject to the inspection of such Officer as
Government shall Employ for this purpose, and in
case of any difference in opinion between the
Inspecting Officer, and Contractor, such difference
to be settled by Arbitration. -

A penalty of 25 per cent will be
exacted for the non performance of the Engage-
-ment. - Two good and sufficient Securities,
will

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will be required for the due performance thereof, who are desired to Notify by letter to Government their compli- ance to become bound for the Contractor's Engagements, as no personal Security without this will be attended to. —

The Contractor, and his securities, will be held answerable for the Stability of the work for twelve months after it shall have been reported — complete by the Superintending Officer. —

Advances to be made in Cash in the following proportions. — One third on signing the Contract another third when half the work is finished, and the remainder, after the whole of the work shall — have been completed, Surveyed, and delivered over. —

By Order of the Right Honorable the

Fort St. George
26th December 1797 — President in Council
(Signed) J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

Government Advertisement

Notice is hereby given that Sealed Proposals of Contract — will be received at my Office untill the 31st of — January next. for completing the Rampart of the North

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North Face of the upper Fort of Dindigul with Casemates underneath, including a Cavalier, Cookrooms, Drains, Necessary &c. &c. &c of which Plans, Elevations, and Sections, will be open for inspection at the Military Board Office, every Day, Sundays excepted, between the Hours of 10 and 3 Clock.-

The Proposals to be entitled "Contract proposals for the works at Dindigul", they must specify the particular rates, and prices, for each Description of work.- The Company to receive these works, and Buildings, with whatever belongs to them Completely finished, and fit in all respects for immediate use.- the proposers to specify the period in which they will engage to complete the work.-

In Plain Brick work the Chunam to be in the proportion of 3 Parrahs of Chunam, and 5 of Sand, 7 lb. of Jaggaree, to be mixed with the quantity of water sufficient to lay 1000 Bricks in the dry Season, and to be encreased to 10 lb. as the weather becomes wet and damp.- The Chunam to be twice turned before it is mixt, and 2 Chunam Beaters to be employed

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to every 3 Bricklayers to prepare Materials for working.—

The Mortar for building the Arches, and Cremallire work, to be made of equal Quantities of Chunam and Sand, and 10 lb Jaggaree to be mixed with water sufficient to lay 1000 Bricks.— The Cement, which is to be put over the Arches to be one half Chunam, the other half well sifted Brick dust, and Sand; and 14 lb. of Jaggaree to every 10 feet Square of Chunam work, the second Coat to be of equal Quantity of Chunam and Sand, with 10 lb. of Jaggaree to every 10 feet Square of Chunam work.— The outer Coat to be of good Store Chunam, ground very fine, well wrought, and smoothed to prevent Cracks.—

The Casemates, and under ground works, to have 2 Coats of Chunam on the Inside, the first to be of equal Quantities of Chunam and Sand as before directed, and to be properly dryed before the second is laid on; which should be of Stone Chunam, well smoothed and inact, as for a last Coat viz. The fine Chunam to be prepared with 12 Eggs, 2 Measures of Ghee, and ⅓ of Measure of Ghee, to every 10 feet Square of fine Chunam— also the proper Quantity of Balapong Stone.—

The Bricks in the walls to be laid horizontal

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horizontal, and well bonded together. - all the Copings to be brick on Edge - The Spandels of all the Arches to be filled in one third of their heights solid Brick work. - The Gutters to be paved with 3 Courses of Bricks, and covered with Blue Stones. The General Slope of the Pavements to be half an Inch in 10 feet. -

The Pavement for the Floors, where they do not approach the Rock to be one Course of dry Bricks to level, two laid flat, and one on Edge in Chunam, with a Slope to carry off the water towards the Door. The Arches over the Doors to be Keyed with Blue Stone, and a Blue Stone to be laid in the floor to receive the Bolts. -

The Doors to be 3 Inches thick, racking lined inside, and opening in the Middle hung upon hooks run with Lead into Blue Stone, each hook divided into 2 Branches which are turned down at the Ends at least an Inch. The diameter of these hooks to be an Inch and a half when wrought, and the length from the Shoulder 3 Inches. - The solid part under the hook, on which the Doors turn, to be an Inch and half thick. The Doors to be secured by round Iron Bolts - The Hinges for the Doors to be 3/4 of

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an Inch thick at the Eye, 3 Inches broad, and diminishing to 2 Inches at the Extremity. -

The Doors and Windows to be three times painted. -

The Water to be the softest, purest, and best, the Country can afford, free from all Saline particles. -

The Earth to be filled into the Parapets — Ramparts, and Curtains, to be well Rammed, and Watered in Courses of 6 or 8 Inches. -

All the Materials for these works will be required to be the most perfect of their kind, musters of which may be seen by application to the Military Board Office, where any other Information that may be required will be obtained. -

The Contractor, and his Securities, will be held answerable for the stability of the work for 12 Months subsequent to its being completed and delivered over. -

The Materials, and Workmanship, to be subject to the Inspection of such Officer as Government shall employ for this purpose, and in case of any difference of opinion between the Inspecting Officer, and Contractor, such difference to be determined by Arbitration. -

Advances will be made for these works in

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in the following Proportions.- one third on having executed the Contract, another third when half the work is finished, and the remainder so soon as the whole shall have been completed, surveyed, and delivered over.-

A Penalty of 25 per Cent will be exacted for the non performance of the Engagement. Two goods and sufficient securities will be required for the due performance thereof, who are desired to notify by letter to Government their Compliance to become bound for the Contractors Engagements, as no Personal Security without this will be attended to.-

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By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.-

(Signed) J. Webbe Jun. to Govt.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo be permitted to purchase arrack for six months consumption.-

Ordered that the Adverstisements for proposals of Contract to execute the repairs at Dindigul and Conmatore be published.-

Read the following Letter from

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from Colonel Tolson.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Colonel Tolson — requests to be allowed the usual Commission on the Revenue he collected during his Command of Malacca —

Having delivered to your Lordship Accounts of the Revenue collected by me up to the day that I left Malacca the neat amount of which it will be seen was spanish Dollars 90189-43-4 I beg leave to request your Lordship to take into consideration the trouble I — experienced in realizing this Sum with the exertions necessary to it's accomplishment and with the responsibility necessarily attached to that branch of the public service and that your Lordship will be pleased to order the usual commission to be paid in remuneration of my services —

I beg leave to mention to your Lordship that the allowance of 200 Pagodas pr month for Table Money during the time of my Command was very in= adequate to defray the expenses — I was of necessity — compelled to incur as Commandant of a Station of such

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such importance. —

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I have the honor to be with great respect —
&c &c &c
Signed R.t Tolson

Minute thereon

The Board would have much pleasure in complying with the wishes of Colonel Tolson, if they were at liberty by the Order of the Court of Directors and the usage of the service to grant him a commission on the revenues collected upon the public Account while he commanded at Malacca. —

Read the following letter from Major General Brathwaite. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

From General Brathwaite reports the death of M.r Collondon, Griffier in Chief, recommends that the vacancy be filled by M.r Marcilly or M.r Guerre and that M.r St. Pol be appointed — guardian of intestate Estates in the event of M.r Guerre being appointed Griffier — proposes proceeding to Pondicherry in a few days, forwards an application from the Widow of a french Serjeant. —

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to report to your Lordship that the Office of Griffier to the Sovereign Council at — Pondicherry is become vacant by the death of Monsieur Collondon. —

Many Candidates have offered themselves for this Employ, but there are only two of them that I

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can with any propriety recommend to your Lordship, and there are Mons.r Marcilly and Mons.r Guerre, after a very strict enquiry I think I can venture to assure your Lordship that there is no person in Pondicherry that can bear a comparison with these two Gentlemen for filling this Employ, which requires talents, great application, and integrity. I have the honor to lay before Your Lordship the applications these Gentlemen have addressed to me, as also two letters on the subject, one from Mons.r Mottet President of the Sovereign Council, the other from Mons.r Blin Controller of the Marine, without exception the two most respectable characters in the Civil line in Pondicherry. If I may be allowed to offer my opinion of the two Candidates it is, that Mons.r Marcilly is the best qualified from practise and talents to fill the Office, but Mons.r Guerre stands higher in the general estimation for integrity, in point of assiduity and application they have both much merit. -

I believe it would be most agreeable to Mons.r Mottet that Mons.r Marcilly should be reappointed to this Office, as the Busines would go more accuriately on with him than with a new man, and the integrity of Mons.r Mottet is such, as perhaps may sufficiently

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check the intriguing turn of which Mons. Marcilly is accused, it rests with your Lordship to determine. Should your Lordship's decision be in favor of Mons. Guerre, who is at present Curateur desbiens Vacantes, I beg leave to recommend Mons. St. Pol Cadet to succeed to the Employ at present held by Mons. Guerre, he is the younger son of a most respectable and highly esteemed family in Pondicherry, is established as an House keeper there having a Wife and family, but with small means of support. He is esteemed to be a man of the strictest integrity, and as this is an Employment of trust and requiring constant attention, I believe it would be very greatful to the Inhabitants of Pondicherry in general to see it filled by him. -

I have delayed this communication to Your Lordship longer than I could have wished, being desirous to acquire the fullest information before I made it, I believe it is of importance that the place of Greffier should be soon filled, as business is at present at a stand, and the time of Vacation approaches. -

I have the honor also to lay before you an application that has been forwarded to me by

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by Major Coleman at present in the Command of
Pondicherry, in behalf of the Widow and Orphans of a deceased
Serjeant Major of the French Service.—

Monsieur Mottet the President of the—
Sovereign Council informs me that some causes have
been laid before the Court of Revision which it will
be necessary to decide upon before the Vacation, which
I believe takes place the 2d of February, and as in the
event of my not being there to Preside, the voices may be
two and two, he wishes much for my presence, if therefore
your Lordship has no objection I mean to proceed to—
Pondicherry early in the next month, from whence I can
always return at a short warning should it become—
necessary to send me to the Eastward.—

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect
&c &c
Signed John Brathwaite

Madras
December 19th 1797.

To Major General Brathwaite
&c &c &c

Sir, I have to notify to you the Death of Mr—
Collondont

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Collondont the Grissier in Chief after a very short Illness. This event will embarrass us very materially as I do not know any man competent to fill this Office except M.r Marcilly and as I apprehend Government would not restore that Gentleman I am at a loss whom to recommend for the appointment. M.r Fairy the assistant Grissier is not capable of conducting this duty: the appointment had been solicited by M.r Guerre the Guardian of intestate Estates. he has officiated some time as a Clerk in the Grissiers Office is a respectable, intelligent young Man: and tho' he has not had sufficient experience in that Department to qualify him for the Office of Grissier in Chief I think I could not recommend a more proper person unless the Government were disposed to reinstate M.r Marcilly.

We hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the course of this month, but shall in all events expect you in the month of December. I am happy to hear from Captain Blair that you keep your health.

We have at present two Causes under reference

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reference to the Court of revision - one on the part of Mr.
Curanac which gives considerable employment to the
Judges - the other a requisition of repeat of three arrets each
of different purport - This is a Business between two
Malabar Men one belonging to Wallajahbad - the other
to Pondicherry. All that I can at present discover of this
last matter is that the Lawyers and the Judges are
both equally in fault.

Mr. Mottet desires his best respects and

Pondicherry
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I remain. -

&c &c

Signed Mottet

A true Translation

Signed George Parry
French Translator

Major General Brathwaite
&c &c &c

Sir,

In making the present application to you
for the appointment to the vacant Office of Greffier en
chief to the Superior Council, I must confess to you
that I rest my principal hope of success on the
recommendation

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recommendation W. Mollet, the President of the Council, who has flattered me by an assurance of your disposition to acquiesce in his wishes. Should the English Govern= =ment be pleased, at your intercession, to confer this — appointment upon me, I shall readily avail myself of every opportunity of testifying my gratitude for your kindness. —

It is necessary to observe that my holding the Office of Guardian of Intestate Estates may appear an objection to confer on me the appointment I now — solicit in which case I shall readily vacate the former employ, should that measure be thought expedient. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most

Obedient Servant

Signed Guerre

A true translation

Signed George Parry

French Translator

Major General Brathwaite

Commandant of

Pondicherry

Pondicherry
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I take the Liberty of soliciting your interest in

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in obtaining for me an appointment to the vacant Office of Greffier in Chief to the Superior Council. —

Having unfortunately, three years ago, fallen under the displeasure of the British Government, I shall not rest my pretensions on the claim I might otherwise derive from my former situation, but shall throw myself entirely on your Liberality — hoping that time may have effaced the prejudice which Government on grounds, I can assure you, unjust — formerly adopted against me

I have the honor to be, with respect

&c &c

Pondicherry
30th. November 1797.

Signed Marcelly

A true translation

Signed George Parry
French Translator

To

Major General Brathwaite

&c &c

Sir, The personal regard I entertain for Mr. Guerre, my good-son, and a Cousen german of my late wife, added to the good will you have shewn towards me have induced me to solicit for him the

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the appointment of Griffier en chef, vacant by the Death of Mr. Collondont. —

Mr. Guerre has for several years officiated as assistant Griffier, which has not only given him a claim to succession, but a knowledge of the duties of that Office which will enable him to execute them to the satisfaction of Government and the public

Should he succeed in his wishes his gratitude for your kindness would be a stimulus to his exertions, and I should study to merit a continuance of your good will by my gratitude and an anxious disposition to prove how sincerely -

I remain

&c &c

Signed Blin

Not dated

Supposed to be written

30th November 1797.

P.S. Excuse my having addressed you in a strange hand I am but just beginning to recover from an Indisposition which has confined me to my room - these eight — months past and have not sufficient strength to write -

A true translation

Signed Blin

Signed George Parry

French Translator

To

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To Colonel Chermont

formerly Governor of Pondicherry

Sir,

I take the Liberty of representing to you that John Tracre, commonly called St. John, an old veteran in the Regiment of Astrasie, and Store Serjeant of Artillery, died on the 4th. of this Month, and has left behind him a widow and two legitimate Children the one Ten years and the other three years and some Months old. Testimonials of his faithful Services, and a Certificate of his Marriage are enclosed.

The object of this address is to request you will alleviate the distresses of this poor Family, by causing the pension of thirty Rupees pr. Month, which was granted to their husband and Father, in consideration of his long and faithful Services, to devolve to them. which act of humanity and Indulgence they will ever retain in grateful remembrance.

Pondicherry
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Cordon Serjt. Major &
Veteran of Artillery

A true translation
Sydney George Parry French Translator

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Guerre be appointed to succeed Mr. Collondon in the Office of Griffier to the Sovereign Council, and that he be put in possession of the place upon the return of General Brathwaite to Pondicherry.

Read the following letter from Mr. Cochrane.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

From Mr. Cochrane applies for payment of a Balance standing in his favor on account the purchase of Bullocks in the year 1791.

My Lord, Fort St. George

In the month of June 91 when Collector of Guntoor, I received orders from Government to provide Bullocks and Bullock men for the Army which I executed, and forwarded them by order to Mr. Thomas Cockburn Commissary General of Grain and Provisions. -

a Balance on Account of this Service remained due to me, of which 11 Pagodas 1746. 15. 73 was for Commission at 10 per Cent for the extraordinary labor and trouble which was entailed upon me in making the provision for this Balance I frequently applied, but was informed by Mr. Cockburn that he could not pay it without the order of Government, that he had reported the Circumstance, but that no order had passed upon

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upon it. —

I have lately procured from Mr. Cockburn the following Extract of his report under date 10th October 1792. —

"The Balance due to Mr. Cochrane arises in
"his account for Providing Bullocks and Drivers in —
"Consequence of the orders of Government dated 1st June 1791
"being nearly the Amount of Pagodas 1921. " 44 " a —
"Commission of 10 per Cent for his trouble in purchasing the
"Bullocks Ordered — which I did not think myself authorised
"to pay however much it may be Considered due to the
"extraordinary trouble entailed upon him as a Collector"
the Commission Charged by me Pagodas.

1746:15:76. included in the above Balance will I trust appear to have been justly earned, not more than adequate to my trouble and exertions to forward the publick Service, and not more than was paid by private Individuals on such occasions, I have — therefore to request the Balance of Star Pagodas — 1921. " 44 " standing in my favor in the Books may be paid to me. — I have the honor to be &c. &c. &c.

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Signed Basil Cochrane
Adverting

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while he was absent from the Coast and with the Commander in Chief in India will depend on whether he went in an Official capacity, upon which subject I have no other information than what was contained in the General Order of the 6th March 1797 appointing Captain Keith young of his Majesty's 71st Regiment to officiate as Deputy Adjutant General in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson proceeding with the Commander in chief to Bengal.

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

W.e W.e

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

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
26th December 1797.

B. Roebuck Esq.r

Military Paymaster General

Company's allowances.

Sir,

Having been informed by the Pay-master of the 72 that full Batta will not be allowed to me when the 72 was at Trincomallee on

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on the following grounds stated by the Auditor General

"Because he was not with his Corps on the Island of

"Ceylon, he is not entitled to draw full Batta it—"

"being considered a local allowance to the Officers doing

"duty there"

Before I can tacitly acquiesce to this retrench=
=ment I request you will be so good as to refer the accom=
=panying Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson, to
the Auditor General, as I should hope that he will—
perceive upon reconsidering it, that he has not given
the Orders of Government that favourable and exten=
=sive Construction, that they deserve, and this one in
particular, as the consolidating of the staff allowances
was done by Government with the view of Granting
a liberal encrease to the General Staff under this
Presidency, as Deputy Adjutant General, unavoidably
absent from my Corps on General duty, this order
cannot be applicable to me.—

As a King's Officer, I am in some respects
different from an Officer in the Honorable Company's
Service, for I am not liable to be removed from one Corps,

To

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to another, therefore no partiality, or interest can be exerted in having me always attached to a Regiment that is on full Batta.—

It perhaps may not be improper to remark to the Auditor General, that I am not Deputy Adjutant General to his Majestys' Troops on the Coast of Coromandel, but to the Forces in India, and therefore liable to be removed from one Presidency to another, which was the case when I went with Sir Alured Clarke to Bengal, and as I considered myself then on full Batta with the 72d. Regiment, I never once thought of making any charge either on account of travelling expences, or for Passage Money to Bengal nor on my return from it, in consequence of being ordered on the expedition to Manilla.—

If the Auditor General does not feel himself authorised to sanction my receiving full Batta during the period my Corps drew it I should conceive I am entitled to it from my being there on Duty at Head quarters in Bengal, when that local allowance was enjoyed by the other staff, which placed me at

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at that time in a situation similar to Major Agnew, who receives full Batta, I have then to request that he will — have the goodness to lay this letter before the Right Hono- =rable Lord Hobart in Council, who I hope will be pleased to extend every Possible indulgence to an Officer, who — has served the Honorable Company in this Country — since January 1780 without being one day absent from the Field, during the Wars with Hyder ally in 1781 1782 and 1783 and with Tippoo Sultaun in 1790, 1791, and 1792, besides being present in every action that the 71st Regiment I belonged to was ever in, which is a piece of good fortune that has fallen to the Lot of few Officers in this Country. -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort St. George
25th December 1797.

Signed Jas. Robertson
Lieut. Col. & major 72. Regt.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Major General William Sydenham Military Auditor General

Dated 30th November 1796

The Orders by Government of the 23d August last

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last are explicit as to the Salaries to be drawn, by the Officers holding the Posts of Adjutant and Quarter Master General and their Deputies, which Salaries were in no respect liable to fluctuation, notwithstanding any alteration in the Regimental or, Army Rank of the parties Lieutenant Colonel Robertson, will draw the Batta of his rank in the Regimental abstract in the Corps to which he belongs, and the rules of the Service do not admit of an Officers receiving more than one Batta.-

I have &c
W. C. Jackson Jr.

A true Extract

I have &c
J. Brunton
Depy. Milry. Audr. Genl.

Captain Keith Young

Acting Deputy Adjutant General

Kings Troops

Sir,

I am directed by Major General William Sydenham the Military Auditor General, to send you the above Copy of Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter to him of the 30th. Ultimo and to return to you the

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the accompanying bill for difference of Batta, claimed by —o

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Lieutenant Colonel Robertson.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Signed J. Brinton

Deputy Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

True Copies

Signed Benj.n Roebuck

Mil.y Pay.r Gen.l

Minute thereon

The Board confirm the interpretation of the Auditor upon the Orders for consolidating the allowance to the Adjutant and Quarter Master General, and it is resolved that it be applied to the claim of Lieutenant Colonel —o Robertson.—

Read the following letter from the Military Paymaster General

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

Fort St. George

From Military Paymaster General, enclosing the Answer of the Administrator of Captain Sampson to his application for the Payment of the Bond due to the Court of Directors.—

Sir,

In consequence of Mr. Baker having taken out Letters of Administrator to the Estate of the late —o Captain Sampson I addressed him on the subject of the Bond granted by Capt.n S to the Honble the Court of Directors

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Directors for 100 Guineas payable twelve months after his Arrival in India and which did not become due untill subsequent to his death; the Administrators answer I have the honor to enclose for his Lordships information.

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21st December 1797.

I am,
Wr. Wr.
I Lgmdy B. Roebuck
Mily. Pr. Genl.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

Fort St. George

I am favored with yours of the 16th Instant requiring Payment of Captain Samsons' Bond for Star Pagodas two Hundred and Sixty two twenty fanams in favor of the Honorable the Court of Directors, and have to inform you that should there be Property forthcoming sufficient to discharge the said Bond it shall be attended to but that at present there is little Prospect of it. -

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December 18. 1797.

I am
Wr. Wr.
I Lgmdy Chas. Baker
Admr.

A true Copy
I Lgmdy B. Roebuck
Mily. Pr. Genl.

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the foregoing Circumstance be reported to the Honorable Court of Directors. -

Read the following letter from Captain Richard Borough

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord;

From Captain R. Borough requests to be allowed to deliver over Colonel Harts property and Accounts to Lieutenant Torrens and Mr. Cooper.

Having been appointed, jointly with Captain Alexander Grant, now on furlough, by Government, a Trustee for Lieutenant Colonel Harts affairs, and being informed, that Lieutenant Colonel Hart has sent a power of attorney to Lieutenant Torrens and Mr. Cooper for their Management, I am to request that your Lordship will be pleased to authorize me to deliver over to those Gentlemen such property and accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Harts as I have in my hands, in order that I may be exonerated from said trust in future. -

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect. &c &c &c

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I have &c
Richd. Borough

Resolved

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Minute thereon. Resolved that Captain Borough be permitted to deliver over charge of Lieutenant Colonel Harts' affairs to the persons legally authorized to receive it.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Auditor General reports on the Paymasters Generals additional Estimate for December.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of Yesterdays date, accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George for the present Month, I have the honor to report, that the amount being Twenty Two thousand two Hundred and sixty four Pagodas 22264. - - -/ may, I presume be issued from the Treasury of this Sum, seven thousand Pagodas is required to discharge the pay &c. for December, stated to be due to the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Regiment, and the 33d Battalion of Native Infantry - Seven thousand two hundred and twenty Pagodas for Company's allowances to His Majestys 74th Regiment, and Royal Artillery, lately arrived from the Eastward,

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Seven Thousand Pagodas for the payment of Bills for victualling Troops on Board the different Ships now in the Roads, and Pagodas One thousand and forty four for the pay of a party of the 2d Battalion of the 7th Regiment Native Infantry Commanded by Captain Grant, and under orders to proceed to Trichinopoly. —

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect. —

&c &c

/ Signed W. Sydenham
Milit. Aud. Gen.

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a further issue of Cash from the treasury to the Military Paymaster General

Ordered that the Sum of twenty Two thousand Two hundred and Sixty four Pagodas /22264/ be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on account of the additional Estimates, which accompanied his Letter of the 20th Instant. —

The President proposes that all Officers of the Corps of Engineers who may hereafter be employed in executing buildings and repairs shall be personally answerable for their Stabilities for twelve months after the Completion of the work, and that Officers employed in superintending the works of Contractors shall be liable to a refund of their percentage in cases of failure within that

The President proposes that all Officers of Engineers employed in executing or superintending Buildings and repairs shall be answerable for their Stability for 12 months. —

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that period.—

Approved

Agreed to and ordered to be published in General Orders.—

H. Majesty's 52.
Regiment ordered to the Presidency—

Resolved that his Majesty's 52. Regiment be ordered to the Presidency with a view to their being drafted and the Officers embarked on the Ships expected from Bengal.—

H. Majesty's 12th Regiment ordered to be in readiness to march to Tanjore on the arrival of the 52. at the Presidency.—

Resolved that his Majesty's 12th Regiment be held in readiness to March to Tanjore upon the arrival of the 52. at the Presidency.—

Three troops of the 25th Dragoons ordered to do duty in Tanjore until relieved

Resolved that three troops of his majesty's 25th Light Dragoons be ordered to do duty in Tanjore until they may be relieved.—

Colonel H. Hervey Aston appointed to the Command of Tanjore vice Monson

The President proposes that Colonel H. Hervey Aston be appointed to the Command of Tanjore Vice Monson.—

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.—

The President proposes that the Senior Officer of the H. M. Ships be requested to put the fleet bound to Bengal under convoy of the Heroine.—

Understanding that his Excellency the Admiral has ordered the Heroine to proceed off the Sand heads the President proposes that a request be made to the Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships for putting under her convoy the fleet destined for Bengal.—

Agreed

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The Commanders of the Ships bound to Bengal directed to put themselves under Convoy of the Heroine. –

Agreed to and ordered Accordingly that the Commanders of these Ships be directed to put themselves under convoy of his Majesty's Ship Heroine. –

Resolved that the following letter be dispatched to the Supreme Government. –

To G: H: Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

To Bengal Specifing the Ships ordered to return there under Convoy of the Heroine Statements of the Stores landed hereto be sent hereafter; the drafts of the 71st and 72 Regiment embarked on board them – the passage Money of the Officers to be paid for at the rate of 1 Pagoda per day – & advising the distribution of the other Ships originally sent to Penang. –

Sir,

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Vice President in Council that according to the directions contained in your letter of the 6th November the Ships mentioned in the Margin have been ordered to return to Bengal under convoy of his majesty's Ship Heroine. –

Phenix
Busbridge
Prince William Henry
Earl Spencer
Wellingham
Hawke
Princess Royal
Crown
Calcutta
Ajax
Abercrombie
Hercules. –

Having ordered the delivery of such Stores and Provisions from the Ships taken up for the expedition against Manilla, as were particularly required at this Presidency, the Right Honorable the President in Council will cause particular Statement of them to be forwarded hereafter for the information of the Supreme Government. –

The President in Council has availed himself of this opportunity of sending round the drafts from his Majesty's 71st and 72d Regiments for the Regiments in Bengal, together with the remainder of the Royal Artillery

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Artillery and of the Officers of the reduced regiments with a view to their being provided with passages to the Cape of Good Hope and England according to his Majesty's orders

I have the honor to inclose a distribution & return of the Officers and Men, and to inform you that in regard to the Men provisions and water have been shipped for their use at the public expence and that in regard to the Officers it is the request of this Government their passage may be paid for at the rate of one Pagoda per day each, being the amount allowed to the Comm=manders of the different Ships lately employed to the Eastward. -

The drafts from the 72. for the regiments on the Malabar Coast have been embarked on the Victorious, the Atlantic and Princess Mary. -

As there is reason to believe that the Honorable Company's Ships Raymond and Woodcot are still at Point de Galle, when there is information of their having imported, the President in Council has judged it adviseable to authorize the troops to be transhipped from the extra Ships to the indiamen for the better

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Security of both - In this event the Atlantic and Princess Mary will be dispatched to Bengal as soon as they may have delivered certain Stores and provisions, which have been laden on them for the use of the troops at Colombo, but should they not fall in with the Raymond and Woodcot they will proceed under convey of the Victorious to Bombay, from whence they will be dispatched to Bengal, if there should not be Cargo for them at that Presidency. -

The Extra Ship Eliza Ann has been employed in conveying the drafts from his Majesty's 52d. and 72d. for the Regiments on Ceylon, and a large supply of grain for Colombo, from whence she will be despatched to Bengal. -

The Triton, Ducking field, Hall, Union and Munster Lass were dispatched on 23d. October with troops Stores and provisions to the Molucca Islands and were ordered by the Agent for transports to return after having executed that Service directly to Bengal, which renders it unnecessary for this Government to issue any farther orders upon the Subject

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of the Ships taken up for the expedition. -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Signed J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

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The President lays before the Board, petitions from a Man styling himself the Confident of the Rajah of Vencatagherry -

The President lays before the Board the following petitions from a person styling himself the Confident of the Rajah of Vencatagherry, whom his Lordship had directed to make his representation through the Persian Translator W. Falconar, in Consequence of an application from him purporting that he had matter of an important nature to communi=cate, which required Secrecy. -

To Alexander Falconar Esq.

From Royaganasa Pundit to the Persian Translator requesting a secret interview to communicate Busines of great import=ance. -

Sir, The humble address of Royaganasa Pundith

Pardon me for the liberty I take in troubling you for the perusal of these few lines, when in I do myself the Honor of stating, that I had the honor of addressing to my Lord the Governor on the 8th instant requesting his Lordship to give me an admittance to have some

conversation

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conversation as privately as possible in any nights with his Lordship — In consequence of which my Lord sent to me in verbal answer directing me to go to you for the purpose — Therefore I have to acknowledge myself the — happiest than any body else and to ask your Pardon for my requesting you to grant me an admittance — to Tomorrow Night for the busines I am commissioned is from a Great Family and of great importance which — requires to be kept secretly untill my Lord decide upon the Matter in his own mind — If Tomorrow night may be inconvenient to you I leave to you to appoint any other nights / except this as it being inconvenient to me / of your Convenient. —

I have the honor to remain

&c &c

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/ Signed in Gentoo Language

/ Albada Voyaganasa Pundit /

To Alexander Falconar Esqr.

From Voyganasa Pundit to the Persian Translator requesting him to lay the following paper — before his Lordship. —

Sir, In consequence of my troubling his Lordship, he was pleased to direct me to ewrit upon you, in obedience thereto

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thereto I have given you all my verbal explanation, you have thereupon directed me to present the same to you in writing, Accordingly I have the honor to enclose you my address, and beg you will be pleased to lay it before the Right Honorable Lord Hobart secretly, and intercede in behalf of my Rajah, to obtain the relief that is requested in the address. —

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I have the honor to remain

&c &c

(Signed in Tentoo Language) Albad Royagamasa Pundit

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c &c

The humble address of Royagamasa Pundit Confident of the Rajah of Venkatagherry —

My Lord,

From Royagamasa Pundit to Lord Hobart stating Oppression and Cruelties practised towards the Rajah of Venkatagherry by a Moorman named Cawn Mahomed. —

It is with the great submission I beg leave to represent to your Lordship — That the Comaurd Yazapa Naig Bhadir the Rajah of Venkatagherry having lately conferred the ministership upon his father-in-law, who had better discharged the trust reposed on him until the management of the Countries were in

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in his Land.—

After some days One Moorman named Cawn Mahomed Gorey a Jemadar having took upon himself to persuade my Rajah, that provided he was entrusted with the management of the Countries, he will exert by all means to promote the interest of the State,— & accordingly he had undertook the management and forwarded the affairs agreeable to the Orders of the Rajah until a few days by the name of a Jamadar.—

Since which this Moor man having— & disbanded the Sibbendies, who were serving from time— immemorial, and placed his own in their Stead, after having confined the Rajah he had Summoned the principal Inhabitants Merchants, &c. of the Rajah as well as other noble persons, and thro deceit and trick plundered all their property and fettered them both for the hands feet and neck, and not Contenting with this, did also Confined them on the Top of a Mount.—

This Cruelty was came to be heard by the Mother of the Rajah, she sent word to the Moor man that it was improper for him to act such

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a irregularities, the Moorman had thereto returned some foul Language to the great provokation of her, she then encouraged the sufferers that they may not fear for him, alledging that she will by Communicating his arbitrary Conduct to the Nabob, get him punished as he deserved, the Moorman had heard this and put an end to her days by the effect of a Poison which he ordered the Doctor to give to her in mixing it with milk. —

Consequently part of the Rajah's Kindred that were surrounded her and other Nobles, were Ironed and Confined in the Fortress of Sindavarum, and part of them deserted to different quarters. He had ill used my Rajah in presence of him, and received from him his Seals, against his will, and kept him under Custody without allowing him to speak to any person nor any one to go to him. —

A few Countries were laid waste and depopulated owing to the plunders and Robbery Committed by breaking into the wall of the house of the Inhabitants and the families of the Rajahs, by the Theives in number of about 200, who were employed by this Moorman; Notwithstanding this the Travellers were also plundered in the Roads, a few of these

thieves

thieves were taken by the Nabob and kept them in his Garden, of which the Honorable Company might have been understood —

Besides this, the the said Moor man took upon himself to debauch the Women Against their inclination, and should one declined to yield to his Lewed passion, he put an end to her days, he carried his feery so far as to plunder her property. —

That Pooroshothamyen son of the above said Yengoo Raumyer Vakeel having been entrusted with the Management of the Poloor Countries, whose numerous Inhabitants after suffering much by the oppression and Cruelties practised over them by him with the order of this Moor man, repaired to the Presidency with the bloody Cloths as a mark of the Murderers and had represented to your Lordship their Grievances, and your Lordship having been pleased to refer the Case to His Highness the Nabob, which I take the liberty to remind your Lordship. —

Nabee cawn son of this Moor man having one day entered the place, where the Rajah is Confined with drawn sword and offered to give him

him a stroke, but was happily prevented the execution of it by those that were then present. This further Cruelties and many other irregularities exercised both in the Northern Countries and in Cuddapah, were informed to your Lordship by the Collector of Ennaconda &c and by the Nabob of the Cuddapah

The Letter which your Lordship wrote to my Rajah was intercepted by this moorman, and grew very angry on perusing the Contents of it, placed new Guards upon the Rajahs' in addition to the former, appointed new persons for the management of the Countries, in order to deceive the public that the Rajah was displeased with his Conduct and dismissed him, and in fact he had resided only 2 Months in the Northern Countries, and returned again to his usual place of abode, and tooke the Management. —

Those Rich Joys secured in the palace of the Rajah were plundered by this Moorman, at the same time Rajah sent him word to enquire after this Robbery, he returned for Answer, that nobody would have dared to rob in the Rajah's Palace, except himself and the Rajahs. —

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He often waited upon the Rajah and told him that a numerous Complaints were Lodged both with the Honorable Company and his Highness the Nabob, and that if he would be inconsequence dismissed, he will never go unless he certainly take his life in such case and then would go to the Hydrabad — Countries. — he had also killed many other former — persons by poisoning them, —

He had killed the former Vakeels and Employed his own in room of them by name — Yengoo Ramau Saustry and Tremulroy, who are — now placed at Madras, and did occasionally — transmit all such intelligence as they may able to obtain both from the Honorable Company and his Highness the Nabob after having procured the interest of — several Gentleman and their Servants of this — Settlement. I can not commit in writing all the — Oppressions and Cruelties he had practised over the Hundred and Nobles of the Rajah and the Inhabitants and Merchants of the Countries. —

My Rajah having lastly summoned me secretly and repented very much for the — consequences

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Consequences occasioned by yielding on the persuasion of this Moor man, and putting the Management in his hands after dismissing his fatherinlaw, without attending to the advice of his Kindred, and at the same time said to me, that as I was from former times his confident and equally partaker his Good and evil, directed me to wait upon and represent all the irregularities of this Moor man to your Lordship and request your Lordship to grant summuds.—

The Rajah further directed me not to transpire out even a syllable of this Message and should the Moor Mans Vakeel at Madras come to know this, they will immediately inform him therewith, who will on receipt of such news will undoubtedly take my life, which was threatened lately to be endangered while I have not attempted to such of this purposes.—

I beg leave further to setforth to Your Lordship that the intention and meaning of my Rajah by sending me to your Lordships feet

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feet is not to throw your Lordship and the Honorable Company into difficulty of assisting him with any Armed force, — but on the contrary his sending me is merely to inform your Lordship his whole — unfortunate suffering as well as to inform your Lordship how the Vackeels namely Vengoo Rama-saustry and Tremulroy who are employed by the traitor Moor man deceives your Lordship and the Honorable Company and the Nabob by their using my Rajah's Name for their master — and as my — Rajah's Minister and others scrupuling to attack and punish the traitor, for all the persons in the Dominion of Vencatagherry tho' mistake believes that the traitor has the concurrence of your — Lordship &.c for his treacherous behaviour, — to — entreat your Lordship only to grant a summud to his (my Rajahs) minister directing him to obey my Rajah's order in confining the Moorman called Cawn mahomed Gorey, as well as your Lordship's Letter to my Rajah acknowledging my arrival at your Lordships feet and your Lordships

Complying

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Complying my Rajahs request - these two papers I beg leave to remark must be written and delivered to me as secretly as possible, and the matters kept covered till the traitor moorman be confined and brought before your Lordship &c.a for trial. -

On your Lordships granting my Rajahs present request, my Rajah directed me to assure your Lordship that he is willing to pay an equal sum as the Peisheush he pays on account of the Nabob / seperately and annually to the Honorable Company besides and over the Peisheush he is now paying on account of the Nabob, for which he shall enter into a certain Deed of Instrument - this Deed I have the honor to assure your Lordship that I shall get executed on or before one month from the Day of your Lordships granting the above said summed and Letter in compliance of my Rajahs request - on my failing the same I beg leave to assure that my life shall be forfeited to the Honorable Company - until which that I am willing for your Lordships sending a Dozen of Sepoys with me to secure me. -

By your Lordships Complying with this

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this request your Lordship will relieve my Rajah and the subjects of Vencatagherry from their uncomparable — sufferings. — I have the honor to Subscribe

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with the greatest respect.

&c &c

/Signed in Jentoo Language/ Albada Voyaganasa Pundit

The President then informs the Board

The President informs the Board that in Consequence of the above he had Directed the following Letter to be written

that being desirous of affording the Zemindar of Vencata=
=gherry the means of extricating himself from the embarrass=
=ments, in which, according to the foregoing petition, he
was said to be involved; his Lordship had directed the
following † letters to be written to the Zemindar, and
his Ministes, and delivered to his supposed confidential
Agent Aoya Gunaish Punt.

† entered also in Pol. Cons. 1112.

To Komaryatchum Nair Rajah of Vencatagherry

To the Rajah of Vencatagherry recommending him to compine and punish the most man should the foregoing Accounts be true. —

I have received from a person, who informs me he was deputed by you for the purpose, a Petition, stating the various irregularities of a Jamma=
=dar in your service named Mohammed Khan Ghoary, who is represented to have shamefully abused the

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the trust you had reposed on him, by making it the means of plundering yourself and oppressing your people, and to have ungratefully perverted the authority you had delegated to him, as far as to deprive you of all power in your own Country, and to render you a sorrowful but submissive spectator of his successful basenefs and uncontrouled Villany. This representation details — circumstances of Misconduct, which, if I am to believe, I must certainly lament — and it implores my permission for your taking the necessary measures to extricate Yourself from the barbarity, by the Confinement of the Moorman. —

It was with great uneasiness I learnt that you had suffered so much from so unworthy a — Character, but it was with much greater surprise I under= stood you had so long submitted to his Wickedness. —

This Man, being your own Servant, you have certainly in your own power every right to confine him and if the accusations be true, you have every reason to punish him for delinquency. —

You have therefore my free consent to take such measures as may be proper for the purpose — and,

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desirous as I am of promoting the purposes of Justice and humanity, I shall be well pleased to learn that the man, if guilty, shall have met the disgrace he deserves, but if innocent, that you have honorably acquitted him, and punished his Calumniators.-

What more.

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/ Signed Hobart

To Teapilly
Minister to the Rajah of Venkatagherry

In consequence of a representation, which has been conveyed to me, of atrocious misconduct, said to be practised by Mahommed Khan Ghoary Jummadar in the service of the Rajah of Vencatagherry,- and of the Rajahs request for my permission to confine the said Jummadar, this is to appize you, that the Rajah has my ready acquiescence in his intention of confining his Servant, Mahommed Khan Ghoary, provided he deem it just and proper, and in such case, it will be your duty to attend to the Orders of the Rajah your master, in that respect.- What more.-

Signed Hobart

To the Minister of the Rajah of Vencatagherry informing him that the Rajah is at liberty to confine Mahomed Caron, should he think proper.-

Written in
Fort St. George
this 24th day of November 1797.

Soon

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* entered also in Cc. Vol. 113.

Soon afterwards the President received the following letter* from the Zemindar himself: -

Translation of a Letter from Komar yatcham Nair Zemindar of Vencatagherry To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Without date
Received 5th November } 1797.

From the Rajah of Venkatagherry declares Rayagana to be an Importer, and requests he may be punished. -

I have been lately informed that one Venkatapatty is in the practice of visiting your Lordship. - The following is a detail of particulars respecting this man. -

Having resided for these fifteen years in Madras or Triplicane, he has addressed various false and fabricated representations to his Highness the late Nabob Walajah, to his Sons and Ministers, to Sir Charles Oakeley Baronet and to M. Haliburton. -

Of this description was the representation which he addressed to your Lordship last year, and which, in the estimation of all, was so palpable

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a falsehood, that they discountenanced the author of it.-

I understand he alleges, on the present occasion, that he has been deputed by me, and has assumed the Name of Goonesh Pundit.-

Now, his Name originally was — Venketapuitt- he afterwards changed it to Venkat Row, then to Soobarow, and now he nominates — himself Goonesh Row- Having got several Seals — engraved, he annexes them to his representations, as they may suit his purposes.-

This being a very worthless, intriguing Character, I am convinced that his representations — will not be credited by your Lordship- Nay, as it is incumbent on such as are in authority, to punish those who are guilty of egregious enormities, I therefore trust that your Lordship will be so good to deal with him as he deserves- and so, that other incendiaries may be warned by his example,- otherwise, that you will send him to me.-

This man is not at all connected with

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with me. Nevertheless, I have learnt, that he resides at Satgurr — uses my name to borrow money, and by this pretext has subsisted himself for ten years. —

having stated these Circumstances for your Lordships' Information, I have nothing further to represent. —

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Sec. to Govt. —

The President further informs the Board that upon enquiry he had great reason to believe the above Royaganara to be an impostor and states the different names he has assumed in his attempts to impose on Government. —

The President farther informs the Board that having in consequence of the foregoing letter made more particular enquiry into the representations of Gunaish Punt, his Lordship had great reason to believe that he was an impostor, that under the several names of Vencataput, Vencat Row, Roya Vencata Row, and now lastly Roya Gunish punt, he had made similar attempts in the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell, Sir Charles Oakeley, and even since the Presidents' arrival, that these attempts had been uniformly discountenanced but not in so serious a Manner as to put an entire stop to them These enquiries were

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were much corroborated by a second letter* from the Zemindar of Vencatagherry, which the President now lays before the Board.—

Translation of a Letter from Komar Yatchum Nair Zemindar of Vencatagherry.—

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

Without Date:
received 24th December } 1797.

After Compliments

From the Rajah of Vencatagherry with further accounts of the importures of Royagansaea Pinti. requests he may be severely punished.—

Your Lordship has no doubt received, from my Vakeels, the Arzee which I had the honor to address you, respecting the intrigues of Venkata Putt.—

I have lately learnt that that this Venkata Putt, having arrived at a place distant about 2 Miles from Calastry, maintains a clandestine intercourse with Timma Nair*, to whom he has stated, that he is charged with Letters from your Lordship, addressed to me.—he also gives out, that he is to proceed hither accompanied with Timma Nair.—Now, I am not aware of any Crimings, which could render

* The Calastry Zemindar.

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renders the presence of Timma Nair necessary at this place, unless indeed it were some of Vencata putts Machievels machi-nations, but, as I am entirely dependent on your Lordship's protection and patronage, if there were any Circumstances here, which your Lordship was desirous of having ascertained, it might be effectually done, by honoring me with your written commands thro' the medium of a hirkarrah, the presence either of Timma Nair or of Vencatapuitt, at this place, is superfluous. —

The late Dammla Komas Vencatapa Nair, Father of Timma Nair, was not wanting, after the demise of my Father, in aspersing my character — and his son now practices the same conduct. —

I have been moreover, informed, Venkata putt has represented to your Lordship, that Ramasawmy and Thimul Row Vakeels do not in reality belong to me. — During the administration of Lord Macartney I had occasion, by my Services to manifest my zeal for the Company at that period, on my return hither from Madras, I presented these Vakeels to Mr. Hubberton, introducing them to him in due form in their Capacity of my

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of my deputies.— besides this, Colonel Close and Mr Lind; who had been deputed hither for the purpose of adjusting the Kunnuckgerry disputes, at that time existing between myself and Tippoo Sultaun, are perfectly acquainted with the Characters of these Vackeels, Colonel Close, who is at present employed in a responsible situation at— Madras can distinctly inform your Lordship of the particulars regarding them.—

Now as this Venkatpatt is an infamous Slanderer and Lyar, whose base character is notorious, I therefore have to hope from your Lordships beneficence, that you will bring him to such condign punishment as may tend to deter others from similar Villany and confer upon a very essential Obligation.—

What further need I represent.—

A true translate.—

(Signed) A. Falconar
Sec. P. to Govern.—

Having every reason to be satisfied— from the foregoing proceedings and documents that Gunaish Punt must have been actuated by sinister motives

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The President states that he had in consequence ordered the person of Gunaith Punt to be secured

motives, and deeming it essential to the security and confidence of the Company's tributaries that incendiary plots of this nature to disturb the tranquility of their Government should be discovered and punished the President had caused the person of Gunaish Punt to be secured.—

Proposes that the Letter be written to the Rajah to institute a full enquiry into the Busines

At the same time however the President proposes with a view to afford the Zemindar an opportunity of declaring his genuine sentiments, if these should be the smallest foundation for the representations of Gunaish Punt, and of instituting a full enquiry into the matter, in the event of its proving a mere fabrication, that Gunaish Punt be sent to Vencatagherry under a guard of the Company's Sepoys and that the following draft of a letter* be sent to the Zemindar.—

* entered also in C.C. No. 115

To—

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To the Rajah of Vencataghery

To the Rajah of Vencataghery informing him of Gunaish punt being put in confinement. Copy of his petition &c. to be delivered to him by the Subadar of the Body Guard and desiring him in Case they were fabricated for evil purposes, to suggest a suitable punishment for him.

I have received your representations upon the subject of the negotiations of Gunaish Punt, and in consequence of your disavowal of his being confidentially employed by you I have ordered his person to be restrained.

I have also ordered a Copy of his Petition to be transmitted to you together with a Copy of an enact Namah which was in consequence sent to yourself.

These papers will be delivered into your own hands by the person, whom I have charged with the care of Gunaish Punts' person, and it is my desire that you will explicitly declare to him, and transmit to me in a letter written by yourself your genuine sentiments upon this affair.

If Gunaish Punt should prove to be an impostor, and to have fabricated these representations

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representations for evil purposes, I have ordered him to be kept in confinement by the Company's guard untill you shall have made a thorough investigation and have suggested such suitable punishment as ought to be inflicted on him. -

The Bearer of this letter, who is a Subadar in my body Guard has my orders not to release the prisoner without farther directions from me. -

What More.

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Minutes of the Board

The Board entirely approve the suggestions of the President, and it is accordingly ordered that the necessary transactions be prepared. -

The Secretary desired to give the neccessary directions to the Subadar of the Body guard. -

The Secretary is directed as soon as the papers may be ready to deliver them to the Subadar of the Body Guard Shaik Ibraham

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on whose literal execution of his orders there is every reason to rely, and to explain to him that the letter is to be delivered into the hands of the Zemindar himself, that his answer is to be received without any Communication with his minister — or Mahomed Khan Goree, that the Zemindar should be incited to a verbal communication of his genuine sentiments under an assurance of perfect safety, and finally that, as the intention of sending the prisoner to Vencatagherry is to afford the — means of a full enquiry into the matter for the future consideration of Government, his person is on no account whatever to be — removed from the Custody of the Company's — troops. —

It is farther ordered that the Subadar be directed to transmit the answer of the Zemindar together with such communications as may have passed between them personally, and to wait at Vencatagherry for the final orders of the Board

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Board in regard to the disposal of the prisoner—

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Diary

Received the following letters

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Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

From Captain a Gibbings requests leave to resign his appointment of Muster Master in the Baramahl

Your obliging communication of the 10th Instant I have had the honor to receive, and should have been earlier in offering my acknowledgements for it had I not entertained some hopes that the appointment, Lord Hobart has had the goodness to nominate me to, might be in this Quarter The General orders by Government have however put me right, and I am much concerned to state to you, that my situation would by a removal to the Baramahal, be in no degree Improved — at the time of the promulgation of the Military arrangements a Muster Mastership, anywhere, would have been acceptable. My present standing on the List of the Army leads me

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26th me to hope for promotion in all of 8- which
disqualifies me for the Mustermastership.- The
difference of double Pay for a few months. would
not compensate the expence of a long journey,
and that which must necessarily be incurred in
the performance of the duty of Muster Master- a
consideration of these particulars. will I hope make
it appear to you, that the intention of His Lordship
and you. in my favor. would not be answered by
my acceptance of the appointment in Question- I
therefore request you will be so good as to signify
my desire of resigning the appointment of Muster
Master to the Right Honorable the President in
Council. to whom. as well as to you Sir. I feel
a just sense of my obligation for the mark of
Favor intended me-

I have the honor to remain Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) Arthur Gibbings
Capt.

Pallamcotta
December 19th 1797.

Substance of a letter 27th
from the Nabob
Received letter from the Nabob
entered in C.C. No. 116. complaining that the
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27th Company's Engineer has commenced Repairs at Sheehanoply without his Knowledge -

Sent the following letters.

To Captain W. Orrock

of the Ship

Phenix

Sir.

To the Commanders of Ships bound to Bengal desiring them to proceed to Bengal under convoy of H. M. Ship Herbine -

You are hereby ordered to put yourself under the command of the Honorable Captain Murray of his Majesty's Ship Heroine and proceed under his convoy to the river of Bengal. where upon your arrival you are to obey the orders of the Honorable the Governor General in Council.

Dated in Fort St. George the 27th Deumber 1797.

By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council -

Signed J. Webbe

Sec.y to Govt

The same to Captain Dobrie of the Ship Busbridge
" R. Basket — " — Prince Wm Henry
" C. Raitt — " — Earl Spencer
" Thos Smales — " — Walsingham
" — Baker — " — Hawke
" — Peter Foubester " — Princess Royal
" — Stranack — " — Crown
" — Patrick Clark " — Calcutta
" — Joseph Burgess " — Ajax
" — W Fleming — " — Abercrombie
" — Charles Mc Farlane " — Hercules -

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To William Clarke Esqr

Commanding His Majestys ships

and Vessels in Madras Roads

Sir.

To Captain Clarke requesting he will order the Heroine to take under convoy the ships bound to Bengal.

Understanding that His

Excellency the admiral has ordered His Majestys ship Heroine to proceed off the Sand Heads, the Right Honorable the President in Council desires me to request that you will order her to take under her convoy the ships named in the Margin: and as it is of importance to the public Service that these ships should sail without delay I have the Honor further to request that the orders may be issued as soon as possible.

Phœnix
Busbridge
Prince William Henry
Earl Spencer
Walsingham
Hawke
Princess Royal
Crown
Calcutta
Ajax
Abercrombie
Hercules.

I have the Honor to be

&c &c &c

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Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Sent also the undermentioned letters entered in Mr 13 No. 98-99-100-101-102.

To

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To the Commander of the ship Phœnix — 27th To Captain Orrock C. desiring him to receive on board 2 recovered men of the 78th Regiment.

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors — informing him that no additional allowances can be granted him —

To the Commandant at Angole and To Dr at Nellore

The same to Captain N. Forbes.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow acquainting him that the Proceedings of this Government in the Military, Political, and Secret departments for 1796. and from June to September 1797 are forwarded p. Phœnix —

To Ensign Bainbridge of H. M 19th Foot informing him that full Batta cannot be granted until he shall have joined his — Regiment on Ceylon —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck, with the Auditor General's Report on his additional Estimate of Cash

28th Received the following letters.

From Captain Parke applies for Tent allowance during his march from Masulipatam to the Mount with a detachment of artillery —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir.

Upon my arrival here in October last,

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last. with a detachment of artillery from Masulipatam I presented the inclosed charge at the Military Paymaster Generals Office for payment but was informed it could not be complied with —

When ordered to march from Masulipatam I indented for Camp Equipage. Carriage &c. &c agreeable to the present existing regulations. Lieutenant Beauman the Commissary of Stores informed me that in consequence of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Indent for his regiment having been complied with there would be deficiency of one Marque to compleat mine. I therefore supplied myself with a Marque. Carriage &c. &c. at my own expence, expecting I should be permitted to draw Tent allowance as before when with the detachment at Hyderabad, not being acquainted with any new regulation to the contrary: upon the charge being objected to, I wrote to Lieutenant Beauman and received from him the following reply which I here beg leave to insert — "I forgot in my former letter to desire you

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28 "you to make use of my name with respect to the
"Tents in Store at the time of yours, and Colonel —
"Roberts's Indents were complied with, there was not
"a Marque left for you but the one Captain ch Entire
"got. As it appears from the above Statement
that I could not be supplied agreable to the —
regulations from the Stores at Masulipatam, and
having been at considerable expence in providing
myself, I have to request you will be pleased to lay
the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council, and have a hope from concurrent —
Circumstances, that the charge may meet with the
approbation of Government

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c

Mount
28th December 1797.

Signed Rich.d Darke
Capt.n Artly

The Honorable Company. Dr

To my Tent allowance from the 25th of August to the
11th of October both days included, marching a
detachment of Artillery from Masulipatam. Ps 4
being 1 month and 18 days at 2 Pag.s 4 month 33. 25.

Signed Rich.d Darke
Capt.n Artly

Mount
15th October 1797
To the Honorable Basil Cochrane
Milit.y Pay.r Gen.l Fort St. George

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

From Captain Hayes reports that the number of Artificers allowed to the Artillery at Trincomale by a late order of the Military Board is insufficient. & requests the number allowed by the new Regulations to a similar detail on Field service.

I beg leave to represent to your Lordship in Council, Since I had the Honor of being appointed to the Command of the Artillery stationed here, there was an order arrived from the Military Board, under date the 25th of September last, directing the Establishment of Artificers attached to the Artillery Stationed here, allowing them to be equal to the strength of One Company and a Half of Europeans, with the full proportion of Gun Lascars, to which they have ordered only three Artificers to be attached to them in future, and the remainder to be discharged immediately, which order has been complied with last month. However I have Judged it expedient for the good of the Service and from the remote situation that I am stationed at, as also not having an Arsenal Established here, to get the exchange or repairs of Arms and Accoutrements made as frequently required.

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required, I have therefore taken upon myself to retain those Artificers at my own expence, which are ordered to be discharged, untill such time as I will be honored with an answer to this —

representation. I beg leave to observe, My Lord, that those Artificers ordered to be discharged, had been Entertained at Madras, and Embarked for this Service, as attached to the Artillery, now upwards of two years and a half, during which time it has been found, with all the care and exertions that could be adopted, the number of Men were barely sufficient to keep the Arms, and accoutrements of the detachment in proper repair, which number do not exceed your late Printed Regulations, as it expressly points out whenever a Company of Artillery is detached that there shall be an Establishment of seven Artificers allowed to it, and a less Establishment cannot well be dispensed with, on this Island, without a greater expence and a loss attending the Service. I therefore deem it a duty incumbent on

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on me, to represent it to your Lordship in Council, that I require no more than what the late Printed Regulations points out for such a detachment now under my Command; — There are also the same strength of Artillery now stationed at Colombo as there are here, who have got the stated Number of Ten artificers attached to them; which induces me to hope, that your Lordship in Council will be pleased to consider that this station requires the same, if not a greater Establishment than the Artillery stationed at Colombo, they being of the same strength and their complement of artificers not exceeding the number that is laid down by the late Printed regulations. I also beg leave to observe, that the Arms and Accoutements now in use with the Artillery under my Command, has been for many years in use, and that upon real Service, which appears evident that they will require more frequent Repairs than otherwise; I have therefore to hope while we remain — detached in the present situation, that your

Lordship

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28 Lordship in Council will be pleased to permit me to continue the number of Artificers as heretofore, that it may enable me to have the necessary Justice done to the Arms, and accoutrements belonging to the Artillery under my Command which are now in such immediate want of.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Trincomallie
8th December 1797.

Signd Thomas Hayes
Capt. Comg Artly Trincomale

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

From Commandant of Malacca forwards an application from Mr. Querree to be allowed the Subsistence granted to Mr. Van Reusden deceased—

My Lord,

I have the Honor to transmit your Lordship the accompanying Petition from Mr. Querree a Member of the College of Justice at Malacca, soliciting that your Lordship would be pleased to extend to him the allowances granted to Mr. Van Reusden (who died on the 26th of october last)

Nothing, my Lord, but the very distressed situation of this Gentleman, burdened with

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with a very numerous Family, a Wife and Ten children - and without any other means of support, than his present monthly allowance of Fifty eight Rix dollars and six stivers / could have induced me to address your Lordship on this occasion - and which I therefore trust, will be considered a sufficient apology for the liberty I have taken. I have the - Honor to remain with respect -

My Lord

&c. &c.

Malacca
5th December 1797.

/ Signd D. Campbell
Lieut Col

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord.

The undersigned Jacob Frans - Overee Junior Merchant, member of the College of Justice and late accountant in the Civil and Military office at Malacca most - humbly represents to your Lordship, that at the time, when this Government surrendered to the British

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British. an arrangement took place about the
subsistence for the dutch Servants —
unhappy however for the —
undersigned. / then being very Sick / his Salary
by mistake has been limited to a very little sum
of only Rix dollars 58. 86. Stuivers. which includes
nothing more but his monthly wages and a
small table allowance; that is to say, now of the
Emoluments annexed to his Employment
The undersigned. in the time of the
dutch having done, besides his own, the duty of the
late Mr. Van Heusden. Sabandar, who happened
to be in a state of insanity all most his stay, —
time at Malacca. has been privately rewarded
for that service, which has given him besides
his own salary, some Comfort: but now since that
Gentleman has departed his life. and he not
may enjoy of his Emoluments, the undersigned is
at the loss how to maintain his Consort and ten
children, he therefore most submissively requests
your Lordship will be pleased. to take his —
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distressful situation into your Lordship's most gracious consideration. and to grant that he in future may receive the Pay of the said Mr Van Heusden deceased. which is Rix dr 128. 8 11 Stuivers.

He has the Honor to be with great respect.

My Lord.

Your &c &c

Signed F. Pierree

Malacca
4th December 1797.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah Colonel Palmer on his way to that place disturbances between the troops of the Nizam and the Mahrattas Gujaba Gujar arrives at La Kherwanney Scindea in distress for money.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 22d ultimo and to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.

I have the Honor to be very respectfully.

Your &c &c

Signed J Uhlhoff.

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Ukthoff to the Governor General. dated Poona 15th December 1797.

On the 12th Instant I received a letter from Colonel Palmer. dated Camp near Kalpy 19th ultimo. advising me of his having left Futtyghur on the 11th and intending to prosecute his Journey to Poona. by the way of Bilsa. Bopaul. Hundia Ghaut. and Burhaunpore—

Intelligence has reached me of some disturbances having lately taken place in the Quarter of Koongur and Mudgal. between Doonda Punt Gokly. the Maratta Commander on the Southern Frontier of this state. and some of the Troops of Nyam ally Khan. the latter having been worsted. with loss of two Chiefs. named Saadut Khan and Kummeer ud deen Khan—

I have received Intelligence of the arrival of Gujaba Gujer at Lak Kunwarree Ghaut. about 120 Cos to the N. E.ᵈ of Poona where he is said to have halted. in disgust with Dowlut Row Sindea. for the little Encouragement he has hitherto afforded

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28 afforded him—

Kasi Row Kolkar yesterday paid a visit to Doulut Row Sindea, who seems to be in great distress for Cash, a supply of which, for present exigencies, he will probably get ere long from Kasi Row, or Rowba. Govin Row Guyekwar's agent here, Sindea's Troops had yesterday made but little progress in their advance towards Colobba.

True Extract

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. encloses copy of his correspondence with Azim ul omrah respecting the deserters from Ongole & Guntoor. & of his letter to the Commandant of Ongole requesting a list of the deserters and one or two men who can identify their persons. the account of money paid at Madras on account of Peshcush agrees with the Residency account. requests copies of the receipts. a strong detachment of Raymond's Corps. proposes to march under Mons.r Piron — Conjectures respecting its destination—

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16.th Instant. containing two enclosures—

In the extract of my address of the 30.th ultimo to the Governor General, duly forwarded to you, the Right Honorable the President in Council will have met also with abundant proof of the alarming progress already made by Mons.r Raymond in seducing our native troops through the means of

of emissaries, whom I have but too good reason to think, he has dispersed for the purpose through most of our Northern Military Stations. and I accordingly trust that his Lordship in Council will approve of the suggestion contained in my letter of the 3d Instant as furnishing the most likely means of obtaining the delivery of these deserters or at least the principal ones among them. — Experience, indeed, warrants me in concluding, that the language of Representation or even of Remonstrance will fail of success, unless some such retaliative expedient be resorted to on our part and until this Court, in short, shall itself become a sufferer by the very evil we have for some time past, and especially in the present instance, so much reason to complain of, we can look I fear, for nothing more than vague and unmeaning assurances in reply to our most urgent Representations. By way of exemplifying this position. I shall beg leave to refer the Right Honorable the President in Council to the inclosed copies of Translates of my latest letter to the Minister on the subject of desertion from the Bengal detachment, and of his answer thereto,

and

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and to add, by way of explanation, that of eight deserters from the Company of European artillery attached to it, not one has been surrendered, — though three of the number were identified in the most unequivocal manner in Mr. Raymond's lines, to agin ul annahs Kircarrahs, whom he sent there for the purpose at my particular request — Previous indeed to any Representation to this Court, on the subject of the numerous deserters from Ongole and Guntoor the Right Honorable the President in Council will I trust see the necessity of causing me to be furnished with a List and discription Roll of them, and with a view of identifying as many of them as possible, I propose addressing without loss of time a letter to Lieutenant Colonel Vigors, requesting of him to dispatch hither (to be employed by me as circumstances may render expedient) one or two trustworthy men sufficiently acquainted with the persons of the most notorious amongst these deserters and with those of the Native officers in particular —

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I have compared the statement enclosed in your letter of sums paid at Madras on account of Paishcush from February 1790. to October 1799. with the Paishcush accounts of this Residency: and find the most perfect concordance between them. except in the charge of three thousand five hundred and fifty six Pags. fourteen Fanams (P. 3556. 14-) or Rupees twelve thousand nine hundred and eighty. Thirteen Anas one Pyce (Rs. 12.980. 13. 1.) noted as under reference to the Supreme Government ever since the 16th. August 1793. This sum does not appear on the Books of the Residency. nor is any account of it to be met with among its Records:- and while thus under reference to the supreme Government is only inserted. I presume, as a Memorandum, and not meant to be included as a positive set off against the balance of Paishcush to the end of the Fusly year 1205. still due to this state. which by the advance of Five hundred Madras Pagodas (500 Pags) by Mr. Wrangham to

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to Goolaumy Saheb, is reduced according to my Calculation, formed upon authentic documents, to Twenty nine thousand five hundred and six Rupees seven annas five Pys/ Rs 29.506. 7. 5./ as I cannot however prevail on the Minister to acquiesce in the accuracy of this calculation, the authenticated copies of corresponding Receipts, promised in your letter, become indispensibly requisite towards enabling me to overcome his pertinacious repugnance to a definitive adjustment of Peshcush accounts—

Likewise herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Extracts from my address of the 6th Instant to the Governor General. Owing to the unrelaxed vigilance observed for many months past in Raymond's lines against the admission within their verge of any stranger whatever I have not yet ascertained satisfactorily whether the whole or any part of the Levies lately arrived from Kurpah and in which are included the deserters from Ongole and Guntoor march with

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28th with Peron should they actually do so. as is certainly by no means unlikely. such an occurrence will disconcert or impede for a time at least. any steps that can be taken with a view to their recovery

I am &c &c

Hyderabad
18th December 1797.

(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

P.S. Herewith also enclose for the information of the Honorable Board. Copy of my letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Vigor. alluded to in the body of this letter—

Translate of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
To the Nawaibe Azim ul omrah. Aristoo Jah Bchadur.
dated the 6th December 1797.

As notwithstanding the Repeated representations which agreeably to Friendships were made in the outset for the apprehension of European Deserters. and for putting a stop in future to Desertions, which independant of other material considerations, are replete with bad consequences to the affairs of this State

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28th state in the hour of service, no effectual means have been devised for the remedy of this evil, the smallest benefit not having accrued from the letters addressed on this subject to the Jaloolldars on the Frontiers, as well as those in the interior. the European Soldiers, thus become perfectly easy on the score of determent, are prepared for desertion. Accordingly, within the space of three days, three more Europeans. with this shameful intent. which it is evident they could not have harboured without being practised upon, have disappeared from Majr Lyndman's Camp. and that there should be no appearance of any stop being put to this evil is a matter of no small surprise to the Company's Rulers, especially — adverting to that person of high dignity, who is the unequalled Friend of the Honorable Company, and is renowned, among the great ones of the times, for his attention to the dues of union and Concord. Those are points indeed, which I set forth to you at large at my late visit.

Conformably.

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28th Conformably to the instructions of the Gournor General and I now therefore beg leave to represent to you. that if per-chance, such researches and inquiries as are looked for in the world of amity. are not set on foot, and if some effectual remedy be not devised for an evil. a neglect to remedy which is incompatible with friendship. the Company's Rulers will have the most serious grounds for friendly complaints. May your days be ever prosperous and happy—

A true Copy and Translate

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

assistant

Translate of a Letter from Azim ul omrah Aristoo Jah Behader to Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant

Recived 14th December 1797.

After Compliments.

Your welcome letter on the subject of the desertion of three Europeans came to hand.. on a former occasion when two or three Europeans — deserted at different times. agreeably to the request

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of that friend, cautionary letters on this subject were addressed to the Talookdars on the Frontiers, and should the present deserters attempt to pass through the district of any one of the Talookdars of the heaven gifted Sirkar. they will certainly in consequence of the former orders be apprehended and sent hither.- and as consistently with friendship and union, such orders were transmitted to the said Talookdars according to the suggestion of that friend, now. Likewise, whatever he may think conducive to the object in view, let him impart the same, to the end that it may be carried into effect. If the lurking place also of the said deserters can be found, wherever. or with whomsoever they may be. they shall instantly be seized. and the person even who harbours them, shall be well punished; of this, rest perfectly assured. what more need be written-

A true Copy and Translate

Signd I A Kirkpatrick

Assistant

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Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick to the Honorable the Governor General - dated Hyderabad the 16th December 1797.

"2d Three of Monsieur Raymond's Regiments which have been preparing for some days past to take the Field, and have actually moved out of their Cantonments will march from hence, it is supposed, in the course of a very few days. They move with Ten brass Guns of large Caliber, — 4 independent of their usual complement of Field Pieces. — a corps of about a thousand men Commanded by a Spaniard, named Clementa de Vala, whom you may recollect, Honorable Sir, as having abondened the cause of the Rackoe Insurgents, soon after the first operations of Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple against them, and as having subsequently taken service with Mahomed Ameen Khan Arab, is to form part of the intended detachment; this — Partizan having recently, as I understand, enlisted himself with his party under the Banners of — Raymond, in consequence of being unprovided — with

28th with service. by Mahomed Ameen Khan's superintendance in the management of Kurpah. Adoni. and Raichore. This Detachment is Commanded by Mr. Piron. Raymond's second. and is to be joined on its route (it is said) by the two Regiments that have been stationed for some months past on the bank of the Kistnah at Paugtoor."

"3d The immediate destination of this Force is said to be the Gudwal district. which lies in a south-westerly direction from Hyderabad. at the distance of Fifty Cos. the tributary Zemindar of which is supposed for many years past to have evaded payment of this Government's demands, though he never has been I believe. in a state of open resistance to its authority. It is also reported. though I cannot pretend to say with what truth. that the settlement and future management of this Zemindary, which is reckoned to yield five Lacks of Rupees a year. has been offered to Raymond. It is rumoured indeed in Raymonds Lines. that the ultimate destination of

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of this detachment is Parramatah. where this to be joined by some more Infantry and a body of Cavalry. and intended when this in force. to watch the motions of a Body of Troops, which this pretended Dowlut Row Scindeah either has. or is about to send towards the Parramatah quarter. Though I mention this of Course as a mere report yet the strength of this Party, and its considerable equipment. would certainly sum to warrant a suspicion that something more than the mere settlement of the Gudwal District is in contemplation".

"4th There has existed indeed for some time past serious disputes on the Borders, which unite the new acquisitions of the Mahrattas in the last Mysorean War. with the Southwest possessions of the Nizam. in which Quarter Antiquz ud Dowlahs Jaghier of Soom is included. In same late attempts of this Prince to recover such parts of his Jaghier as he affirms to have been surreptitiously dismembered from it by the Mahrattahs

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28. Government of Fort St. George to claim certain Deserters from the Garrison of Ongole, and from a Detachment of the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry, while in the neighbourhood of that place, who have taken service with Mr. Raymond it seems indispensibly necessary that I should be furnished for this purpose with descriptive Rolls of these men; particularly of those amongst them whom it may be most desirable to recover; such (for instance) as the Native officers, and I have accordingly to request that you will, if possible, transmit such Rolls to me.

As the main point after all however, will be, the identification of the men in question, permit me to request that you will select one or two men of approved fidelity, sagacity, and discretion, sufficiently acquainted with the Persons of the Principal deserters, and with those of the Native officers in particular, dispatching them to me with all possible secrecy, on which the success of the undertaking materially depends, adverting to this circumstance, you will perhaps be

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28th be of opinion, that they should not proceed hither in their uniforms (supposing them to be sepoys), and that the circuitous route of Condapilly, is preferable to the more direct one through Kurpah, where they would be particularly liable to fall in with parties of Mr. Raymond's Troops, whom it is on every account desirable that they should avoid altogether during their Route hither. I would for this reason especially recommend your enjoining them to avoid this French Partizan's Lines which lie directly on the Road leading to the City within two short Cos of it. The Residency House is on the North side of the River Moodey, Mr. Raymond's Lines, as well as the City of Hyderabad itself on the Southern Bank.

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Hyderabad
18th December 1797.

Signd. J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Sir

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Auditor General Captain Brunton applies for the apartment & office establishment of the late acting Commissary of Grain & Provisions until the whole of the Books and accounts are closed –

I have the Honor to enclose a letter from Captain Brunton, Deputy Military Auditor General, applying to have the apartments and Establishment of writers allowed to the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions &c. for 3 months from the 1st October Continued for the period necessary to enable him to close the Books and accounts of that office, which I beg leave to recommend may be granted as indispensibly necessary for the purpose stated in Captain Brunton's letter –

I have the Honor to be, with great respect –

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 24th December 1797.

&c. &c.

Signed W. Sydenham

Mil. Aud. Gl.

Major

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Major General Lydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

Mr. John Humphrey Skardon late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, Agent for supply of Bullocks &c having addressed a letter to the Secretary of Government under date the 29th September last, stating the necessity of retaining the apartments occupied by him in the Portugueze Square, and his Establishment of Servants, until the Current business and books of his department were closed, and Mr. Secretary Webbe having in reply thereto, under date the 4th October following limited the period for which they were to be continued to the end of the present month, I do myself the honor to acquaint you, that from the want of official documents and information from Ceylon, and which I only received a few days ago, the Books of the official year 1795/6 with every possible exertion cannot be closed before the end of January 1797/8. Those for the official year

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28th year 1796/7. will require a further period of six months to complete and the remaining five months of 1797/8. cannot be closed inless than two or three months subsequent thereto, and as references are made daily to the records of that office to accelerate the adjustment of the accounts of the Deputy Commissaries and Deputy Agents at out Stations, I request you will state to Government the necessity of continuing the office Establishment proposed by Mr. St Carlon, with the additions of the writer employed in the Grain agency department at 12 Pags. P Month: the latter until the end of January next as well as the apartments at present occupied until the whole of the Business of the office is finally closed. which you may be assured shall be done in as short a time as may be practicable consistent with the accuracy so essentially necessary in completing and closing accounts of such Magnitude and Importance—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Brunton
Dpty A G

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George
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To the 28th
To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord.

From the Chief Engineer forwards Colonel Gents report of the works ordered for the Sea Line requests that orders may be given to complete the parapet.

I have the Honor to lay before your Lordship Colonel Gent's Report of the progress of the works ordered for the Sea Line.—

The Parapet being the only remaining part wanting to render that very Line Front complete in its Works, I flatter myself you will be pleased to authorize its being undertaken: the expence attending it being inconsiderable.—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
27th December 1797.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer &c &c

Major General Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir.

I beg to inform you that the Ramparts of the advanced works on the Sea Line, and Curtains to the north & south of the Sea Gate are

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are ready for the inspection of a Committee of the Military Board—

As the Season is now favorable for the making of Bricks and Chunam, I take this occasion to remind you of the Parapet of the Sea Line, which is the only work required to make that Line complete—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
26th December 1797.

Signed W. Gent
Lt. Col. Engineers

Estimate of the Expence of Constructing the Parapets on the Works of the East Front—

Advanced Works

Brick Work in Chunam Cub. f. 15910 at 2. 20 ₱ Square ——— } 316. 25. 40

Covering Bricks 1 Course in Chunam to the Parapet Sup. Feet 2627. @ 4 Pagodas ₱ Square ——— } 105 3. 29

421. 28. 69

Curtains

Brick work in Chunam Cub. f. 15. 134 @ 2. 20 ₱ Square. ——— } 810 31 40

Covering Bricks One Course in chunam Sup. Feet 6726. @ 4 Pags ₱ Square — } 269. 1. 55

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Signed Patrick Ross
Chief Engr. M.G.

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J. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From the President at Ganjam. the Snow Ganjam chased by an Enemy's Cruizer off Point Palmyras —

I do myself the honor to acquaint you that the Snow Ganjam arrived here this morning after having been chased for two days by an Enemy's Cruizer off Point Palmyras finding the Snow had the advantage of him, after an ineffectual attempt to gain her with his long boat. the pursuit was given up —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Ganjam
25th Decmber 1797.

Signed A. Mackenzie

Received, also the undermentioned letters entered in Mr B. N.o 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117 118. 119 120 121.

From Capt.n J. e MacRae of the 19th Foot.

From Captain MacRae, appeals from a Retrenchment of Full Batta made by the paymaster on Ceylon. request an order to Captain Hughes to receive his Baggage on board the Eliza Anne

From

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From Captain Doherty of the 19th Foot. 28th

From Captain Doherty requests the Captain of the Eliza Anne may be ordered to receive on board

From Militaire Audr General.

From Major General Lydenham reports the death of Mr. Clozier Muster Master on the island of Ceylon.

From Dr. - - Dr.

From Dr. with Statements of Subsis=tence paid the King's Troops under this presidency from 25th december 1796 to 24th June 1797 & of Company's allowance from 1st January to 30th June 1797.

From Military Paymr General

From Mr. Roebuck with an additional Estimate for January 1798.

From Dr. - - Dr.

From Dr. with an additional Estimate for December.

To the Honble Basil Cochrane. 29th

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane informing him that no Commission can be allowed on the Bullocks purchased by him in the Guntoor Circar but that the remaining Balance will be paid on its passing the office of audit.

To the Militaire Audr General.

To Major General Lydenham enclosing several Bills on account the expedition against Manilla for which the Paymaster General has

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29th Has been debited in the General Book—

To Dr. — Dr. — To Dr. reporting additional estimates

of Cash required by the Paymaster General for

december and January—

To Captain Limmerick permitting

To the Deputy Judge Advocate at Trichinopoly

him to employ a writer at 15 Pagodas \ month —

during the sitting of Courts martial—

To Captain R Borough permitting

To Captain Richard Borough.

him to deliver over the charge of Major Hart's

effects to the persons legally authorized to receive it.

To Colonel Solson informing him

To Colonel Richard Solson

that the orders of the Court of Directors do not permit

his receiving a Commission on the Revenue he collected

while in Command of Malacca.

To Military Board, informing them that

To the Military Board.

the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Colombo

has been authorized to purchase arrack for six months

Consumption — the advertizement for Buildings and

repairs at Dindigul and Connatore published — Several

letters and Estimates from the officer in Command

the Southern division of the army enclosed — the

officer's quarters in Fort St. George to be surveyed —

To

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To the Commandant at Pondicherry. To Major General Braithwaite advising of the appointment of Mons.r Guerre to succeed Mons.r Collondon as Greffier in Chief and that no allowance can be granted to the widow of the French Serjeant.

To Mr. George Lys. To Mr. George Lys. permitting him to provide Cloathing for the Nizam's Troops on account of Mr. Mac at Hydrabad the price of the Cloth to be settled with the Board of Trade.

To the Board of Trade. To Board of Trade. desiring them to settle with Mr. Lys the price, at which he is to receive cloth to be made up for the Nizam's Troops.

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poonah & Hydrabad. To Mr. Secretary Barlow. and the Assistant Residents at Poona and Hydrabad with Mysore intelligence.

To the Commander of the Ship Phenix. To Captain Orrock permitting him to receive on board his ship for Bengal and England Capt.n W. Orrock.

To Capt.n Wm Orrock. To Captain Wm. Orrock informing him that his Leave of absence on Furlough has been renewed from this date.

Sent the following Letters —

To

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 16.th and 26.th Instant

The general order of the 23.d August 1796; by which the allowances of the Adjutant and Quarter Master General were consolidated, was intended expressly to exclude those officers from receiving full Batta except when they might be in the field or detached on the public service. The Right Honorable the President in Council therefore confirms the retrenchment, which has been made against the deputy Adjutant General of his Majesty's troops, because as he was not with his corps on the island of Ceylon, he is not entitled to full Batta, which is an allowance to the officers doing duty there.

How far Lieutenant Colonel Robertson may be entitled to full Batta during his personal attendance upon the Commander in Chief in India according to the wages of the Bengal Presidency

To Auditor General Read Colonel Robertson not considered entitled to full Batta. Resolutions of the Bengal Government respecting additional allowances to Heads of troops, Grass money &, poundage to the Kings Regiment. Captain R. Mackenzie of the 71st. Regiment to draw full Batta

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29. Presidency his Lordship in Council has no means of ascertaining

I am directed to add that if personal considerations could have weighed in the decision of the present case, the long services and acknowledged merits of Lieutenant Colonel Robertson could not have failed to entitle his claim to the most favorable construction—

I inclose for your information copy of a minute by the Commander in Chief in India together with the resolutions of the Governor General in Council upon the doubt stated in your letter of the 3.d August in regard to the additional allowance to heads of troops, grass money, and poundage, and am directed to desire that these resolutions may be adopted in regulating the payments to his Majesty's regiments serving under this Presidency—

The President in Council has authorized Captain R. Mackenzie of his Majesty's 71.st Regiment to draw Field instead of Half batta

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29th Batta during the time he acted as adjutant to
that Regiment from 14th October to 14th December

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signed J. Webbe
Sect. to Govt

Fort St. George
27th December 1797

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

To Auditor General. Balance of a claim advanced by Mr. Cochrane to be paid if correct a claim of Lt. Smith for full Batta. referred. the usual allowances to be paid to Mr. Watson for attendance on part of the Garrison of Vellore. the deputy Judge advocate South of the Coleroon permitted to employ a writer at 15 pags. 7 month. Certificate of pay issued to Capt. Griffin in England enclosed.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the President in Council has received an application from Mr. Cochrane for the discharge of a balance amounting to pagodas 1921—0—4½—which was referred to the office of audit on the 17th October 1792.

Of this balance Mr. Cochrane claims the sum of pagodas 174.6.15.76. on account of commission but adverting to the public situation held by this gentleman at the time his Lordship in Council has rejected this part of the demand, and permits you to authorize the discharge of the

remainder

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29 remainder. if it should have regularly passed your office.

I am directed to refer for your examination and report the inclosed extract of a letter from the officer commanding the Southern division of the Army relative to a claim of Lieutenant Smith for full batta.

The President in Council desires that the paymaster at Vellore may be authorized to pay Mr. Watson Head Surgeon the usual allowances from the time he was appointed by Colonel Sale to attend the 2d. Battalion 5th. Regement Native Infantry.

The President in Council permits the deputy judge advocate south of the Coleroon to employ a writer at 15 pagodas per month during the sitting of Courtsmartial in that division.

I inclose a certificate of the last issue of pay to Captain D. F. Griffin.

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

Fort St. George
28th. Decmbr 1797

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29th

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir.

To Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. Lieut Colonel Kyndman permitted to go to Masulipatam - but general leave for occasional absence cannot be granted - recommending him to apply for the immediate Recall of Major Grant's detachment if its presence be no longer necessary, and enclosing a letter from Major De Chauvon respecting 2 Deserters —

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 8th 10th 11th 15th & 16th Instant with their respective inclosures —

Though the Right Honorable the President in Council consents that Lieutenant Colonel Kindman may in his present application be permitted to go to Masulipatam on his private affairs he cannot allow the latitude for occasional absence which that officer solicits —

If the objects, for which the detachment under the command of Major Grant was required, should appear to have been so far accomplished as to render its presence unnecessary the Right Honorable the President in Council recommends that immediate application should be made to the minister for a recall of the troops from that unhealthy situation —

I inclose copy of a letter from Majr

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29th Major Dallas upon the subject of two deserters from the Swiss Regiment, and am directed to desire that you will have recourse to Plettner for the identification of their persons.

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I am &c.
Signd J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Received the following letter

J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir.

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad forwarding his latest intelligence from the Mysore Country. points out to Majr Grant a healthy situation near Chunnumunnait.

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council. a Translate of my latest Intelligence from the Mysore Country, and am.

Hyderabad
20th December 1797.

Sir,
&c. &c.
Signd J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

P.S. I also herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, copy of my Letter of this date to Major Grant.

Translate

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29th

Translate of Report of a pair of Hurkarras belonging to the Resident, recently arrived here from Seringapatam

We left Seringapatam the 7th of Jemady ul Sani (27th November) and arrived here on the 28th of Jemady ul Sani (18th December)

The Sultaun was at his Capital when we left it busily occupied in compleating its Fortifications, on which fifteen thousand Coolies are daily employed. The wall on the North and East faces is compleated, and they have now begun upon that on the South and western ones. - Tippoo himself daily attends to inspect the progress of the work. There was neither any appearance or rumour during our stay of twenty five days at Seringapatam of any expedition being on foot. The Troops were four months in arrears, and in consequence greatly distressed, and discontented. Those among them who are not natives of Mysore were deserting him on every opportunity. The only Encampment near the Capital was one under the Corrighaut Hill, of about four

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20th Four thousand Infantry. Commanded by Lally's son. Syed Ghuffaur has been for some time past at Seringapatam. but it was rumoured when we left that Captital, that he would be sent back soon to Gooti by the Sultaun, at the head of as great a force as was lately stationed there. The whole of Tippoo's Cavalry are dispersed at foraging stations to the distance of about twenty Cos around his Capital. with the exception of about Two thousand Saugah, and Barghur Horse, which are in immediate attendance on his Person. It was reported however that even these would be sent shortly towards Pow. Ghurr. There was also a rumour at Seringapatam that four thousand French Troops would arrive ere long at Mangalore, though none have as yet made their appearance there. even the French Vakeel who resided for a while at Seringapatam is now no longer there -

A true Copy and Translate

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

Major

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29th

Major L. Grant

Commanding the Khummummait Detachment

Sir

It has been reported to me by a Person, who professed to be well acquainted with the Khummummait district, that the Country is tolerably clear and open to a considerable extent around Hyder shah Point, a place at the distance of about Six Cos. from Khummummait, possessing also the advantage of a running stream—

I have the Honor to desire that you will cause the spot here mentioned to be examined, and that you will report to me as soon as possible, the result of such examination—

I have the Honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Sec.y

Hyderabad
20th December 1797.

A true Copy
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Received also letter from Lieut.t
From the Deputy King's Paymaster General. Colonel Beresford entered in Mt B. No 122 forwarding the accounts of the King's Paymasters on Ceylon from 25th October to 24th December 1797—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Falloſield Esquires

Friday
29th December

Minutes of last Consultation
read and approved -

The Commander in Chief delivers in
the following Minute with five memorials -
accompanying -

Commander in Chiefs Minute laying before the Board several memorials from officers of this Establishment on the subject of striking the absentees off the strength of Corps. Recommends that the example of the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies may be followed -

The Commander in Chief, while he submits the accompanying addresses from the officers of the Coast Army, to the Right Honble President in Council, feels it his duty to declare he is much satisfied with the respectful manner in which the officers under his command, have brought

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brought forward their claims on this occasion. The high sense he entertains of their merits inclines him to urge the Board to a reconsideration of the subject on which these addresses are founded—

When the Board rejected a former representation for promotion in room of the absentees, the Commander in Chief concurred, nor would he now recommend that resolution to be departed from, did he not conceive such a material change of Circumstances had taken place as to warrant Government in doing so—

The Marquis Cornwallis was then daily expected with the fullest powers and he appeared in every point of view, the properest person to hear and determine on all claims of this nature. It is now certain his Lordship is not coming—

At the period of the former Resolution the Indulgence of the promotion in lieu of absentees had only been granted on the Bengal Establishment The example has been since followed at Bombay and the situation of the Coast Army is rendered by that more

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more particular and distressing.

It is not at present a question with the Commander in Chief whether the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors warrant this promotion or not. The adoption of the measure at Bengal and Bombay have in his opinion in some degree imposed a political necessity on this Government to follow their example, he is far from urging this on any general principle or of supposing this Government at all restricted in the exercise of their duty by the Conduct of other Presidencies but the present case forms in his mind an exception.

Professional Pride and Zeal have ever distinguished the Company's Officers of this Presidency and the Commander in Chief must view with extreme regret the occurrence of any cause from which the most distant apprehension of effects unfavorable to such sentiments can arise.

Such are the reasons, on which the Commander in Chief is induced to recommend the request, urged in the accompanying address,

to

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to the attention of Government the same disposition that will ever lead him to check improper representation prompts him to support the well founded claims of those he has the honor to command

Signed Geo: Harris

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

We the undersigned officers of the Coast Army solicit your Lordship's favorable attention to a circumstance, which we trust will not appear to your Lordship an unreasonable requisition, as it nearly concerns the interest of the Coast officers and as the indulgence, we so earnestly request, has recently been shewn to the officers of the Bengal and Bombay Establishments.

As a Promotion has been made on the other Presidencies, in the room of absent officers, who have overstaid the limited Period of Furlough, we therefore humbly request your Lordship will be pleased

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pleased to order a similar promotion on the Coast.
and thereby do away the partial distinction, which
at present exists at the other two Presidencies—

We have the Honorable

Southern Division
of the Army
Nov.r 1797.

&c &c

(Signed)

Francis Gowdie Lt Col
Comm.g the 3d Regt of N.I.
Chas Rand Captain
Henry Miller Surgeon
N. M. Smyth Lieut
Wm Smith Lieut
P. Dallas Captain
J. Orum Major
Harry Smith Lieut
H. F. Smith Lt
F. D. Gordon Lt
Henry Bowen Lt
Thomas Lydenham Lt
B. Marriott Lieut
J. D. Greenhill Lieut
T. Wilson Captn
Joseph Knowles Lieut
J. Simons Captn
H. Mentosh L
Henry Ranstown Ensign
A. Inverarity Asst Surgeon
W. L. Limrick Captn
W. Prowse Lt
Henry Waugh Lieut
C. Donaldson Captn Artly
T. Clarke Majr

(Signed)

Lying Mal.m MacGregor Capt.n
Jn.o M.c Dougall Lieut
Robt Gregson Ensign
Peter Bruels Mar.e Lt
Wm Harris Lt
Elisha Crapaud
Majr Engr & Lt Col
J. English Captn
C. Tracey Lt
J. Richardson Hd Surgeon
W. Cunningham Captn
Thos L. De Havilland Lt Engr
Lt.a Prescott Captn Artly
Joseph Street Asst Surgeon
B Fennell Captn Lt Artly
P. H. Keary Captn
John James Asst Surgeon
Jn.o Fleth Lieut
George Haddow Captn
J. Cuppage Captn
Jas Innis Captn
Chas Torrians Ensign
Thos Younge Lieut
Chas Macleod Lieut
Wm Stuart Hd Surgeon
E. Macleod Ensign

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Robert Scot Lieut.
I Butler Lieut.
A Mackie Capt.n Lieut.y
C. Smart Majr
Arth.r Gebling Capt.n
I Bannerman Capt.n
D. Bruce Capt.n
Tr. Davison Capt.n
P. Jones L
Jam.s Johnston Surgeon
I. Inglis Surgeon
A Brown Lt Col.
John Halliburton Majr
Charles Rend Jun.r Lt
James Russell Lt
Garrett Warburton Ensign
Jr Goldie Asst Surgeon
Alex.r Robertson Capt.n
R. Robine Capt.n
W. Stewart - Lieut.
Robert Montague Strange Capt.n
John King Surgeon
E B. Bayshaw Lieut
E M. Gepp Capt.n
Broughton Dod. Lieut
J. Dalton M D. Asst Surgeon
Edw.d Fergusson Majr

Andrew McCally Capt.n
David Blair Capt.n
Daul Bose Lieut
Witney McCally Lieut.
John Lindsay Lieut.
Jas Lamilton Lieut
Robt Brice Lieut.
W. W. Bagster Lieut
Alex.r N. Brown a Surgeon

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord.

We the undersigned officers of the Coast Army solicit your Lordships favorable attention to a circumstance which we trust will not appear to your Lordship an unreasonable requisition as it nearly concerns the interest of Coast officers and as the indulgence we so earnestly request has recently been shewn to the officers of the Bengal and Bombay Establishments.

As a promotion has been made on the other Presidencies in the room of absent officers who have overstaid the limited period of Furlough, we therefore humbly request your Lordship will be pleased to order a similar promotion on the Coast, and thereby do away the partial distinction, which at present exists between this and the other two Residencies.

We

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We have the Honor to be

Yr Hs

(S) George Roberts Lt Col

E. Gibbings Majr
Dalrymple Lt Col
Al. Deste Captn
J. Kennet Captn
D. Carey Captn
J. Dighton Captn
Rophang Captn
Alexr Macleod Captn
Thos Green Captn
Wm Hawes Lieut
Alexr Orr Captn by brevet
George Wahab Lt Col
C. Campbell Captn
Thos Leighton Lt Col
Jno Poole Captn
H. Webber Captn
Alexr Macfarlan Captn Lt
Jas Hall Lieut
Geo. Johnston Captn
Chas Lucas Lieut
T. Hall Captn
John Spence Lieut
T. Currie Lieut
H. Evans Lieut
John Blain Captn Lieut

Wm Shaw Lieut
R. Barclay Junr Lieut
Chas Tanan Lieut
Richd Leigh Lieut
Roderick Ogg Lieut
J. Campbell Lieut
Edmond Pery Long Lieut
A Mackintosh Lieut
J R. Macdonald Lieut
L. Johnston Lieut
Edmd Reynolds Lieut
H W. Davis Ensign
J. Stonard Lieut
Thos Pall Lieut
Frans James Lieut
John Randall Ensign
W. Chapham Ensign
Henry Blake Ensign
George Muat Lt Col
Wm J. Grand Captn by Brevet
F. Thompson Lieut
J. Molloy Lieut
R E. Langford Ensign
Edwin Chitty Lieut
G A. Muat Lieut
A. McDowell Lieut
Thos Fenn Captn
Wm Vaughan Lieut

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W. Chambers Lieutenant
C. Lalande Lieut Col
George Fotheringham Lieut Col
W. Youngson Capt by Brevet
Peter Creswell Lieut
C. T. Cooper Lieutenant
John Paynton Lieutenant
Chas G. A. Lanauze Lieut
H. M'Lean Major
J. Stevenson Captain
R Barclay Lieutenant
Samuel Ogg Captain
M Cosby Lt
Saml Craine Lt

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council
Fort St George

Notwithstanding our extreme
reluctance to intrude upon your Lordships time, we
hope the magnitude and justice of our represen-
tations are such as to secure us your Lordships
favorable attention — Government

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Government orders in Bengal and Bombay announce the promotion of officers in the room of absentees, who have overstaid the limited period of Furlough-

The accompanying Extract of a letter from the Military Board of Bombay in answer to a reference made by that Government evinces that an equality of Regimental Pay and allowances &c with the Bengal Army was deemed just and necessary on that Establishment, and we have reason to believe that it has been granted, though we are not at present in possession of documents on the subject sufficiently authentic to lay before your Lordship-

Any attempt to give additional force to the cogent reasoning of the Bombay Military Board is hopeless. yet we cannot conceal the poignancy with which we feel, and have long felt the mortifying distinctions that exist and have existed between this and the Honorable Company's other Military Establishments; whether upon a retrospective comparison the Bengal and Bombay Armies deserve to be more highly favored

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favored, is not for us to determine but. while they are so, those, who have the power to discriminate have certainly determined against us, and the opinion of the world must unavoidably be, that, as our Services have not received an equal reward to an equal reward they were not entitled. My Lord, we appeal to your Lordship's, Knowledge of mankind if this must not be the general conclusion. We earnestly entreat your equity and justice to save us from a degradation (unmerited we trust) which such an implied inferiority would affix to our Characters as Military Men, and by complying with our respectful solicitations prove that we are in full possession of your Lordship's confidence, that while our Corps are in the same formation, while the duties of the respective Ranks are exactly similar, while our Troops are equally ready for all Services, are equally exposed to dangers and fatigues, are alike, faithful, brave and obedient and are in the service of the same Masters and the same state with our brother Soldiers in Bengal and Bombay, we may always depend

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depend on receiving from your Lordships liberal consideration and indulgence an extension of the same advantages that has been granted to them.

We have the honor to remain

&c &c

Signed J. Torrens Lieut Col

W. Wilson Captain

2d Bn 6th Regt.

Arnell

29th November 1797

Joseph Dickson Lt

Henry Dey Lieut

W. Hall Captn

C Grose

Geo. Wakab Lt

J. De Morgan Lieut

G B. Phillipson Lt

Ben Marsden Lt

J Fitzpatrick Lt

Rd John Cotgrave Lt

J. Lankam Lt

C. Clarke Ensign

R. W. Wynn. Brevet Captn

Extract of a letter from the Military Board at Bombay to the Governor in Council - dated 25th August 1796.

In reply to your Commands under the 24th Instant we are decidedly of opinion that the

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the same Regimental pay and allowances from the Colonel to the private, and the Establishment for Corps and Regimental Staff, which exist in the Bengal Army, should in prudence and equity be adopted for the army under this Presidency because the Corps on both Establishments are in the same formation because the relative duties of the respective Ranks are exactly similar, because the Troops are equally ready for all Services, are equally exposed to dangers and fatigues, are alike faithful, Brave and obedient, and are all in the service of the same Masters, and the same state—

Salaries and Establishments for Commanders in Chief Commanding Officers of Stations, General Garrison, and Brigade Staff, should, in our opinion, be proportioned to the strength of the Army in which they serve, to the Responsibility of the Situations, and to the nature and extent of their respective Duties—

Strongly impressed with these Ideas, which are Consonant to the Sentiments expressed by

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by the late Governor General and Commander in Chief in India, and which we doubt not will meet the entire approbation of the Gentlemen who now hold those high offices; we submit to you the propriety of obtaining from the Supreme Government at Calcutta, where the strictest attention to economy must unquestionably have been paid, a detailed and minute account of the Pay and allowances, and Establishments deemed just and necessary for every Rank, Corps, and department in the Bengal Army, that we may be enabled to offer to you, our further sentiments on a subject so Materially interesting and important to the Honorable Company, the Publick Service, and the Army at large.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

My Lord,

We the undersigned Officers of the Coast Army solicit your Lordships favorable attention to a circumstance, which we trust will not appear to your Lordship an unreasonable requisition, as it nearly

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nearly concerns the interests of the Coast officers - and as the indulgence we so earnestly request, has recently been shewn to the officers of the Bengal and Bombay Establishments -

As a promotion has been made on the other Presidencies, in the room of absent officers, who have overstaid the limited period of Furlough, we therefore humbly request, your Lordship will be pleased to order a similar promotion on the Coast, and thereby do away the partial distinction, which at present Exists at the other two Presidencies -

We have the Honor to be

&c &c

Signed Ald Taylor Majr
Geo Martin Captain
Wm Berkeley Capt
Chas Simpson Lieutenant
Alex Baillie Lt Commandg
Thos Baynes Lieut
Wanghan Lt
Geo Pippard Lt
T. F. Wright Lt
Geo Keats Ensign
R Podmore Ensign
Geo Lewis Pasckord Ensign

Wallajahbad
19th December 1797

&c

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President in Council

My Lord.

We the undersigned Officers of the Coast Army solicit your Lordships favorable attention to a circumstance, which we trust will not appear to your Lordship an unreasonable requisition, as it nearly concerns the interest of the Coast Officers, and as the indulgence we so earnestly request, has recently been shewn to the Officers of the Bengal and Bombay Establishments.

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We have the Honor to be
&c &c

Tripatore
6th December 1797

Signed Alexr. Read Lt Col
K Cameron Major

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Robert Munro Captn
C Cornew Captn
A Irton Captn
W Blair Lieut
J W C------
A Marshall Lieut
Stobbe
W S G Hinde Ensign
C Bishop Ensign
W Caulfield Lennon Captn
R K Fotheringham Lieut
J G Graham Captn
P Richardson Lieut
G Doveton Major
J Hawkins Lt
John Fotheringham Lt
Kay Musgaall Lt
Richard Stanley Ensn
A Grant Lieut
M C Cormick Lt
A Grunhill Captn
Wm Rhodes Captn
W Munro Captn
John Munro Captn
W Macleod Captn
J Innes Junr Captn
Adm Comsby Captn
John Innes Captn
A Cuppage Major
Ch Trotter Captain

J Maitland Lieut
C Cadgson Lieut
W G Waugh Lt
Frant Aitkell Lt
G Shell Lieut
H V Yarde Lieut
D Ogilby Captn
A Lindsay Captn
A C Scopy Captn
John Gennys Ensign
W King Lieut
I K Symons Captn
J Browne Lieut

Orders

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Ordered to be sent in circulation

Read the following letter from the

Attorney General

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

My Lord.

From Attorney General on the Subject of the Ship detained at Point de Galle. State the Necessary steps in case it should appear that she is Dutch property.

In obedience to your Lordship's Commands of the 19th Instant I have perused the papers transmitted from Columbo by Brigadier General Dr Meuron relative to the detention of the ship Susannah Amelia at Point de Galle. But from the little information they afford I cannot collect sufficient matter to form an opinion, whether she is Dutch or Danish property. Should it however appear from her Books, or other papers, which have not been forwarded, that she is in truth the property of dutch subjects, it will be necessary to send three or four of her Company to Madras, or if more convenient to Bombay, to depose before the Mayor or one of the Aldermen to the Interrogatories, preparatory to her condemnation sent out with the Commission from the Court of Admiralty.

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admiralty—

Of these four persons the Master and Mate, & the Boatswain should be two. and these should be sent at the same time agreeably to his Majesty's Instructions "all such papers, passes, Sea Briefs, Charter "parties. Bills of Lading. Cockets. Letters. and other "documents and writings. as shall be delivered up's "or found on board." together with some person, who was present at the Seizure and saw the papers delivered "up. or found on board her. and who can make oath that the papers are delivered into the Hands of the Mayor or alderman' without any fraud addition subduction or embezzlement' or if there has been any can account for it—

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I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Benjn. Sullivan

Resolve thereon

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to the Officer commanding in Ceylon with directions that measures may be taken for sending four of the Crew of the Susannah Amelia

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Amelia either to Bombay or this Presidency as may
the most convenient—

Read the following letter from the
Military Auditor General.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Auditor General reporting on the Military Paymaster General's Estimate for January—

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the month of January 1798. I have the Honor to report that the Sum of Two lacks sixty four thousand six hundred and fifty eight Pagodas. Twenty five Fanams and Eight Cash / Pagodas 2.64.658.. 25.. 8 / is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing month—

	P.	F.	C
From the General Treasury — —	1.88.096.	10.	23
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General —	76.562.	14.	65
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The Military Paymaster at
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Friedrichsoby having included in his Estimate a sum exceeding about One Thousand Pagodas /1000/ what appears to me to be sufficient to discharge the Company's allowances to his Majesty's 52d Regiment: that sum has therefore been deducted from the General Estimate -

3. For the same reason a deduction equal to Pagodas Five hundred /Pag.s 500/ has been made from the sum, estimated by the Military Paymaster at Pondicherry, on account of Company's allowances to his Majesty's 36th Regiment

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Office Fort St. George
28th Decmber 1797.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ W. Lydenham
Mr Genl

Issue of Cash ordered from the treasury on account the Paymaster Generals Estimate for January -

Ordered that the Sum of One Lack eighty eight thousand and ninety six Pagodas Ten Fanams and Twenty three Cash (Pag.s 188096/ Fan.s 10. Cash 23) 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 —

Read

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Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of
Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Auditor General, reporting on the Paymaster's additional Estimate for December and January.

Having examined the additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the current, and an additional Estimate of the Paymaster Gordon for the ensuing month, forwarded with Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report thereon as follows—

2 The amount of the first mentioned Estimate, Pags. Sixteen thousand, One hundred and Seventy Eight Pagodas, Two Fanams and Seventy two Cash (Pags. 16178. 2. 72) does not appear objectionable being required to discharge Bills drawn by the Paymasters on Ceylon, equal to Eleven thousand, three hundred and fifty One Pagodas, Forty Fanams and twelve Cash (Pags. 11,351. 40. 12) and to comply with an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster

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Paymaster of Fort St. George for Four thousand Eight hundred and Twenty six Pagodas. Four Fanams and Sixty Cash (Pag.s 4826.4.60) to enable him to pay the amount passed on the Bill of the Commander of the Honorable Company's Ship Bus.bridge. for victualling a part of his Majesty's 80th. Regiment from the Cape of Good Hope to Madras, the arrears of pay &c due to Mr. Maxwell Thompson, Surgeon, and the Salary and Charges incurred by Lieutenant Francis Hempt. late Agent for Transports on the projected expedition against Manilla. which Government have directed to be discharged —

3. On referring to the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Masulipatam for the ensuing month, I find that he did not include the 7th. Battalion of the 10th Regiment of Native Infty. lately ordered from the Presidency to that station, his additional Estimate amounting to Four thousand Pagodas (Pag.s 4000) for the pay and other allowances of that Corps for January, may therefore be admitted, and will in consequence be discharged

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discharged in the usual manner. by a Bill
on the Military Paymaster General—
4 The amount of the Military
Paymaster General's Estimate. for Sixteen thousand
One hundred and Seventy eight Pagodas. Two Fanams
and Seventy two Cash (Pags 16.178. 2. 72) is payable
from the Treasury—

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

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Office Fort St George
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Signed Wm Sydenham
Mil Aud Genl

A further issue of Cash ordered from the Treasury on account the additional Estimate for December and January—

Ordered that the sum of Sixteen
thousand One hundred and Seventy eight Pagodas
Two Fanams and Seventy two Cash (Pags 16.178. 2. 72)
be issued from the Treasury to the Military
Paymaster General. on account of the —
additional Estimates which accompanied
his letter of the 28th Instant —

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Lieutenant Young appointed Muster Master on Ceylon. Capt. Campbell removed from the Northern Division to the Baramahal. Lieutenant Hewit Appointed Muster Master to the Northern Division, and Lieutenant T. Sydenham fort Adjutant of Fort St. George.

The President proposes that Lieutenant Thomas Young be appointed Muster Master on Ceylon, that Captain Campbell be removed from the Northern division to the Baramahal, that Lieutenant W. H. Hewit be appointed Muster Master to the Northern division, and that Lieutenant T. Sydenham be appointed Fort Adjutant of Fort St. George —

Approved and Ordered. —

" Hobart

" Gle. Harris

Edw. Saunders

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C. H. Faddefield

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Comp
G. Stracheys

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Diary

2d Received the following Letters.

Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c.

My Lord

From Lieut. Perryman, complains of being superceded upon the Commands of the Splinter Brig. the Amboyna fleet proceeds under Convoy of the Hobart. the Splinter not being able to keep Company for want of being Copper sheathed

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship. that agreeable to my letter of the 8th of August. I got the Splinter Brig new Masted. and new sheathed with pegue sheathing plank. could not get Copper to sheath with. although repeatedly applied to the Superintendent by me—

The 26th of october. Captain Ballard of His Majestys Ship Hobart. having taken me under his orders, sailed in Company with him from Penang with 5 Transports for Amboyna: the whole of the Squadron being Coppered it was impossible for me to sail so well as they did, which induced Captain Ballard to take the Naval Stores out of me at Malacca,

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29th Malacca. which had been shipped at Penang and desired me to proceed alone for Amboyna. when I thought the Monsoon would be favourable. the 4th of this month he sailed with the Convoy for Amboyna. I intended to proceed for the same place the 25th as the Westerly Monsoon by that time would be set in. off the south Coast of Borneo. in the mean time repaired some damages which the Brig had received on the passage from Penang. by the Triton transport falling on board the Brig

The 16th of November arrived here from Bombay, the Earl of Abergavenny. Airly Castle. Hindostan. and Neptune. East Indiamans for China. with Lieutenant George Roper passenger, belonging to the Honorable Company's Marine at Bombay, who delivered me an order from Philip Dundas Esqr. the Superintendant of the Bombay Marine. to deliver over the charge of the Sphinx to him as my Senior Officer. and for me to do duty as Lieutenant under him. as I could not stand a contest with so Superior an Officer. as the Superintendant. I accordingly delivered

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29th delivered over the Charge to Lieutenant George Roper.
although I cannot help observing that my appointment
to the Command of the Splinter was by Captain
Edward Packenham, the Senior Naval officer in his
Majesty's service commanding on the station at
Amboyna, with the approbation of Wm. Jones Esqr.
the Commercial Resident at the Moluccas Islands.

I wrote on my arrival at Penang,
deeming it my duty to the Superintendant at
Bombay, giving him every information regarding
the Vessels there, belonging to the Bombay Establishment
and my then present situation, little imagining
that for my information he would have sent a
Senior officer from Bombay, to supercede me, the
Vessel neither belonging to that Establishment.

I have drawn on your Lordship at
Penang for 300 Spanish Dollars, as I could get no
advances from Government there, in order to pay some
advances to the officers, and crew of the Vessel, for their
Outfit, and return to Amboyna.

To morrow I believe Lieutenant
Roper

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29 Roper intends to sail for Amboyna -

I have the Honor to remain

&c &c

Malacca

the 24th November 1794.

Signed J. Kerryman

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Received and sent also the undermentioned

letters entered in Mis Nos 123. 124. 125. 126. 127.

128. 129. 130. 131.

From Commandant at Ahtow.

From Captain Lindsay requests Mr

assistant Surgeon Gilmore may draw the usual

allowance for attendance in detachments of the 5th

and 9th Native Regiments - intends proceeding to

Pondicherry on a Committee -

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck, requests orders

to discharge a Bill for 855 Spa. Dollars drawn

on him by Major Cole at Penang -

To Ditto - Ditto.

To Mr Roebuck, forwarding the

Auditors Report on his general estimate for January

and acquainting him that the necessary sum is

ordered to be issued from the Treasury -

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To the Secretary at Bengal.

To D.o - D.o 29th To D.o forwarding the Auditor's report on his additional estimate for December and January -

To Mr. Secretary Barlow. forwarding Statements of subsistence paid the King's Troops under this Presidency from 25th december 1796. to 24th June 1797. and Company's allowances from 1st January to 30th June 1797 -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham forwarding accounts of the King's Paymaster on Ceylon from 25th October to 24th december 1797 -

To the Commander of the Ship Eliza Ann

To Captain Hughes desiring him to receive on board all Baggage &c belonging to Officers of the 19th Regiment.

To D.o . D.o

To Ditto desiring him to receive on board Lieutenant Locke of the 19th Regiment. Captain Eyre permitted to remain on the Coast -

To Capt.n G. Johnston Engineer at Cuddapatam

To Captain Johnston. informing him that no Officer of Engineers can receive Field allowances unless he is actually in the Field -

Sent

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Sent also the following letter

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Forces on Ceylon at

Colombo

Sir.

Having referred for the consideration of the attorney general the papers transmitted by you, relative to the detention of the ship Susannah Amelia at Point de Galle. I enclose a copy of Mr Sullivan's opinion for your information: and am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that measures may be taken for sending four of the crew (of whom the master, mate, or boatswain are to be two) either to Bombay or this Presidency as may be most convenient.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signd J. Webbe

Secy to Govt

To General De Meuron forwarding copy of the Attorney General's opinion respecting the ship detained at Point de Galle & of her Crew to be sent to Madras or Bombay—

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29th December 1797.

Com Gstrachey.