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Fort St George 3d December 1797.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Stalloffield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and

Tuesday
3d December 1797 approved —

Read the following Letters from Poonah

and Hyderabad —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St George

My Lord

I have the Honor to acknowledge

the Receipt of Mr Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the

28th Ultimo and to enclose for your Lordships

Information

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ident at Poona
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ings detaching
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ecord the Tenders
ops, sent against
Goa, and the
ments —

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Information Extract of my two last addresses to the Governor General &c

I have the honor to be very respectfully
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Poona
18th November 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General dated Poona 18th November 1797. &c

I have Intelligence from Nagpore that on the 2nd Instant Rugoje Bhonsla proceeded on a religious Excursion to Ramtaig, where it was expected he would stay about fifteen or twenty Days, and whence it was said to be intended to detach a Force under Mittul Pundit, the Subadar of Berar, and one of his principale Military Commanders, toward Gurra Mundela, which at that Period was not in the Rajas Possession. Hurryba Holkar one of the adherents of the late Mulhar Row is to accompany Mittul Pundit. &c

Sindeas troops destined against Adabba, were yesterday descending the Ghauts. &c

Extract

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Fort St. George 5th December 1797.

Extract of a Letter from the same to the same.

dated 18th November 1797.

Intelligence has reached me through many different Channels of the Existence of Disturbances in Tippoo's Country in the Quarter of Canara and Goa, which are assigned as the Cause of some of Tippoo's Military Preparations.

I understand that the Rajah of Mahapore the Chief of the Pirates on the Malabar Coast — familiar to us by the Term of Malwans, is committing Encroachments on the Possessions of other Members of the Maratta Empire above the Ghauts.

On the Night of the 17th Instant there was an Exhibition of Fireworks at a Pagoda in this Neighbourhood, at which were present — Baaji Row, Chimnaca Appa, Ennet Row, and Nanna Furnavees, Lutnt Doolut Row Scindea.

Scindia's Troops destined against Colabba had yesterday advanced beyond the Ghauts.

True Extract.

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

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Fort St. George 5th December 1797.

J. Webber Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

Fort St. George

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Instant, and shall not fail to explain fully to Azim Ul Omrah the present case which puts it out of the Right Honble the President in Council's power to comply with his wishes for a supply of Military Stores - a circumstance which is not likely to occasion much disappointment to the Minister as I have already prepared him for it on former occasions by hinting to him the diminished supply of those articles for some time past, in consequence of the great demand for them in Europe occasioned by the War with the French Republic. - Meer Alleem the Minister for English affairs gave me indeed to understand lately that all which could reasonably

be

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad - will inform again Ul Omrah of the impossibility of furnishing a supply of Military Stores. The Minister's Agent proceeds to Madras for the purpose of purchasing them from Individuals. requests Instructions on the subject of furnishing 400 Firelocks with 6 Six pounders. -

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be disputed under the present scarcity of Military Stores, was that the Government of Fort St. George would not impede the purchase of them from Individuals (who may have bought them at the Company's — Public Sales) by the Ministers Agent Syed Ud Doulah who has proceeded to Madras for the purpose.

I have the honor for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council. Extract of a Letter from the Honble the Governor General under date the 6th Instant. and beg leave to request that I may be favoured with his Lordships determination on the subject it refers to —

I am &c.

Hyderabad
26th November 1797

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from the Honble Sir John Shore Bart. Governor General, dated Fort William the 6th November 1797 to Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant to the Resident at Hyderabad. —

"As I am not aware of any objection

to

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"to supplying Mr Tinglaff with the Articles Named
"Six Pounders belonging to the Detachment provided
"they can be spared. I shall, therefore, comply
"with your request to the Government of Fort St George."

I have the

[Signed] D. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Read the following Letters and Enclosures

C.C. Nos 98-99-100-101.

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Tippoo
Sultan Bahadur. To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St. George.

From Tippoo Sultaun in reply to Lord Hobarts Congratulatory Letter on the marriage of his Son.

Dated 11th November
Received 26th Ditto 1797

Your Joyful Letter, on account of
mine, congratulating me upon the Nuptials of
my Son, may God prolong his life, arrived in a happy
and propitious time; and inspired the greatest
Joy into my mind. I have received the embroidered

Dress

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Docts. the Kellogg and Serpentine which you sent me as a mark of your friendship. —

I beg that you will consider my — friendly mind to be constantly solicitous for the increase and stability of the Friendship which has been established between our respective States, and anxious as I ever am to receive accounts of your welfare. I hope you will favor me with yours — agreeable Letters. —

What more should I add. —

A true Translation,

(Signed) A. Falconar
Dr Interp.r to Govt.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic Hia Hia Hia Hia Hia
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George —

Paid 23d November
Recd 24th Ditto } 1797

Some time ago I transmitted to your Lordship Copy of a Letter, which I received from

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From the Nabob Tippoo Sultan, and agreeably to my Promise I enclose for your Lordships information Copy & my answer. —

What may need I write

Enclosure

Translation Copy of a Letter From Hiis Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic Vizr. Vizr. Vizr. Vizr. Vizr.
To the Nabob Tippoo Sultan Bahadur. —

Your kind Letter acknowledging the receipt of the Attr Dans. and forwarding the complimentary Dress and Jewels upon the Nuptials of your fortunate Son. together with some Cloth consecrated by the invocation of the blessed Names of the most High. during the period of its manufacture. having arrived in a most seasonable Moment. deserves my most cordial thanks. and calls for my sincere congratulations. —

May the Almighty constantly favor

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favor you with the Completion of your Wishes.—

In consequence of the friendship
which subsists between us. I have sent Cloths and
Jewels for the Bridegroom and Bride agreeably to the
inclosed List. which I hope you will do me the honor
to accept.—

May your friendship encrease.

List of Cloths &c.

For the Bridegroom
One Seegha
One Serpeech
One Dress

For the Bride
One Peduk
One Dress

True Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
Dep. Trans.r to Govern.t

Translation of a Letter from the Peishwa —

Bajee Row Rajonaluh Bahadeur. To the Right
Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George.—

Without date
Recieved 28th Nov.r } 1797.

You must have learnt from
public

From Bajee Row—
advising of his arrival
at Poonah—of his having
received from the Rana
Rajah Investment the
Khellaut of the Peishwaship

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public rumor of the distraction and dissensions which have been lately excited in this illustrious and puissant State. by the imprudence of some inconsiderate — insurgents. —

We have safely arrived and fixed our residence at Poona. — our distinguished and esteemed Balajee Punadam has also arrived here from the Kokan Province. and has had the honor of an interview —

Having received the Visits of our favoured and accomplished Brother Soormunt — appah Sahib Bahadur. and all the Sirdars of distinction and the august Khilaat of the Peishwaship having been received, with the usual forms and Ceremonies from the magnificent Court of our — Master Sree Mount Maha Rajah Sahib. we were on the 5th. December in an auspicious hour — invested with the Robe of that eminent dignity, and rendered our grateful acknowledgments on the occasion. —

The mutual concord and unanimity subsisting

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subsisting between us rendering a knowledge of this
important event necessary, we have accordingly com-
=municated it for your information - and refer for further
particulars to the address of our favoured Balagee —
Sarandaz our Minister. -

What more need be written.

A true translation

Signed A. Falconar

Pr Tourl. to Govern.t

Translation of the Letter

From Balagee Sarandaz &c.a &c.a &c.a

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George -

Without date

Received 28 Nov.r } 1797.

F — From Nana Furnavees
to the same effect -

Your Lordship must have learnt
from public report the embarassments and dissensions
which have been lately created in this illustrious
and puissant State, by the imprudence of some
inconsiderate insurgents. -

Soon

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Sree Munt Row Pundit perdhaun Bahadur has safely arrived here (Poona) with his Suit: and having myself come hither from the Kokun Province. I have had the distinguished honor of visiting him.

I have also visited Sree Munt appah Sahib Bahadur and all the other Sirdars of distinction.

The Capital Inhabitant of the Peishwa ship having been received from the magnificent Court of my Sovereign Sree Munt Maha Rajah Sahib with the customary formalities. Sree Munt Row Pundit perdhaun Bahadur was on the 5th December in an auspicious hour invested with the Robe of that eminent dignity, and offered his acknowledgements of gratitude and thanks to his Sovereign on the occasion.

Our mutual friendship and unanimity rendered it incumbent that your Lordship should be apprized of an event so important. I have

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Have accordingly Communicated it for your information.

What more need I write.

Have translation

Signed A. Falconar

Pr. Tranr. to Govrnmt.

The President is requested to return answer to the foregoing Letters. -

Read the following letter from Thos. Commandant at Ongole. -

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letters of the 8th. and 15th. Instant. and request you will be so good to inform the Right Honble. the President in Council that I have strove every thing in my power to find out a Cause for the extraordinary disaffection of the Detachment of the 1st. Battn.

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From Major Vigors attributes the great desertion in the 1st Battn. 9th Regiment to its being a Linear Corps. 12 Deserters taken into Raymondo Service. Requests payment of the expence of ally to hubs Journey

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Sovereign on the occasion.

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should be apprized of an event so important. I
have

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What more need I write.

I have translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Br. Trans.r to Govern.t

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Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

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7th

From Major Vigors attributes the great desertion in the 1st Batt.n 7th Regiment to its being a Corps. 12 Deserters taken into Raymondo service. requests payment of the expence of ally to his Journey

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7th Regiment with effect and can in no way account for it otherwise than its being a Circar Corps raised chiefly in the Vizeyapatam District and its well known the aversion those people have to going South. I do not think it improbable that the example set them by the Detachment of the 9th Regiment, while at this Station, might have had some influence on their minds; and hearing that that Corps in General had received family Certificates, which I did not think myself authorized to grant, might have caused some discontent. I have heard that the Subhedar that deserted from Captain Berkeley's Corps and took with him a Jemmadar and eighty men was immediately on his arrival at Cummum taken into Raymond's Service with his Rank and was presented with a Pallankeen and a pair of Shawls. but this is merely a report but I have certain information that the greatest number of the Sepoys that deserted from this Garrison are

gone

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gone there. -

As the Subbadar's family & that I have
no confinement there have no possible means of -
subsistance except by the sale of a miserable Horse
which no person here will purchase I have ordered -
them half a Rupee a day which I hope his Lordship
will not think too much, and sanction a continuance
of it. I sent off the prisoner ally Saheb on the 27th and
immagine he is at the presidency long before this
and hope his Lordship will order me payment of
the Expences attending his Journey agreeable to the
enclosed paper. - On taking up the Horse belonging
to the Killadar I made use of every means in my
power to endeavor to find out from him the cause
of the Desertion before I reported him to Government.
but neither promise of pardon or dread of punishment
had any effect and even when I was in the act
of punishing him I repeatedly interrogated him
but could draw no other confession from him than
what he first related. -

I have

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I have this moment an Man come in from Cunnarum who saw Captain Berkeley & Subbadar there and about two Hundred of our Sepoys with him, they were unarmed. but it was reported that they were to be sent to Hydraabad for the purpose of getting arms and Cloathing. he also saw the Subbadar that deserted from this Garrison. but he had not taken Service.

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Sign'd Ur. Vigors

Ongole
27th Nov. 1797.

Expences attending the Removal of the Prisoner alley Sahib from Ongole to the Presidency. - viz. -
6 Dooley Bearers at 5 Rupees each ..... 8 " 24
6 Days Batta to D° ..... " 36
24 Days Subsistence to the Prisoner at half a Rupee a Day ..... } 3 " 18

Total Sic. Rup.s ... 12 " 36.

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27th November 1797

Sign'd Ur. Vigors
Lieut. Colonel

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the foregoing circumstances be stated to the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with directions to make such representations to the Court of Hyderabad as may tend to restrain this — serious evil. —

Read the following letter from Sir Paul Sodwell. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord

From Sir P. Sodwell representing his great distress in consequence of the Nabob's non performance of his engagements. requesting assistance from the Company's Treasury

I have so often troubled your Lordship respecting my affairs and situation in this Country that nothing but the most urgent necessity could induce me to intrude again on your time and patience.

As long as I remained in the Nabob's service and my Salary was continued. tho' my account was still unsettled. my Credit was good and I was able

to

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to borrow money for the Subsistence of my Family—
the adjustment of my demands on his Highness.
and the reasonable and moderate terms which I —
accepted. together with the assurance, which my —
Creditors entertained that your Lordship, as the
Representative of the Company, a Party concerned in
the Settlement of my Arrears, would by every means
exert your Interposition in seeing Justice done me.
gave them reason to believe that I should speedily be
released from my Embarrassments by the Nabob's
compliance with the condition of his Bond in paying
the monthly instalments regularly with the Kist:
and in consequence I remained unmolested. But my
Lord. I find myself obliged to state to you that from
his Highness's breach of faith and non performance
of his engagement I have now lost all further —
Credit, and am not only threatened with a Prison.
but am reduced to the utmost distress for pecuniary
resources.— My humble request therefore is that

your

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your Lordship would obtain from the Nabob a categorical answer whether he intends to comply with the conditions of this Bond or not: as I have no other means to satisfy my Creditors, or of procuring further Credit for my support — However painful it may be to be obliged to state to your Lordship what I have said above, yet I will be still more so, should the Nabob continue to refuse compliance with his obligation to be under the necessity of requesting assistance from the — Treasury of Fort St. George, to which as his Majesty's Servant under the Protection of the Company, having the Nabob's Bond for my security. I hope and trust your Lordship will think me entitled under such unparalled difficulties. —

With all due respect. I have the

honor to be &c.&c.&c.

(Signed) Paul Sodwell

Fort St. George

27th. November 1797.

Minute thereon

Having already made as forcible a repre-
=sentation to His Highness the Nabob, as it was
possible for the Board to do, they despair of any better
success

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success from a renewal of the application; and —
having referred the whole of Sir Paul's case to the —
Court of Directors by the last despatch, they must
necessarily wait the result of their orders for an
adjustment of his affair. Mean while under the
very peculiar circumstances of Sir Paul's situation
the Board are disposed to advance one hundred —
Pagodas per Month for his subsistence upon his
personal Security either to repay the amount upon
the liquidation of his Bond, or to grant a Mortgage
upon the bond for the amount, in the event of this
transaction being disapproved by the Honble Court.

Read again Letter from the Military
Board entered in Consultation 28th November. —

Resolutions passed upon the Letter from the Military Board dated the 25th and entered on the Minutes of Counc. of the 28th November.

The Board are happy that the —
Lodges intended for the Native Volunteers can be
completed at so reasonable a rate, and it is resolved
that Orders may be issued for completing them according
to the above Statement. —

Ordered

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Ordered that the Military Auditor General do comply with the application of the Secretary to the Military Board for Pags. 1085. 18. 10 on that account.

The Board entirely concur with the Military Board that there is a great difference between the Volunteers of the different Native Corps and the Gun and Garrison Lascars, and therefore think it may be injudicious to bestow an extra reward where no extraordinary sacrifice may have been made.—

The Board concur in opinion with the Military Board that the provisions of Gun Carriages is most eligible by Contract. Resolved therefore to desire that the advertisement submitted by them may be accordingly published.—

Ordered that the advances recommended by the Military Board may be made.—

The Board approve the Regulations which the Military Board have recommended for

landing

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Landing Military Stores and provisions. Resolved therefore that the necessary orders may be issued to the Board Department.

Read the following letter from the Accountant General.

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From the accountant General with the Statement of the Sums paid at Madras on account of Pishcush from 1790 to 1797.

Sir

In reply to your Letter of the 24th Instant I have the Honor to Enclose Statement of Sums paid at Madras on account of Pishcush to the Northern Circars from February 1790 to October 1797.

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) Robert Woolf
Accountant General

Fort St. George
Accountant Generals
Office 28th November 1797.

Statement

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Statement of Sums paid at Madras on account of Peishcush for the Northern Circars from February 1790 to October 1797.

				Rupees	As.	Ps.
1790 February	2nd	Cash paid at Madras to Meer Mehedy Cawn on part of a Bill drawn by the Bengal Government in favor of His Highness the Nizam		200.000	"	"
March	31.	Do.	Do. to Meer Mahomed Cawn on further part of Do. by Do. Do.	100.000	"	"
	"	Do.	Do. to Do. in full of Do. Do.	16.665	11	-
	"	Do.	Do. to Meer Mehedy Cawn on account of Peishcush for the Northern Circars	83.334 5	200.000	" "
April	30th	Do.	Do. to Meer Mehedy Cawn on account of Do.		90.000	" "
July	19th	Do.	Do. to Meer Mehedy Cawn on account of Do.		76.665	11 -
	23rd	Do.	Do. to Do.		Do. 50.000	" - -
1792	29th	Do.	Do. to Do.		Do. 50.000	" - " 176.665 11 "
January	20th	Do.	Do. to Mehdy ally Cawn Vakeel to the Nizam as per order of the Military Department of this date under the head of "Cubah of the Deccan" Rupees 1000 @ 365 Rupees 7/8 Pagodas			3.650 " "
August	7th	Amount of part of the Sum for Elephants sold by Lieut. Sand to the Nizam's Agent carried to the debit of Peishcush for the Northern Circars as per order of Council of this date				24.530 - -
1793 February	5th	Do	of a further Do. Do. as per Do. of this date		26.460 - -	
March	6th	Do.	Do. Do.		Do. 8.100 - -	59090 " "
April	13th	Cash paid at Madras to Meer Munga in full for a Bill drawn in his favor by the Nizams Minister as per order of the Military Consultation dated 9th Instant				15.000 " "
June	28th	Do.	Do. to Shady Cawn in part of the first Kist of Peishcush for the Phazilly year 1800 - due to the Nizam as per order of the Military Consultation dated 25th Instant			10.000 " "
			Carried forward			7.54.405 11 "

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Brought forward ..... 754,405 11 "

August 28th Cash paid at Madras to Saml Mc Dowall the Nizams Agent on account of arrears of Pishcush falling due on 31st March 1792 as pr order of Consultation dated 13th Instant Madras Pagd 514,640 @ 400 Rupees pr % Madras Pagodas ..... 257,760 " "

1797
October 16th Do. ... Do. to Vizeeramdoss in full for a Bill of Exchange drawn in his favor by Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick ..... } 25,000 " "

1791
July ..... Amount of Stores and the Carriage thereof sent to Immaundah Pagd 3,556..11..d 365 Rupees pr % Pagd A 12,980 13 1

Rupees 10,10,146 8 1

Fort St. George 28th November 1797.

Errors Excepted

(signed) Cecil Smith

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In a letter from Mr Jackson the Military Secretary under date 16th August 1793. This Sum is ordered to be in Suspence until the result of a Reference to Bengal be known

7577 Fort St George 5th December 1797.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the above mentioned
Statement be forwarded to Hydrabad.—

Read the following letter from —
Captain Smith an Officer in the Service of His Highness
the Nabob.—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

My Lord

From Captain Smith stating his distressed Situation in Consequence of the Nabob's not paying his Arrears and requesting some Relief.

The situation to which I find myself
reduced in Consequence of the refusal of His Highness
the Nabob to discharge the Arrears of Subsistence —
Justly due for long Service compells me reluctantly
to entreat your Lordships Consideration of my case.—
I have served His Majesty the East
India Company and the Nabob nearly 30 Years
I was taken Prisoner during Hyder's
War in the Fortress of Gingee where Commanded
by Ensign Macauley and I trust that Officer will
vouch

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1793.

		Rupees	as per
August 28th.	Cash paid at Madras to Saml. Mc. Dowall the Nizams Agent on account of Arrears of Peishcush falling due on 31st. March 1792 as per Order of Consultation dated 13th. Instant Madras Pagd. 5h. 1.50 @ 100 Rupees		
	Pr. Contra Madras Pagodas	37.760	"
1797. October 16th.	Do. ... Do. to Veyaweendoss on settlement of a Bill of Exchange drawn on his favor by Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick	95.000	"
1791 July	Amount of Stores and the Carriage thereof sent to Immaconda Pagd. 3.556.11 @ 365 Rupees per 7. Pagd. 1	12.980	13 1
	Rupees	1.10.146	8 1

Fort St. George 25th. November 1797.

Errors Excepted

(Signed) Cail Smith

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vouch for the Services I was enabled to render him in
the midst of an undisciplined and Mutinous Garrison —
During a rigorous Confinement
of upwards of forty Months in Irons I suffered all —
those severities incident to such a hapless situation —
Captain Brunton, who has known
me many years and Captain Macaulay were Confin'd
at the same time in Seringapatam. —
Previous to the War Sir Henry Colby
did me the honor of promising to obtain for me the
rank of a Commissioned Officer in the Company's Servi-
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The unfortunate Circumstance
of my Capture at Gingee, where I was left Sick —
when Sir Henry Colby's Army moved from thence,
deprived me of the fulfillment of this promise. —
I am informed that the Claims
of the Nabob's Officers are in reference from your
Lordship to the Court of Directors, but as a long —
time must elapse before their determination can be
known

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known, I respectfully solicit some temporary relief. If your Lordship thought that my services could be of use in any way under the intended Board of Police or if your Lordship would honour me with the Situation of a Conductor. I should be for ever grateful to your Lordship and it would save me from the pressure of want. —

I have the honor to be

Hon'ble Sir

Signed/ Thomas Smith

Captain of Cavalry in His Highness the Nabobs Service. —

Madras

18th November 1797.

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

The foregoing letter ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from —

Colonel Daniel Burr. —

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St George

From Colonel Burr — requesting to be relieved in the Command of Candapilly and permission to return to Europe on furlough —

My Lord

I have the honor to request your Lordships permission for my return to Europe on furlough by the first

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first Ships of the Season on the terms prescribed by the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors published 13th September 1796.

Having served the Company thirty years with Zeal and Fidelity, I trust no impropriety will attach to my application, and that your Lordship will accept it as my apology for entreating to be relieved from the Command of Condapillee in time to enable me to arrive at Madras in January. I request pardon for intruding on your Lordships time, and have the honor to be with great respect

Wm Wm

[Signed] Daniel Burr

Colonel Commanding

Condapillee

25th November 1797.

Minute thereon.

Resolved that Colonel Burr be permitted to return to Europe on furlough.

Major Ure appointed to the Command of Condapilly Vice Burr.

The President proposes that Major George Ure be appointed to the Command of Condapilly.

Agreed to and ordered.

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Lieut.t A. Macpherson appointed adjutant and Quarter master to the 12.th Regiment Native Infantry

The Commander in Chief proposes that Lieutenant Andrew Macpherson may be appointed Adjutant and Quarter Master to the 12th Regiment Native Infantry.

Agreed to and ordered.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From Mr. Macleod - the Rajah claims the Towns of Mootoo-pettum and Tulgah-pettum as not being included in the Province of Mannargoody -

Enclosed I have the honor to send Copy of a Letter from the Rajah, claiming the Towns of Mootoopettum and Tulgahpettum as not being included in the Soubah of Mannargoody.

It being acknowledged by the Inhabitants of Tanjore and I may say by all except his Excellency's Servants, that those places belong to Mannargoody

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Manargoody, I have represented this to him, yet
without success.

It will clearly appear I imagine
by the Records of Manargoody during its assump-
tion in the last War, which Records must be with
the Revenue Board, that the Towns in question
have been always situated in the abovementioned
Soubah.

Mootepettam is indeed the prin-
cipal Seaport and of such Consequence as to command
the whole Exportation of the Manargoody Soubah.

It is to that Soubah, what the
Port of Trinclewasel is to the District of Shally.

If his Excellency Shews any ground
on which he makes the Claim I shall forward the
particulars without delay.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Signed Alexr. Macleod
Resident
Translation

Sanjore
28th November 1797.

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Alexander Macleod Esquire.

Notwithstanding my frequent representations to you upon the subject of Mootepettah and Tulzapettah you have to this day continued under some doubt or other to dispute that they are included in the Soubah of Mannargoody. For this reason I must state that the pettahs above mentioned Soubahs never were at any time included in the Soubah of Mannargoody, but that they are included in the Soubah of Puttiestah: From the time therefore these pettahs were assumed I ought to have Credit for the amount of their Summabundy. I request therefore you will address the Governor upon this subject and obtain that the two pettahs may be put into my possession. I myself have also written to Lord Hobart Bahadur upon this affair:- To a friend why should I write more:

(Signed) Sree Ram Pretaap

26th November 1797.

(True translation,
(Signed) J. Webbe
Mr. Trans.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the foregoing letter with its Enclosure be referred for the examination of the Board of Revenue.

Read

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Read the following letter from Admiral Pringle

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From Admiral Pringle at the Cape advising the arrival of the Suffolkes Tender - the homeward bound fleet proceeds to St. Helena under a strong Convoy -

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 25th. of April by Lieutenant Collier in the Suffolk's Tender, who arrived here the 6th. of last Month, enclosing an Extract of a letter from Trangambar containing Intelligence received there by a Vessel from the Mauritius, and requesting I would take such measures for the protection of the homeward bound East India Fleet as I might deem necessary. -

I have now the honour to acquaint you that the Convoy your Lordship mentions having sailed with Rear Admiral Rainier, arrived here seperately between the 7th. and 13th. day of July. - previous to which having had information of Admiral Sercey being on his way to the Mauritius, I judged it probable that he would endeavour to intercept the Convoy between this and

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Sphynx,

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Saint Helena, and had therefore, before the arrival of the Suffolk Tender, given directions to Captain Edwards to take under his Command the Ships named in the Margin, and to see the Convoy in safety to that Island, and as a Reinforcement to the Trompe and Sabandra. — originally destined to proceed with the homeward bound to England. I have added the Dortrecht for the greater security of so valuable a Convoy. —

The Suffolk Tender which brought your Lordship's dispatches has suffered so much from bad Weather on her passage, that by the request of Mr Pringle the Company's agent I have had her Surveyed and suspect it will be found most advisable to dispose of her here, since this Colony is devested of every [illegible] for her Repairs. this Step however will not be taken if possible to be avoided. —

Enclosed

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Enclosed I transmit a list of the Ships which sailed from hence the 26.th of August under the protection of the Ships of War.——

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Pringle

" Hobart

" Gles. Harris

" Edw.d Saunders

" C.s Dallas Secr.d

Tremendous in Simon's Bay the 25.th of September 1797

Comp.d G.o Strachey.

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5th Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil Pys 10. 11. 12. 13.

To the Secretary to the Military Board — To Captain Pierce with Invoices of the Military Stores arrived from England on the Prince William Henry and Earl Spencer. —

To Do Do — To Do with List of Goods consigned to this presidency on board the Prince William Henry and Earl Spencer for which Certificates are required. —

To the Board of Trade — To the Board of Trade with Lists of Goods on board the Lord Walsingham for which Certificates are required. —

To the Accountant General — To Mr Woolf with Copy of Invoices of Military Stores consigned to the Presidency on the Prince William Henry and Earl Spencer. —

6th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil Pys 14. 15. 16.

From the Command-ant at Bellumcondah — From Lieutenant Bellow, advising his having assumed the Command of Bellumcondah. —

From the Deputy Judge advocate to the Center Division — From Captain Leith, recommends renting a Bungalo for assembling Courts martial. —

From the Resident at Vizagapatam — From W. R. Malcolm advising receipt of

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of the Intelligence respecting the french frigates. —

Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Wb No. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. —

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors —

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane informing him that no alteration can be made in the distribution of the Arrack Money. —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham, desiring that Lieutenant Benron Drafted from the 71st to the 77th Regiment may receive his Subsistence here until he can join his Regiment on the other Coast. —

To Wm Cecil Smith Agent for the Gun Carriage Contract. —

To Wm Cecil Smith — the Stipulation he recommends to oblige the new Contractors to purchase the Stock on hand of the late Contractor for Gun Carriages &c cannot be made. —

To the Sea Customer

To Wm James Call enclosing Copy of the new Regulations established for landing Military Stores and desiring they may be communicated to the Master attendant. —

To the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts

To Lieutenant Colonel Read A reward to be given to the People employed by Major Doveton in discovering the Robbers, but not to the Seapoys. —

To the adjutant General of the army —

To Lieutenant Colonel Close transmitting fifty one King's Commissions for Officers on this Establishment sent to Bengal by mistake. —

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To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army.

To Major General Bridges - the Garrison establishment applied for by Lieutenant Campbell at Chintapilly considered unnecessary - Lieutenant Evans permitted to be absent from his Garrison for six weeks. -

To Major George Ure

To Major George Ure appointing him to the Command of Condapilly and desiring him to proceed there with all convenient Expedition.

To Colonel Daniel Burr -

To Colonel Burr permitting him to return to Europe on furlough - Major Ure appointed to succeed him in the Command of Condapilly

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Sent also the following Letters. -

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General - Sum to be advanced to the Military Board for the Badges to be given to the Native Volunteers on the late Expedition An advance of Pag.s 1085:18:40 to the agents of the 1.st & 4.th Regiments for the further purchase of Grain - a Letter from Mr. Maxwell Thompson referred for his report, an allowance of 5 Pag.s p.r month granted for the support of each of the Stallions on the Island of Deyst and Two Brothers. the allowances due to Major Kennedy to be paid to Mr. Kennedy on her

c Military Auditor General

Sir,

The Right Honorable the President in Council desires that directions may be given for compliance with the application of the Secretary to the Military Board to the amount of Pagodas 1085: 18: 40 for the provision of badges intended as an honorary reward to the native volunteers on the late intended expedition. This sum is to be carried

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to the Head of "expedition against Manilla"

The President in Council desires that an advance may be made to the agents for the Cavalry supplies to the 1st & 4th Native Regiments for the further purchase of Grain reported to be necessary, to the former 887 to the latter 630 pagodas.—

His Lordship in Council also directs that an advance of four hundred pagodas may be made to each of the agents for Cavalry Supplies on account of their salaries and current expences.—

I am directed to refer for your examination and report the inclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. Maxwell Thompson Surgeon.—

I am also directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 28th. Ultimo and 2d. Instant.—

The President in Council grants an allowance of five pagodas per month for the support of each of the three stallions and directs that this may be considered a fixed charge of the Studd at Dilpt.—

His Lordship in Council desires, that the difference of pay and allowances claimed by Mrs. Kennedy on account of her late husband may be paid on her lodging security to refund the amount if upon examination of the Amboyna accounts Major Kennedy should

appear

for lodging proper Security Major Vigors to be reimbursed his expences in Conveying a prisoner to the Presidency and an Allowance of half a Rupee pr. Day ordered to a Subadars family lately deserted his report desired on a Claim of Lieutenant Young to be reimbursed for the loss of his horse—

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7. appear to have drawn it already. —

The President in Council desires that the Paymaster at Angole may reimburse Lieutenant Colonel Vigors in the sum of Pagodas 12: 36. incurred by him in conveying a prisoner to the Presidency, and pay an allowance of half a Rupee perday for the support of a Subadars family, who lately deserted. —

I inclose Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding in Ceylon and am directed to desire you will report your opinion upon the application of Lieutenant young for a reimbursement for the loss of his horse according to the existing regulations. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort S. George
6. December 1797.

Sd Sygnd J. Webbe Jcy to Govt.

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c Members of the Military Board

To Military Board orders issued to advance the Amount of the Badges to be distributed to the Native Volunteers - the Gun Lascars and Native Pioneers not considered entitled to them: the proposed draft of an Advertizment for the provision of Gun Carriages published orders

Gentlemen,

We are happy to observe that the Badges intended for the Native Volunteers can be completed at so reasonable a rate, and desire that orders may be

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orders to be issued in regard to the Store of Grain at Tinnevelly referring a letter from the Commanding Officer of the Ceded Districts respecting money advanced the Engineer and one from Major General Floyd respecting repairs at Trichinopoly and the Cases of three superannuated Maistries. their report desired upon the expediency of retaining so many Maistries at the Presidency. —

be issued for finishing them according to the Statement you have laid before us. We shall accordingly instruct the Military Auditor General to comply with the application of your Secretary to the amount of Pagodas 1085: 18: 40 on this account.

We certainly concur with you that there is a great difference between the Volunteers of the different Native Corps and the Gun Lascars and Native Pioneers, and therefore think it might be injudicious to bestow an extra reward when no extraordinary sacrifice would have been made. —

Concurring in your opinion that the provision of Gun Carriages is most eligible by contract we have ordered that the advertisement which you have submitted to us may accordingly be published. —

We have authorized the advances which you recommend to the agents of Cavalry Supplies. —

We approve the regulations which you propose for landing Military Stores and provisions and have issued orders in consequence to the Beach Department. —

We desire that you will issue such

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orders as you may judge necessary in regard to the Store of Grain at Bellumcondah, but have no reason to suppose that the supply of the Bazars at that place is particularly defective. —

We refer for your examination copy of a letter from the Commanding Officer in the Ceded Districts with the original account of the Engineer therein mentioned. —

We refer for your report copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army relative to the repair of quarters at Trichinopoly, together with the cases of three Superannuated Maistries who are represented to have claims upon the Service —

We desire that you will investigate all the claims of the different Maistries, and particularly report upon the expediency of retaining so large an establishment at the Presidency.

We are,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servants

Fort St. George
6th December 1797.

Signed Hobart

&c Council

To

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir,

To Assistant Resident at Hydrabad desiring he will make a representation to the Nizam on the subject of the deserters entertained on Raymonds Corps - a Letter from the Commandant of Ongole on the subject enclosed - also statement of the sums paid at Madras on account of Pensions from 1790 to 1797.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to inclose for your information Copy of a Letter from the Commanding Officer at Ongole

The great desertion which has lately taken place from that Garrison and from the Guntoor Circar as well as the disaffection shewn by the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry upon being ordered to march from thence are alarming proofs of the prevailing influence established by the emissaries of Mons^r Raymond, and as the facts, stated by Lieutenant Colonel Vigors, amount to a demonstration of this intercourse, his Lordship is sanguine that you may be able to make such a representation upon the subject as, if not to prevent this very serious evil, at least to procure the delivery of the deserters, the native Officers in particular, who must be well known and whose treachery

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27th merits the most exemplary punishment.—

In conformity with your application of the 22d Ultimo a Statement of Sums paid at Madras on account of peishcush for the Northern Circars from February 1790 to October 1797, and will transmit — authenticated Copies of the Corresponding receipts — hereafter.

I am &c &c

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Signed J. Webbe Jr. to Govt.

To Sir Paul Joddrell Bart.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 27th Ultimo and to inform you that having — already made as forcible a representation to His Highness the Nabob upon your subject, as it was possible for his Lordship to do, the Right Honorable the President in Council despairs of any better success from a renewal of his application, and that having referred the whole of your case to the Honorable Court of Directors by the last dispatch, he must necessarily wait the result

To Sir Paul Joddrell advising him that the Court of Directors have been informed of his situation and that their orders for a final adjustment must be awaited offering to — advance him 100 Pags. pr. Month on Security.

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result of their orders for a final adjustment of your affairs mean while under the very peculiar circumstances of your situation his Lordship in Council is disposed to advance one hundred pagodas per month for your maintenance upon your personal security either to repay the amount upon the liquidation of your bond, or to grant a Mortgage upon the bound for the —— amount in the event of this transaction being —— disapproved by the Honorable Court —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe, Jr. to Govt.

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Received the following letter

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, seven Volumes of Geographical Observations, made in the Countries Ceded by Tippoo Sultaun They contain, 2150 Miles of principal roads, with remarks on the adjacent Country —— sufficiently

From Major Allan with 7 Volumes of Geographical observations in the Ceded Countries to be transmitted to the Court of Directors. —

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sufficiently minute for every Military purpose, and views — from nearly 100 different Stations from which, about 4000 Bearings have been taken, with a Ramsdens Theodolite, most of these corrected by azimuths of the Sun, which afford the means to determine many points of geographical importance, in Tippoo Sultaun's Dominions and to extend the survey, beyond the limits of the Ceded Countries. —

There are 14 Passes between Amboor and Rutengherry; but as a considerable extent of the Mountains, which separate the Balagaut from the Payengaut is in Tippoos' Dominions, he is thereby master of six of them, all those within our Boundary I have examined; six of which had not been previously explored. —

The course of that part of the Cavery which forms the Western Boundary, is ascertained, as also the — nature of the several fords, across that river, and the remainder of the Frontier line from the Cavery to Amboor is determined. —

As I trust it will be found, that these Volumes contain materials to form an accurate Map of the Barramahl and Ceded Countries North of the River Cavery, and may be considered of importance in a Military point of view, I request your Lordship will forward —

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forward them to the Honorable the Court of Directors. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Madras

December 7th 1797.

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed A. Allan

Dy. Sr. W. Gr.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Persian Translator in Bengal enclosing a Letter to the Nabob informing him of the Governor Generals intended Visit to Lucknow —

I have the honor to enclose a letter from the Honorable the Governor General to His Highness Omdat ul Omra, intimating his intention of proceeding to Lucknow, Copies in English and Persian are enclosed for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council. —

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Signed Claud. Russell

Actg. Pers. Trans.

Fort William

24th. November 1797.

To Omdut ul Omrah

Written 24th. November 1797.

As it has ever been usual in conformity to the Friendship subsisting between your Highness and the Company, to communicate intelligence of such

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8.th such intended Measures in this quarter as it is material to advise you of, agreeably thereto, I have the pleasure to inform you, that it is my intention to leave Calcutta for a short time and proceed to Lucknow. -

A true Copy

Sygnd Claud Russell

Actg. Pers.n to Genl.

9.th Recevied and sent the following letters

entered also in C. C. N.os 102. & 103. -

Translation from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c &c

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

Dated 9.th December } 1797

Recevied Do. Do. }

From the Nabob - requesting that 3 Companies may be sent against some Mutinous Sibbendies and that two Com- panies may be Stationed with him. -

About two hundred and fifteen Sibbun- dees having deserted from the place where they had been stationed, are marching hither, under pretence of demanding their pay plundering the villages as they pass along, intruding into the Pagodas of the Hindoos pillaging them of the Jewels of their Idols, sacrificing

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sacrificing, some times, their Cows, and perpetrating various enormities. They have seized upon the sum of 2500 Pag.s which was conveying hither to me, on account of the Company's Rist and they have also dishonoured the Wives of some Inhabitants.—

I sent some of my people to reason with this party, but their ignorance rendered them deaf to all persuasion, and in their audacity, they are marching hither.—

I have been informed by some of my Servants that, they will encamp to night on the further side of pully waram.—

I have therefore to request that your Lordship would have the goodness to send a detachment, immediately, of three Companies of Infantry, under a careful Officer, to pully waram, with orders to surround and subdue these Rebels, to seize and deprive them of their Arms, to make prisoners of such of them as my people may point out, and to send an escort with some of them, in company with my people, to Arcot.——

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I have further to request that your — Lordship would station two Companies of Infantry with myself, besides the three Companys above — required — for these insurgents entertain the infamous idea of assaulting me, and of plundering and robbing, and I should be desirous of retaining these two Companies till the disturbance be suppressed. —

What more should I write. —

A true translate. —

J Lynch A. Falconar

Sec. Fd. to Govt.

To His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c &c &c &c &c

May it please your Highness —

To the Nabob informing him that no Troops can be spared — against the Sibbendies but that one Company will be sent for his own protection. —

I have the honor to acknowledge the — receipt of your Highness's letter of this date informing me of the insurrection and enormities of a body of your Sibbendies, and requesting the assistance of three — Companies of Infantry to proceed against and subdue, the Insurgents and of two more, for the protection

of —

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of your Highness's person. —

Having detached from hence, but a few days ago, a Battalion of the 10th Regiment, there are no more Troops here at present than are necessary for the ordinary duties of the Garrison it will therefore be impracticable to send the detachment which your Highness solicits against the Rebels in question, but I have ordered a Company of Sepoys under the Command of a proper Officer, to protect your Highness's person, and should the approach of these seditious — Sibbundies or other Circumstances, render more assistance necessary, I shall upon your Highness's request, order the Company to be reinforced by a party of Europeans. —

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I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) Hobart

Received and Despatched the — undermentioned Letters entered in MB Vol. 26.

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From Mr. Tanner Bengal Cadet

From Mr. Tanner Bengal Cadet re:
questing an advance of Cash. —

From Major George Ure. acknowledging

From Major George Ure.

the receipt of Letter appointing him to the Command
of Condapilly. —

From Ensign H. H. Bainbridge of his Majestys 19th Regiment

From Lieutenant Bambrige of his
Majestys 19th Regiment Foot, requesting to be allowed
full Batta in consequence of his being in —
charge of a party of recruits. —

To Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue desiring their
report on a Claim of the Rajah of Tanjore to two
towns in the Manargoody Soubah. —

To Major General Sydenham desiring

To the Military Auditor General

that an advance of 20 Pags be made to Mr. Tanner.
Bengal Cadet, Captain Arthur Gibbins appointed —
Muster Master in the Baramahal vice Corner

To Mr. John Golding-ham

To Mr. Goldingham desiring that Copies
may be made of Seven Volumes Geographical —
observations on the Barramahal. —

To Captain Allan of the Corps of Guides

To Major Allan, his geographical
Surveys in the Baramahal will be recommended
to the Court of Directors. —

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Received the following Letters

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Military Auditor General reporting on Mr Surgeon Thompson's Account of Arrears of pay and on Lieutenant Young's application to be reimbursed for a Horse Killed on Service. —

Agreeably to the Instructions conveyed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 6th instant, I have examined the enclosed Bill from Mr. Surgeon Thompson for Arrears of Pay and Allowances, and find it to be correctly stated. It may be proper to observe that his first Suspension of 6 Months expired on the 11th September 1796, from which time until the publication of the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors under date 10th September 1795 extending that Suspension for two years longer, he drew his Pay &c to the Amount of Pagodas 735. 527. 20 which sum has been accordingly deducted from the Total Arrears — due to him from the 11th September 1796. to the — 1st November 1797 inclusive, leaving a Balance in his favor of Pagodas five hundred and forty nine, two hundred and forty four Fanams and forty Cash (Pagodas 549. 244-40)

With respect to the application of — Lieutenant and Adjutant young of the Bombay Grenadiers to be reimbursed for a Horse lost upon Service

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12th Service on the Island of Ceylon, I beg leave to offer it as
my opinion that agreeably to the spirit of the Regulations
established by your Lordship in Council in the month of
March last, for granting a Compensation to Officers for
the loss of Horses &c. on actual Service, Lieutenant young
appears to be entitled to the Sum of Pagodas 125 for the
Horse which he lost by an accident when employed
on active Service as stated in Brigadier General De
Meurons' Letter to Government of the 15th Ultimo. -

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

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
12th December 1797.

Sgd W. Sydenham
Military Aud. Gent.

Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Colonel Shaw, advising the return of the detachment to Prince of Wales's Island the troops relanded some temporary Staff appointments made in great want of money-

Captain Clarke having this moment intimated to me his intention of despatching the — Intrepid, Armed Vessel, for Madras before his return from a cruise on which he is about to proceed in Course of this day I embrace the first opportunity that has offered of reporting to your Lordship that

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that the Convoy with the 1st. Division of the Troops intended for the Expedition against Manilla, which had sailed from hence for Madras in consequence of the Expeditions being countermanded on the 25th. of September - was obliged to put back after an unsucces=ful attempt to reach the Coast before the change of the Monsoon, and came to an anchor in Penang Roads on the 13th. of October. The native Troops and Public followers that had suffered much distress from being so long confined in a crouded situation on board Ship, were landed and encamped as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made, and every attention has been paid to their comfort and accommodation on shore - Hospitals have been provided for the sick, and materials for the Sepoys to hut themselves as the rainy season had commenced before the return of the Fleet to this Place and I have the satisfaction to find that the sick lists are daily decreasing - the Europeans (excepting the sick) have been distributed so as to be well accommodated on board the Transports, where they are amply supplied with fresh Provisions and Vegetables, and free from the Temptations of the Shore from the

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confused situation in which I found the Camp equipage, and stores in consequence of the various removals that had taken place, and a great part of them having been landed and remaining on shore not in the best order, I was obliged to appoint an acting Deputy Quarter Master General, and also a few other temporary Staff-Appointments which appeared to me to be for the good of the Service, and therefore I trust will not be disapproved of by Government with much difficulty I have prevailed upon Captain Clarke who certainly cannot be accused of being too lavish of the Cash with which he is entrusted, to advance some Dollars for the relief of our pressing necessities as there is neither money nor credit to be procured here from the information I have received from the Captain of the probable duration of his proposed Cruise, and other Circumstances, I imagine that the Convoy will not finally depart from hence before the Middle of December. —

I have the honor to remain

with the great respect

&c &c

Prince of Wales' Island 13th November 1797.

/ Signed Robt. Shawe Lieut. Colonel
Comdg 1st Division of the troops. —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel D. Campbell advising his Arrival at Malacca with 2 Companies 1st. Division 2d Regiment European Infantry.—

I have the honor to communicate to you for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that, in conformity with the orders of Government delivered to me at Prince of Wales's Island by Major General St. Leger I to proceed with two Companies of the 1st. Division 2d. Regiment to Malacca, and form a part of the Garrison, I arrived here on the 13th. instant.—

Malacca
14th. October 1797.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
Obedt. Servt.
Signed D. Campbell Lt. Col.
1st. Division 2d. Reg.t. Infantry

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel D. Campbell advising his having assumed the Command of Malacca.—

I have the honor to communicate to you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council that the Command of the Fort and Garrison of Malacca has this day devolved upon me, in consequence of Colonel Folson the Commanding Officer,

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Officer having proceeded to the Coast for the recovery of his health.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Malacca
27.th October 1797.

Signed D. Campbell Lieut.t Col.t
1.st Division 2.d Reg.t N. Infantry

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MS Nos. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37 & 38.

From Captain Griffin requesting payment of

From Captain Griffin

the Arrears of Pay due to him

From Mr. Drudge enclosing an Account of

From the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Victorious

Officers belonging to His Majestys 12.th Regiment and the Royal Artillery embarked on the Victorious in August and requesting Payment of the usual allowances.

From D.o enclosing accounts for Victualling

From D.o D.o

Troops at different times on board the Victorious since the 17.th August.—

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane

From the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India

requesting an order for one of the Indiamen to take on board for Calcutta 20 Hogs-heads Salt Beef and 22 D.o Salt Pork for His Majesty's Ships

From Lieutenant Colonel Dunlop

From the Commandant at Cochin

Acknowledging receipt of the intelligence respecting the

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12. the two French frigates. -

From the Acting Resident at Mysore. -

From Mr. Dyne to the same effect -

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 12th December 1797

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falloofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved

Read the following letter from Poona.

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah Ragojee Bhonsla returns to Nagpour his Nephew said to be disgusted and to have solicited an employment under Doudet Row Scindia Tippoo Vackeels hath within the Maratta Territories the Troops

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of

Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the Honor to enclose, for your Lordship's

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Troops destined against Colabba still remain at the Ghauts. Encloses Copy of his Letter to the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad specifying several instances of the perfidious Conduct of that Court.

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Lordships' Information, Extracts of my two last Addresses to the Governor General, and Copy of my Letter of this Date to the Assistant at Hydrabad.—

I have the Honor to be

very respectfully

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General, Dated Poona 25th November 1797.

I have Intelligence that on the 7th instant Ragojee Bhonsla returned to Naugpore from his religious Excursion to Ramtaig, and that it was in agitation to dispatch his Nephew Gujaba Gujes to Poona, but the Object of his Mission is not mentioned, nor the Strength of the Party that was to accompany him.—

There is a Rumour here, that Abdulla Beg and Ruzza ally Beg, Tippoo's Vakeels lately in this Quarter, have halted within the Maratta Territories, at some Place in the Possession of the

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Rasla Family. It appears to me rather improbable that the persons in Question should make any long Halt in the Maratta Country, and the present Intelligence is rendered the more improbable from the Introduction of the Name of the Rasla Family, who are now thought to be rather unfavorably disposed toward Tippoo on account of his having transferred the Management of his affairs with the Marattas from that Family to the Family of the late Hurry Punt Furkia. Having employed People to watch the Motions of Tippoo's Vakeels, and report the same to me, I may shortly expect some authentic Information on this Point. -

Sindeas Troops, destined against Coldaba, had not yesterday advanced beyond the Ghauts. -

Extract of another Letter, from the Same to the Same,

Dated Poona 25.th November 1797.

My latest intelligence from Naugpore intimates, that the cause of Gujaba Gujers projected journey to Poona, mentioned in my last address, is disgust at the conduct toward him of his uncle Ragoje Bhonsla,

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and it is mentioned, with some confidence, that he has even written to Doulut Row Sindea, soliciting some employment under him. -

Sindea's troops, destined against Colabba, were yesterday still at the Ghaut, about two thirds of the distance between Poona and Colabba, where it was said, they had halted, by order from this quarter. -

True Extracts

Signed J. Uhthoff

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant at Hydrabad

Sir,

I have already had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant. -

You express a wish that I would point out the period to which I allude of the interested and perfidious conduct of the Court of Hyderabad and of the rumours that have been in circulation in your quarter of a connexion between Tippoo Saheb and the French, inimical to us, To which, I have to reply, that

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that such conduct and such rumours appear to me to have been very general for near a year and a half past, in proof of which, I beg leave to refer to the correspondence of your Residency throughout the whole of that period, as well during the presence, as in the absence, of Major Kirkpatrick You likewise express an opinion, that my reflection on the interested-ness and insidiousness of the Court of Hydrabad is unfounded.

I shall endeavour to confine the present discussion within as narrow bounds as possible, for the purpose of saving trouble to you and our Superiors, and beg leave to submit to your own perception and judgement, what can have been the motives and objects of the Court of Hydrabad in the affair of Medina, or Muane Saheb who according to our information made his appearance at Hydrabad about a year and a half ago in a clandestine manner as a Secret Agent from Tippoo Sultaun charged with a commission of the most inveterately inimical nature toward us some times with, and some times without the cooperation of the French which

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which as far as the mysteriousness of such a mission can be developed, has been corroborated by the assurances to us of Azim ul Omra and Meer Allum and the general tenor of the large mass of intelligence, which you have collected respecting him through secret channels. This man is still suffered to reside at the Court of Hydrabad under the same mysterious circumstances, replete with contradictions, excepting on the point of rancour toward us and has frequent private audiences and intercourse, by message with Azim ul Omrah, Imtiazud Dowlah &c.a the whole tenor of which, through which ever of the two above mentioned channels the intelligence reaches us, is invariably pretended to be hostile to us with little or nothing of that kind of intercourse, which might reasonably be expected between two foreign States at peace as Nizam Ally Khan and Tippoo Saheb have been during the whole of the period in question. To this conduct, on the part of the Court of Hydrabad becoming toward us, the whole tenor of whose Conduct toward that Court has been conformable to engagement, friendship, and equity, and not without many traits of favor and indulgence, It doubtless merits, and would probably draw forth

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our severest reprehension were it not, indeed, that our Superiors seem to have discerned, through the veil of mystery in which Meedina Sahebs mission is enveloped, something of the interestedness and insidiousness of the Court of Hydrabad and the impotence of both that Court and the Court of Seringapatam. still however these incessant intimations of danger to us from Tippoo Saheb and the French, to which the cooperation of the Court of Hydrabad has been occasionally added have kept our Superiors in a state of solicitude, not to say alarm very embarrassing, vexatious, and prejudicial, amidst their other numerous important avocations, which it has been the object of this residency to endeavour to dispel, by the exhibition of Matters of fact, and appearances in this quarter tending to inspire national confidence in our security These points were very fully discussed between Major Kirkpatrick and Sir Charles Malet, in December, January, and February last, and though we have during the whole period of eighteen months past, enjoyed the most perfect security, alarming rumours of danger to us still

still continue afloat in your quarter.

If it be necessary to specify another strong trait of insidiousness and interestedness in the conduct of the Court of Hydrabad toward us I would beg leave to call to your notice the voluminous intelligence you have collected respecting intrigues between the French and your Court without the participation of Tippoo. If this intelligence or the major part of it be authentic, the Court of Hydrabad have acted, not only with interestedness and insidiousness toward us but also with enmity and treachery If not authentic, is it not corroborative of the idea of insidi-ousness and interestedness, either in your Court or in your intelligencers that such rumours have been thus propagated.

If it be asked, what may have been the motive or object of the Court of Hydrabad in such conduct, I beg leave to submit to you, whether it may not be in some degree at least, referrible to that extreme solicitude, which has been incessantly displayed for many years past by your Court to form between us a general offensive and defensive alliance partly of late, for the purpose of coercing Tippoo Saheb particularly in the affair of Kurnool, but

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Another point, intimately connected with the alarm of danger to us Tippoo Saheb and the French is the force of the Sultan that has been stationed near Gooty for about a year and a half past, on which I beg to submit to you a few reflections that have occurred to me. May not

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use of the explanation of his Military preparations that was required last year by the allies, and also of the exhorta=tions to warlike measures frequently committed to writing by your residency meant by you, I know, as defensive, against the eventual aggression of Tippoo but of which Your Court may have made a very different use, to suit its own purposes, with Tippoo himself or his agents or adherents at Hydrabad when Tippoo a few months back encreased his troops in the Gooty quarter and threatened with more earnestness than ever to enforce his claims on Kurnool, your Court had again recourse to the expedient of calling upon him in the name of the allies for an explanation of his Military preparations Tippoo at length wearied out by the apprehensions instilled into him by the Court of Hydrabad and having occasion for his troops in other parts of his dominions may have recalled them from the frontier station of Gooty. There they must have been at an unusually great expence, from their full establishment of equipment for actual Service which might eventually have been of an im=portant and extensive nature.

I presume not to develope accurately the mysterious and complicated points of Medina Saheb, the suspected intrigues of the French with Tippoo and

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the Nizam and Tippoo's Armament in the Gooty quarter
but with due deference and diffidence submit to you
the above reflections on those points, which seem as far
as they go / for they are not meant to embrace the
whole of those extensive subjects / to be as rational as
any that have occurred to me, or come to my
knowledge from other quarters, and which I shall be
very happy to correct, by matters of fact, or the
suggestions of the judgement of others, less fallible
than my own. —

Most heartily do I wish, in promotion of
honesty and frankness in politics in general, and of the
particular welfare both of the Company and Nizam ally
that the idea of interestedness and insidiousness in
the conduct of the Court of Hydrabad may prove un-
-founded. —

As you have furnished the Presidencies
of Fort St. George and Bombay with Copy of your
Letter to me, to which this is an answer, it seems
incumbent on me to submit to them also Copy of
this Letter, which however, I shall do with reluctance,
as troubling them on points which can hardly be
interesting or acceptable, and which, I am some what
apprehensive

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Apprehensive, may involve further useless controversy between the Residencies of Hyderabad and Poona, in bar of which, I beg leave to submit to you, that our subsequent discussions, should any be requisite, be confined to that point, most truly important to us, Viz.t Whether, or not, or in what degree the British power in India has danger to apprehend now or soon, from Tippoo Sultaun or the French jointly, or separately, with, or without the cooperation of the Courts of Poona or Hyderabad — or both. In the course of discussing this important point, I have felt it my duty to glance at the circumstance, that the — Rumours on this subject, which reach us from — Hyderabad may be suspected of coming through some native channels interested and insidious, your exception to which has drawn forth, very reluctantly on my part, this exposition thereof, very painful to me, on many considerations.

Poona
25.th November 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed F. Uhthoff

True Copy
Signed F. Uhthoff

Ordered

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Minute thereon.

Ordered to be sent in circulation.—

Read the following letters from

Hydrabad

J. Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir,

Herewith I enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, an Extract of my Address of this date to the Honorable the Governor General.—

I am

&.c &.c

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad the Talooks of Raing hur, Yelgundel, and Kullungoor delivered to Mr. Singlas States the numbers of all sorters from the Company's Troops entered into Raymond Corps and the importance of removing him from Kummuem—

Hyderabad

30. November 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hydrabad to the Honorable the Governor General dated 30.th November 1797.

"3.d Since I had last the honor of addressing you, the Minister has thought proper to entrust the Talooks of Raing hur, Yelgundel, and

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and Kullungoor to the charge of M.r Singlas by a
Aumaunee tenure. These Districts lie to the Northward
of Hydrabad from whence their southern Borders
may be distant sixty Cos. Stretching from thence to
the Banks of the Godavery their present aggregate
clear annual Revenue (exclusive of Jaghirs and
Enaum Lands) does not exceed six Lacks of
Rupees, though their Jummâ Kaumil appears by
a reference to the Dufter Records to have been
upwards of Eighteen, and they are said to have
yielded only a few years back under the manage-
ment of the Father of the late Shadasheva Reddy,
between ten and Eleven. they are devided from
Khummummait by the District of Warangole, a
tender of which also was certainly made at the
same time to M.r Singlas, though subsequently
retracted by the Minister, moved thereto, it may be
presumed, by some timely representation of M.r
Raymond, in whose possession it has been ever
since the rebellion of Ali Jah. you will recollect
Honorable Sir, that at my visit of the 9.th ultimo

Azim

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Azim ul Omrah offered very unreservedly and utterly uncalled for on my part to deprive Raymond of that district a — Battalion of Mr. Finglay's party with two Guns, will — march from hence in a few days to take possession of the Countries thus entrusted to his charge."

5th It is proper I should inform you, Honorable Sir, that six hundred recruits arrived on the 25th Instant in Mr. Raymond's lines from Khummum and that I have since learned by means of emissaries whose Reports I have some reliance upon that no less than one Subadar and one Jemadar, one Havildar and three hundred and thirty of our Sepoys, deserters from Angole and Guntoor, go to compose the above stated — Number. my information further states, that five hundred more new Levies are shortly expected by Raymond from the same quarter, composed in a great measure also of deserters from the Company's Sepoys. The conve= =nient situation of Khummum for the purpose of obtaining recruits as well as for inveigling European soldiers from the Company's Territories, has long — since been noticed to you, Honorable Sir, by Major Kirkpatrick, and it is this circumstance indeed, — which renders the possession of it so peculiarly important

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to Mr. Raymond whose troops are principally Composed of natives of the Carnatic or Circars this deprivation of this district of which I am happy to think there is still the same prospect, announced to you in the 7th. Paragraph of my address of the 18th. instant, would no doubt therefore be a great inconvenience as well as loss to him, but I am by no means clear that we shall derive all the advantage possible from the more dispossession of Raymond as long as that Convenient Avenue to Guntoor and the Carnatic remained in the least degree open to him, which it could scarcely fail of being, while in the possession of any chieftain of this State. Could the Minister indeed, be prevailed upon to confer the charge of this district also upon Mr. Finglas the serious evil above detailed, would no doubt be greately remedied, but the most effectual remedy of all would perhaps be, the stationing the detachment in that province though this is a measure which Azim ul Omrah is likely to have serious objections to under the great precariousness of the Nizams existence should it be your pleasure however, Honorable Sir, that the proposal

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proposal be made to him, no season could perhaps be more favorable to the attempt than the present, from the Circumstances stated in the foregoing Paragraph."—

A true Extract

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad the Nizam requests the surrender of some fugitive Zemindars thinks this a favorable opportunity to demand the Deserters in Raymonds Corps.—

It has been signified to me by Azim ul Omrah, that certain Zemindars of the Province of Khurpah in whom he claims as Defaulters to this Government, have taken refuge in the District of Seondy, a Dependency, I believe, of his Highness the Nabob of Arcot. At the Ministers express application therefore, I have the honor to address these few lines to your Lordship in Council, to request your good offices with the Nabob of Arcot for the delivery of the fugitives in question, to such of his Highness the Nizams officers as may be sent to identify them. The following are the names of the two principal fugitive Zemindars

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Zemindars as transmitted hither by Muzuffer ul Mulk the Talookdar of Kurpah. —

Ramakah and Paupanah } Zemindars of Hummunt Kundum —

Peersoomallah, and Nursapoor Kulpare

"While addressing your Lordship on this subject, it may not be improper to advert to the very offensive and detrimental Conduct held towards us for a length of time past, and especially in a recent and most glaring instance, by a Mr. Raymond a Chieftain of this state, the particulars of which I had the honor of submitting to the Supreme Government in my address of the 30th Ultimo, and in Extract to your Lordship in Council in my Letter to Mr. Secretary Webb under the same date, as I have great reason to be apprehensive that any bare application on my part to this Court for the delivery of the Deserters spoken of in that Extract would be attended with no other effect, however fully I might identify them, than that of inducing Mr. Raymond to remove them perhaps to some other part of the Country, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship in Council, whether the

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the present may not be a favorable opportunity for giving weight to any demand I may eventually make for the surrender of these men, by hinting to this Court — that your Lordship's ready acquiescence in the — Ministers present and future similar applications — will depend much on the measures he may take on his part, to oblige Mr. Raymond to deliver up these Deserters from the Company's Services —

I have the honor to be,

with great respect. —

Hydrabad
2 December 1797.

&c &c

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

P. S. The first paragraph of this Letter, will be presented to your Lordship in Council under a distinct Form by some Officer of Muzzuffer ul Mulk, the Minister having required a Copy from me for the purpose. —

Resolved that the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad be instructed to acquaint Azim ul Omrah in Answer to his application that this Government feel every disposition to comply with his wishes, and will use their endeavours that the Zemindars of the Kurpah district

c Minute of the Board thereon

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district, who may have taken refuge within the Nabob's territories may be delivered up to Muzeffer ul Mulk upon the principles of friendship established between the two States. At the same time the Board trust that Captain Kirkpatrick will take this occasion of enforcing the representation, which he has been desired to make upon the subject of the desertions from the Northern Districts, and, as this is an evil of the greatest magnitude, resolved to desire that the Residents application to the Minister may be explicit, and Azem ul Omrah made to understand that the exertions of this Government to comply with his wishes will be entirely guided by the efforts he may make to restore the deserters from our Army.

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From the Resident at Tanjore represents the Case of a rich Widow plundered by order of the Rajah forwards a protection of some inhabitants of Karical relative to the Grievances they experience the Rajah discontinues an Allowance to the Church there. —

Sir,

Fort St. George

I request you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honorable the President in Council that I have been endeavoring to procure authentic

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Authentic particulars of a most notorious and oppressive Act of Injustice committed, as is said by the Rajah's Order, against a rich Widow, who sought refuge in this Country after her husband's Death at Seringapatam – The principal Adviser and Instrument in executing this Plunder is Visnoovaa Iyah the Rajah's head Circarrah, who was assisted by one of the principal Cowelgars of the Country.

The Amount of which she has been plundered is stated at 80,000 Pagodas in Money and Jewels – I have authentic Information of a quantity of Jewels being brought into the interior of the Palace about the time of the Plunder – part of the Wealth is stated to remain for the present in Charge of the Cowelgar.

The Widow is I understand detained in the House of a principal person in the Vicinity of Tanjore which prevents her applying for Relief.

The fact of Visnoovaa Iyah having plundered her House is notorious to all here – indeed he is the man who executes all Services of this Nature when the Rajah requires Money,

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as is instanced in his Conduct when charged with the Manargoody Collections which I formerly laid before Government.—

I have received a Petition signed by all the Principal Inhabitants of the 4 Maganums of Karical Complaining of various Grievances suffered by them from the Rajah's Managers— I shall state the Complaints to his Excellency and endeavour to persuade him to redress them if they are well founded.—

In one instance not long since, the Rajah has been totally inattentive to my representations on the subject of a small allowance to the Church at Karical which was regularly paid in the Time of the French Government, there and also under the Company's Management as has been certified to me by W.m Toriano.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Tanjore
3. December 1797

/ Signed / Alex.r Macleod

Resident

To

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To Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Resident &c &c

Tanjore

Honored Sir,

We the undermentioned Inhabitants of the Four Maganums, before dependent on Karical, Petition your Honor very Humbly.

Saying

That for to insure the Happiness of the Inhabitants, and to maintain between them, a good understanding, the French had occupied themselves, To Establish Regulations for Cultivation and raised the Customs of Dominions, and of the Inhabitants at 42½ pr Cent each, and 15 pr Cent for the General Expences upon the Receipt of the Produce of Paddy.-

After the Honorable English Company, had taken possession of that Country in the year 1793 these Regulations, have been approved of Confirmed, and Published by the beat of Tum Tum, and which has been exactly observed by all their Collectors.

In the year 1796 the Honorable English Company Ceded the 4 Maganums, to the Rajah of Tanjore, who thereupon sent Vardaraja mooddeliar and Vengadasalayen, thereof

thereof to take possession, and to Manage all affairs, with a Condition, To leave the Inhabitants enjoy undisturbed, their Rights, and Priviledges, which they had under the administration of the honorable Company; the two first months, the said Vardrassa Moodelias, and Vangadassalayen seemed To follow, the said Regulations but soon after they neglected them, and in recovering the Balance due by the Inhabitants, and Settled by M. Torriano, himself, they preferred their personal Interest to that of the Rajah of Tanjore abused that small authority, which that Prince had given them, and have often taken recourse to Acts of Cruelty, at last these 4 Maganums were delivered by the Rajah of Tanjore, to the said Vardarassa Moodelias and Vangadasalayen as Farmers, they ought to furnish their Security, Contribute to the advances, without Interest, by their own Industry, as also to the Expences, watch over the Cultivation and to Maintain the same in the beginning of June, or July, and leave us in the enjoyment of the Rights allowed us by the said Regulations, but very far, To conform themselves thereto, they introduced Innovations use and Profits.

These Tyrants to Industry, prohibited all Civil Laws and obliged some of the Inhabitants to become their Security, and make them give them bonds upon Interest at 3% Cent for the advances, which they had made

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To the Inhabitants, and which served only in part to assist them in paying the Expences for Government, with one word they employed Torture and fetters. To make them cultivate until October, and November Grounds which only are proper to be cultivated in June, July, August, and September. —

The Said Vardaraja Moodeliar, and Vangadasalayen, without binding themselves to the Articles of the Form, ordered imperiously the Inhabitants, to pass them Conventions, but more properly said, Farms of Paddy according to the Example, and imitation to those who live under the Diet of Tanjore: for 200735 Gallums of Paddy, fixed upon by Daber* which is the amount of Produce of the 4 Maganums, and they take upon themselves, To — extort, these Conventions even from the Proprietor of several Villages, under the Pretence of Titles of Concessions. —

The Overseers, who, are dispersed over all measured the Paddy of the Produce with a loss of 10 P.r C.t and transport it by the Inhabitants into General Granaries, where, from the new measures which have been made, other losses still more considerable are to be sustained. —

Not being content with the gain which results from the measure which they had made, they gave it over, and augmented the estimation of Paddy

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* meaning the Dobbier

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50 ℔r Cent, and will now sell it to the Inhabitants at 3 Gold fanams, ℔r Gallon even when the just Price thereof is only 2 f.ns alt. ready, now several of Your Complainants, are under Guards of Sepoys, and threatened to be put in Irons. —

The greatest part of the Proprietors of Villages and Territories, to whom their Property are assured by authentick Title deeds, and Sentences of which they are themselves, the Bearers, and which they have acquired in a legal Manner, are thereby deprived by the Arbitrary Power of Farmers who for four * Ounces of Money, sacrifice every × Velly of Property To those of whom they receive such Money. —

* Ounces

× Vayley the measure of Land

Thus situated, Honored Sir. and as Vardarajsa Moodeliar, and Vengadasalayen, do not contribute, neither to the advances, nor to the general Expences, we beg that the Farm, for the four Maganums may be given to your Petitioners, at the same rate, as Vardarasamoo=deliar and Vangadasalayer hold it now, or to order that the Farm for 200.. 735 Gallons of Paddy be established, in order that the Money due to the

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Government thereof may be received agreeable to a Tax fixed for the Produce of Myaveram* In case His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore should not wish to agree as neither of our Demands, we, than beg that you will establish a Diet or Regie* agreeable to the above mentioned Regulations, which Kindness will never be forgot by those who have the honor to subscribe themselves.

Honored Sir

&c. &c.

Signed by Eighteen principal Inhabitants

A true Copy

Signed Alexr. Macleod

Resident

* The four Maganums were originally part of that Soubah

* This is I believe a French Term for Finance

Karrikall
28th. Novr. 1797.

Minute thereon

Until the Board are furnished with specific and authenticated information upon the subject of Mr. Macleod's letter it will be impossible for them to take any measures for the redress of a "rich widow" at Tanjore. Resolved therefore to direct the Resident to make enquiries into the particulars of the fact and state the grounds of his belief that the outrage has been committed by the Rajah.

Read the following letter from the Agent

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Agent for Transports.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Kempt stating his proceedings as agent for transports at Penang. —

I beg leave to lay before your Lordship, a Journal of my proceedings, since arriving at this place, and altho' my endeavours to complete my mission has not succeeded, I trust in my conduct, no want of zeal for the Service will appear. —

The fleet under the Convoy of the Victorious with all the Coast troops, sailed, and was clear of this Harbor the 25th. Ultimo, as at same time General St. Leger with the Bengal Armed Indiamen. —

The La Sybelle, Ceres and Earl Talbot Indiamen that did not get clear before the 2d. the — Talbot having got on Shore on a Sand in the South Channel without receiving damage, only obliged to be lightened. — The Trident with the Asia, Albion, and Nottingham the Company's China Ships proceeded on to Malacca, to wait the arrival of Captain Cooke. —

The greatest part of the Marine — Battalion under the Command of Major Hamilton sailed the 9th. instant protected by the Non-such Armed

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Armed cruizer join the Nancy and Chichester — the last Ship on representation, General St. Leger thought it better to appoint her to this Service, than hazard any thing by sending her to the Eastward. —

The Amboyna fleet with H. M. Sloop, Hobart, consisting of the Triton, Bucking field Hall, Union and Munster Late sailed the 23d instant with such Supplies, as I could collect, part of the essential Kind — detained for the use of the Coast Troops since their return on the 13th instant viz. Ghee and Arrack — the substituting a Ship for the Atlantic ordered on the Amboyna — Service, was in consequence of the necessary expedition — used in dispatching the Coast fleet, as shifting that — Ship would have caused much delay. —

The opportunity, which I have embraced, of laying this statement before your Lordship, is by the Minerva proceeding to Bengal with the remaining part of the Marine Battalion, commanded by Lieute. =nant Deacon, this Detachment should have sailed for their Destination, about the 15th instant, in the — Busbridge, she being detained here to repair a Leak, that sprung out on the passage over, and having secured this Defect, the return of the Coast fleet, caused the Exchange to take place in these Ships.

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Ships destination.

The State the Amboyna Supplies were in by the Transhipping, landing and reshipping, made it necessary to appoint some person to superintend the Delivery and with the approbation of Captain Clarke, I have sent Mr. Thomas Dunning Leppiatt on with an Allowance of Sicca Rupees 200 P. month. He is a man of some Knowledge in shipping, and came from the Coast with me to assist, and I cannot doubt but his Zeal and experience will serve the Company's interest, on the unloading of these Ships, By both ascertaining the Quantity and quality of the provision which Circumstances I have been, I could not accomplish here.

Permit me, My Lord, before concluding this unconnected Narrative, to assure your Lordship, I have acted in all things with zeal, and to the best of my abilities, and that I may have an opportunity of receiving my Judgement, from your Lordship, to whom I hold myself alone responsible, I am therefore resolved to return to the Coast with the fleet under the Command of Captain Clarke, conceiving the Lascelles only a secondary consideration

when

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when compared with my future Credit in life.-

I have the honor to remain with

the most profound respect.-

&c &c &c

(Signed) Francis Kempt

Prince of Wales's Island 29th October 1797.

Resolved that directions be sent to the Military Board for landing the Military Stores and provisions arrived on the Ships from Pinang accord-ing to the Regulations.-

* Minute of the Board respecting the distribution of Ships employed on the late expedition against Manilla.-

Resolved that the Princess Mary and Atlantic be dispatched to Bombay for the purpose of conveying the drafts from his Majesty's 72d. Regiment for the 77th to the other Coast.

The Commander in Chief is requested to order returns of the troops and Officers about to be sent to Bengal, Trincomale, Columbo, and Bombay to be sent into the Secretary's Office.-

Resolved that the Eliza Ann be dispatched to Columbo with as much Bengal undamaged rice as she may be able to contain; together with such Stores and provisions, as may appear from the latest returns, to be necessary at that place.-

Read

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Military Board, report on Lieutenant Colonel Wahab's application for Tent allowance for the 2d Division of 2d European Regiment propose a plan for supplying the Revenue Corps with Camp Equipage, recommend an Advance to the Agent for Supplies of the 3d Regiment Cavalry and Payment of a Bill of the Agent of Supply recommend that the artificers employed by the late Contractors for Gun Carriages be taken into the Company's Pay for the present.

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Governments' Letter of the 22d instant, referring to our Report Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Wahab applying for Tent allowance to be granted to the Officers of the 2d Division 2d Regiment, on which subject we beg leave to state that, although some consideration appears to be due to those Officers from the circumstances, under which they accomplished their late March from, and to Masulipatam, during the heighth of the Monsoon without a sufficient equipment of Tents, yet, adverting to the general usage of the Service, We do not conceive ourselves warranted to recommend their having Tent allowance granted to them, such allowance having been hitherto confined to the Officers, who served with the Nizams Detachment.

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In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's —
Letter of the 25th instant. We have the honor to submit
our opinion that, as it has already been determined
that Revenue Corps shall not be supplied with
Camp Equipage except under the express order of
Government, such Camp Equipage, or Stores, as may
be required for the Service of those Corps should be
furnished from the nearest Magazine; and that the
Secretary of our Board do include in the Quarterly
Statements to the Accountant General the amount
thereof, in order that it may be debited to the proper
Head, and the Military Board have credit —
Accordingly. —

The Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the
3d Regiment Native Cavalry having reported to us
that Sixty two (62) Garce, One hundred and thirty
three (133) Mercalls. and twelve (12) Seers. of Gram
remain to be delivered to that Corps on the Contract
for the present year approved by Government, for
the payment of which he has requested an advance
of Pagodas 3553 it being the amount thereof at —
57 Pagodas per Garce. We in consequence recom-
=mend that an advance to the Honorable Captain

&c.

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S.r Leger of Pagodas 1776. 12:- on that account be im-
mediately authorized, and an equal Sum on the
delivery of the Grain being completed.

The Agent of Supply having laid before
us the accompanying Bill amounting to Pagodas
2185: 6: 50. for Articles of Military Store supplied by
him on extra Indents passed by Our Board for
the late projected Expedition, and for other necessary
purposes. We accordingly recommend the payment
thereof upon its being supported by the Vouchers
prescribed by the Regulations.

Having received from the Agent to
the Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors a Letter, copy of
which is enclosed, recommending the retaining in the
Company's Pay after the expiration of the present
Contract and until another shall be entered upon,
the Artificers detailed therein, and as it is evidently
an object of importance that the Services of Men
who have been regularly bred to the work in
question should be secured, as well as that it
appears they can be usefully employed in the
Arsenal in the mean time, We accordingly
beg leave to recommend that the Agent's
suggestion

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suggestion in this respect be adopted so soon as he shall have completed the work in hand.—

We have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

Geo: Harris

Patrick Ross

Thomas Geils

W. Sydenham

Jn. Richardson

By Close

Fort St. George
30th November 1797.

Signed

Captain Fredk. Pierce

Secretary to the

Military Board

Sir,

I request you will inform the Military Board that the Contract for Gun Carriages &c expires on the 7th of the ensuing Month, and that all the work I have on hand will be finished nearly about that time, when I shall discharge the Artificers &c, I beg leave to submit to the Board the propriety of their being employed in the Arsenal, in the Company's pay, from the expiration

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expiration of the Contract, untill a new Contract shall have been entered into or some other plan fixed upon for the provision of Gun Carriages &c. as, upon whatever plan Government may determine, the artificers I now speak of, will I conceive be indispensably necessary from their knowledge of that peculiar work they consist of

		Pr. M.		
1 Head Maistry Carpenter at	10. 30	Pr. Mo.	10.	30. "
1 2d Do.	Do.	Do. at 5	Pr. Do.	5. "
12 of the best Cooly Carpenters at 6 fanams Pr. day each or Pr. Month of 30 days				2160. "
1 Head Maistry Iron Smith, at	10. 30	Pr. Mo.	10.	30. "
10 of the best Cooly Iron Smiths at 6 fans Pr. day each, Pr. Month of 30 days				1,800. "
		Pagodas	25.	4020. "

the Monthly expence does not exceed Pagodas 120. and will not be of long duration, It cannot indeed be calculated as an expence, the Maistrys excepted, as from the quantity of Work Constantly going on at the Arsenal, the others can be usefully employed.

The Work yard is also a matter of Consideration, being the only place in the Black Town fit for the purpose, and Likely, if vacated, to

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to be immediately taken, as convertible, at a trifling comparative expence to the advantage likely to accrue from it, into spacious Godowns, and situated in the vicinity of several large houses which will probably be taken for Shops. Its monthly rent is 45 Pagodas. —

Sam, &c &c

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28th November 1797

Signed Cecil Smith
Agent to the Gun Carriage
&c Contractors

A true Copy
Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy. Milty Board

Minute of the Board

The Board approve the suggestion of the Military Board in regard to the mode of supplying the revenue Corps with Camp equipage, and it is in consequence resolved that orders shall be issued for carrying it into effect. —

Resolved to comply with the recommendation of the Military Board for retaining in the Company's pay the Servants employed by the late Contractor untill a new contract for Gun Carriages shall be formed. —

Resolved that the Military Board be called upon for the particulars of their proceedings in regard to the arrangements under which the late intended expedition against Manilla were conducted

Read

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Read the following letter from Brigadier General De Meuron

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord, Fort. St. George

From Brigadier General Demeuron advising the Arrival of the Carysfort with treasure — enclosing Copy of a Letter from W. Macdonall to him respecting the Issue of Cash and stating his high opinion of that Gentlemans Conduct.

I have been honored with the Commands of your Lordship in Council contained in the Letter of W. Sub. Secretary Parry of the 24th. Ultimo relating to the Application of the Engineer at Columbo for an encrease of Establishment, and I shall take the Steps, which appear proper in consequence of the opinion of the Military Board.

His Majesty's Ship Carysfort arrived here on the 7th. instant and landed the Treasure she was charged to convey to Ceylon — I have furnished Mr. Mac Donall with an Extract of what related to his conduct from Mr. Parry's letter, and have the honor to enclose his reply

I should deem myself wanting in my duty did I confine myself to a mere communication of Mr. Mac Donall's letter, when that Gentlemans public conduct appears to Government in a Point of View so extremely different from that in which I have been.

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been accustomed to regard it; and I regret the in-
complete State of our Public documents here to which I
must attribute that I have sought in vain for copies
of those Official representations of Mr. Mac Douall's
Negligence and inattention which have afforded satis-
factory proof to your Lordship in Council. -

Had I perceived on my arrival here
any symptom of such negligence, or had prior transac-
tions given rise to such an idea in my mind, my
Sense of duty would have impelled me publicly to
State my opinion, and to have adopted the readiest
and most effectual means to correct an Evil so
pregnant with mischief, but the high character for
steady application and unremitting Zeal, which Mr.
Mac Douall had obtained from all my predecessors
in command, gave me then no Cause to doubt the
propriety of his Conduct, and my own subsequent
observation of his deligence and ability in his laborious
Office, led me to think myself particularly fortunate
in finding a trust so important vested in the hands
of one I thought so well fitted to execute its duties ably-

To regulate the issues of Cash on this Island
on fixed proportions of Gold, Silver or Copper, as directed by
Government, is not in the Power of any Public Officer, however
diligent

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diligent and Zealous, who cannot command at all times a Sufficient Supply of those Metals respectively to answer the demands on the Public Treasure. Hitherto this has been so little the case on Ceylon, that your Paymaster has seldom possessed money enough of any sort to — complete the Monthly Payments to the Troops, when due. — and neither Mr. Mac Dowall or those under whose orders he has acted here, thought it proper or Justifiable to delay payment when coin of any description was in the Treasury, because its amount was not in — certain exact proportions of Gold Silver, and Copper, the latter might indeed have been obtained, by selling a part of the more precious Metals, but I do not — imagine, your Lordship in Council would authorize or approve an operation of Finance, which, from the — difference in the Exchange fixed by Government and that of the Bazar, would convey to the Troops the — Idea of a deduction from their Pay not justified by the plea of necessity. —

The Rule hitherto observed has been to issue as much Copper as possible when we possessed it to issue a verbal report has uniformly been — made to the Commanding Officer by the Paymaster, prior to the issue of Cash, of the Quantity of each — description

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description in his hands, and in conformity to this report the Payments have been regulated, with this exception only, that a small sum in Gold has always been retained, when possible, to answer Sudden Calls, where the removal of Corps or the remote position of Detachments might render it — impossible to pay them any part of their allowances in Copper. —

Pardon me My Lord, if my anxiety to rescue the Character of W.m McDouall from so serious an imputation as that conveyed by the late communications from your Lordship in Council, has led me into an extensive detail. — considering that Gentleman as a very meritorious Servant of the Company, and knowing that when all Public resources have failed the strong exertion of his private Credit has frequently furnished the means of relieving the wants of the Troops on this Island, I feel it my duty to stand forward in his defence, as an act of common Justice. —

The orders of Government seem to imply an idea that an abundant supply of Copper can at all times be obtained here, whereas the Candian Trade draws the Copper Currency from the Company's districts on this Island, in nearly the same proportion, that our external Commerce diminishes the amount in Circulation of the more precious Metals. It is not therefore a deficiency of Gold and Silver — alone, but a general Scarcity of every Kind of Coin which

embarrasses

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embarrasses our arrangements on Ceylon.— And this inconve=
=nience must continue to exist, until some change in the
nature of the unmonopolized Trade of this Island, places
its Balance in favor of the Inhabitants of the Company's
Districts.— The consignment of a considerable annual
supply of Copper to Ceylon, which General Stuart formerly
recommended to your Consideration, both coined and in
substance would tend much to relieve our pecuniary
Embarrasments, and prove in other respects, I should
imagine, a beneficial speculation to the Honorable
Company.—

Your Lordship may rest assured that no
endeavours shall be wanting on my Part to regulate the
Issue of Pay agreeably to the Orders of Government when
possible. But far from being able to promise that a
future supply of specie from the Coast will not be
required, I am already under the necessity of reporting
to Government that our present Cash will be exhausted
by the 1st of December next when a farther remittance
will be indispensably necessary.—

Head Quarters
Columbo 16th. November 1797.

I have the honor to be with great respect.—
&c &c
(Signed) P. T. de Meuron
B. General

To

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To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding

on

Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday covering Extract of a letter from Government under date 24th October 1797 and calling upon me for a report of the Money paid into the Treasury by the Superintendant of Revenue and in reply thereto have to state that the only Money received from that Department last month was 4000 Rix. Dollars 2500 here and 1500 at Point De Galle.-

In justification of my own Character I must beg leave to intrude upon your time in reply to the letter of Government in the hope that your Knowledge of the Revenue of this Country, and the opportunity you have had of judging of my Conduct upon the Spot will induce you to explain to Government the nature of my Situation, and refute the information, upon which his Lordship in Council has thought it necessary to pass so severe a censure upon me as inattention to his orders and indifference to the Companys Interests.-

Conscious of my conduct having not only

passed

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passed without Censure, but having had the happiness to
enjoy the approbation and confidence of my immediate
Superiors, it was ever my custom, as it has been with
You Sir, to receive orders and make reports personally
both to Generals Stuart and Doyle, I hope to stand
excused in boasting that the confidence which
Individuals are pleased to place in my conduct, has
enabled me to do more for the public Service than
perhaps any of the Company's Servants could have done
in my situation, and which I shall endeavour to
evince to you; for that purpose I have to request a
reference to my letter of 20th March last to Major
General Doyle written in consequence of his having
communicated to me the address of Lieutenant Colonel
Dalrymple and his wishing to know the state of all
the Troops in Garrison, and that you will inquire
into what relief was afforded them until the arrival
of the Carysfort in May last.

To the information you will receive on
this Subject I have to add a state of my accounts
since July 1796 and herewith inclosed, which I
trust will effectually prove my Zeal to forward
the Interests of the British Government as far as lays
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in my Power, and if I have erred in my judgement in issuing an improper proportion of Gold and Copper, it is to be regretted that the Death of General Doyle must prevent his reasons being known for coinciding in opinion and directing me to act as I have done: My object, and which I understood his Sentiments to be, was always to get rid of the Copper money, that in case of the Island being given up no loss might accrue to the Company by exchanging it into Gold.

The Invoice of Treasure &c Carry-port mentioned in the letter of Government only amounts to Pagodas 41348..11..18 of which Pagodas 25000 are due to me individually for Money already Advanced.

I have the honor to be,
with respect.
&c &c
Signed John M'Doual
Pay.

A true Copy
Signed J. Reynolds
Asst. Sec.

Columbo
November 7th 1797

Statement

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Statement of Balances due to the Paymaster at Columbo as per Accounts Current furnished to the Paymaster General and which have been audited to April 1797.

Year	Date Month		£	s	f.	c.
1796	31st July	Balance	5,797.	35.	45	
"	31st Augt.	Balance	6578.	36.	78	
"	30th Sept.	Balance	29,634	14.	78	
"	31st Octr.	Balance	13812	3.	24	
"	30th Novr.	Balance	6758	36.	42	
"	31st Decr.	Ditto	7041.	29.	2	
1797	31st Jany.	Ditto Notwithstanding Retrenchments which are admitted on reaudit and bm.t to Pagodas 26544:13:15 are here brought to account	6512.	30.	14	
"	28th Febry	Balance	2554	18.	67	
"	31st March	Ditto	39314	45.	32	
"	30th April	Ditto	7202	19.	43	
"	31st May	Ditto in which the treasure for Cargyfort is brought to account	1039.	44.	47	
"	30th June	Ditto	21665.	11.	29	
"	31st July	Estimated	39165	.	"	
"	31st Augt.	Ditto	30,600.	.	"	
"	30th Sept.	Ditto	30,600.	.	"	

E. E. Jr

Sign.d John. M.c Douall

Cap.t

A true Copy

Sign.d J. Reynolds

Actg Jun.r

ordered

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The foregoing letter Ordered to lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

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 enclosing Statements of the Extra Expences on account of the Detachments under the Command of Major Cuppage and Col.t Macpherson.—

1 Agreeably to Instructions conveyed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 24th August last, I have the Honor to enclose a Statement of the Extra Expence incurred on account of the Detachment employed in the Field under Major Alexander Cuppage at Warriorpollam in the Months of May and June 1797, the Field Batta to the Troops alone excepted, which has not been charged in the Paymasters' Disbursements, and which, from the Information I have been able to obtain, appears to have been paid by His Highness the Nabob.—

2 I also enclose a Statement of the Extra Expence incurred by the Company in maintaining the Detachment in the Field under Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson, as well as in subsisting the Prisoners taken by it from the 22d February to the 31st October 1797.

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1797, or the period of its return into Garrison. These Statements have been unavoidably delayed until this time for want of the necessary Vouchers.

I have the honor to be

with great respect.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient and

very humble Servant

Signed W.m Sydenham

Military Auditor Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George

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Statements

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Statement of the Extra Expences of the Detachment Employed in the Feeld under the Command of Major Alexander Cuppage at Warnorpollam, during the months of May and June 1797. the Field Batta to the Troops alone excepted.—

S. P. C.

May 1797. for April

Pay and Batta, to Lascars and other Public followers attached to the 1st Battalion 5th Native Regiment and Medical charges by the Assistant Surgeon for a Detachment Consisting of 17 Men of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery, a Troop of the 3. Regiment Native Cavalry and for the 1st Battalion 5th Native Regiment — 405. 3. 6½

June 1797. for May

Ditto — Ditto as in May preceding, public followers on Account of the 2. Battalion Artillery and a Detachment of 100 Men of the 52nd Regiment. Department of the Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions. Medical Expenditures. Victualling the Europeans of the Artillery and Infantry — Servants in the victualling Department, Draught and — Carriage Bullocks with drivers, Bamboo Coolies, Dooley Bearers and Carts. — . . . . . 2,398. 16. 66.

Total Pagodas . . 2,803. 20. 50

Truly Extracted from the Paymaster's Account

Signed J. Brunton
Depy. M.G. & Genl.

Signed W. Sydenham
Military Audr. Genl.

Statement

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Statement of the Extra Expences of the Detachment employed in the Field under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mac Pherson, including Subsistence to Prisoners under his Charge from the 22d February to the 31st October 1797.—

March 1797

for Seven Days in February

Charges incurred for procuring intelligence, Batta to Natives detached and for apprehending Robbers, protecting the Inhabitants &c &c — 19. 36.

April 1797 for March

Do. Do. Do. as in March preceding . . . . . 160. 1.66.

May 1797 for April

Do. Do. Do. as in March preceding, and difference between full and Half Batta to European Officers employed } 233. 6.66

June 1797 for May

Do. Do. Do. as in March preceding, including difference of Batta to European Officers Arrears of Pay to Bamboo Coolies, and Batta to Lascars, Carriage Bullocks Charged for in this Month for a part of April and for all May 509. 10.35

July 1797 for June

Do. Do. Do. as in March preceding including difference of Batta to European Officers, Pay of Bamboo Coolies and Batta to Lascars, Carriage Bullocks charged for in this month for June 572. 4.22

Carried forward 1435. 5.18

August

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Brought forward — 1435. 5. 18

August 1797 for July

Ditto . . Ditto . . Ditto as in March preceding, including difference of Batta to European Officers, Pay of Bamboo Coolies, Batta to Lascars, and for Doolies on account of the Sick, Carriage Bullocks charged for in this month for July 865. 6. 60

September 1797 for August

Ditto . . Ditto . Ditto as in March preceding, including difference of Batta to European Officers, Pay of Bamboo Coolies, Doolies for the Sick and to Carriage Bullocks for the month of August preceding . . . . . 834. 38. 32.

October 1797 for September

Charges incurred procuring intelligence, Batta to Natives detached and for apprehending deserters, protecting the Inhabitants &c. &c. &c. the difference of Batta to European Officers employed, Pay to Bamboo Coolies, Doolies for the Sick, and for Carriage Bullocks in September 265. 4. 58

November 1797 for October

D°. . . D°. . D°. as in October preceding, difference of Batta to European Officers, Pay to Bamboo Coolies, Doolies for the Sick, and for Carriage Bullocks. . . . . 142. 13. 38.

Total Pagodas . . 3,542. 26. 46

Truly extracted from the paymasters accounts -

Signed J. Brunton
Depy A. G.

Signed Wm. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

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The President is requested to transmit Copies of the Statement to his Highness the Nabob, and to call upon him for the discharge of the Amounts.

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Amboyna.

To J. Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel M.Neile advising the Arrival of the Bellona represents the great want of Officers Captain Selby of the Bombay frigate brings a supply of Live Stock the insurrection not yet suppressed.

I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 27th. April by the Bellona, and cannot but feel myself greatly honoured by the confidence which the Right Honorable Governor is pleased to repose in my Zeal and exertions for the preservation of these valuable possessions. As far as my abilities enable me, I trust his Lordship's expectations will not be disappointed.

The Arrival of the Bellona on the 12th. August with every essential Article of supply for the necessities and Comforts of the Troops, inspired and diffused throughout the garrison the greatest Joy and the warmest Gratitude to Government.

The inconveniences inevitably arising and long experienced by the Troops from the Measures which

which I deemed prudent, of putting the Garrison on short allowance of provisions in February last, has been Considerably heightened by so frugal an issue of Cash as to bring the Europeans on the 1st. instant 4 Months, and the Natives 5 Months in arrear of pay, which is still to be increased with a view of obviating evils of more consequence, which may possibly arise from the difficulties of Government and our distant situation. It is greatly to the Credit of the Troops, that not so much as a whisper of Murmur has ever been uttered on this account by any one. I have indeed much reason to be pleased with their general good behaviour for a long time past — especially when the universal and abominable Corruption of the Place and the want of Officers for Regimental duties is considered.

The Sepoys late the 17th. Battalion have only Captain Read and Lieutenant Aldridge attached. Two Companies of Europeans / one of them a flank Company. / have each, one <u>acting</u> Ensign only," and with the Volunteer Corps there is no other Officer than myself present in garrison. Under these Circumstances, and having learned from Mr. Jones

that

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that the further Services of Major Chalmers in the Civil line can be dispensed with, I have required that Officer to resume his professional duties. The Appointment of Lieutenant Aldridge at the request of Mr. Jones to be Malay interpreters has never interfered with his Regimental attentions, nor has it prevented him from any Garrison duty for some time past. —

The supplies of fresh provisions, which we have lately received from Timor, has been of great benefit to the Troops. Some Salt Beef and Pork has likewise been brought from Delle, but of a very inferiour quality. —

I had the Honor of Communicating to Lieutenant General Harris, that Captain Selby had procured a considerable supply of Rice on the N.E. Coast of Celebes, which he very seasonably relieved the wants of the Garrison and publick Servants at Banda. I have now the pleasure to mention another instance of that Officer's activity and zeal for the publick Service. on the 28th of July he arrived from Timor in the Temporary Command of the Bombay Frigate, with 131 Buffaloes and 360 Sheep for the use of the Troops and his Majestys Ships at Amboyna. Captain

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Captain Selby has my hearty acknow=
=ledgements for his constant willingness and
activity, while he has been upon this station.-

The insurrection which broke out on the
Northern Coast of this Island on the 26th June still
continues, but will not I hope be of much longer
duration, as some boats have been procured, and
others will soon be ready for the conveyance and
accommodation of the troops to be employed in
suppressing it.

No reason has been given, nor do I
imagine that any good cause can be assigned
for the present disorders It may not therefore be
altogether an extravagant, though perhaps it is
rather an improbable conjecture, that the existing
discontents have been excited by the Dutch
Inhabitants of Amboyna with a view of
dividing my little force, and thereby favouring
some enterprise or design of the Enemy, of which
they may be apprized, but of which we must
remain ignorant until the hour of execution.
However this may be, every possible exertion
in my power shall be used in support of
whatever

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whatever measures Mr. Jones may deem most eligible
speedily to reduce the insurgents to order, and obedience,
and thereby to restore that internal Tranquility which
is not more necessary to the Honorable Company's
Commercial Interest, than essential to the preservation
of the Island itself against external attack, or
invasion by an European Enemy -

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Dan.l Mc Neile Lieut. Col.

Amboyna
2. September 1797.

To lie on the Table

Ordered to lie on the Table

Read the following letter from Major
Alexander Allan. -

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

From Major A. Allan transmitting two Books of the Marches of the Army in the last war, and several Maps and a Book of Roads compiled by the Native Guides which he requests may be forwarded to the Court of Directors.

My Lord,

I have the honor to lay before Your
Lordship in Council two Maps of the Marches of
the British Army in the Peninsula of India,
during the late War - one representing the Marches,
date

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dates and encampments of the Army, under Major General Medows, from the time it took the Field in May 1790 untill Earl Cornwallis assumed the Command, shewing also, the Marches, dates and encampments of the Army under Tippoo Sultan; the other, representing the Marches, dates and encampments of the Army under Earl Cornwallis from February 1791, untill May 1792, together with the Movements of the Enemy, during the same period.-

It is only necessary to remark, that these Maps are constructed from my Field Books of the Marches of the Army, containing 2300 miles of Roads, which I actually measured with a perambulator during the late war, Copies of which, I have transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors.-

Conceiving Maps of this Kind, which I have laid down on a large scale, may be acceptable to the Honorable the Court of Directors, I request

your

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Your Lordship will forward them by the next dispatch. —

I have also the honor to lay before your Lordship, several Maps, made entirely by the — Native Guides, together with their own Field Books, from which they have been constructed, and I have the pleasure to acquaint your Lordship, that they have examined and have made every necessary remark, upon near 5000 Miles of Roads in the Carnatic and the Mysore Country, which they have compiled into the form of a Book of Roads, and which I doubt not, will be attended with future benefit to the Public Service. —

I consider it a duty I owe to the Corps of Guides, who were employed in the Field during the whole of the late War, to request Your Lordship will transmit to the — Honorable the Court of Directors, their — Maps and Field Books also their Book

of

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of Roads, which I have had translated into English, in order that the Honorable Court may see, in what manner they have been employed since they have been under my Command and that I have not neglected any means in my power, to improve and render them an useful and efficient Corps, and which I am persuaded they will prove themselves in the event of any future Hostility. —

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient

and humble Servant

(Signed) A. Allan

Captain of Guides

Madras
12th December 1797

Minute thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the above mentioned Maps and Marches be prepared for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors, and that Major Allan be recommended to their favourable notice.

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Letter from the Court of Directors dated 19.th April and received 9.th Lord Walsingham read.

The Short letter from the Honorable Court of Directors of 19.th April last which is now read requires no particular answer.

Hobart

Geo: Harris

Edw.d Saunders

C Whitefield

Comp.d
G Strachey

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Diary

13th Sent the following letter to the Military Board.

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

Gentlemen

I. Military Board. enclosing Invoices of Stores and provisions on board the ships returned from the Expedition and desiring that the necessary arrangements may be made for despatching the Princess Mary and Atlantic to Bombay and Eliza Anne to Columbo.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to send you the enclosed invoices of Military Stores and provisions on board the Ships Busbridge, Princess Royal, Eliza Ann, Calcutta, Abercromby, Phanise, Ajax, Princess Maria, Hercules Atlantic and Crown.

His Lordship in Council having resolved to despatch the Ships Princess Mary, & Atlantic to Bombay and the Eliza Anne to Colombo directs that you will make an arrangement for landing such of the Military Stores as are required for use at this Presidency, and for

transshipping

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Transshipping to the Eliza Anne as much of the Bengal undamaged rice as she may be able to contain together with such other provisions and Stores, as may appear from the latest returns to be necessary at that place.

Have the Honor to be
&c. &c.

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Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

Sent the undermentioned letters & entered in MB R.s 39. 40. 41. 42. 43.

To the Commander of the Ship Eliza Ann

To Captain Hughes informing him of the resolution to dispatch his Ship to Colombo and desiring him to comply with the orders of the Military Board.

To Captains Nash & Probeart informing them that they will be dispatched to Bombay and desiring them to comply with the orders of the Military Board.

To Captains Crouch Dobree Faulkner Hughes, Clark, Fleming, Borgese, Nash, M.c Faulane, Probeart & Shanaick, desiring them to comply with

To D.o of the Ships Princess Mary & Atlantic

To the Commanders of the Ships Manira Busbridge Princess Royal. Eliza ann Calcutta Abercrombey Ajax Princess Mary Hercules, Atlantic & Brown.

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13th With the orders of the Military Board respecting transhipping Stores &c

To Major General Lyden Kam

To the Military Auditor General

referring accounts for the accomodation of officers and troops on board H.M. Ship Victorious and desiring they may be passed for payment, if correct.

To Do enclosing a Bond of Lieut Boardman for £ 105 to be repaid by monthly stoppages and Certificate of the period to which Major Beatson Boardman Forest Irwin, & Betty have received their subsistence in England

To D°

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poona & Hydrabad

To the Secretary at Bengal & Assistant Residents at Poona & Hydrabad with Mysore Intelligence

14th Sent the undermentioned letters entered in CC. Nos 104 - 105

To the Nabob transmitting State=

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.

=ments of the extra expences incurred by the detachments at Ambour and Warriorepollam (P. 6345-47/16-) and requesting he will pay the amount into the Company's Treasury

To

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14th

Substance of a letter to the Peishwa & Setanna Furnavese

To the Peishwah and Nana Furnavese

congratulating on the investment of the Peishwah

Sent also the undermentioned

letters entered in M.B. Nos 44-45-46.

To the Assistant Resident at Poonah

enclosing the above letters to the Peishwa and Nana Furnavese.

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Resident at Hydrabad & Poona.

To the Secretary at Bengal and

Assistant Resident at Poonah and Hydrabad

Forwarding Mysore Intelligence.

To Capt.n D.S. Griffin

To Captain Griffin informing him

that the Regulations of the Service cannot be

dispensed with in the payment of his arrears.

15.

Sent the following letters

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

To Assistant Resident at Hydrabad, desiring that a representation be made to Azim ul omrah on the subject of the deserters from the Company's troops as on that will depend the Company's endeavour to deliver up the fugitive Zemindars.

Assistant Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 30th ultimo & 2d instant & answer to the application of Azim

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15th Azem ul omrah his Lordship in Council desires you will inform ~ that this government feel every disposition to comply with his wishes, and will use their endeavours that the Zemindars of the Karpah District, who have taken refuge within the Nabob's districts may be delivered up to Imaum ul mulk upon the principles of Friendship established between the two States; at the same time his Lordship in Council trusts that you will take this occasion of enforcing the representation, which you were desired to make, in my letter of 6th Instant, upon the subject of the desertions: and as this is an evil of the greatest magnitude, I am instructed to desire that your application to the minister upon the subject may be explicit and that he may be made to understand that the exertions of this government to comply with his wishes will be entirely guided by the efforts he may make to restore the deserters from our army.

I am &c &c

(Sign'd) J Webbe
Sec'y to Gov'

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To

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16.

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. & Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 30th ultimo –

We approve your suggestions in regard to the mode of supplying the Revenue Corps with camp equipage; and have issued orders in consequence that it may be carried into effect

We comply with your recommendation for retaining in the Company's pay the servants employed by the late contractor for gun carriages, untill a new contract shall have been formed

Being desirous of recording the particular arrangements, under which the late intended expedition against Manilla were conducted, we desire that you will lay before us the detail of your proceedings on that subject –

&c &c

To the Military Board approve the proposed plan for supplying Revenue Corps with Camp equipage – the Workmen of the late Contractor for Gun carriages to be taken into the Company's pay for the present – the detail of their proceedings on the subject of the Manilla expedition desired – Colonel Monkhouse's monument to be landed from the Hawke –

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We desire that you will cause
to be landed from the Hawke Four cases containing
a monument to be erected to the memory of
Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse in conformity with
the directions of the Honorable Court of Directors

We are
&c &c
Signed Hobart
&c Council

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To Alexander Macleod Esq
Resident at
Tanjour

To Resident at Tanjour
desiring he will make
further enquiry
respecting the Rich
widow said to have been
plundered by order of
the Rajah -

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter dated 3d instant and to inform
you that untill the Right Honorable the President
in Council shall be furnished with specific and
authenticated information, it will be impossible
for him to take any measures for the redress of
the injuries sustained by "a rich widow." at
Tanjour. His Lordship in Council is therefore ——"
pleased

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15. pleased to desire that you will make enquiries into the particulars of the fact and state the grounds of your belief that this outrage has been committed by his Excellency the Rajah. I have the honor to be &c &c

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Signed J. Webbe
Sect. to Govt

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to refer for your examination and report the inclosed copy of an application from Lieutenant Bainbrigge of his Majesty's 19th Regiment.

The President in Council desires that you will authorize an advance of Pags 1776. 12 to the grain agent of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry and an equal sum upon the delivery of the whole quantity of grain required in the present

To Auditor General referring an application of Lieut. Bainbridge of H. M. 19th Foot - an advance to the agent of the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry ordered - a Bill of the Agent of Supply to be passed for payment if correct. the Artificers in the service of the late Contractor for Gun Carriages to remain to the Company's pay. Mr. Thompson's arrears to be paid. Compensation to Lieut. Young for his horse. Bounty money to be issued for the draft from the 22d to the 25th Regt and Mrs Lang's pension to be paid at Madras.

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15.th present contract-

Inclose an account of extra articles furnished by the agent of supplies amounting to pag.s 2185.. f.. 50., which his Lordship in Council desires may be passed for payment, if supported by the vouchers prescribed by the regulations-

The President in Council has permitted the Military Board to retain on the Company's pay the servants employed by the late contractor for gun carriages, untill a new contract shall be formed-

The President in Counsil desires, that the arrears due to Mr. Surgeon Thompson may be discharged, and that the paymaster at Columbo may be authorized to pay Lieut.t Young one hundred and twenty five pagodas as a compensation for the loss of his horse-

The President in Council desires that orders may be passed for issuing the bounty

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15th County money to the men about to be drafted from the 72d into the 75th and 80th Regiments

In conformity with the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors the pension of £ 100 per annum which they have been pleased to grant Mrs Ann Lang Widow of the late Lieutenant General Lang is to be paid at Madras: the President in Council therefore desires that it may be paid from the 25th June 1796 at the usual exchange 8 ℳ pagodas.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mlt B No.
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From the Military Audr General

From Major General Lyden[illegible] enclosing

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15 enclosing his Audit on the accounts of the Deputy paymaster to the King's Troops and Paymaster to the King's Troops on Ceylon from 25th August to 24th October 1797

From Colonel Beresford enclosing

From the Deputy King's Paymaster General

his accounts from 25th October to 24th December 1797

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Audr General

referring the above accounts for examination—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Friday 15th December

Minutes of last consultation

read and approved—

The

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The Commander in Chief informs the Board, that he has received from the Court Martial, now sitting on the trial of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, an application for the Attorney generals opinion on objections offered by the prisoner in bar of trial by a Court martial or some of the charges preferred against him by government; which objections the court has thought proper to enter on its proceedings. after much consideration therefore the Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following copy of the proceedings. that they may have an opportunity of judging on what grounds the objections are founded.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board Proceedings of the Court Martial assembled at Trichinopoly for the trial of Lieut-Col. Oliver particularly relating to the exceptions made by Lieut-Coll Oliver to the charges exhibited against him —

A General Court Martial assembled in Trichinopoly, on Monday 20th November 1797 by authority of a Warrant from Lieutenant General George Harris, Commanding in Chief his Majestys and the Companys Forces under the Presidency of Fort St. George Madras dated at Head

Proceedings of the Court Martial assembled at Trichinopoly for the trial of Lieut-Colonel Oliver —

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Head Quarters November 10th 1797

Present

Colonel Mc Dowal President

Lieut. Col. Shapand

Major Burne

Major Conran

The Honble. Major De Grey

Major Blacker

Major Clarke

Major Fergusson

Captain Mackenzie

Captain Innes

Captain Ross

Captain Bunbury

Captain Wardrobe

Captain Macgregor

Captain Simonds

Captain Limrick Deputy Judge Advocate

Lieutenant Colonell Oliver is brought prisoner before the Court and the names of the President and Members being read over to him, he is asked by the Judge Advocate if he has any exception to any of the Members and answers that he has none.

Read

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Read a Warrant from the Commander in Chief dated at Head Quarters the 10th November 1797 directed to, and appointing Colonel Hay McDowall President_

Read the Deputy Judge Advocates Warrant from the Commander in Chief, dated at Head Quarters October 7th 1797

The President and Members are duly sworn

The Judge Advocate is duly sworn

The Court proceed to the trial of Lieutenant Col. Oliver

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver entreats permission to address the Court upon which the Court is cleared and determine that the charges shall first be read and inserted in the proceedings_

The Court is opened

Charges against Lieutenant Colonel James Oliver

1st

for disobedience of the positive orders of Government communicated to the Army by the Commander in Chief on the 20th March 1778 16th December 1779. 15 June 1785. 8 September 1785 17th July 1786. 31st October 1789 27th July 1791 and 10th december 1794 in lending various Sums of money to the tributaries of the Honorable Company

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Company in the province of Dindigul and in particular to the Poligar of Pylney; contrary to the repeated orders above quoted—

2d. For an improper interference in the revenues of the Pylney, Sagoody, Yerryadoo, yerracottah Madoo and Chokumpatty pollams through the means of his dabash Vencatachellum, by employing Tehsildars to collect the revenues of the said Pollams on account of money due upon Bonds made payable to the said Lieutenant Colonel Oliver and in particular by taking a mortgage Bond upon certain villages of the Yerryadoo Pollam—

3d. For irregular and unmilitary conduct by abusing the power entrusted to him as Commandant of Pylney by confining divers persons under Military restraint on account of debts due by them to the said Lieutenant Colonel Oliver and in particular a merchant named Cauden Rakemattum

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By order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

Signed George Parry Sub Secy.

Signed B. Close

adjt. Genl. of the Army.

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The charges having been Read the Court is cleared and there appearing no limitation of time in the Charges the Court determine that they will receive no evidence of any transaction alluded to in the charges, which may appear to have taken place three years prior to the date of the President's Warrant 4 November 1797

The Court is opened

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver begs leave to address the Court

The Court is cleared and determine that Lieutenant Colonel Oliver shall be arraigned

The Court is opened

Question by the Judge Advocate to the Prisoner Lieut Colonel Oliver (having first read the charges to him) How say you, are you guilty of the charges preferred against you or not?

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver begs leave to address the Court

The Court is cleared and determine that the Prisoner shall plead, after which they will receive his address

The Court is opened

Question repeated

Answer, Not Guilty

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Oliver addresses the Court as follows

Mr. President and Gentlemen.

The peculiar circumstances of my situation render it necessary that I should trespass on your time with the present address—

I beg leave to observe that I cannot ascertain exactly what evidences may be necessary for my defence on the Charges preferred against me regarding transactions said to have passed at so remote a period without a carefull examination of many documents which I have to select from a voluminous Collection of my private papers and without some references to Madras and to other places which I at present believe to be indispensably necessary to my cause—

From recollection of Circumstances I am of opinion that many evidences will be required whose attendance from their various and distant situations must require some time to procure: But independent of witnesses now on the Coast, there are others whose depositions are

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are absolutely necessary for my defence. These are Lieutenant Colonel Stair Park Dalrymple of his Majesty's Service, Colonel John Cuppage and Lieutenant Thomas Seton both of this Establishment the two former are gone to Europe the latter is on service with the Company's Troops on the Eastern Islands.

I am ready to declare upon oath that the Evidence of Colonels Dalrymple and Cuppage is essential in the highest degree to my Cause and indeed so extremely essential that, deprived of their testimony, I should feel myself debarred from having any solid defence to rely upon. The above Gentlemen were present during the respective periods when the transactions alluded to in the charge are supposed to have taken place. Lieutenant Seton was also on the spot, and can speak from his own Knowledge to points which must form very material part of my reply.

I beg leave to repeat to you, Mr President, and Gentlemen of the Court that I am

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I am ready to attest the truth of the above in the most solemn manner.

It seems highly proper also to mention that I should have availed myself of the immediate testimony of Colonels Dalrymple and Cuppage had they not sailed for Europe on or about the 8th October last. previous to my knowledge of the articles of charge against me, which I received on the 3d Instant, or to any suspicion that such were in agitation.

under these Circumstances I submit to your consideration whether the ends of substantial Justice do not seem to require that a delay should take place in the proceedings against me, proportioned to the importance and necessity of my cause, and I rely most respectfully, Gentlemen, on your favorable attention to my representation on this occasion, so deeply interesting to my happiness and Character.

I, Gentlemen, a period of arduous Service

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Service of nearly twenty eight years in the Country which I have performed with Honor and fidelity the many Posts and Employs of confidence and trust which I have filled with Credit to myself and advantage to my Employers, without a shadow of peculation, Defalcation, or Malpractice, of a Character hitherto unsullied and irreproachable as an officer and a Gentleman, to which the records of this Government and of the Adjutant Generals office will bear honorable and ample testimony. Has any Claim to your indulgence, these I can say with conscious truth are mine.

The Court is adjourned to Tuesday November 21st. 1797 at 12 o'Clock

Tuesday November 21st 1797.

The Court is assembled pursuant to adjournment

Members all present

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver addresses the Court

Mr. President and Gentlemen

Anxious to evince that the Evidence of Lieutenant Colonel Alair Park Dalrymple Colonel John Cuppage and Lieutenant John Nelson was

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was indespensably necessary to my cause, I addressed a letter to Major General Floyd requesting to know whether he would allow me to make affidavit before him, which he informed me he was not authorized to take—

Appearing before you, as a Prisoner, may I request you to be so indulgent as to allow my letter: and General Floyd's answer to be added to the address I gave you yesterday— the unimpeached character which I have hitherto supported and my inclination to prove that I have not sought for an unnecessary delay, will, I trust, recommend me to the favorable attention of my superiors—

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver gives into the Court papers No 2. No 3. & No 4—

The Court having taken into consideration the address of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, is of opinion that in the present stage of the Business, and in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's witnesses, it is incompetent to proceed on the trial of that officer, and that a delay should be granted. The President of the Court Martial is therefore requested to

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To forward the proceedings and the Papers No 2.3
and 4 to His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Signed W. L. Limrick
D.J. Judge Advocate

Signed Kay e Mac Dowall
Colonel & President

Saturday December 2. 1797

The Court are assembled pursuant to General orders
Members all present - the prisoner before the
Court. The Court is cleared. the President gives in to
the Court the following letter from the Commander
in Chief -

Colonel Kay e Macdowall

&c &c &c

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander
in Chief to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21
Instant with accompanying proceedings of the
General Court Martial of which you are President.
and to inclose them to you, with His sentiments
on the subject -

He observes that the Court "having
"taken into consideration the address of Lieutenant

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"Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, is of opinion that, in the
"present stage of the business, and in the absence of
"Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's witnesses, it is incompetent
"to proceed on the trial of that officer, and that a delay
"should be granted, and have therefore forwarded
"their proceedings to Head Quarters and adjourned
"till further orders."

The Commander in Chief, has —
directed me to inform you that he was extremely
surprized at finding the Court had thought proper
to suspend their proceedings on the reasons adduced
in the papers given in by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver
It is even with pain that the Commander in Chief
must differ in opinion with so respectable a body
as a General Court Martial, but were he, in the
present instance, to adopt their Sentiments, he
would, he conceives, fail essentially in his duty,
and obstruct the Ends of Justice, which he is so
particularly called upon, by his station, to
forward.

The Prisoner having been put
on

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on his Trial, and the Court having taken their oaths to hear, try, and determine the cause, the Trial must, of course, proceed, and a Sentence be given, of Guilty or not Guilty.

However it should appear that exculpatory Proof might probably have been adduced by the presence of such of the witnesses alluded to who are now either gone to Europe or absent from the Coast, the Court will no doubt attend to that Circumstance and give the Prisoner the due benefit of it. But if the proof adduced against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver could not from the nature of it, be confided (by the Testimony of Colonel Kuppage Lieutenant Col Dalrymple and Lieutenant Colonel Shee, their absence will of course have no weight with the Court In regard to such witnesses as are on the Coast no objection occurs to the Commander in Chief to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver's being allowed full time for their being brought to Judgment

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Trichinopoly

Circumstances are sent. That the attendance of Colonel Cuppage and Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple can neither be expected or enforced to adjourn the Court for their presence, would be, in fact, to render the trial nugatory —

Whatever is allowed, on the present Instance, cannot with consistency, be refused in another, and the admission of such a plea, would be dangerous in the extreme to discipline, as it — would introduce delays that would often entirely defeat the purposes of Justice

The Commander in Chief can have no wish, on the present occasion, but that substantial and liberal Justice should be granted to the — Prisoner. But he must at the same time expect from the Court that the usual form of Proceedings be duly attended to, and that a trial which they are solemnly engaged to conduct shall be brought to a conclusion either by the acquittal or conviction of the accused, as the evidence adduced may lead them

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Whom to determine.

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient and humble Servant
(Signed) John Malcolm
Secy.

Head Quarters
Choultry Plain
26th. November 1797

The Court desire the Judge Advocate to state his opinion on this question, whether, on affidavit of the prisoner of the absence of material witnesses, the Court ought to proceed with the Trial.

Judge Advocate. I conceive that in all Cases where this mode of proceeding is not pointed out by the act of Parliament or articles of War, or not established by the Custom of War, Courts martial should conform to the practice of Civil Courts: trials are frequently put off at the Courts of Oyer & Terminer on an affidavit of the prisoner that the Evidence of such and such persons is necessary to his defence, that without the benefit of their testimony he can not with safety come to Trial, that he has used his utmost diligence, that without effect to procure

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procure their attendance at the present Sessions.
and that he has reasonable Ground to hope they
will appear and give Evidence on his behalf at
the next Sessions - upon such an affidavit a
Prisoner is frequently indulged, but tho this no more
than an indulgence, he cannot claim it as a
Right. for the Language of the Law is, that where
men will commit offences they should be
ready to defend them. and therefore if postponing
the trial would be productive of any public
inconvenience. or if the Court see reason to suspect
that the application, tho' founded on affidavit, is
an effort to elude the trial altogether. they will
refuse it. I am therefore of opinion that the Court
under existing Circumstances. should proceed
with the trial -

The Court is opened and the Minutes
of Yesterdays Proceedings Read, the Prisoner Lieutenant
Colonel Oliver being before the Court -

Prisoner - I hope the Court have no objection
to

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to a Friends attending me

Court. They have none

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver begs the Court will allow him to state some objections to their proceeding further

The Court is cleared and determine that the Prisoner may state his objections which they will take into consideration

The Court is opened

Lieutenant Colonel Oliver begs the Court will permit his Friend to read his objections

The Court is cleared and determine that whatever is in the Form of an address shall be read either by the Prisoner or the Judge Advocate

The Court is opened.

The Prisoner gives in addresses to the Court.

The Court is cleared, and having taken the addresses into consideration, it appears to them better to defer their determination thereon.

The Court is opened and adjourn to Monday the 4th december 1797 at Ten o'Clock Forenoon the morning

Monday

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The Court are assembled pursuant to adjournment
Members all present The Prisoner is called before
the Court
The Court is cleared and determine that a question
shall be put to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver the
Court is opened
Question by the Judge Advocate to the Prisoner. Do
you consider the evidence of Colonel Cuppage
Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple and Lieutenant
Selon as material to your defence on the 3d charge
Answer— Lieutenant Selon and Colonel Cuppage
are absolutely necessary this Court will declare on
Oath to the Court and will state my reasons if
required —
The Court is cleared and determine that, having
considered the Commander in Chief's letter, and
the opinion of the Judge Advocate, as recorded,
they can proceed on the Trial—
The Court having taken into consideration the
objections to the charges given in by Lieutenant
Colonel Oliver and the opinion of the Judge
Advocate

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advocate on these objections, determine that they shall be entered on the proceedings. the Court is opened and the prisoners objections recorded as follows—

To the President and Gentlemen

Before the Court proceed to the further investigation of the charges before them, I shall beg their indulgence for a few minutes at the last sitting of the Court I put in a general Plea of not guilty, to the Charge exhibited against me, and, notwithstanding my plea is recorded, I am advised that I am at full liberty to offer any objections which occur to me as to the sufficiency of the charges, in the form they now stand: so that my objections be offered previous to any witnesses being examined or otherwise I might be tried on charges, on which the Court might not ultimately be able to pass sentence: for I take it for granted that they would not be disposed to pass sentence, or due examination, they should discover that the

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the charges were not reducible to any principle of Military Law—

I shall not presume to trespass on the patience of the Court by stating any trivial objections to the charges in point of form; I trust the Court will be free from a supposition of that sort: what exceptions I have to make will be radical, & of substance. were I so disposed inclined I could shew the Court that two of the three charges were so indefinite, vague and evasive as scarce to admit of a parallel in Military prosecutions: that they are defective in their vital Parts, as to time. Persons. and things: that they contain several supposed aggregate offences. set forth so imperfectly as to deprive me. or any other Person, of the means of understanding of what I am accused. and of course in a great degree preventing me of the ample Power which. in common with others I am entitled to. of a fair and equitable defence. I am accused of having sent various

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Sums of money which are not specified and to Persons who are not named and of confining others without name, description, time or place, and, altho. by such imperfection, considerable injuries might be effected to me, so that I might be for alledged offences, out of the limitation allowed and also that I might be tried twice for the same offence, which is as much contrary to Law as to any honest sentiment, yet I shall put in no formal pleas to this effect, being certain that the Honor of my Judges would naturally lead them to preclude any evidence being given to a point, which is not set forth with certainty, and precision and which, on that account, might subject me to a second trial.

What I have to observe to the Court are of a higher, and if possible, of a more serious nature if one thing can be more serious than another in a criminal prosecution, what I have to observe, Gentlemen, embraces in its Compass the rights and privileges of the profession, and, being

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being of that general concern, I have not a doubt but it will meet your most attentive and watchfull consideration you will take care Gentlemen, I am well satisfied that an extensive and honorable Body of men do not receive a deadly wound through my side—

Not to perplex the mind of the Court, I shall offer my objections in the most simple state in which they can be tendered, that is severally, to the separate Charges, in the order in which they present themselves—

In pursuance of this plan I would first Mr President and Gentlemen request your attention to the nature and objects of the matters contained in the first charge; and I am well persuaded that, after you shall be in possession of the serious exceptions which I have to urge against it, that you will not find it necessary (I speak with all due deference) to proceed to call a witness. It is suggested, with what degree of truth it will be unnecessary

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From the length of time, Gentlemen, which I have had the Honor to bear a commission in the Army, and from the obedience with which

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different gradations of the service to my present
rank, I hope I shall not incur the suspicion of
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of the substance and extent of the orders, which
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to which is supposed to constitute the principal
accusation against me —

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in itself innocent, as a prohibited offence, and
it is doubtless skilled to admit of a doubt that
every officer is in duty bound to obey all orders,
provided they are lawful: and I believe it is —
equally well established that he is not bounden
to obey any order which is prima facie contrary
to the known law. If then, Gentlemen, I shall
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and alluded to in the first charge, are, in
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letter of the law. I am thoroughly convinced, you will not constrain me to answer to a charge, which is said to have arisen out of a disobedience of such orders: for nothing can be clearer that, where an order is not compulsory: that no crime can attach for noncompliance with it—

I will therefore, Gentlemen, the primary consideration whether Government had or had not authority, I mean a lawful authority, to issue the respective orders, under the several dates mentioned in the charge in question to which it is asserted that I have shewn a positive disregard. You need not Gentlemen be told that the government derives its authority, mediately, through the Honorable the Court of Directors, from the Crown of Great Britain, by virtue of a Royal Charter, and is, consequently, liable to the Common Restrictions of other Charter Governments and what is the striking feature in them all? It is clearly and concisely shewn in the 1st Volume of a learned commentator on the laws of England thus

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a power of making local ordinances, or Bye laws for their own internal regulation, not contrary to the Law of the land. Vide Black 1st Vol. Page 108.

It is plain then, from the high authority I have just quoted, that no charter — Government, of which nature the Government in question is, can, in my humble apprehension, frame any ordinances or orders, relative to internal policy, as far as they may regard British subjects, which are counter to the Laws of Great Britain; if it were otherwise the deputed Government would possess a superior authority to the source from whence it flows, which cannot be —

I then shall be able to shew you, Gentlemen, that every man's right over his property and acquisitions is fixed and absolute. I shall shew you that the unconstrolable power over his acquirements is not only guarded by the common Law of the Realm, but is specifically declared by Magna Charta, and Seneca round by innumerable Statutes,

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Statutes, if so, I shall be able to shew you that the inestimable right can never be invaded or infringed in any shape manner or degree, but by a solemn act of the legislature, or Parliament assembled, and by such act only, it will require but very little argument from me to demonstrate the insufficiency of the orders in reference for any legal purpose; and I have before stated that to an illegal order obedience cannot be forced—

To evince the right which every British Subject has on his property I shall beg leave to trouble the Court with another short passage from Blackstone Vol. 1st Pages 138. 139—

The Court have now before them authority which cannot be questioned, that the property of an Individual cannot be approached, even under the shew of public benefit, certainly a specious cause except by legislature, and then with a tender hand, that the right, which a man has in his property is coeval with him, in his Birth right, and the Law says that he shall have his free full enjoyment

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enjoyment and disposal of it without any controul
or diminution. For such are the emphatic words
of Blackstone, except by the laws of the land—
Now under the free use and disposal
of a man's property undoubtedly is included the
power to lend it out to use; and we are aware that
this is a power of which almost every one avails
himself, it's a right so acknowledged, and so —
commonly exercised, that I should be trespassing
upon the patience of the Court if I were to offer —
another observation on a matter so incontrovertible:
and it's as thoroughly and universally known
that the legislature has in no one instance interfered
in the exercise of this authority; but in one way—
namely, as to the rate of interest which we shall
demand and take for the loan of money, as far as
I have been able to inform myself, restricted or limited
by law: so that with this sole controul every
man has as by right he ought, the free use and
enjoyment of his own—
Any order which would, therefore,
seek

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seek to deprive any description of men of the free use of their property (an inherent right is clearly and plainly if the laws of England have any force known and which no one Commune will doubt, contrary not only to law, but to reason and right, and if the Government which would appear, had, at any time, published orders which would restrain, generally, the Military officers of their Service, under a misconception of their powers granted to them by Charter, from lending their money to a certain description of people, it is evident that such orders as they are calculated to control that over which every man possesses by positive and written Law an absolute, unqualified right, cannot in any contemplation of them, be held as operative and binding, and mere and are from the beginning null and void; and, consequently, any charges which were founded on the supposed Breach of such orders cannot legally be maintained; and, on this ground Mr. President, and Gentlemen, I except to the first charge, and I pray the Judgement of the Court, whether any evidence should be allowed to be received upon

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upon it, since the matters therein alledged, even should they be capable of proof, would not if proven, amount to any crime of which this Honorable Court, or indeed any other Court could take Cognizance—

Mr President and Gentlemen

Having stated my objections, some what at length, to the first charge I shall not trouble the Court, indeed have little occasion, with many objections to the second; all that I have said in regard to the preceeding charge applies, with equal force, to that; to which I would now request the notice of the Court. It refers to the supposed money transactions alledged in the foregoing Paragraph and the concluding Branch of the charge is wholly confined to a suggested Loan on a mortgage Bond— the Second charge, if any thing, stands on a weaker footing than the first for the first is alledged to have arisen out of a — disobedience of orders positive and repeated, whereas the latter does not glance at any order, which the alledged criminal act is stated to have violated—

And I presume, Gentlemen, that you

are

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are to collect my crime. if any I have been guilty of. from the letter of the charge; if this be case I would with all submission, ask what Military or what Civil crime is imported by the charge itself Does it define an offence declared either by the Military or by the Rules and articles of war. or any offence which is chargeable. by Military Custom? I have passed some years, Gentlemen, in the profession and some in an office which should have acquainted me slightly, in those matters. and, I conclude, with submission to the Court, that it is not reducible to any measure of military offence of which I have ever heard or read—

It is said that I have interfered improperly by means of One Venkatachellum to collect the revenue of certain Pollams on account of money due upon Bonds &c. &c. it does not however state that the interference complained of was a Military interference, or that such interference was contrary to Military order or discipline. and without which I humbly contend that nothing in the shape of charge can be fashioned or framed against me the

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the interference is termed to have been improper but impropriety, tho it would argue a declination from the strict Road of what is becoming, cannot, in any sense, be construed to mean or intend — criminately, and I shall not say (for it would be unnecessary) that terms or words are not to be taken in any signification, when a Penalty may be worked by them, but what is common and universal —

But Gentlemen, if you will be pleased to look clearly at the charge you will perceive that it does not contain any matter which can be tortured into a Crime, even admitting that every thing stated in it could be demonstrated in Evidence. What is the direct meaning of it? that I had improperly interfered in the Revenues of certain districts - How? By employing, or causing to be employed Tahsildars to collect the Revenues of such districts - But does this amount to a Crime? surely not. all that it would in fact, however obtained, would be

be a criminal intent or design and would not amount to a crime, unless such intent or design had been put in execution by the actual — Collection of the revenues in prosecution of the original design. But the Collection of Revenues is no where set forth in the above charge and not being so, I am well advised that no — evidence could be exhibited if it were provable, to shew and demonstrate such fact. For no — Court, however extended and unconfined its Jurisdiction may be, can admit of proof but to support the allegations contained in a charge judicially before them, and no further: and to suppose that this Honorable Court would admit Evidence to heighten and outrage the degree of imaginary Guilt chargeable to a Prisoner by his Prosecutor, would be to do them an Injustice of which I trust I am incapable —

I therefore most solemnly except to this charge, as it contains not a description of

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of any military offence, constituted by the 27th of
His late Majesty for the punishing of offences ~~—~~ a
committed in the East Indies, by the Mutiny act,
& the Rules and articles for the better Government
of his Majesty's and the Honorable Company's
Forces, or by the usage and custom of war; and further
as it contains not, either in letter or spirit, according
to common understanding, the definition of an offence
of which any human tribunal can take cognizance
which is capable only of trying and determining
acts, and not intentions unperfected by actions; and
I humbly crave the Judgement of the Court on
the validity of these my exceptions—

Mr President and Gentlemen.

I shall not dissemble my failings
as to the third charge. I am conscious that it
contains matter which I ought to answer before
the honorable Court altho such matter is not
set forth with that Certainty, which it ought to
be. I shall not therefore take any exceptions, in a
formal manner, to this charge, but shall throw
myself

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myself on the justice of the Court to protect me against the ill effects which might possibly arise from a charge of so general a Nature - The Court will perceive that I am accused of an abuse of Military Power, in having confined divers persons under Military restraint, and one Person of the name of Cawder Rakouttum, in particular; and seeing that the confining of the Person mentioned, is the only specific Crime imputed to me I trust that they will confine the Evidence to this point; or, otherwise, I might if it should so please my prosecutor be put to the peril and pain of a second trial in every one of the supposed instances of criminality, as far as regards the confinement of the divers anonymous persons alluded to by the charge. An accused person Case will be hard indeed if he is thrown on the mercy of his prosecutor I am confident that this Honorable Court will rescue me from such a hardship, and will restrain the Evidence to such matter only as are clearly set forth and charged. The

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The Judge Advocate submits the following opinion to the Court.

Judge Advocate

I consider the charges (with the limitation of time affixed by the Court) as sufficiently specifick. It can never be expected that the same precision should obtain in charges given into Military Courts, which are generally framed by men but slightly acquainted with the niceties of law, as in indictments, which are drawn up by able Lawyers; though, certainly, the more particular charges are, as to time place and circumstance, the better. The present charges, I repeat, constructed as they are in point of time by the Court, are, in my opinion, sufficiently specifick, and the Court may on them proceed to trial.

The objection to the first charge is briefly this, that a British subject has, by his birthright, the absolute disposal of his property

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property, of which he can only be deprived by an act of the legislature, that he therefore can lend his money out to use, and is only restricted as to the rate of interest that the Company derive their authority from a Royal Charter (it ought also to have stated from act of Parliament) that his Majesty can not confer greater powers than he himself possesses -

That there is no act of Parliament authorizing the Company to prevent any of their Servants from lending money to any discription of people at a legal interest, consequently that the Directors have issued an unlawful order; or, in other words, orders which they cannot enforce. this argument was wholly unexpected by me I concluded, and still think, that the Court of Directors, assisted as they are by the most respectable Counsil, could not have repeatedly sent out illegal orders, to be published, and enforced by their Governments in this Country, or that the Board of Control would have given their sanction to such Acts therefore

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therefore of opinion the Court may proceed to the trial of the prisoner on the first charge. that as the objection is extremely strong. I should wish the Court not to depend altogether on my opinion, but to transmit the paper of objections to the Commander in Chief, with a request that he will take steps to procure the opinion of the Attorney General on the Validity of the objections —.

I feel it necessary here to state that I am averse to delay. but having a doubt on my mind, I think it advisable to avoid the possibility of acting / although with the best intentions / — improperly. I need scarcely add, that, at Home, references are frequently made by Courts Martial to the Judge advocate General. and even from Courts where he himself officiates / though an experienced Lawyer, to the twelve Judges.

I am of opinion the objections to the Second charge are not Valid. It will immediately appear to the common apprehension of the Court that this highly improper for any officer more especially

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especially for an Officer in Command, whose particular duty it is to assist in the Collection of the Revenues, if required, to interfere, without authority, in the Collections, and to employ people for that express purpose—

The third charge is I think sufficiently particular; the place is mentioned the time is limited by the Court, and in the evidence, the names of the people must be sworn to I therefore consider the exceptions to this charge of no weight—

The Court determine that the whole of the proceedings shall be transmitted to the Commander in Chief with a request that he will take steps to procure the opinion of the Attorney General on the Validity of the respective objections—

The Court Adjourn until further orders.

Signed W. S. Limrick
Dy Judge Advocate

Signed Hay Macdowall
Col. & President

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The President delivers in the following Minute

Presidents Minute in Council 15th December 1797.

Had the money transactions — attributed to Lieutenant Colonel Oliver been — unconnected with other charges of criminality, and alleged to have taken place subsequent to the publication of the orders of the Court of Directors under date the 31st August 1796. upon the information already in our possession, I should have felt — myself enabled to declare, upon Oath, my belief of his having been concerned in prohibited loans, and should certainly have proposed that he should be called before the Council in the manner directed in the late orders of the Company; but as the transactions in question were of a much earlier date, and as Mr. Wynch had brought forward several other charges against Lieutenant Colonel Oliver, in a great degree connected with them, I judged it advisable to propose that the whole of the criminality imputed to him should be submitted to

Lord Hobarts Minute states the reasons of his Lordship on the Case of Lieut. Col. Oliver deviated from the orders of the Company dated 31st August 1796 Recommends that the Attorney Generals opinion be taken on Col. Olivers exceptions to the charges—

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to the decision of a Military tribunal - The Board will not be surprized, that I did not advert to the possibility of an officer in the service of the Company disputing the validity of the orders of the Court of Directors, communicated to the Army through the Government and the Commander in Chief. With respect to the reference from the General Court Martial to the Commander in Chief which he has laid before the Board, I would recommend that the proceedings should be submitted to the Attorney General for the purpose of obtaining his opinion upon the subject, for, should the Commander in Chief be requested to return the proceedings, without taking the Attorney General's opinion upon them, I should be apprehensive that the Court Martial either might not be disposed to proceed upon the Trial, or that they would proceed under an impression that the Attorney General's sentiments were not such as the Government had found it expedient to communicate. In the former case, the Commander in Chief would probably be involved in an unpleasant discussion with the Court Martial; and in the latter an idea would inevitably prevail against the legality of the orders respecting loans -

Having no doubt in my own mind

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mind of the right of the Company to issue the orders in question, and being under the most perfect conviction that the Attorney General will justify the exercise of that right by his opinion I have recommended that it should be resorted to upon the present occasion because I cannot think it probable that the Court Martial having decided to have his opinion for their guide will venture to act in opposition to it. and if they do proceed upon the Trial, after the plea which has been urged by Lieutenant Colonel Oliver to put a stop to it, they will proceed under an admission of the legality of the orders - a circumstance which may eventually be of some importance -

Minute thereon

After much deliberation and discussion of the subject the Board judge it most advisable that the opinion of the Attorney General should be taken on the objections of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver against the legality of the government order, for a violation of which he has been brought to trial - Ordered

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Ordered accordingly that the papers be
referred to Attorney General.—

" H Dundas

" Geo: Hamilton
Con Saunders

" E H Fallofield

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Comp.
C Strachey

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Received and Dispatched the under=
-mentioned letters entered in MB Nos 50, 51, 52, 53.

From Lieut Colonel St John enclosing
a Bill for Clothing provided for the Malay Prisoners
at Chingleput

From the Commandant at Chingleput

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an
additional Estimate of Cash for the present Month—

From Military Paymaster General

To Major General Sydenham —
referring an additional Estimate of the Paymaster
Genrals—

To the Military auditor General

To Mrs Anne Lang, informing
her that orders have been issued for the Payment of
her Pension from 25th June 1796 at the Paymaster
Generals office.

To Mr. Ann Lang

Received also the following Letters

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

From Bengal enclosing List of Cargo delivered at Madras and Trincomale by Captain Elmore of the Trave, of the quantity expended by the Troops on board and of the quantities still remaining on board —

Sir

I am directed by the Vice President in Council
to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter from
the

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the Secretary to the Military Board with Copies of the papers therein referred to, and to request they may be laid before the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

Fort William
the 27th November 1797.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signd) John Stracey Sub Secty

To J. Stracey Esqre
Sub Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to inclose Copy of a Letter from Captain Elmore Commanding the Ship Indra, Employed on the late intended Expedition, as also Copy of a Paper containing an Account of Cargo delivered by him at Madras, and Irincomalie, & Quantities Expended by the Troops sent in the Ship from Madras to Trincomalee, and of Quantities Still remaining on Board the Indra, which you will be pleased to Submit to the Governor General in Council, and request his attention to the irregular and insufficient manner in which the Cargoes have been accounted for.

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signd) Isaac Humphrys
Secy Mily Board

Military Board Office
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Isaac Humphrys Esqr

Secretary to the Military Board.

Sir

Accompanying I transmit you an Account of Cargo received and delivered, on Account of the Honble Company from the Ship Indra under my Command. When I sent to the Secretary at Fort St George for Vouchers for what I delivered there, I was given to understand that they would be sent to the Government here I was ordered on board at a Moments warning

I am, &c &c

(signed) Jno Elmore

A true Copy

(Signed) Isaac Humphrys Secry Mily Bd

Account of Cargo delivered at Madras on Account of the Honble Company—

50 Bales of Gunnies
13 do do Twine
75 Bundles of Jute Rope
93 Barrels of Flour
8 Chests of do
77 Empty water Casks
1 Flat Bottomed Boat
5470 Billets of Firewood
400 Bags of Biscuit

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Account of Cargo delivered at Princevale on account of the Honble Company

54 Liaguers of Arrack
26 Hhds of Porter
36 Casks of Salt Provisions
3387 Bags of Rice
187 do of Dholl
161 Bags of Peas
10 Chests of Treasure
7 Chests of Medicines
12 Bundles of Mamutties
5 do of Do
1 Chest of Felling Axes
5 Bundles of do Do
15 Iron Crows
5 Bundles of Pickaxes
4 do of Hand do
3 do of Helves
1 Dubber of Oil
1 Bundle of Tent Rope
6 Large Tarpaulings

(Account

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15th

Account of Stores expended for the use of the Soldiers from Madras to Trincomalé

4 Casks of Salt Provision
1 Bag of Rice
2 do of Shott
1 do of Peas
1 Small Cask of Arrack
1000 Billets of Firewood
10 Maunds of Biscuit

Remains on board on Account of the Honble Company—

2404 Billets of Firewood
12 Maunds of Biscuit
4 Bags damaged Rice
1 Copper Kettle belonging to the Britannia &
a Jany Cask with a little Arrack
3 Barrels of Musket Cartridges with Ball,
belonging to the 80th Regiment

(signed) Jn. Elmore

Calcutta
the 15th November 1797

A true Copy
signed Isaac Humphrys
Secy M. P.

True Copies
(signed) J. Stracey Subsecy

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To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Maxt. acainting of a party having been attacked by Lieutenant Colonel Lalande at the requisition of Mr. Collector Webb against some insurgents in the Tadah Zemindary

For information of the Right Honble President in Council, I have the honor to transmit Copies of Letters from Mr. Collector Webb and Lieut. Colonel Lalande, enclosures No 1 & 2 from which he will observe, that Lieutenant Barclay has marched from Sillanagrum in Command of a Detachment for the suppression of insurgency in the Tadah Zemindary, which I hope will be soon effected. as the particulars are mentioned in Mr Webbs letter, it is unnecessary for me to trouble you with repetition —

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c &c

(signed) Geo. Muat Lt Col

Comg

Vizagapatam District

Head Quarters at

Chicacole 5 December 1797.

To Lieut Colonel Muat

Commanding the Troops on the Vizagapatam District

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that

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15th that Sadah Royapah Rauze having manifested some hostile intentions against Mullapah Rauze, and being chiefly supported therein by a Partisan of the name of Coopen Naik, who, I am informed, has a party of about two hundred Rons at or near Saloor, I have in order to suppress the disturbance with as much expedition as possible, made an application to Lieut Colonel Lalande to reinforce Ld Barclay with fifty Sepoys, he having but a small number of his Corps with him and + required the latter to proceed, as soon as he receives that assistance to Saloor and endeavor to apprehend the person of Coopen Naik in which if he succeeds, it will in all probability facilitate + considerably the termination of the Disturbance.—

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(signed) Nathl. Webb
Collector 2. Dr. V. Dt

Vizagapatam
3d December 1797

A true Copy
(signed) Go. Muat

To Lieut Colonel Muat
Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam Districts
and Chicacole

Sir

Agreable to the inclosed Copy of a letter from

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15. from Mr Collector Hibbs, I took upon me to Detach one Subidar, two Havildars two Naigues and Forty Six Sepoys to Sattanagrum this morning, supposing from the purport of the letter that the exigency of the Service would admit of no delay, I therefore did not wait for your orders, and hope this will meet your approbation.

Camp Rajam
3d December 1797

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(signed) C. Lalande Lt Col

A true copy
(signed) Geo. Muat

16th. Received from the Deputy Assistant General of the King's Troops the following distribution of Troops to embark for Bengal, Bombay Columbo, and Trincomale

Distribution

Return of the Troops to embark for Bengal on the Phenix Earl Spencer Hawke and Prince William Henry

1797

16th

Fort St George 16th December 1797

Distribution of Troops to Embark for Bengal

Ships

Ships		Lieut Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Surgeons	Surgeons Mates	Assistants	Sergeants	Drummers	Rank & File	Horses	Children	Total on board Rank & File &c	Total on board Ships
Phenix	Royal Artillery	..	..	2	1	1	3	2	45	2	2	54			
	72d Foot	1	..	1	2	1	10	10	37	1	1	59	113		
	71st Ditto	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
Earl Spencer	71st Ditto	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2			
	72d Ditto	..	..	1	3	..	10	4	44	3	3	64	66		
Hawke	71st Ditto	..	1	1	2	..	5	..	2	1	..	8			
	72d Ditto	..	..	..	2	..	10	4	19	2	3	38	46		
Prince Wm Henry	71st Ditto	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	3			
	72d Ditto	..	..	1	2	..	10	4	22	3	3	42	45		
	Total	1	1	9	15	2	53	24	169	12	12	270	270		

(Signed) Jas Robertson
Depy Adjt Genl

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Return of Troops to embark for Bombay, Columbo and Trincomalee — Major Gen. Aitchison Commanding Officer — Royal Navy attending — Brigade Majr attending — and Brigade Major —

Trincomalee.

Distribution of the Troops to Embark for Bombay, Columbo and Fort St George December 1797

Ships			Major	Captains	Subalterns	Staff	Sergeants	Rank and File	Women	Children	Total Rank and File &c &c	
Victorious			1	..	2	..	..	2 98	..	..	100	
Princess Mary	72d	Foot	..	1	3	..	..	1 211	52	46	290	
	75th	Ditto	..	..	1	..	1					
	77th	Ditto	..	..	1	..	..					
	80th	Ditto	..	1	..	..	..					
Atlantic	72d	Ditto	..	1	3	1	1	1 147	44	53	245	
	80th	Ditto	..	1	1	..	..					
Eliza Anna	19th	Ditto	..	3	2	..	..	.. 20	..	..	20	
		Total	1	7	13	1	2	4 478	96	99	705	

Signed James Robertson
Dep. Adjt Genl

Dec 1794

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Fort St George December 16th 1797

Sent the following Letters

To William Clarke Esqre

Commander of his Majesty's Ship

Victorious

Sir

In consequence of the communications which have passed between you and the Right Honble the President in Council upon the subject of accommodating a part of his Majesty's Troops for Bombay on board his Ship Victorious, I have the honor to inclose a return of the men, and to request that you will order them to be served with Provisions and Water from the Stores of the Victorious to be accounted for hereafter in the same manner as on your passage from Penang.

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

(signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

Fort St George
16th December 1797

To Captain Mr Orrock

of the Ship Phenix

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

A Captain Clarke inclosing Returns of the Troops to be embarked on H. M. Ship Victorious for Bombay requesting he will order them to be served with Provisions

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To the Commander of the Ships Despatched to Bengal, Colombo, Trincomale & Bombay inclosing returns of the Troops they are to receive on board and desiring them to obey the orders they may receive from the Military Board.

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Return of Troops to embark for Bombay Columbo and Fort St George

Trincomalie

Distribution of the Troops to Embark for Bombay Columbo and Fort St George December 1797

Ships			Major	Captains	Subalterns	Staff	Sergeants	Drummers & Fifers	Rank and File	Women	Children	Total on Shipboard Rank and File
Victorious				1	2		2	98				100
Princess Mary	72d	Foot		1	3							
	75th	Ditto			1		1					
	77	Ditto			1				1	211	52	45	240
	80th	Ditto		1								
Atlantic	72d	Ditto		1	3	1	1					
	80th	Ditto		1	1				1	197	44	53	295
Eliza Anna	19th	Ditto			3	2			20			20
		Total	1	7	13	1	2	4	310	86	99	705

signed James Robertson
Dep. Adj. Gen.

10 Dec 1797

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Fort St George December 16th 1797

16th

Sent the following Letters

To William Clarke Esqre

Commander of his Majesty's Ship

Victorious

Sir

To Captain Clarke inclosing Returns of the Troops to be embarked on H. M. Ship Victorious for Bombay requesting he will order them to be supplied with Provisions

In consequence of the communications which have passed between you and the Right Honble the President in Council upon the subject of accommodating a part of his Majesty's Troops for Bombay on board his Ship Victorious, I have the honor to inclose a return of the men, and to request that you will order them to be served with Provisions and Water from the Stores of the Victorious to be accounted for hereafter in the same manner as on your passage from Pinang.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Fort St George
16th December 1797

(signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

To Captain W. Brock
of the Ship Phenix

To the Commander of the Ships Despatched to Bengal, Columbo, Trincomale & Bombay inclosing returns of the Troops they are to receive on board - and desiring them to obey the orders they may receive from the Military Board -

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the President

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16th President in Council to receive a return of the Troops, which his Lordship had resolved to embark on your Ships for Bengal, and to desire that you will comply with such directions as may be received from the Military Board for their reception and accommodation on board —

Fort St George
16th December 1797 —

Sam
Sir, &c &
(signed) S Webbe Secy to Govt

The same to the Captain & Rait — Earl Spencer
Captain Baker — Hawke
Captain Basket — Prince Wm Henry
James Nash — Princess Mary
Robert — Atlanta
R. Hughes — Elizabeth — Britannia

To Lieut General Harris

To Military Board inclosing returns of the Troops to be embarked for Bombay — Fremonade, Bengal and Columbo — and desiring they will give the necessary orders for their accommodation & subsistence

President & Members of the Military Board

Gentlemen

Inclosed I have the honor to [illegible] distribution returns of the Troops which the Right Honble the President in Council has [illegible]

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16th resolved to embark on the Different Ships, herein mentioned, for Bengal, Trincomale, Columbo, and Bombay, and am directed to desire that the necessary orders may be issued for Providing them with Provisions and water during the Passage.

The Commanders of the several Ships except his Majesty's Ship Victorious, with regard to which it will be unnecessary for you to take any measures, have been ordered to comply with your directions upon the Subject of embarking these Troops and their Provisions and Stores &c

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen, &c &
(signed) J. Webbe Secry to Govt

Fort St. George
16th December 1797.

Received and Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss No. 54

55. 56. 57. 58—

From the Commander of the Ship Bridgo.

From Captain Dobree, inclosing Bill for Victualling part of His Majesty's 80th Regiment from the Cape to Madras Amounting to £ 1441. 7. 6—

From

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From Adjutant General—

From Lieut Colonel Close Lieut—

Geo Lang Commanding at Joggernaut Poram—

applies for leave of absence to the Presidency

for Six Weeks—

To Lieut Geo Lang permitting

him to visit the Presidency for Six Weeks—

To the Commandant at Joggernaut Poram

From the Commander of the Ship Bridge 19th

From Captain Dobree requesting

Payment for the Accommodation of Lieut Knight

his Assistant and Servant on board his Ship

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal—

From Mr Sub Secretary Stracey

inclosing a Letter from the Secretary to the

Military Board at Fort William to the Military

Board at this Presidency—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor—President

Tuesday

19th December 1797.

Lieut General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernest William Talloples } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved—

(Read

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Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. No 106.

Translation of a Letter—

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c &c
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George

Dated 19th December 1797.

Received 20th do

From the Nabob requesting that two officers may be stationed with him to discipline his Body Guard—

I have to request that your Lordship will oblige me by the loan of two Officers of the Company to be stationed with me for the purpose of Disciplining the Men of my Body Guard— this was heretofore customary— My friends the Company lent their officers to my Circar when requested, and I now make a similar request of your Lordship—

What can I write more?

A true translation
(Signed) A. Falconar
P. Fr. to Govt

Minute thereon

The President is requested to inform his Highness that the present circumstances of the Company's Army render it wholly impossible to comply with his orders—

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Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George

Dated 14 December 1797.

Recvd 15 Jan

From the Nabob advising having paid his December Kist—

by the Blessing of God I have paid to the Company the sum of two Lack Star Pagodas in part of the Kist of December 1797, and Mr Secretary Webbe has given me Receipts for the same

I have written this for your Lordships information

What can I write more?

A true Translation
(signed) A. Falconar
Pers. Tr. to Govt

Mémoire Persan

The President is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the above letter, and at the same time to remind His Highness of his entire neglect to perform any part of his engagement to Sir Paul Sodrell—

Read

7741 Fort St. George 19th December 1797.

Read the following letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered also in C.C. No 108—

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore To the Right Honble Lord Hobart, &c &c &c

From the Rajah of Tanjore requesting that in case of the death of his late Brother's widow he may be allowed to perform the necessary funeral ceremonies—

Mahalsee Maya Bhaie Sahib the widow of my elder brother Tulja Maharaj who is in heaven, has for a long time supposed been afflicted with a pain in the breast and I am informed, that she is now extremely ill, as the right devolves upon me I must in the event of any thing happening to her myself perform the ceremonies according to our Shaster: in the same manner therefore, as formerly in the time of Sir Charles Oakeley when Mahalsee Droupadee Bhaie Sahib the Mother and Soolukan Bhaie Sahib the widow of my Brother Tulja Maharaj deceased. the Government made an arrangement for my performing their funeral ceremonies, I request that I may be permitted to perform the ceremonies of Mahalsee Maya Bhaie Sahib according to the Customs of our ancestors

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Ancestors for many generations past, I must in consequence explain to your Excellency that there is a guard of the Company's Troops over the apartment of Raya Bhair Saheb, and I request that instructions may be sent to Mr Macleod the Resident that I may be admitted to perform the ceremonies in the same manner as in the former instance of the two Bhair Saheb's otherwise there may be much confusion and on this account I address myself to your Excellency, as there is no estimating the period when the event may happen in a case of frail Mortality, I request the favor of your Excellency to send immediate orders without delay before that event, in order that one of my guards may be present with the Company's guard to prevent any confusion and to ensure that things may be conducted as I have above described

Believe me always your sincere friend & so friend why should I write more.?

Despatched the 6 December 1797

true Translation (signed) J. Webbe Mr Jr (Assistant

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Minute thereon

Fort St. George 19th December 1797.

Resolved that in the event of Maya Bhaie Sahibs decease his Excellency the Rajah be permitted to perform his funeral obsequies, and that instructions be accordingly sent to the Resident at Tanjore—

Read the following letter from

Sir Paul Jodrell

Jas. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir

From Sir Paul Jodrell enclosing his security for the Monthly sum to be advanced him from the Company's Treasury.

Be pleased to inform the Right Honble President in Council that I received the honor of your Letter of the 7th Instant, and in consequence I herewith transmit a paper drawn up by a professional Gentleman, which comprehends the personal security required by Government as mentioned in your said letter, and which I hope will prove perfectly satisfactory. The form of a Receipt for the Monthly advance also accompanies this, and I request to be informed when I may draw for the Money

I have only to add my most grateful acknowledgements to the Right Honorable

President

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President in Council for this mark of his favor

and I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Fort St George

13th December 1797.

(signed) Paul Sedwell

I promise to repay to the Government

of Fort St George on the last Indias on account of

the Honorable Company of England trading to the

East Indies all, and every Sum or Sums of Money,

which from henceforth I may have and receive

from the said Government of Fort St George, on

account of the Money Secured to me, on a

Bond executed by his Highness the Nabob of

the Carnatic, and which Bond is by me

lodged with the said Government of Fort St George

in order that the same may be liquidated

with the Company's Rist, according to the

Spirit and meaning of the said Bond.

And I further undertake in

the event of the Honble Court of Directors

disapproving of such loan having been

made me by the Government of Fort St George

on account of the Bond in allusion, that

I

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I will, when called upon so to do, grant a re-
Mortgage upon the said Bond to the full extent
of all or every sum or sums of Money, so by
me from time to time had, and received from
the said Government of Fort St. George

(signed) Paul Jodrell

Fort St. George
12th December 1797.

Copy of a Receipt for the Monthly advance of
100 Pagodas——

Minute thereon

Received from the Government
of Fort St. George the Sum of—— which is
to be repaid as by my written Agreement
under date the 12th day of December last past
Fort St. George— December 1797——

The Board deem the Security
offered by Sir Paul Jodrell perfectly satis=
factory. Resolved therefore that the Civil
Paymaster General do pay upon his receipt
according to the foregoing form the Monthly
sum of One hundred Pagodas from the
first day of January next until the pleasure
of the Honble Court of Directors shall be
received.——

Ordered

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Ordered that Sir Paul Jodrell's personal obligations be lodged in the Treasury

Read the following Letter from the Attorney General—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

From the Attorney Genl stating his opinion on Colonel Oliver's exception to the charges against him—considers the Company authorized to prohibit loan of money to Natives not amenable to British Laws—

My Lord—

In obedience to your Lordship's Commands I have considered the exceptions taken by Lieut Colo Oliver to the first of the three charges exhibited against him by Government, and have the honor to offer it as my opinion that they ought not to have been allowed after a Plea of not-guilty. In our common-law Courts it is a rule never to permit a Demurrer and a Plea to be put in to the same fact, and if a solitary case may be found where a Demurrer to an Indictment has been received after issue joined, it must have been, I apprehend, where the Plea has been withdrawn by consent: for being as repugnant to each other as confession and Denial, it seems to be absurd to suffer them to

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to subsist together. as however the exceptions have been entered on the Proceedings it may be proper to enquire how far they are founded in law, and with what propriety they have been urged — The Prohibition of loans of money to such descriptions of the Natives as are not amenable to British laws, and from whom therefore repayment cannot be obtained by other means than actual force, is a measure that seems at once to secure private property and Public tranquility, and to have immediately for its object the public good, which is the scope and general end of the Authority delegated to the East India Company by the King and Parliament it is therefore impossible for me to entertain a doubt of the right of the Court of Directors to issue orders for that purpose, or of the legality of such orders.

The whole system of the Company's Government in India has now for upwards of twenty years undergone the most minute investigation of Parliament, and since 1784 when the Proceedings of the Court of Directors were laid

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placed under the Controul of his Majesty's
Ministers This order has been repeated, which
it is reasonable to suppose would not have
happened, had there been a doubt of its
legality. Every man who resides under the
Company's Government in India must be
subject to these Regulations and restrictions which
have been judged expedient for its due
administration, and the Legislature aware of the
necessity of a strict obedience to the orders of
the Court of Directors have enacted the
following clause in the late Act of Parliament
33d of the King. Chap. 52. Sect 65 — "and be it further
"enacted that the wilfull disobeying, or the
"wilfully omitting, forbearing or neglecting
"to execute the orders or instructions of the
"of Directors of the said Company by any
"Governor General, Governor, President, Counsellor
"or Commander in Chief or by any other of the
"Officers or Servants of the said united Company
"in the East Indies (unless in cases of
"necessity, the Burthen of the proof whereof
"necessity shall be on the Party so disobeying or

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"or omitting or forbearing to execute such orders and
"instructions as aforesaid, and every wilful breach
"of the Trust and duty of any Office or employment,
"by any such Governor General, Governor, Presidents
"Counseller, or Commander in Chief, or by any of
"the officers or Servants of the said united Company
"in the East Indies shall be deemed and taken
"to be a Misdemeanor at Law, and shall or may
"be prosecuted against and punished as such, by
"virtue of this Act"

In accepting his Commission Lieut Colonel Oliver engages to obey all orders of Government, or of his Superior officer, under the penalty of loosing that Commission, and though in ultimo cases, when obedience, would by the Laws of the Kingdom, expose officers to the loss of liberty or life, if such can ever be supposed to have the orders or Sanction of regular Government, or of a Commander in Chief of the Army, they would no doubt be justified in hesitating and refusing to obey - but in questioning the legality of orders which the Court of Directors have deemed

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deemed necessary to the welfare and tranquility of the Country, and the collection of the Revenue of the state, they assume a right incompatible with Military discipline (as far as I can form Ideas on the Subject) and set a dangerous example to the army: for in disputing the orders of their Commander they teach the private men to dispute their own, and lay the certain foundation of anarchy and disorder.

I have already informed your Lordship that in my opinion the Court of Directors were throughly warranted in point of law to issue the order in question; and I must add, that it appears to me, the Court-Martial were incautious in allowing the legality of a Prohibition of Government, given out in General orders by the Commander in Chief, to be brought into doubt, they were assembled for the purpose of trying a charge of disobedience of orders, and should have confined their investigations to that particular

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particular point.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord, &c &c
(Signed) Benjn Sullivan

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Commander in Chief
be furnished with a Copy of the foregoing letter
and that he be requested to transmit to
the Court Martial at Trichinopoly

Read the following letter
from the Military Board—

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

From Military Board – the repairs at Innacondah ordered – a register of Bills from the Paymaster of extraordinaries – enclosed for November. Bills of the Contractors for Buildings and – repairs recommended for payment

My Lord,

We have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of a letter from Government of the
29th ultimo, with its enclosures, and to report to
your Lordship, that the necessary directions
have in consequence been given relative to the
repair of the Work, and public Buildings, at
Innacondah.

The Military Auditor General
having, in conformity to the Regulations under
Date

7752 Fort St. George 19th December 1797.

Sir

Since the 19th July last laid before us a Register of Bills from the Paymaster of Extraordinaries for the Month of November, we accordingly do ourselves the Honor to inclose the same to your Lordship in Council with our Opinion on each charge contained therein —

Having received from the late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs two Bills for repairs performed by them to the Quarters at Arcott, amounting to Pag.s 691. 11. 52 which Bills appearing correct, we therefore beg leave to recommend that they may be — passed for Payment.

We have the Honor to be

My Lord, &c &c

Fort St. George
8th December 1797.

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Giles
Wm Sydenham
Jno Richardson
By Close

Register of Bills for the Month of November 1797 sent under reference to the Military Auditor General by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries

Number of the Bills	Particulars of each	Military Auditor Generals Remarks	Opinion of the Military Board	Decision of Government
1	account Particulars of the Balances due by the Lascars that proceeded with the 1st Division which cannot be recovered, signed by the President and Members of the Military Board dated 1st November amounting as p Bill, to Pagodas 36. 25. 40 —		2 No 1 The Board recommend this Bill to be returned to the Military Auditor General to be adjusted in the manner he has suggested	Approved (signed) J Webbe Secry to Govt
2	A Bill from Captain A Allan Town Major for 6 dooly Boys and hire of a Dooly to convey Thomas Rice Private of the 1st Division European Regt from Ramnaud to Madras — agreable to an Extract of a Letter from Colonel Martin to Major Allan dated 23d October 1797. and amounting to A Pags 28. —		No 2 although the Board are sensible of the motives which actuated Colonel Martin on the occasion yet as the charge might have been in a great measure avoided as suggested by the Military Auditor General they can only submit the case to the consideration of Government	In consideration of the Motives, which must have actuated Colonel Martin ordered that the charge be passed (signed) J Webbe Secry to Govt

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Number of the Bills	Particulars of each	Military Auditor Generals Remarks	Opinion of the Military Board - Decision of Government
3	Two Bills from Captain A.G. Scott Commissary of Stores for Godowns hire and Establishment for the care of the Doolies as there being no room or places to be kept in the Fort agreeable to his Letter under date the 23d November 97 Monthly Ab.t Page 25. ——	No 3 Under the circumstances stated by the Military Auditor General the Board, are of opinion that the charge may be admitted to the 15th of the present Month at which time it	Ordered that the Commissary be allowed to make the charge until he can be supplied with Store Rooms for the Doolies in questions. ——

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York Fort George 25 Nov.r 1797.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Mily Bay.r Extraordinaries

should be discontinued (signed) S. Webbe
as it is to be supposed Secry to Govr
that upon the necessary
application being made
by the Commissary a
suitable place will
be allotted to him
for the purpose of
containing the
Dockets.

York Fort George 15th December 1797.

7756 Fort St. George 19th December 1797

Read the following Letter from Colombo

My Lord

The Frigates not having appeared again, the Conjectures of their Departure for the Malabar Coast seem founded. -

The Express which left Galle the 25 Did not arrive here until this Morning. It seems probable that Captain Clark in speaking of Eight Sail counted all that were then in sight, since by the report of Captain Gibson it appears that he observed only two Frigates

It is possible that what we took for a Corvette was a Travancore Brig, whose Capture was not certain

It is said at Galle that a Vessell, under Danish Colours, arrived from the Mauritius, has brought the Intelligence that Mons.r Sercey was ready to sail with 5 Frigates and 3 Privateers or Corvettes, Mons.r Rasnel, in making himself known has endeavoured to draw our attention whilst

From Ceylon Journal
December the two French Frigates off Point de Galle on the 25th November Capture an English Vessel - Below report affording suspicion - that a Vessel under Danish Colours arrived at Point de Galle from Batavia is Dutch property. -

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whilst a Superior force is destined to another quarter I am sorry that Captain Croker's Letter by express did not arrive in time to be sent with my first Intelligence of these Frigates. I have the honor to enclose Copy of it—

The Vessel under Danish colours arrived at Galle from the Mauritius, appears to be the property of some Dutchman at Batavia. I have the honor to send you a Copy of the Examination of its Papers, and of the Letter which I have written to Coll. Croker, to detain this Vessel until I am informed of your Lordships Instructions

I have the honor to be

Columbo
30th November 1797.

&c &c

(signed) P. T. DeMeuron

true Translation
(signed) W. Hall

To Major Agnew

Sir.

The inclosed is Captain Gibson's description of a Number of Ships observed off this Port in

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in the course of this day which I beg leave to
forward for General De Meurons information

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Robt Cracher Lt Col

Point de Galle
25th November 1797

To Colonel Crocker
Commanding Point de Galle

Sir

I beg leave to inform you that of the
three Ships, which I this Morning reported
the Eward, one under Danish Colours, after
being detained some time has proceeded on
her course, the two others I am convinced are
French Fregates, and very heavy ones, altho
they shew English Colours — the Smaller of
the two has taken the English Ship reported
to the Eward, whose Colours I saw haul
down and the National Flag for a moment
hoisted. this the Fregate also Did on her
getting alongside of the Ship, and had I
not been attentively attending their
motions. I should not have seen the
National Flags which were up.
but

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but for a moment.

25th November 5 P.M

I have the honor to be
(Signed) W.C. Gibson

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds Adjt Genl

To Major Agnew
Adjutant General on Ceylon

Sir.

For the information of General De Meuron I have the honor to inclose you the Copy of a few Questions put to the present and former Captains / Now a Passenger / of the Danish Ship now in the Harbour whose papers on inspection I find very suspicious — For instance In the Ship's Certificate — Mr Jacob Luxdorff Schmidt, declares on Oath before the Governor and Council of Trankabar that the Ship is avowedly and truely his property on the 27th of June 1796.

/ Paper No 2 / (Signed) Hermanson Secry

In the Certificate of the Cargo Mr Jacob Luxdorff Schmidt declares on Oath, —

before

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before the Governor and Council of Trankebar.
That the said Ship had no Goods or property
on board, but such as belonged to Danish
Subjects, or to other Neutral powers, and that
the Ship is destined from Batavia to
Trankebar — dated 27 of June 1796

Signed Hermanson Secy

Paper No 3

On the truth of the above declaration
Mr Schmedt obtains a Danish passport for the
Ship, wherein Mr De Haase is Named as
Captain in a different hand writing as in
other papers and proceeds with the Ship to the
Mauritius, instead of Tankebar as averred
in his Certificate; and altho' he acknow=
=ledges himself to have been Supercargo
as well as Captain still he says he
has no Books of the Sale of his Cargo, nor
has he any Authority for disposing of the
Ship, altho' by some papers Captain Muller
has, it would appear that he had done so,
but which from an Entry in the Ship
disbursement

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disbursements / the only book we saw / I have much reason to doubt it. The entry is as follows Viz.t

Aan Captyn Mulder Batavia — Spes M. 500 —

Voor Papier . . . . . 500 — —

On his being asked what papers, he paid so much for he said that it was writing Paper, that he had purchased from an American, and that he had sent it to Batavia in another Ship, but — still he refused to satisfy us by producing his Books —

But the Grand point is this — I have said above, that Mr. Schmidt of Trankabar had declared on Oath / as appears by the papers / before the Governor and Council that the Ship was his property on the 27th of June 1796, now it appears by the original Bill of Sale dated — Batavia the 26 of December 1795 That the Ship was only Sold by, and for Account of the Dutch Company, on the 1st of October 1796 full three Months and three days after Mr Schmidt had — declared her on Oath to be his property — Captain

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Captain Muller by his papers (in French) it would appear had bought her, but as Mr DeHaase had no Authority to sell her, I still conceive that the Ship, if she belongs to Frankfort, must still be the property of Mr Schmidt, but I have too much reason to suppose that the Ship so far from being the property of a Danish Subject otherwise why should Captain DeHaase keep back his instructions, his power of Attorney, or his Books, that she is Bona fide Dutch property, and belongs to Batavia but allowing her for a moment to be Mr Schmidts, Captain DeHaase from having no special Authority had of course no right to sell the Ship, nor had Captain Muller, any right to buy her, for there are few People, who are so ignorant of the Laws of their Country, as to purchase a Ship without enquiring and inspecting very narrowly the powers intrusted to the Seller and another thing is that Mr Schmidt could seize the Ship wherever

wherever he found her, and Captain Mutter would have Mr De Haase only for his security and as I said above, allowing her for a moment to be Mr Schmidts. the contradictions in her papers would condemn her in any Court as the different circumstances already have in my Eyes. I shall however patiently wait your orders how to act, and feell assured that after our late loss off this Port you will excuse my entering so fully into this business which I must allow I have much at heart——

I have the honor to be &c

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(signed) Robt Cooker Lt & Cd

A true Copy

(signed) J. Reynolds Actg Secry

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Copy of a few Questions put to Mr De Haase and Captain Rutter of the Ship Susanna Amelia on Inspecting her papers with their Answers — By order of Colonel Close

Question 1st	Answer by Mr De Haase
By your originab papers it appears that the Ship belonged to Mr Smith of Frankabar.	Yes Sir
Question 2d	Answer
How came the ship to be sold at the Mauritius, and what authority had you for selling her —	I was qualified by the proprietor to do so.
Question	Answer
It beliefve it is a custom among Merchants to grant to each other a Special power of Attorney to dispose of their effects, particularly Ships or Houses. Have you any such Authority —	I have none in writing
Question —	Answer
What did you carry from Batavia to the Mauritius, that is what did your Cargo consist of	Rice Arrack and a little Coffee
Question 5th	Answer
As Supercargo, you of course have your Owner's Instructions respecting the	I had no instructions whatever

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the sale of the cargo, and the disposal
of the proceeds which must have been
considerable —

Pray what are become of them for you have nothing in the Ship

I got Bills on Europe for the proceeds —

Question 6th

Answer

In disposing of a Ship it is customary to make over the original Bill of Sale to the purchaser. how comes it, that yours is not made over or indorsed

Answer was asked for it

Question 7th to Captain Muller

Answer

Pray where is the Bill of Sale — wherein Captain deHaase makes over the Ship to you

certified by his papers to be signed in the Register office at the Isle of of France

Question 8th to Captain DeHaase

Answer

Mr Smith I observe in your original papers, Swears before the Council at Frankaber that the Ship was his — Property on the 2d of June 1796. — whereas it appears that she was not sold by the Dutch Company. until the 1st of October 1796 the date of your Bill of Sale. How can you account for this. —

I can in no way account for it

Question 9th

Answer

The above, with the circumstance

of

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of your Selling the Ship without any Authority for so doing looks very Suspicious, can you clear it up

I can in no way Account for it

Question 10th to Captain Muller says that one fourth at least of the Ships Company are to be Subjects of the Power to which the Ship belongs - the whole of yours are evidently Dutch Subjects

Answer

Was there a possibility of getting them I acknowledge it, but there was none at the Mauritius —

Question 11th to Ditto

You say there was no possibility of getting Danish Subjects, at the Isle of France, and still you in your Protest acknowledge your former Vessel to have been condemned as unnavigable. where is she, or what has become of her — Officers and Crew

Answer

The Chief mate a Dane got a letter Birth, and is gone to Trankebar in another Vessel, the Second a Portuguese remained at the Island and the Crew some run, and some were induced away by higher Wages from other Ships.

Remark

Captain De Haase, not having Authority, could of course not dispose of the Ship, and if the Ship belongs to Trankebar it is still to Mr Smith of that place —

Mr De Haase made answer I have however done it

The

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The above Questions were put by Mr.
Gibson by my order, and in my presence and
explained by Mr Frankell

Galle 27th November 1797. (signed) Robt Croker
Lt Colo Comg

A true Copy
(signed) J. Reynolds
Actg Secry

To Lieut Colonel Croker
Commanding Galle

Sir

I have received your letter of the 27th
Instant addressed to Major Agnew the Adjutant
General, with the inclosed paper of Questions
put to the present and former Captain of the
Ship carrying Danish colours now at Galle

On the contradictions which appear
on the face of the few papers these persons
have been pleased to produce, I have no
hesitation in authorizing you to Seize and
detain the Vessel till farther orders — you
will direct the Master Attendant to have
her Securely anchored in the Harbour, and
to take every necessary precaution for her
safety

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safety and the Secure preservation of her Cargo
/if she has any/ her Tackling and apparell, and
this is to be done with all the usual and
regular forms - I will write to the Madras
Government for farther orders on this Head -

You will cause the present
Captain to mark his Papers which you will
also do with two Witnesses and affix Seals to
them for their verification - You will
ask the Captains to sign the Paper containing
their answers to the Questions put to them
on the subject of their Vessel, and you will
require of them to produce the Papers you
judge deficient and their Books, in the
event of their refusal, or declaring they
have them not, you will require of them
to sign such declaration, and cause it to be
witnessed properly - and you will then,
search the Ship in their presence for such
Papers as may throw light on the subject
for which if found you will give a
receipt but you will be particulary

Cautious

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Caution that no irregularity takes place

Columbo
29th November 1797

Jam
Yr &c
(signed) P. T. de Meuron
B.G.C

A true Copy
(signed) J. Reynolds Actg Secy

Minute thereon

Ordered that the foregoing Papers
be referred to the Attorney General

Read the following letter from

Lieut Colonel Shaw
Lieut General Harris
Commander in Chief

From Lieut Colonel Shaw requests the usual allowance may be granted to the Staff appointments made at Pinang applies for the allowances granted to officers in command of Brigades in the last War.

Sir

I beg leave to represent to you that upon the return of the 1st Division of Coast Troops intended for the Expedition to Prince of Wales's Island after an ineffectual attempt to reach Madras in September last, I found it absolutely necessary for the good of the Service from existing circumstances, to appoint officers to act as Deputy Quartermaster General Paymaster - Major of Brigade and Commissary of

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of Provisions to the Detachment and as those Gentlemen had a great deal of trouble in the discharge of their respective duties, I trust that Government will grant them such allowances as have been usually drawn on similar occasions and I hope that the Established allowance to officers in Command of Brigades during the late War with Tippoo Sultaun, will not be withheld from me as I have as well as every other officer of the Detachment been put to a very considerable expence in fitting out for the intended Expedition—

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

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15th December 1797

(Signed) Robt Shawe Lt Col
& Mr 74th Regt late Comg the
1st Division of Coast Troops

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Major of Brigade and Deputy Commissary of Grain be permitted to draw Captains Pay and Batta from the return of the Fleet to Penang until the remburkation of the Troops—

Read the following Letter from the Prize Agents at Columbo—

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Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

I have the honor of inclosing your Lordship a copy of the Prize Accounts R5 formerly sent in to Government and lying for Elephants and Sloops taken on Account of the Company at Jaffnapatam as per the Proceedings of the Committee of valuation then sent in and which still remain in the Possession of your Honble Board. but as the enclosed Account has a Certificate of General Munro's Assent to it. as thought necessary by the Auditor General, I request your Lordship will be pleased to order a Bond to be granted for the Amount of £1/ Pags 3098. 9. 43/ Agreeable to it's date, and in the Names of Captain Rodgers and myself as Prize Agents, but to be delivered to Messrs Tulloh, Brodie &c, as well as for the accompanying Account for Grain & Sold at Batticotta, and Copper Money of no Jumonalé, as per the necessary Vouchers inclosed, and Amounting to Pags 364. 20. 10.

For the remaining Articles in the

From the Prize agents for the army on Ceylon - requesting a Company's Bond for Articles taken at Jaffna Batticotta and Jumonalé stating that Colonel Bowser has forwarded to Government several Vouchers, property belonging to the Prize Agents - Correspondence on that subject enclosed -

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on the Ballicolon Account the Vouchers thought requisite by the Auditor General have not yet been received.

As Lieut Colonel Bowser has forwarded to Government, with his own private Accounts, the Prize Vouchers for the greater part of them for Grain issued to Troops at and passing Manar from November 95 until February 96 as charged in our Account Current now in the possession of Government, as he mentions, both in his letter to Mr Secretary Webbe and to the Prize Agents, that he has not charged for the Prize Grain - I request your Lordship will be pleased to order these Vouchers to be compared with the Lists, which I have now the honor to inclose and which have been already before Government, so that our charge for this Rice may be passed and that these Vouchers may not serve for Lt Colonel Bowser's Accounts instead of ours to which they belong.

Should your Lordship think it necessary to take the trouble to refer to the Correspondence which has passed between Colonel

Bowser

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Bowser and the Prize Agents relative to these — Vouchers, in order to be governed to which Accounts they belong, I have the honor to inclose Copies of it for your Lordship's information, as well as to shew that every exertion on the part of the Prize Agents has been used to recover these Vouchers from Colonel Bowser, before they had recourse to the present disagreeable — necessity of troubling your Honble Board on the Subject —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Torrins Lt. 52d
Regt for self and Prize Agents
for the Army —

Fort St. George
19th December 1797 —

Minute thereon

Ordered that the foregoing letter with the original inclosures be referred for the examination of the Military Auditor General

Read the following letters from the Agent for transports —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Lieutenant Kempt enclosing manifests of Cargoes and other Papers relative to his transactions at Pinang —

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing you all

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all the ~~Journal~~ Journal papers, relative to my transactions at Pulo Pinang, as Agent for Transports, which I hope will be found Correct, as also the Manifests of the Cargoes of Stores We shipped on the ~~re~~ returned Transports, and given into the Military Board agreeable to your directions, waiting your further instructions

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19th December 1797 —

I am &c &c
(signed) Francis Kempt
agent for Transports

Received from Lieutenant Francis Kempt the ~~+~~ following Packets — Dated 7th December

No 1 Manifests of Cargoes of Four Transports sent to Amboyna	No 1 to 4	4
Letter of consignment to Mr Jones Esqr Commercial Resident Amboyna		1
Certificate Jas Moring for Extra Tonnage to be allowed the Duckingfield hall		1
Instructions to Mr 2d D. Lepeat with his order to proceed to and return with the convoy from Amboyna		3
A Copy of sailing Instructions to the Amboyna Transports		1
A Copy of 2d D Lepeats Letter to Lieut F. R. accepting of his order to proceed to Amboyna		1
		11 —

Carried over

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	Papers
Brought forward	11
December 16th No 166 Account Sales of Pulo Penang	6
Packet.. No 2 Receipts John M.c Intest for Sp. Dollars 1060	2
Copy Letter to Mr. Roebuck & enth his Answer	2
No 167 Vouchers for disbursements payments by John M.c Intest as p.d Account Current	17
Receipt Ten thousand Dollars Penang 23d September	1
Ditto Malacca for 15000 Sp. Dollars	1
Do. Marine Stores landed at Penang	1
Copy Mr Lesphat's letter 24th October	1
Receipt acting Master Attendant Penang for Marine Stores left in his charge 26th October	1
Carried over	33

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		Papers
	Brought forward...	33
	Certificate Captain Smith }	
	W.C. Ship Minerva proving }	1
	the Loss of Marine Stores }	
Packet No 3	Lieut. Wm T. D Lefferts }	
17 Dec.	for 100 Sp Dollars }	1
	Ditto for two half Chests Port }	
	Wine, sent to Amboyna for the }	1
	use of the Sick on board those }	
	Transports }	
	An Account Current with }	
	John McLenter in Packet No 2 }	1
	Total Official Papers	37

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(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

Ordered that the above mentioned
original papers be sent to the proper offices

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Lieut Kempt —
requesting his Bills for his
Salary, and Passage to
Calcutta — and for Stores
made to Mr Lefferts his
Assistant and Portuguese
Interpreter for the use of
the Troops —

Sir

Permit me to lay before you a
State of my private business, and beg you
will be pleased to grant me your assistance
in getting it settled —

my

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My first letter of Service was dated the 26 August, and the order to take charge of the Ships Busbridge, Minerva & Chichester and Calcutta the 1st September and having as yet received no pay or pecuniary advantage, and without being favored with your advice - am unacquainted either as to the mode of application or what charge to make for wages - The inclosed receipts, are my advances made to Mr T. D Lepeat from my private funds. the Men I thought very essential in case of Sickness amongst the Troops, as I understood none was laid in for that purpose

In my instructions to Mr Lepeat you will observe I have bound myself to pay 6 Months Wages, equal 1200 Sicca Rupees, as an indemnification should his appointment not be confirmed by Government as I trust this will not be the case, but that the measure will be approved, as the only certain means of preventing the Company being

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being put to any unnecessary expence by improper delays taking place on the voyage or through inattention in the delivery of the Cargoes at Amboyna which might happen, if the Commanders were left to exercise the discretionary powers provided by their Charter Parties—

I remain with the utmost Respect, &c &c

(Signed) Francis Kemph
agent for Transports

Fort St George
17th December 1797

The Honble Company

Dr. to Francis Kemph late agent for Transports

1797.
Dec. 22 To 3½ Months Wages viz from 26 August to 11 Dec at 200 Star Pagodas pr month ..... } Star Pags 700 — —

To paid Lieutenant on part of wages as pr his receipt delivered 100 Spanish Dollars at Exchg 15/ for 66 .... } 66. 28 —

To 12 Dozen Port wine for the use of any of the Officers that might be sick on Board the Amboyna Transports 6 Pr ..... } 72. — —

To my Passage to Calcutta agreed the Honble ..... 100. — —

Star Pagodas ..... 938. 28 —

(Signed) Francis Kemph

All

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Mr Ino Mc Intire

D. Sir

Please deliver to Mr T. D Leppiatt the sum of One Hundred Spi. Dollars, and place the same to account of

Penang
22d October 1797
Spi. D. 100.

D. Sir
&c. &c.
(Signed) Francis Kemptt
Agent for Transport

N.B take a receipt for the same. —

Penang
22d October 1797
Spi. D 100.

Received the within mentioned Sum of
Spanish Dollars One hundred —
T. D. Leppiatt

Received from Lieut Francis Kemptt,
Agent for Transports, two half Chests of
Port Wine for the use of the Sick on board
the Ship Duckingfield Hall, and others, of the
Amboyna Division of Transports.
T. D. Leppiatt

Pulo Penang
24th October 1797 -

Minute thereon

Ordered that Lieutenant Kemptt's
Bill

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Bill amounting to Pags 938-26 be passed for payment.

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
at Fort St George

From Military Auditor General reporting on the Paymaster's additional estimate for December.

My Lord

In reply to Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 15 Instant, Accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month, Amounting to Forty Nine Thousand - Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven Pagodas, Sixteen Fanams, and Forty Cash/ Pagodas 49,997.. 16.. 40. I have the honor to report, that I see no objection to this Sum being issued from the General Treasury, being estimated on

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on the following account—

To discharge bills drawn on the

Military Paymaster General by the Paymasters at Columbo, Trincomale, Malacca, and Amboyna amounting to Twenty five Thousand, six hundred and seventy seven Pagodas, and Twenty seven Fanams (Pags. 25,677. 27—) which I presume Government will consider admissible, on the same principle that former drafts from those Paymasters have been directed to be paid—

Twenty thousand four hundred and two Pagodas, thirty one Fanams, and forty Cash (Pagodas 20402. 31. 40) required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops, for the purpose of paying subsistence from the 25th last September to the 24th of the ensuing month, together with Regimental Contingent charges from 25th June to the 24th December 1797, to that part of his Majestys 12th Regiment of Foot, the 74th Regiment, and the Company of the Royal Artillery lately arrived from the Eastward; should the Paymasters of the foregoing Corps. have received at Prince of wales Island, any sum of money on account of the Subsistence &c of their respective Regiment for any part of the period, which is now Estimated for, they will of course make the necessary adjustment with the Military Paymaster General.

In the amount of Lieut. Col. Beresford's Estimate

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Estimate before stated. is included Bounty money at 3 Guineas per man for 570 Privates of his Majesty's 72d Regiment. drafted into the 75th and 80th Regiments, which has been ordered by Government to be paid.—

The Gross Total of the Military Paymr. General's Estimate. Has likewise provided for the advances directed to be made to the agents of the 3d and 4th Regts Native Cavalry for the purchase of Grain, and to each of the agents of Cavalry supplies, for their Salaries and current expences, agreeably to Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 6th instant—

Have the Honor to be
&c &c

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St George
18th December 1797

(Signd) W Aylmer
M.A. Aud. Genl

an Issue of Cash ordered from the treasury to the Paymaster General

Ordered that the sum of forty nine thousand nine hundred and ninety seven pagodas sixteen Fanams and forty Cash (Pagodas 49.997-16-40) be issued from the treasury upon the application of the Military Paymaster General on account of his additional indent for the current month—

Arrangement proposed by the President for the Employment of the Ships Atlantic, Princess Mary, and Eliza Arm.

The President proposes in consequence of a communication with the Senior officer of his Majesty's Ships that the Atlantic and Princess Mary should not proceed to Trincomale agreeably to

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to the resolutions of last meeting but that they should be ordered direct to Point de Galle and Colombo under Convoy of the Victorious.

Agreed to & ordered accordingly.

The president's arrangement approved.

Resolved in consequence that the Eliza Ann be ordered to touch at Negapatam for the drafts from his Majestys 52d Regiment. to proceed thence to Trincomale and finally to Columbo.

Further Resolutions on the same subject.

Ordered that the foregoing arrangement be communicated to the Military Board.

As there is reason to believe that the Honorable Companys ships Raymond & Woodcot are still at Point de Galle the President proposed that the troops about to be embarked for Bombay on the Atlantic and Princess Mary should be transhipped to the Indiamen as well for the greater security of the men as of the ships.

The President proposes also that the troops destined for Bombay on board the Atlantic & Princess Mary, be transhipped to the Raymond and Woodcot should they be still at Point de Galle.

approved and the Secretary is directed to prepare the necessary orders, for these arrangements, to be issued as soon as the ships may be ready for sea.

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Death of Captain William Oliphant & Lieutenant A.W. Patterson of the Infantry.—

The Secretary reports the death of Captains William Oliphant on his Passage to England on the 19th or 20th of August last, and of Lieutenant Alexander William Patterson at Point de Galle on the 23d ult.

Abbott

" Gleo: Harris

" Con: Saunders

" W Wallace

"

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Comp.
G Strachey.