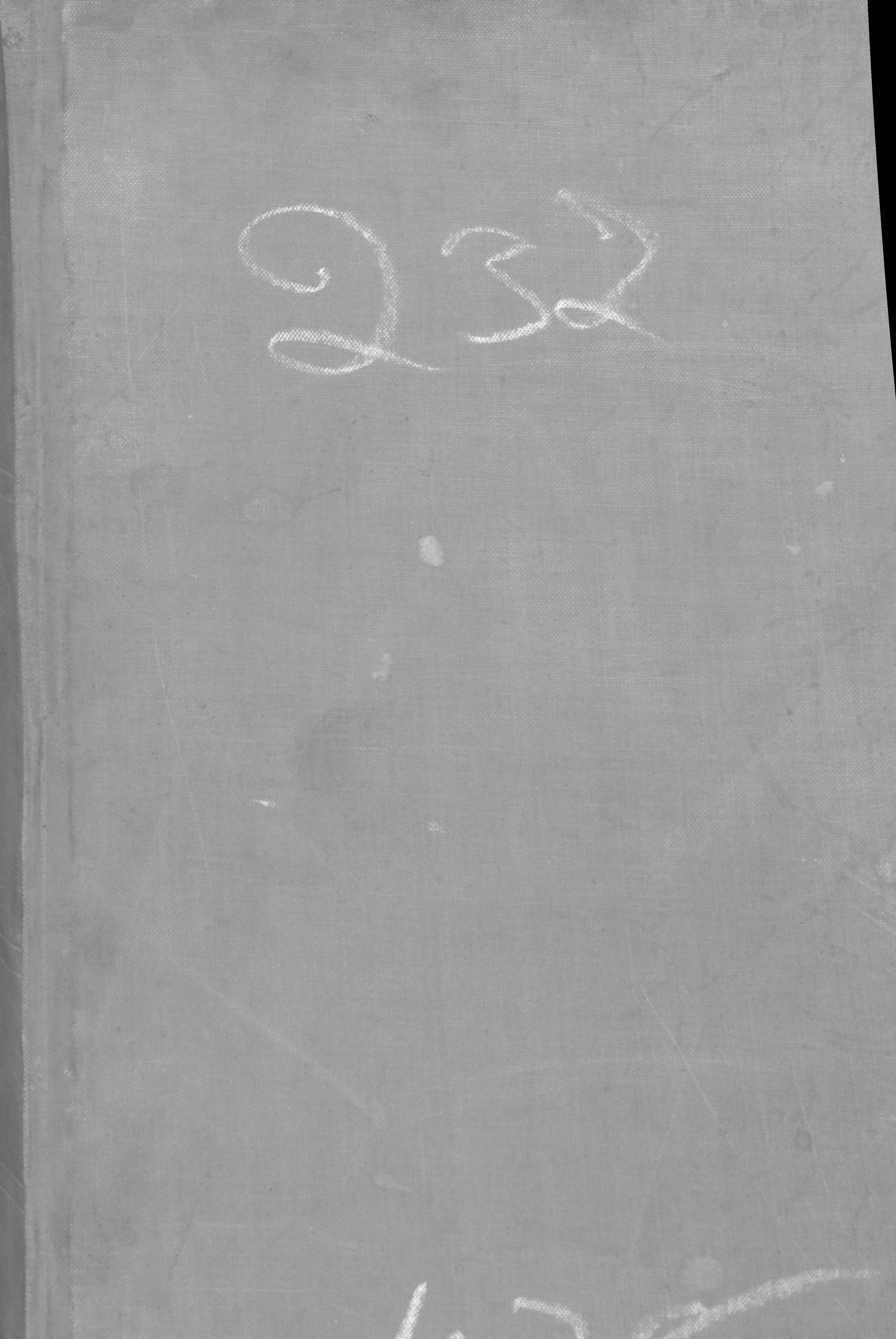


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Diary

1. Received the undermentioned Letter —

entered in C.C. Nos 123

From Rajah of Calastry stating that he

Substance of a Letter from the Rajah of Calastry.

has always prohibited duties being levied on Cattle Fowls, &c passing thro his Territories for the use of the Company, and will punish those who shall endeavor to do it —

From Rajah of Venkatagherry congratulating

D. D. from the Rajah of Venkatagherry

on the New years Day —

From Bomrauze congratulating on new

D. D. from Bomrauze

year's Day —

2. The following Letter from Colonel Smith

having been mislaid is ordered to be recorded here and — referred for examination to the Military Auditor General —

To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From Lieut. Col. Smith appeals the sums — Retrenchments made in the Account of Capt. Barrow late Paymaster at Trichinopoly —

My Lord:

However unwilling I am to trouble your Lordship on the present occasion, yet in justice to myself, I cannot help referring to your indulgent consideration the enclosed Paper of Retrenchments against me in the Accounts &c.

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of Mr. Edward Garrow late Paymaster at Trichinopoly in the years 1792/3 and 1793. and earnestly to solicit your Lordships patient perusal of the Note I have annexed to each Item of Retrenchment.

Mr. Garrows Attorney in this Country only furnished me with the Account in question a very few days ago notwithstanding I am informed that the whole amount was refunded by that Gentleman previous to his departure for Europe. as I never was enabled to state my reasons to Government before, for incurring the charges I am now called upon to refund, this Consideration alone will I trust operate powerfully in your Lordships Breast in my favour and should it ultimately be your pleasure I am ready to declare upon Honor to the actual disbursement and application of the Amount of such of the charges as I have taken upon me to defend

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed David Smith

Lt. Col. 2d Batt. 4 J.

Mount
13th July 1797

Received and dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 1.2.3.4.

From

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From the Commandant at Vellore -

From Colonel Sale. requests leave of absence for 18 days.

From Lieut Col Malcott

From Lieutenant Colonel Malcott requesting the Certificate ordered by the Court of Directors for Officers retiring from the Service

To Major Coke

To Major Coke. appointing him to the Command of Arnee vice Torrens. and desiring him to proceed there with his Battalion instead of to Vellore as first ordered -

To the Commandant at Vellore.

To Colonel Sale. desiring him to send the detachment under Major Coke to Arnee if it should have arrived at Vellore - leave of absence for 18 days granted him -

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday 2d. January.

Minutes of last consultation read and approved -

Read

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Read the following letter from Bengal

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Govern ment at

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Bengal stating that the assistant Resident at Hydrabad has been authorized to discharge the Peshcush by Bills on Benares, but that he may still be obliged to draw on Masulipatam

I am directed by ... Vice President in Council to request you will acquai... the Right Honorable the President in Council, in reply to ... that part of his letter of the 21st ultimo, which relates to the ... aspects demand upon him on account of the Peshcush, that ... assistant at Hydrabad has been authorized to provide for ... payment of the Peshcush by drawing Bills on the Collector of ... Benares, adverting — however to the possibility of the assista... finding it necessary to draw on Masulipatam, for some ... part of the amount, now due, he requests that his Lordship ... Council will endeavour to make the necessary provision for ... honouring his Bills.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient

Fort William

the 11th December 1797

Signed G. H. Barlow

Sec.y to the Govt

Minute thereon

Resolved to desire that the assistant Resident at Hydrabad be desired to refrain from drawing on the treasury

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treasury at Masulipatam, unless it should be absolutely necessary; as in the present state of the funds at this Presidency such demands are attended with much inconvenience

The President informs the Board, that

The President reports to the Board the purport of his Communication with the agents appointed by the Nizam to provide Horses at Madras—

the letter from the assistant Resident at Hydrabad of the 8th October/ as entered in consultation 24th. October 1797/ has been presented to him by the persons commissioned by his Highness the Nizam for the purchase of military Stores, and that his Lordship has given a general answer similar to that communicated to Captain Kirkpatrick—

The President proposes that Extract of the letter from the Court of Directors dated 4th August 1796. on the subject of encouraging British & foreign officers to enter into the Service of the Nizam be sent to Capt.n Kirkpatrick—

Adverting to the progress which has been made in the increase of the corps under Ml. Raymond and Ml. Finglas, as well as to the correspondence which passed some time since with Major Kirkpatrick upon the subject of encouraging the resort of englishmen as well as Soldiers to the service of his Highness the Nizam, the President proposes that Captain Kirkpatrick should be made acquainted with the sentiments of the Court of Directors in regard to this plan, and that the 9th paragraph of their letter dated 4th August 1796. be recommended to his particular notice—

The Commander in Chief is requested to issue

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The Commander in Chief is requested to issue orders for sending to Hydrabad Persons capable of identifying the deserters from Onjole & Gunteor

issue orders for sending to Hydrabad persons capable of giving the information required by Captain Kirkpatrick in regard to the deserters from Onjole and Gunteor—

The President lays before the Board two letters received from Brigadier General De Meuron—

My Lord

From General De Meuron signs apoe. chief of the Rebels proceeds to Candia and is appointed Defsaw of the 7 Corles. Intelligence respecting the Enemy's ships & Conjectures as to their Intentions—

I have had the Honor to write to you on private to inform you of tranquillity being reestablished in the Corles, this tranquillity continues and the greatest Part of the Inhabitants appear to adopt Jonny to be satisfied. It will still encrease, and the Country will resume its Cultivation if the Court of Candia does not again interfere—

It is with the greatest concern My Lord I inform you, that several Expresses from the ship in the [illegible] me intelligence that Signs apoe Chief of the Rebels has been at Candia with a suit of about 20 Persons they has an audience with the Prime Minister and with the King. and received some presents and the Prime Minister has publicly appointed Signs apoe Defsaw of the 7 Corles / which is the Defsavonie of Colombo / desiring him to go there to establish order tranquillity and to govern it, He is come as far as Setawak

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Selwath, remaining on the other side of the River, from whence he has announced his authority which has not yet raised the Inhabitants, several have been pointed out, the Correspondents of the Chief of the Rebels. None have shewn themselves but some, appear suspicious, they will be confined —

This public act of the Court is too serious in the present Circumstances for me to take any steps without your Instructions —

I have discovered that the Court has sent would not hear when to Tanquebar or Pondicherry a Moor man called Manonla Mohanderam who corresponds with the Court, and it may be supposed since they act so openly that he has given positive information of the arrival of a Squadron on this Island —

Your Lordship will have seen by Colonel Crokers [illegible] that two vessels have again appeared before Galle after the arrival of the two Europe Ships for Bombay. Yesterday I was told by an old acquaintance returned from Putulam that about 8 days he had seen two three masted vessels at Anchor, that they had been there several days too far to distinguish the Nett of the vessels. I have sent an artillerist of Major Barton's and a Man of Mr. Andrews to get further information

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Information—

It has been reported to me, that last night a large vessel which could not be distinguished passed our Harbour at a great distance standing to the southward under a great deal of Sail—

It may then be presumed that there is a fixed cruize perhaps the Rendezvous of Sercey's 6 Frigates is in the Gulph of Manar either for an Enterprize on Ceylon or an attack on the vessels that are to assemble here to carry the Cinnamon to Europe—if the vessels remain at Anchor about Silava it may be supposed that their intention is to cut off our communication with the Shore, and hinder our procuring any Rice—

Judge My Lord whether it would be proper for me to let the Grenadiers go—I wait with impatience the issue of your Lordships arrangements for reinforcing Trincomale and afterwards Colombo—

It is much to be wished that the Admiral would come here to drive away the Frigates. to take them I think will be difficult for they appear to be fast sailers but at least to assist the assemblage of the vessels and see them out—

I am with respect

Colombo
17th December 1797.

true translation
(Signed) H. Hall

(Signed) P. F. De Meuron
Maj. Gen.

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My Lord.

I heard yesterday that Mr. Louis Monneron is arrived at the Mauritius with great Powers. that he found there Mr. Vande Graaf formerly Governor of Ceylon. who was sent from Batavia by the Supreme Council, with orders to return to Europe where his affairs required his Presence: that after having seen Mon.r Monneron he had given up his intention of proceeding. and that they were much engaged in Schemes: having been formerly very intimately connected they have an unbounded confidence in each other—

From General De Meuron has received intelligence of the arrival of Monr Monneron at Mauritius where he met Mr Vande Graaf. account of Mr Vande Graafs proceedings since he left Tranquebar—the Court of Candia expect the arrival of some armed ships—

A friend communicated to me for a short time a voluminous Memoir. of Mr Vande Graafs. deputies with armed Supreme Regency. and the Counsellors of estate— they undertook arrived so far that Mr Vande Graaf used the most violent measures, so that he cannot return to Batavia without a large force. and if that can be collected it is not to be supposed that Mr Monneron would employ it for an individual—

Mr Vande Graafs Memoir begins with his Journal; he embarked on the vessel of Pierre Monneron

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Monneron: they left Tranquebar on the 15th October 1796. it appears that they were at Pondicherry from whence they sailed the 23d October. on the 25th they met with Percey's Squadron in the latitude of Ceylon. Mr Vandegraaf persuaded him to go to Batavia. to unite their Forces and act with vigor: he gave Mr Percey a letter to the Supreme Regency announcing his return: He himself arrived at Batavia the 21st November 1796. where he was ordered to remain on board his Vessel. It appears that his plan was rejected. some Money was given to Monsr Percey who departed without Mr Vandegraaf. mentioning any thing further of him. and he remained there until the month of March continually writing to the Supreme Regency. but not being able to obtain any other favor than to remain there at anchor. until he had an opportunity of departing for Europe— his Vessel having been dismasted in a Storm. he put into mauritius where he now is —

In the present state of things it is to be supposed that Messieurs Monneron and Vandegraaf. are acting in Concert against us.

and.

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and I think the only place they can have in view is Ceylon.
the influence Mr. Vande Graaf has here would be worth
more than 2000. Men to them for the Inhabitants of every
Cast and condition will fly to him, Mr. Monneron —
made the fortunes of several People when he was French agent
herein the war of 1780. Together they will unite all voices
whilst we have exasperated all — the Good I have been able
to do is not yet sufficiently consolidated to think that we have
any for we cut our own forces, you know the state of them
and I have had the Honor to write to you on the Subject,

A Spy from Candia came yesterday, he
asked a man who is attached to me how many French
Ships had already arrived, and was much surprized when he
heard that there were none either here or at Galle. he —
returned immediately after having seen the Harbour Maha
Moodeliard supposes that when the Court know this, they
will abandon Signe apoc. who is still wandering about on
the other side of the Situak —

I have no intelligence of the Frigates,
Major Agnew who is at Galle will be here tomorrow
perhaps he may bring some accounts of them —

I am with respect

Colombo
19th December 1797

true translation
Signd H Hall

P. F. De Meuron
Resident

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Minute thereon

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing letters that a battalion be immediately ordered to Ceylon.

The 2d Battn 6th Regt Ni
ft 4 and 200 Pioneers under
Lieut Fitzpatrick ordered
to proceed to Tope Tory
to embark for Manar

The Commander in Chief recommends that the 2d Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Torrens be ordered for this Service, together with two hundred men of the corps of Pioneers, under the command of Lieutenant Fitzpatrick—

Resolved that orders be immediately issued for the march of these troops to Tope Tory in the Tanjore Country: there to embark for Manar

2d Batt. 5 Regt N. Infty
ordered into Garrison
at Arnee—

The Commander in Chief recommends that the 2d Battn 5th Regiment Native Infantry be ordered into Garrison at Arnee: and the President proposes that Major Thomas Coke be appointed to the command of that Garrison

Major T. Coke
appointed to the Command
of Arnee—

Agreed to and ordered accordingly—

H. M. 52d Regt ordered
to Negapatam to embark
from thence for the
Malabar Coast—

Resolved that his Majesty's 52d Regt be ordered to march to Negapatam instead of the Presidency, and to embark from thence for the Malabar Coast—

Read the following letters from Bengal

To

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To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir.

The Vice President in Council, apprehending

From Bengal — recommend embarking for England part of the officers and men of the 36.52.71 & 72d Regiment on the Ships which will be ordered to call at Madras to join the Hawkesbury and Macartney —

that it may be found inconvenient to embark the whole of the officers and men of the 36th and 52d Regiments and part of the 71st and 72d Regiments destined for Europe, on the Lord Macartney and Lord Hawkesbury. I am directed by the Vice President in Council to request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council, that should there appear to His Lordship no objection to the measure, a portion of the officers and men may be accommodated on the Lord Camden, Sir Stephen Lushington, Minerva and General Goddard, which ships will have their Cargoes completed at this Presidency and will be ordered to call at Fort St. George to join the Lord Macartney and Lord Hawkesbury.

I have the Honor to be

&c &c

Fort William
the 11th December 1797.

Signed G. H. Barlow

Lay to the Govt

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Board will avail themselves of the permission contained in the foregoing letter to accomodate a part of the officers of the 52.d & 36.th Regiments on the ships abovementioned.—

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

Sir.

From Bengal, inclosing their Resolution on an application of the Commanding Officer of the 27.th light dragoons to be reimbursed for accoutrements &c damaged on the Passage or lost in landing at Madras, and desiring to know whether their Resolutions Correspond with the Madras Regulations—

1 The Commanding officer of His Majesty's 27.th Regiment of Light Dragoons, having applied for an Indemnification for some arms, accoutrements, and Horse appointments, belonging to that Regiment, which were damaged, or destroyed on the passage from England, and by the Surf at Madras, in landing there, the Governor General in Council Resolved, that the Arms, and such of the Accoutrements &.c as were originally provided at the expence of the public, and not from the cloathing or Effecting Fund, should be immediately supplied from the Company's Stores, on Indent signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and the expence carried to the account of the Crown; but that an Indemnification should

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should not be granted for such of the articles as were originally furnished at the expence of the cloathing Fund.

2. The Governor General in Council was induced to reject the claim to indemnification for the last mentioned articles, from the Consideration that alth' the Company generally grant the Indulgence of Tonnage in their Ships from England to India, for articles of this description, it was incumbent on the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, or his agent, to have ensured them, as is usual when there is any Risk, and that either by replacing these articles, or paying their value in money, a precedent would have been established that might be productive of great expence to the Company—

3. A List of all the articles for which an indemnification has been solicited is Enclosed, and as from the Circumstance of none of His Majesty's Cavalry having ever served in Bengal, no Regulations have hitherto been laid down at this Presidency for the cases in question, the Vice President in Council requests that the Right Honorable the President in Council will

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be pleased to inform him, how far the above determination Corresponds with the decisions in any similar cases, that may have occurred on the Coast—

4.th He likewise request that his Lordship in Council will order him to be furnished with a List of all accoutrements, and appointments, &c.a supplied to the 19.th Reg.t of Light Dragoons, distinguishing those furnished at the expence of the Crown, from those supplied at the expence of the Cloathing or any other Fund

5.th He further requests to be informed, whether Saddles, or any other articles of Equipment are furnished by the Government of Fort S.t George, at the expence of the Company, for the 19.th Regiment of dragoons—

Fort William
the 11.th December 1797.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed J. H. Barlow
Sec.y to the Govt.

Return

Return of Arms appointments, and Horse accoutrements, wanting to Compleat this Majesty's 27th Regiment of Light Dragoons 13th May 1797.

| Arms | | | | | | | Appointments | | | | | | | | | | | Horse Accoutrements | | | | | | | | | | |

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military Board be directed to report upon the subject of the foregoing letter

Read the following letter from the Military Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

From Military Board enclose Statement of the Grain and Provision Stores at the several out stations recommend selling what is reported damaged, & propose discontinuing the Storekeepers establishment of Servants at Cuddalore and Permacoil, recommend that no more grain be purchased untill the Granaries are repaired - and an advance of Cash to the Grain agent of the 25th Dragoons and to Capt. Cannon, amount of Stores sold by the Garrison Storekeepers recommend that the Biscuit be distributed to the european and native troops -

My Lord,

1st

Committees of Survey as prescribed by the Regulations of the 19th July last having been held upon the Grain and Provision Stores at the Out Stations, and it appearing by the Reports thereof, Statement of which is enclosed, that from the state of the Grain at the different stations, no time should be lost in disposing of that reported damaged, and unserviceable, which will become every day less saleable, We beg leave to recommend, that the several Garrison Storekeepers be directed to advertize the Sale, by public Auction, of the articles distinguished as damaged, and unserviceable, in the Statement; and that such advertizements be published by the Commanding Officer at each Station in the manner best calculated to have them made known throughout the Neighbourhood. The

Commanding

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Commanding Officer will consequently consider it to be his duty, in conformity to the 32d Paragraph of the Regulations, for the Grain and Provision Department, to Certify the account sales to be in his belief just and correct—

2d We find that the Rice and Paddy in Store at Pondicherry, Cuddalore, and Permacoil, was laid in for the Siege of the former place in the year 1793, and is consequently so old that although repeated attempts have been made by the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to sell it at a price considerably under prime Cost, the quantity sold has been hitherto very trifling, we therefore recommend, that it may be now sold for whatever it will bring, and we have reason to believe from the Report of the Committees of Survey at Pondicherry, and Cuddalore, that the Rice will fetch something, and the damaged, and unserviceable, Paddy, on an average from five to ten Pagodas p.r Garce—

3.d No Report having been received of the Grain at Permacoil from the Officer in Command at that station, the Quantities are therefore stated from the General Return of the late acting Commissary General of Grain and Provisions on the 30th of April last, which is no

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8th

We have the Honor to report to your Lordship that in consequence of Government instructions under date the 9th of November last the Garrison Storekeeper has sold by public auction the several articles of Provision Stores ordered to be disposed of, and that the Account Sale thereof amounts to Pagodas 6,715. 22. 25. which Sum the Garrison Storekeeper has been directed to pay to the Pay Master General: and as it appears that no offer has been made for the Biscuit, and that it will soon be unfit for use we therefore recommend that authority may be given for its being distributed among the European and Native Soldiery, Lascars &c. in the Company's Pay at the Presidency, and its Neighbourhood, a mode which the Garrison Storekeeper states to have been formerly adopted by Government, on a similar occasion.

9th

In regard to Captain Lennons Account Current with the Honorable Company for Repairs &c executed by him in the Baramahl, which was referred to our Report with Government's Letter of the 6th instant We find on enquiry that Captain Lennon's Bill amounting to Pagodas 7,228. 6. 24. as stated in the Account Current. Have been passed for payment; and,

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and it appearing also that an advance of Pagodas. 3,276. 15. 17. according to the principle of the Regulations should be made to him in part of the amount of Repairs in hand at Ryacottah. We therefore beg leave to recommend that authority be given for this advance to be made to him through the Military Paymaster General, and that all — future advances be made to him through the same — channel on the recommendation of our Board —

We have the Honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

very obedient,

humble Servants.

Fort St. George
26th. December 1797

Signed Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Wm. Sydenham
Jn̄ Richardson
B.J. Close

Return

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Return of the State of the Provisions, and other Articles connected therewith in Store at the undermentioned out Garrisons as the same stood on the 30th day of September last, according to the Survey Reports transmitted to the Military Board in conformity to the G.O of the 19th July 1797

			No. of Days Grain	Grain	Allowance	Short	No. of Days Candies	Allowance	Pice & Cash	Pice & Cash remaining in Store	Pice & Cash remaining in the Store	Remarks of the Com.rs of the Military Board
At Tanjore	Paddy of the year	93 unsold		151	69	6½						
	do	do	95 Serviceable	261	290							
	do	do	96 do	132	65					2		Recommended to be sold by Public auction
	Salt of the year	96	do	19	114					3		
	Ghee of the year	97	In good condition							6		
	Tamarind	97	Do				20			6		Recommended to be sold as above
	Tobacco	97	Do				36	15	6¾	1		
	Chillies	97	Do				24	10	4⅝	1		
	Garlick	97	Do				6	2	13/16	1		
	Turmarick	97	Do				3	1	6¹¹/₁₆		6	
	Firewood of the years		Do	300000			3	1	6¹¹/₁₆		6	Recommended to be sold as above
	Mullays	95	Do Nos	2364						3		
	Mundays		Do	4380								
	Rice Potts		Do	1668								
	Water Do		Do	1864								
	Conjee do		Do	1668								
	Drain do		Do	1668								
	Small Chatties		Do	1668								
	Large do		Do	852								
	Trepads		Do	852								
	Tea Kettles		Do	1188								
	Gunglets		Do	900								
	Lumps		Do	2352								
	Fire Stands		Do	852								
	Grain Potts		Do	852								
	Necessary Potts		Do	960								
	Copper Mancauls at Madras		Do	1								
	D.o Vessa	Do	Do	1								
	Iron Mancalls	Do	Do	2								
	D.o Country	Do	Do	2								
At Vellore	Paddy of the year	94/5	Serviceable	156	359	5						
	"	"	Damaged	2	100							
	"	95/6	Serviceable	16	169	2½				2		Sold sold by public Auction
	Ghee of the year	97	In good Condition				29	16	20½	4		Do
	Salt of the year	95/6	Do				29	16	20½	1		Do
	Tamarind of the year	96/7	Do	20	174	½	4	19	11¾	1		
	Chillies	do	do	Do			2	9	18¾	2		Do
	Garlick	do	do	Do			2	9	18¾	6		Do
	Turmarick	do	do	Do			19	17	22¾	1		Do
	Tobacco	do	do	Do								

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		Yds. or Pcs.	Gauge	Mercalls	Lbs.	Yds. or Pcs.	Candles	Mauds.	Pounds	Pounds dust sand & stuff &c.	Ounces	Remarks of the Com. of the Military Board
Firewood of the year 96 & 97	In good Condn.	200,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	
Bengal Gunny Bags	Serviceable	No. 62	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
" "	Reparable	" 2384	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
" "	Unserviceable	" 370	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by public auction
Bullock "	Serviceable	" 87	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
" "	Reparable	" 1141	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D.
" "	Unserviceable	" 1006	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Shot Bags	Old	" 378	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	B.
Tarpaulins	Small Unserviceable	" 2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Copper 3a Gallon Pots	Serviceable	" 2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	Mercalli	" 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Iron 3a Measure	Unserviceable	" 3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Brass Cocks	"	" 4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Tin Funnels	"	" 3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	Small	" 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Steel yards	Serviceable	" 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	Reparable	" 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Gimblets	Small Serviceable	" 2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Chisels	"	" 11	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Butchers Axes	Reparable	" 5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Firewood	"	" 10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Bill Hooks	"	" 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Mamatties	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Earthen Pots & Chatties	Serviceable	23528	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
"	Unserviceable	232	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Arrack	Sundry sorts of the year 97	"	355	238	11	"	"	"	"	5	"	
"	"	96/7	"	121	176	3/4	"	"	"	"	2	"
"	"	95	"	44	10	"	"	"	"	"	4	"
"	"	95 Serviceable	"	211	125	6	"	"	"	"	5	"
Carry	"	Damaged	"	"	75	6	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"		"	12	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	D.
Salt of the year 96	In good Condition		"	"	"	"	"	37	18	9½	"	6 D.
Ghee	97	D°	"	"	"	"	"	37	18	9¾	1	"
Tamarind	"	D°	"	"	"	"	"	6	6	9½	"	6 D.
Chillies	"	Damaged	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	4 15/16	"	6 D.
Garlick	"	In good Condition	"	"	"	"	"	3	3	4 15/16	"	"
Turmerick	"	Damaged	"	"	"	"	"	25	5	14½	1	"
Tobacco	"	In good Condition	"	"	"	"	"					
Bengal Gunny Bags	Serviceable	No. 1000	"	"	"	"	"					
"	"	Reparable	"	4530	"	"	"					
"	"	Unserviceable	"	1385	"	"	"					
"	"	Serviceable	"	145	"	"	"					
Bullock	"	Reparable	"	1784	"	"	"					
"	"	Unserviceable	"	1455	"	"	"			3	"	
Firewood of the year 96 & 97	In good Condn.	200,000	"	"	"	"	"					D.
Earthen Pots and Chatties	D°	744	"	"	"	"	"					
Tarpaulins	Unserviceable	60	"	"	"	"	"					
Copper & Mercalls	In good condition	6	"	"	"	"	"					
"	Irons	D°	4	"	"	"	"					

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											Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
At Chengalpat	Lamp Oil	In good Condition	Seers	9							
	Rice	Damaged	"	172¾							
	Paddy of the year 94	Do.	"	46316 10							To be sold by public auction
	" " 97	Sewable	"	100	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Salt of the years 1793. 96	unsewable	"	2 10							
	Ghee	97 In good Condition	"								Do.
	Tamarind	Do.	"				2	2 5/8	"	2	
	Garlick	Do.	"				7	3 3	1		
	Turmarick	Do.	"				"	10 12	"	4	
	Chillies	Do.	"				"	13	"	3	Do.
	Tobacco	Do.	"				"	11	"	1	
	Arrack	Do.	Sr.				5	9	"	6	Do.
	Copper Marcalls	No.	23								
	" ¼ Gallon pots		2								
	Funnel		1								
	Dram Cups		1								
	Bamboo Measures		2								
At Pondicherry	Rice of the year 96/7	Damaged	"	1369¾							
	" 93/4	unsewable	"	483							Do.
	Paddy	Damaged	"	79							Do.
	"	Unsewable	"	9 2	2¾						Do.
	Tarpaulins	No.	48								Do.
	Bengal Gunny Bags		"	3929							Do.
	Biscuits Bags		"	147							Do.
	arrack Casks	Repairable	14								Do.
	" Casks	Unsewable	"	5							Do.
	Copper Marcalls	Repairable	6								
	Brass Cocks	Unsewable	1								Do.
	Gallon pots	Sewable	2								
	¼ Dram Cups		"								Do.
	Funnels		2								
	Bamboo Measures		1								
	Copper Kettles		2								
At Cuddalore	Rice of the year 93/4	damaged	"	6							
	"	unsewable	"	200							
	Paddy	damaged	"	1401¼							Do.
	"	Unsewable	"	35 179 1/2							Do.
At Tyagar	Copper Marcalls	No.	21	200							Do.
	Paddy of the year 93/4 Sewable but old and not of a good quality		4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
	Salt of the year 91 in good Condition		"	72 270							
	Ghee	97 Do.	"	3 115							
	"	Unsewable	"	"	"	"	6	18	4	4	Do.
	Garlick	in good condition	"	"	"	"	2	1	"	"	
	Tamarind	Unsewable	"	"	"	"	"	11	17¼	2	Do.
	Chillies	Sewable but old	"	"	"	"	6	18	4	"	Do.
	Tobacco	in good Condition	"	"	"	"	1	3	¾	1	Do.
	Turmarick	do	"	"	"	"	4	12	2½	4	Do.
	Firewood of the year 91	Unsewable	"	"	"	"	"	10	12½	2	Do.

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										Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board.
				No. of Bags	Casks	No. of Bags	Candies	Pounds	Rupees at the usual rate of exchange	
				Casks	Gal.					
At Princomallee Arrack		Good		27	600	32	"	"	"	
Rice		Serviceable		263	45	2018	"	"	4	
Dholl		Unserviceable		584	8	316	10	"	"	To be sold by public Auction
Salt						3	124	8	6	
Salt Provisions		Good		174	44			"	"	
Slaughter Cattle		"	No.	538				"	"	
" Sheep		"	"	990				"	"	
Pepper						28	5	11	1	"
Chillies						38	6	13	2	"
Bittle Nut		Unserviceable				58	11	1	8	"
Tobacco						101	20	14	22	"
Copper Kettles		Serviceable	No.	19						
Empty Arrack Casks				14						
"		Unserviceable		6						
" Salt Provision Casks				15						
" Bengal Gunny Bags		Serviceable		2700						
" "		Unserviceable		1910						
Tarpaulins Large				2						
" Small				3						
Cabooses		Serviceable		2						
"		Unserviceable		4						
Firewood		Billets		4700						
At Permacoil Paddy of the year 93		damaged		"	1003	79				Recommended to be sold by public Auction, or in the failure of this mode to be disposed of in any other manner the Garrison Storekeeper may deem advisable
"		do.		"	2	207	6			
Rice						263				
Salt			No.	2500						
Pots & Ladles										
Firewood		Billets		1900						
Copper Vessels			No.	2						
At Angole Paddy of the year 95/6		Unserviceable		"	"	72				To be sold by public Auction
Firewood 90/1		Billets		4000					1	"
" "		Unserviceable		8000						
Pots and pans in good condition			No.	7077						
Scales complete		D°		1						
56 lb Weight		D°		12						
28 "		D°		1						
14 "		D°		1						
7 "		D°		1						
4 "		D°		1						
1 "		D°		1						
Parah		D°		1						
Wooden Horses		Condemned		16						
At Gundoor Paddy		Serviceable		"	9	1334			1	"
Jonalon		do.		"	9	1334			3	"
Pots and Pans in good Condition			No.	9463						
Bamboo Matts				50						
At Chaconbah Paddy		Unserviceable		"	95	1372				
"		1/4 the year 96/7	Sold	"	19	1334			3	"

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										Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board.
			No. of Bags	Gain	Rounds	Sun	No. of Bags	Candies	Rounds	Pounds		
Jonadoo		Sewable	"	11266	8	"	"	"	"	1	3.	
Dholl	in good condition		"	5250	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	
Salt	do		"	3158	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	
Ghee	Sewable		"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Tamarind	in good condition		"	"	"	"	42	3	18½	"	2	To be sold by public Auction
Chillies	do		"	"	"	"	42	3	18½	1	"	
Garlick	Sewable		"	"	"	"	1	"	18½	1	"	
Turmarick	do		"	"	"	"	3	10	7¾	"	2	Do.
Tobacco	do		"	"	"	"	3	10	7¾	"	2	Do.
Firewood	in good condition		28469	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
do	Damaged		1304	0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Pots Pans	in good condition		7973	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Copper Mamalls	do	No.	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Wooden Heroes	do	"	142	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Punnah	do	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Bamboo Matts			200	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Chintapilly Paddy	Sewable		"	14266	8	"	"	"	"	2	"	
do	Unsewable		"	9329	½	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Bamboo Matts	do	No.	50	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Jimricottah Salt	in good Condition		"	"	300	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Mullays		No.	3376	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Mundays		"	1188	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Rice Pots		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Water do		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Conjee do		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Dhall do		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Small Chatties		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Large do		"	476	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Trivel do		"	238	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Tea Kettles		"	238	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Gurglets		"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Lamps		"	16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Togongs		"	238	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Bellumcondah Paddy	Sewable		"	238	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Salt	do	Unsewable	"	4360	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Potts Pans	do	Sewable	"	12610	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	
Bamboo Matts	do	No.	2200	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	damaged		1066	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	"	Do.
			50	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Military Board
Office 26th. December
1797.

Signed Fred: Pierce
Sec'y to the Board

Rendered

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the several advances recommended by the Military Board be authorized.

Resolved that all damaged grain at the different out garrisons be disposed of in the manner recommended by the Military Board.

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 reports on the subject of Memorial delivered by Mr. G. Haw to the Court of Directors respecting the Retrenchments made on his accounts.

In obedience to the orders communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 9th August last, upon the subject of a memorial presented to the Honorable Court of Directors by Mr. George Haw Paymaster to the Army during the late War with Tippoo Sultaun respecting sundry Retrenchments made by my predecessor from his accounts, and which he states to have refunded previous to his embarkation for Europe, I have the honor to submit the following circumstances to your Lordship's consideration

2. The principal Retrenchment to which the Memorial before mentioned alludes, is a deduction from the

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the Paymaster's charges for Tent allowance and which from the 1st June 1791 to the 31st May 1792 amounted to Nine thousand and thirty four Pagodas (9034)

3.

In order to investigate this matter, and to state the grounds upon which the Retrenchments were made, it became necessary to refer to the Orders issued in Camp by the Marquis Cornwallis on the subject as follows—

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Owing to the great deficiency of public Cattle with the Army. The Commander in Chief proposed in General Orders dated the 31st May 1791 a certain monthly allowance to such Officers at the head of Corps as chose to engage for providing, carrying and pitching their own Tents and those of the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates under their Command, and to all other Individuals for providing for their own Camp Equipage, which was accordingly acceded to by several Officers, and in order that they should be put to as little inconvenience as possible on the commencement of this arrangement, the Marquis Cornwallis directed in General Orders dated the 1st June 1791. that Corps and Officers agreeing to carry their own Camp Equipage conformably thereto would be allowed to keep the Company Lascars to the 15th of that month, after which they were

expected

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expected to supply themselves with men for that duty and to have the option of entertaining such of the Company's Lascars as chose to engage in their service, but it having been found that very few preferred the service of Individuals to that of the Company, and as Followers of that description were not to be procured in Camp, the Tent Lascars who did not relinquish the Company's Service were permitted to attend the Camp Equipage of Officers who could not provide themselves with men for that purpose, and who were directed in General Orders dated the 3d June 1791 to mark on the back of their Bills for Tent allowance the pay and Batta of the Company's Lascars attached to them, in order that the Paymaster might make the necessary deduction; instead however of the difference paid to the Officers being only charged in his Disbursements, under the Head of Tent allowance, the full amount of that allowance was entered without any notice having been taken of the Stoppages marked on the several Bills as directed in the General Orders before quoted; this omission therefore occasioned the Retrenchment to the extent before stated: the late Military Auditor General when the accounts came under his Examination having observed "that the

Full

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"Full Tent allowance ought not to have been intended in
"the Disbursements but only the sums actually paid to
"each individual to which Mr Dean offered the following
"reply" as it appears on a reference to my Books that the
"Full amount of Tent allowance was extended in my
"Disbursements. this must have been an error occasioned
"by the very complicated accounts under this Head, and the
"Sum retrenched on this account is therefore admitted & the
"Money was accordingly refunded by the Paymaster without
"any objection or reservation whatever, it would appear
at the time Mr Dean having stated in his Memorial
that his sudden departure from Madras owing to ill
health did not then admit of his verifying the Disbursement
he had made under the Head of Tent allowance, and that
he in consequence refunded the amount to prevent his
detention in India, trusting for indemnification to the
production of Official documents by his agents on the
Coast to whom he had written on the subject Accordingly
addressed a letter to Messrs Call Baker & Day of which
the accompanying is a copy No 1 with their reply No 2 and
enclosures 3 and 4 upon which I have to remark, that all the
facts set forth in their letter and in the documents furnished
by

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in support thereof, that the pay and Batta of the Lent—
Lascars attached to Officers who contracted for the Carriage &c
of their Camp Equipage, had not been included or drawn for in
the Paymasters abstract for Lent Lascars. yet when the
practice of the Service at the period of the charges having been
made is adverted to, I conceive it to be impossible for them:
or indeed for any person not connected with the Paymaster,
at the time to prove whether or not he had drawn or—
included the pay &c of the Lascars attached to Individuals but
who were still retained in the Coompany's Service in his
monthly abstracts. for as the whole of the public Followers
with the army were under charge of the Paymaster. their
pay &c was drawn for in abstracts signed by him in
which only the gross number of each rank was exhibited—
according to the mode invariably practiced at that time.
unaccompanied by either pay or Muster Roll to have
accounted satisfactorily for any increase, or decrease, of
their numbers: I think it however incumbent on me
to observe, that the charges entered in Mr. Hoar's—
Disbursements on account of Lascars pay and Batta
did decrease in the proportion stated by his Agents and
from the deposition of Mr. Hoar's Cash Keeper and—

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"the Disbursements but only the sums actually paid to
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"reply" as it appears on a reference to my Books that the
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did decrease in the proportion stated by his Agents and
from the deposition of Mr. Hoar's Cash Keeper and—
Accountant

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Accountant who served under him in Camp. your Lordship will perceive he declares that the Pay and Batta of the Lascars attached to Officers was provided for in the full amount of Tent allowance charged in the Disbursements and not in the abstract under the head of Lascars pay and Batta; How far under all these circumstances Mr. Hart's claim may be deserving of favorable consideration your Lordship in Council and the Honorable Court of Directors are alone competent to decide. But I think it my duty to add, that however well founded his pretensions to that consideration may appear, it is evident that any Reimbursement which may be made to him can only be viewed in the light of an Indulgence, after he had admitted of the Retrenchment in the first instance, and it will doubtless occur at the same time, that the repetition of claims so circumstanced cannot but tend to lessen the efficiency of check and controul, and thereby produce serious inconvenience to the Service—

5.

With respect to the charges expunded by Mr. Hart, which were retrenched from the abstracts or Bills signed by Officers and from whom he considers himself entitled to recover the amount under the orders of

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of Government. bearing date the 3d April 1792. I beg leave to observe, that this matter was before referred to Government, who conceived that the application of the abovementioned order did not extend to payments made previous to the 1st May following from which period it was to have effect, and however hard this construction may be supposed to bear on Mr. Roan, yet as he must have known that the responsibility of paying unauthorized charges, or such as were contrary to the regulations would ultimately rest with him. I presume he can have no express claim to — indemnification from the Company for any loss which he may have sustained on account of such Retrenchments, but as Mr. Roan's Agents have no doubt been directed by him to make application to the officers against whom they are outstanding in his accounts, it will rest with Government in the event of such applications proving ineffectual to afford them such assistance in the recovery thereof as the circumstances of the case may appear to require, such assistance even before the Regulations of the 3d April 1792. having been occasionally granted to Paymasters in situations where they had not the means otherwise of recovering retrenchments from the

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The parties concerned

Military Auditor Generals
Office Fort St. George
26th. December 1797.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
Signd W. Sydenham
Ag. Aud. Genl

Messrs. Coll Baker Day & Co.
Agents for Mr. G. Hoar late Paymaster
to the army under the Marquis Cornwallis

Gentlemen,

Government having referred for my
Consideration and report a Memorial from Mr. George Hoar
to the Honorable Court of Directors respecting sums retrenched
on the Audit of his account, being charges made by
Individuals and refunded by him previous to his quitting
this Country, and having in the said Memorial stated that
you would furnish official documents in support of charges
for Sent allowance in particular which Constituted a
part of that refund. I have therefore to request, that you will
as soon as possible transmit to my office whatever
documents or explanations you may have to offer on the
subject, in order that the accounts in question
may be Investigated and finally reported upon
with

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with as little delay as possible

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obt Servt

Military Auditor General's
Office Fort St. George
8th September 1797

(Signd) Wm. Sydenham
Adjt and Genl

True Copy

(Signed) Patk. Bruce
Asst. to M. A. G.

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter relative to the memorial referred to you by Government, and presented by our constituent Mr. George Hare, to the Honorable Court of Directors, wherein we are called upon to furnish whatever Documents or Explanations we have to offer respecting its purport. this we shall endeavour to do in the fullest manner we are capable, and hope it will prove satisfactory towards the Establishment of the claims he has therein preferred —

With regard to the Retrenchment of the charges for Sent allowances, to which our attention is particularly

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particularly directed; and which Mr. Keir, to prevent a second Detention in India, was induced from the state of his Health to make good at the time, treating, as he states in his memorial, to the future production of document to indemnify him for having so done. It may be proper to advert to the regulation made by the Marquis Cornwallis for each officers providing, carrying and pitching his own Tent, which took place on the 31st. May 1791. and for this he was to receive Tent allowance agreeably to his Rank from the period when the Individuals commenced the carriage of his own Camp Equipage, the public carriage was to be withdrawn; but officers were allowed to keep the company's Lascars for 15 days, and then to provide themselves, with the option of entertaining such of the Public Lascars as preferred their Services; those Lascars that did not wish to relinquish the Company's Service, were retained in it, but their pay and Batta were to be disbursed by the Paymaster, by a monthly deduction of the sum from the amount of the Bills for Tent allowance, on the back of which it was to be noticed —

In Mr. Keir's Army Disbursements for the month of June 1791 the Auditor General makes the following

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following remarks — "The Paymaster charges the full amount
"of Tent allowance to Officers of the Army, who agreed to —
"contract for the carriage of their Tents Pagodas 6,240. 34. 35
"It appears however that the following sums are deducted from
"the Tent allowance of the officers contracting, as marked on the
"several bills on account of pay and Batta to Lascars —
"belonging to the company Pagodas 368. 40. 64 — The full
"account of Tent allowance ought not to have been extended
"in the Disbursements, but only the sums actually paid to
"each individual. The amount of the above sums is therefore
"retrenched 368. 40. 64" — Mr. Hoar certainly ought in lieu
of having extended in his Disbursements under the Head of
"Tent allowance" the full amount of that allowance to have
charged the sums actually paid to each individual only, and
have continued to include in his abstracts the Pay and Batta
of such Lascars as were employed by officers belonging to the
Company, but although his not doing so was irregular, it —
caused no ultimate difference in his accounts with the
Honorable Company. For whether he struck off from his abstracts
the Lascars belonging to the Company who were employed
by officers and whose Pay and Batta amounted to Pagodas
368. and extended in his Disbursements the full amount
of Tent allowance Pagodas 6,240. or whether he charged
under the Head of Tent allowance the sums actually paid
only

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only to each Individual amounting to Pagodas 5.872.
and drew in his abstract the Pay and Batta of the
Lascars belonging to the company but employed by
Individuals amounting to Pagodas 368 either mode
equally produced the same sum of Pagodas 6240. this
being admitted. the only point of which it appears necessary
to establish is: that Mr. Hoar actually struck off and
did not draw for the same Lascars in his abstract who
have ever been included in the charge for Sent allowance.
and this we presume to think will be rendered sufficiently
apparent on referring to the account current and vouchers
delivered in by Mr. Hoar previous to his departure
for Europe and now in the possession of the Military
Paymaster General. for it will there appear that in
the month of may 1791 which was the last previous
to the regulations of the Marquis Cornwallis before
alluded to taking place Mr. Hoar's charge for Pay
and Batta to Lascars was Pagodas 11035. whilst that for
the succeeding month of June in which the regulation
commenced was only 10549 leaving a difference of
Pagodas 486 less than the preceeding month —

For the month of July Pags 9195 is
charged

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charged for the Pay and Batta of Lascars which is L. 840 Ps
less than was charged in may—
For august Pags. 10072 which is 963 Ps
less than was charged in may. but to bring this in a more
concise and striking point of view. we have drawn out an
abstract statement of the Disbursements charged for Pay
and Batta to Lascars during several months preceding
and subsequent to the regulation, to which we request your
attention, as it, in our opinion carries with it the strongest
proof of the Company's Lascars employed by officers and
included in the charge for Sent allowance not being drawn for in
Mr. Roa's abstract. The amount of the sums retrenched by your
Predecessor and of those charged less by Mr. Roa in each
respective month not exactly corresponding, is we conceive
easily accounted for from the numbers entertained of Lascars
Varying every month besides desertions, and others relinquish-
ing the service of the Honorable company. for that of
Individuals. from what has been above stated, and on
reference to the account current and authorities and comparing
them with the statement shewing the decrease in the charge
for Lascars immediately after the adoption of the Regulation
and the Sums Retrenched; there appears such strong Grounds
for concluding that the Honorable Company's Lascars employed
with officers were struck off and not drawn for in the
Paymasters abstract that we are willing to hope the proof
will

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will be considered sufficiently positive to procure the reimbursement to Mr. Hoar of the Retrenchment made on the head. amounting to S. Pags. 9078-

With respect to the other Retrenchments made from Mr. Hoar's accounts, we conceive there needs but little in addition to what he has himself stated in the memorial to the Honorable Court, to point out the peculiar hardship of his situation. These Retrenchments were partly in consequence of certain sums being issued by him to officers who claimed them; but who when attached at different times to other Corps and different stations, had already received them, and the remainder in consequence of charges made by others, which although afterwards deemed irregular, were complied with at the time through inadvertency, perhaps from the Regulations not having been properly understood in the multiplicity of business Mr. Hoar was engaged in. These Gentlemen however, were certainly answerable for their respective amounts and all that Mr. Hoar then required from Government to enable him to recover the large sums he had thus outstanding was, to be allowed to benefit by the Order of Government which seems expressly applicable to his situation. The Intention of issuing it being as the preamble states to cure the inadequacy of then existing mode of recovering Retrenchments "either for the benefit of the Paymaster "or the Indemnification of the Company from unwarrantable "charges &c. &c."

From the wording and avowed intention of this

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this order. which was to remedy the insufficiency of former ones. and corresponding as it did with what has been the usage and custom of the service heretofore it was natural for Mr Hoar to consider it as obviously meant to strengthen and not weaken the Paymaster's hands in the recovery of his outstanding claims; and as such. that it was to have a retrospective operation favorable for him whose Public accounts were unaudited at the period of its publication. His surprize and concern therefore may be easily imagined. when he was given to understand that Government disavowed any intention of the operation of that Order prior to May 1792 (altho' they admitted by it the incompetency of all their former orders to the same intent) and feeling the ruinous tendency of it must have on any Efforts he might make to recover his money. which the event has proved as not a Pagoda has been since collected—

It only remains with us further to observe that should Government now be pleased to alter the construction of the order alluded to in favor of Mr Hoar the Deaths and Removals which have taken place in the length of time that has elapsed since the Audit of his accounts now nearly five years. must we apprehend prevent his deriving much benefit from it unless they should be pleased to take that circumstance into consideration and recommend some compensation to be made him in consequence

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signd) Coll Baker Day & Co
Attys to Mr Hoar

Fort St George
4th November 1797

Since addressing the above we have obtained an affidavit from Sauty Conda Coupiah who served Mr Hoar whilst paymaster in the Capacity of accountant and Cash Keeper and as the whole Army accounts were kept by him we hope the contents will be received in further support of Mr Hoar's claims on the Honorable Company respecting his retrenchments under the head of Tent allowance—

(Signd) Coll Baker Day & Co
Attys to Mr Hoar

a true Copy
Signd Pat Bruce
Asst Adt G.

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A Comparative Statement of the Paymasters Charges for Lascars

to the Regulation taking place for Officers to be at the Expen

	The monthly amount of Lascars Pay and Batta	Less than was charged in the month before the last Paymasters allowance took place	More than was charged in the month before the last allowance took place
	Star Pags	Star Pags	Star Pags
The Paymasters charges in January 1791 for	9,764		
The Paymasters charges in February — for	9,660		
The Paymasters charge in March — — for	10,072		
The Paymasters charge in April — — for	10,901		
The Paymaster charge in May — — for	11,035		
For this month of June on the 15th of which the arrangement respecting the Provisions to be made by Officers for carrying their own Camp Equipage commenced, the Paymasters charge for Lascars Pay and Batta	10,549	—	1,486
For the month of July the Paymasters charges	9195		1,840
For the month of August the Paymaster charges	10,072		963
For the month of September the Paymaster charges	9,961		1,076
For the month of October the Paymaster charges	10,559		476
For the month of November the Paymaster charges	10,594		441
1792 For the month of January the Paymaster charges	12,803		227
For the month of February the Paymaster charges	11,740		705
For the month of March the Paymaster charges	12,203		1268
For the month of April the Paymaster charges	12,185		1150
For the month of May the Paymaster charges	11893		858
	10,961		932

From the above it will appear that the Paymasters during the

themselves with Carriages: that is from the 15th June to the end of September charge

May after which Period the charge for Pay and Batta was necessarily in

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y and Batta during several months prior and subsequent
hrouding the Carriage &c. of their own Tents.

These 5 months are prior to the arrangement respecting the Tent allowance taking place.

uring this month 5 Tindals and 135 Lascars joined the Army as appears by the Secretary's Office's
Returns to the Military Board. The pay and Batta was consequently more than in the
preceding month.

uring these three months 3 Syrangs 20 Tindals, and 781 Lascars joined the Army from Mr.
Soriano, and Mr. Young, as appears by different Returns.

months and Half subsequent to the arrangement of Officers providing
vided 1090 ℔ — — less monthly than for the month preceding (viz. the month of
d from the additional numbers of Lascars, that joined the Army
Signed Coll. Baker Day &c.
Adjt. Genl.

Fauley

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Fauty Conda Coopriah an Inhabitant of aforesaid maketh Oath and saith that he Served Mr. George Hoar late Paymaster to the Grand Army in the Capacity of accountant and Cashkeeper during the whole time he the said George Hoar held the Station of Paymaster as aforesaid—

Further this Deponent maketh Oath and saith that during the several months in which the Full charge for Tent allowance to officers appears in the Disbursements of the said George Hoar, that— wherefrom certain deductions were made on account of Pay and Batta to Lascars not being undertaken by all the officers serving in the said army that he knows although the Full amount of Lascars Pay and Batta so included by the said George Hoar in his Disbursements for Tent allowance was not actually paid under that Head, that such Proportions of the said Pay and Batta as actually so paid never was included or drawn for in any of the abstracts given in by the said George Hoar nor was the same ever charged for or brought to account by the said George Hoar in any other way whatsoever than in his Disbursements for—

Tent

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Sent allowance as aforesaid —

Sauly Conda Coopiah

Sworn to before me
this 8th November 1797

Signed John Chamier
One of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing letter

The Board are of opinion that Mr. Hoar's admission of the retrenchment from his accounts on account of tent allowance amounting to pagodas 9034. must notwithstanding the reason assigned for that admission — (which indeed could have been got over by a bond of indemnity to the Company) must be deemed a strong if not a conclusive proof of its justice; but as the evidence of a person the most competent; except Mr. Hoar himself to afford satisfactory information has been brought forward in support of that gentleman's claim. Resolved that it be recommended to the Court of Directors to relinquish the Retrenchment provided Mr. Hoar shall confirm the testimony of Sauly Conda Coopiah by his own affidavit — Resolved

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Resolved to represent to the Honorable Court of Directors that by references to their government in India upon subjects of this nature, it is possible the efficiency of their office of audit may be endangered. decisions upon such questions particularly those involving military charges frequently turn upon circumstances, which after an interval of a very few years have either lost their impression or are certainly out of the recollection of those who are to report upon or determine them: and unless an obvious injustice may have been committed, it would be well to have it understood that the judgement in India is irrevocable.

In regard to Mr Hare's claim upon officers for unauthorized payments to them Resolved to take into consideration any particular case in which the application of that gentleman's attornies may prove insufficient

Read

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Read the following letter from Mr Samuel Johnston.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord,

I am honored with a letter from the Secretary to the Government of the 30th November accompanied with a Report of the Committee the observations of the Auditor General and the final decision of Government on the charges in question.

This Committee is distinguished from the others which have already had my business before them, by being appointed to revise my Accounts in 1797, & I sincerely regret their report of such a Nature, as forces me again to trouble your Lordship &c for I am sure their decision, which has induced your Lordship's confirmation has arisen from a hasty consideration of facts, and I am led into this belief from the confession of a very respectable Member of the Committee, equally remarkable for his precision and penetration, that he had assisted to draw up this Report, after a few hours deliberation or less on the same forenoon, when it may reasonably

Mr Samuel Johnston's consideration of the Auditor's account of the [illegible] with which the [illegible] of the Committee was appointed to enquire [illegible] how was drawn up, [illegible] to a letter from Mr [illegible] respecting the [illegible] amount of Clothing [illegible] originally [illegible]

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reasonably be supposed his thoughts must have been otherwise occupied in which he was to embark in pursuit of an object of great national importance upon his Canoia declaration I can hold him excused for an error in judgment, in such under circumstances less politically interesting, I am persuaded his acuteness and discernment would have prevented him from falling into.

If your Lordship will be pleased to refer to a paper entitled "Charges assumed by Mr. Johnston" you will easily be able to go along with what I shall have occasion to offer.

It is admitted by the Auditor Genl. that Mr. Strange at Tanjore, and Mr. Gannon's charges for Gunnies in 1790, were allowed at the rate of 2 f. - 2 f. and 2 pieces for a pagoda, because of the exigencies of the War, and that such charges were passed by the Comptroller General, The only ground urged by the Committee of 1797 against these allowances being made to me is, that the average price at the period was 3 f. 4 P. for a pagoda at Trichinopoly; upon what foundation the Committee made such a Report it is difficult to conjecture

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conjecture, there was no average price for Gunnies at the time, because there were none for sale in the Bazar from whence alone they could have obtained their information; tis probable however that the Bontegue people might have given that as the usual rate and which might have enduced the Trichinopoly Committee to make a report so unfavorable to me but which I submit to your Lordship, ought to be received with much caution, and it alone hitherto seems to have directed the decision; the fact is I obtained the Gunnies from the Tenivelly and Ramnad Countries, by having advanced Money for the purpose; at Trichinopoly they were not to be procured, had twice the Money been offered;

The Committee of 1797 have misled your Lordship, I dare say not intentionally, in stating that "the letter from Colonel Capper to Mr Garrow was "a year later when it may well be conceived the price "had risen in proportion to the increased demand; This letter a Year later was a more official Audit wrote in November 1791, when it happened to suit the convenience of the comptroler General to examine the Accounts; but fifteen Months after the Gunnies had been supplied

supplied, at least a great part of them, in the Asiet to admits a Mr Garrow's price in 1790 but the Investigating Committee, whom seeally enough, object to mine, the nearly at the same period, and at the very same rate with a difference however that the Army actually was at Trichinopoly when I supplied it with the Article, and consequently, when it may be presumed the demand was heaviest; whereas Mr Garrow furnished the Gunnies for which he was allowed his price, after it had marched, but within a few months of the same period; it appears that your Lordships reason for confirming the report of the Committee of 1797 "is because the "change of circumstances under which the charges "Gunnies were made by Mr Garrow and me sufficiently "account for the difference of price allowed to the "latter" I confess I am at a loss how to reconcile the conclusion knowing that the change of Circumstances if there really was any change which I do not perceive bears to the support of my charge, in so far as it goes to prove that I furnished the Article when it was scarcest and most in demand by the Army; from this explanation of the true facts I shall still hope that my very just claim in this account will not be rejected.

I &c

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The second Article is the Wastage of Grain, upon which I do not mean to dispute your Lordship's decision, it seems formed upon the Report of the Committee not knowing any instance, in which a certain rule of the Service relative to wastage has been deviated from, I may also very feelingly and very truly say, there is no instance known in the Service of any one having been thrown into the cruel predicament into which I was, by being hastily removed from my situation and by having a Man appointed to enquire upon my conduct who was to rise upon my fall; therefore as there is no precedent in either case, and observing what I have already offered has not satisfied your Lordship, I shall tho with some reluctance dismiss this Claim for ever.

The next Article is for a deficiency in Clothing Certificates, upon which the Auditor General, with his usual deference and moderation declines offering an opinion.

The Committee of 1797 are pleased to call this a Calculation, a certain number of Vouchers produced in support of money absolutely paid

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paid, depends upon no other calculation than simple assertion;
The Committee take notice of my positiveness as to the
aggregate amount of what is charged by me; I am
warranted in being positive in alleging the Vouchers
amounting to Pago das 6,740 = 26 = 39 = nine every one
delivered by me to the Trichinopoly Committee that
they were examined by them on the Spot and that
Mess.rs Andrews and Woolf the 2 Members of the
Committee, themselves put them into the Box, and
not me, as erroneously asserted by the Committee
of 1797 who have been so negligent in this instance
as to state to your Lordship that the Box contain-
-ing them was not opened at Trichinopoly, but
forwarded in the state it had been packed up by
me to the Comptroller General; this very palpable
misrepresentation affecting my property, I am
unwilling to ascribe to any other cause, than I
what I have already presumed to assign; it is
however fortunate for me that one of the Gentlemen
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to enclose Mr Woolf's letter expressing his opinion
upon

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"paragraph of their report is worded in such a manner, as to
"leave no doubt in his mind that Certificates for that
"Amount meaning the amount charged by me, were
"delivered by me, and that had there been any deficiency
"of Vouchers for this Article, he thinks they would have
"noticed it at the time;" — I submit that I have brought the
strongest evidence of the delivery of the Certificates to
those who were sent by Government for the express
purpose of examining and receiving them, and that
I cannot in fairness be called upon to suffer for any
deficiency that may have appeared after I had
delivered them over.

Since what I have urged in support of
my charges for Repairs done to the paymasters House
a public building at Trichinopoly and to the House
at Belfont, which was not the Nabobs, but private
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so far as to establish that the Repairs charged, had
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Vaughan who is gone to Europe cannot be had;

Having gone thro the papers of Charges advanced by me, I come now to that part of the letter from Government relative to a balance of Pags 3,484.36.72. which it is evident, is due to some one but it is asserted that Vauchers consisted of sufficient validity were at the time produced and that my simple application unsupported by any Document is no proof of my Right; I must be allowed to question the first part of this proposition because the absence of that testimony is sufficient proof that it does not exist; That the Quantity of Grain lodged in the public Stores, agreeable to my general Account Current was furnished to the Company is not disputed, excepting the difference of a few Garce but I am told the balance I am now applying for is composed of three parcels of Grain particularly noticed by the Committee, and because a claim was brought forward by a Black man that the justice of Government cannot supersede it in my favor; willing to see what this Argument went to prove, I examined the Amount of these parcels and find they do not agree with the Balance by Invoice

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several hundred Pagodas, therefore any inference
to be drawn therefrom, and what it may be I
cannot guess, ought to be abandoned; had Vauchers
really been produced by Sooberoy, he would have
delivered them into the Office, their amounts would
have been paid, and these Vauchers would now
be forthcoming, in like manner as are the Certifi-
cates which had been granted by me, and the present
contention would not have happened, - Unless
Sooberoy had received value for his Vauchers
it is irregular to suppose he would have parted
with them; from these remarks your Lordship may
possibly discover the reasons that have hitherto
been unknown to Government, of these claims having
lain dormant, are no other than, that they were
a principio, unfounded.

Altho I feel tolerably, confident
that your Lordship will upon this representation
over me the payment of the balance, it may
nevertheless be an additional Satisfaction to convince
your Lordship that you can do so in every way
under the most perfect Security; more than Seven
Years

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Years are elapsed since this alleged Claim of Sookuy was faintly brought forward, consequently the 6 Statute of limitations which extends its operation to this Country, stands as a sufficient Bar to any claim from that or any other quarter, however I am disposed to go still further in order to give your Lordship an opportunity of doing me an act of Justice without any hazard to the Company and am ready to give you the indemnity of the house of Messrs Colt, Baker Day & Co that no subsequent demand shall be made for the Amount in any given time your Lordship shall fix.

Upon the Balance in the Board of Revenue, I shall take an early opportunity of addressing your Lordship.

I have the Honor to be
Yr. &c.
(Signed) Saml Johnston

Gardens
6th December 1797

Samuel Johnston Esqr.

Dear Sir

With respect to the Sum of 4,7 [illegible] 26 Pg. 6 and 39 mentioned in the 8th Para of the Report to

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to Government from Tuckinopoly by Mr Andrews and myself - it appears to be worded in such manner as to leave no doubt in my mind that Certificates for that amount were delivered by you. - to the best of my recollection they were afterwards sent to Madras and delivered to Colonel Capper then Comptroller General; and had there been any deficiency of Vauchers for this article I think we should have noticed it at the time.

I am &c &c
(Signed) Robert Woolf

Madras
30th November 1797

Copy of the Paragraph No 8 alluded to in Mr Woolf's letter.

"For Pagodas 4,740 " 26 " 39 " in October "
"for Sloppages for Clothing, Mr Johnston produces a
"great number of Certificates for a variety of small
"Sums Signed by the former paymaster the Agent
"for Clothing, the Commanding Officer and the
"Commissary General. These Certificates are submitted
"to the inspection of the Comptroller General."

N.B. This is surely an absolute Receipt

to

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to Mr Johnston for the above amount, — The Certifi=
=cates were submitted to the inspection of the Comptroller
General for the purpose of ascertaining if they had
the necessary signatures affixed to them; had Messrs
Andrews and Woolf observed any deficiency when
Mr Johnston delivered them upon the Spot, they
would not have worded the paragraph as it stands.

Minute of the Board on Mr Johnston's letter

Resolved that the private
Communication alluded to by Mr Johnston can be
entitled to no attention from this Board, as the
Committee appears to have given the papers referred
to them a very full and deliberate consideration

Resolved that the Committee
assembled at Trichinopoly in 1791 were more compe-
to inform themselves of the price of gunnies in 1790
than this Board can be at present that the supply
of the Army with gunnies for some Months previous
to the period, at which that Article was furnished
by Mr Garrow, was calculated to increase the
difficulty of obtaining that Article — and that
no new matter has been brought forward on which

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to rescind the decision deliberately passed at the time.

In regard to the claim, which Mr. Johnston supports upon a private letter from Mr. Woolf, that Gentleman having been called before the Board Board for an explanation, submitted the following letter, which is now now entered.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. Fort St George

My Lord,

Reconsidering the subject of the Vouchers produced by Mr. Johnston to the Committee in 1790. – I find it impossible to recall to my recollection any circumstances further than I have already had the honor to mention to your Lordship – when I wrote the letter to Mr. Johnston it was under an impression of the Vouchers alluded to in the 8th paragraph of our report being of a different description from those referred to me by Messrs. Cakes and Torin, the latter I conceived were Certificates

From Mr Woolf explaining the intention of his letter to Mr Johnston respecting the Amount of Clothing Certificates

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Certificates that to the best of my recollection had not passed examination but were transmitted for the purpose to the Comptroller General.

I am sorry to find myself unable from a perusal of our report at Trichinopoly or from Memory to throw further light on this subject for your Lordships information, what I have mentioned will I trust reconcile the apparent contradiction between my reply to Messrs Oakes and Torin and my letter to Mr. Johnston, the circumstance having occurred as I then said under an impression of the Vouchers alluded to being of different descriptions.

I have the honor to be with great Respect
&c &c
(Signed) Robt Woolf

Fort St George
15th December 1797

Minute thereon

Resolved that by the foregoing letter it appears that Mr Woolf wrote his private letter to Mr Johnston "under an impression of the Vouchers alluded to in the 8th paragraph of his Report" (Viz. the Report of the Trichinopoly Committee) "being of a different description from those referred to him by Messrs Oakes and Torin. The latter to be conceived more Certificates

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Certificates, that to the best of his recollection had not passed examination, but were transmitted for the purpose to the Comptroller General."

Resolved in consequence that there does not seem to have been either negligence or misrepresentation in the report of Messrs Oakes and Train, upon that charge, in Mr Johnston's accounts, and that the presumption is, if the Vouchers in question had been in the box when sent from Tuticorin, they would have been found in it when opened by the Comptroller General.

Resolved that after the most minute investigation of the Tuticorin Pagoda account it appears that pagodas 8,666 were the value of the whole of the Grain, which was not claimed upon any other Voucher produced, and that as Mr Johnston obtained credit for that amount the Board cannot consider him entitled to the pagodas 3,1884 still remaining in suspence.

Resolved that Mr Johnston be acquainted that the Board having fully weighed the

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the Circumstances stated by him are of opinion that no alteration can be made in the Resolutions communicated to him on the 30th. ult. November last.

Commander in Chief's Minute with the Memorials of the Officers on the Establishment on the subject of striking off Absentees from the Strength of Corps read.

Read again the Minute of the Commander in Chief with the Memorials entered on the Minutes of last Consultation.

Read also letter from the Secretary at Bengal dated 26th May last with the Minutes of the Board in Consultation the 8th August on the subject of the absented Officers.

Read also letter from Bengal and the former resolutions of Government on the subject —

The President then delivers in the following Minute

Lord Roberts' Minute on the subject of striking the Absentees from the Strength of Corps, — recommends that under the differences of Circumstances that have occurred since the subject was first brought forward, the example of the Bengal and Bombay Governments be followed

Deeply impressed with the necessity of a strict compliance with the orders of the Company with respect to the Army from an apprehension of the ill consequences which a deviation from them is calculated to produce, I have felt considerable difficulty upon the subject of the Memorials submitted by the Commander in Chief — when an application from a certain number of the Officers of this Establishment to strike the absentees of the Strength of the Corps was brought forward and I made

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Months ago, in consequence of a similar measure having been adopted in Bengal, we were in the daily Expectation of the arrival of Lord Cornwallis, whose powers we were taught to believe would enable him to settle all Military questions, and whose principle we knew to be Uniformity in all the Army Establishments in India - No doubt and therefore we entertained that if he confirmed the measure in Bengal he would have extended it to the Coast.

Under that impression it was deemed advisable to wait his arrival. The authentic accounts recently received of his Lordship's having relinquished his intention of returning to this Country, precludes the hope of that early determination upon the measure, which we had looked for, since it is not reasonable to expect that any Orders will come out from the Company upon a subject which the directions they have issued would induce them to think had been closed, and which they cannot therefore suppose to be under discussion - Consequently its final Establishment must remain uncertain for many Months - During which period the Coast Officers affected by it may be liable to Mortifications from which

which their conduct ought to exempt them, in the event of their meeting upon Service with Officers either upon the Bengal or Bombay Establishments whether they ought to be relieved from such eventual Mortifications, and whether with the example of the Supreme Board, the Bombay Presidency, and the recommendation of the Commander in Chief upon the Coast in favor of the measure, this Government would be warranted in resisting it, is the question we are now called upon to decide - In looking at the operation of the measure, the expence to the Company and the possible injury to Individuals become subjects for our consideration - and with a view to be correctly informed upon these points I have procured the annexed return from the Assistant General's Office; by which it appears that the number of Absentees of the description struck off in Bengal would be so very limited upon the Coast that the expence can be no object - and as according to the present system Supernumeraries are eligible for all situations except those which are merely Regimental, I do not conceive that the Interval which may elapse previous to their being posted to

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to Corps would be felt as a Grievance.

Under these Circumstances and with a conviction that altho the adoption of the measure recommended by the Commander in Chief can benefit but few Individuals, the rejection of it would unquestionably create general disappointment and uneasiness, satisfied that a Deviation from the Order of the Court of Directors in this instance is a Deviation too trifling in its effect to be of any moment to the Company, and perhaps influenced by that regard which I feel for a Set of Men, of whose Zeal for the Service of their Country, and exemplary good conduct I have seen such repeated testimonies, I shall propose to the Board to adopt the resolution communicated in the letter of the 26th. of May 1797 from the Governor General in Council, with a retrospect to the period of its operation in Bengal.

(Signed) Hobart

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
&c &c &c

My Lord, I am honored by your Lordship's letter of this date, and in compliance therewith, now enclose Lists

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Lists of those Officers who fall to be struck off the Strength of Corps, and of those to be promoted in their room, according to the documents in this Office and agreeably to the principle of the resolutions of the Supreme Government, of the 8th. May 1797 with a retrospect to that period.

It is to be observed, that Captain Griffin and Lieutenant Blackburn have returned to their duty on this Establishment since the above date - the retrospect alluded to however, seems to place them under circumstances, which remove them from the Strength of Corps, and make them Supernumeraries. The former Officer is included in this Class, although during the greater part of his absence he appears to have been employed by the Honorable Company on recruiting Service.

I have the honor to be with Respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Close

Asst. Genl. of Militia

Adjutant General's
Office Fort St George
1st. January 1798

List

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List of Officers who fall to be struck off the Strength of Corps and of those to be promoted in their room agreeably to the principle of the Resolutions of the Supreme Government of the 8th May 1797, with a retrospect to that period.

Captain D. F. Griffin
" James Cunningham
Lieutenant - I. I. Meyer
" John Dixon
" W. Blackburn
} to be Struck off

Capt.n Lieut.t - Benjamin Harris
" Adam Ormsby
} to be Captains of Companies

Lieutenant Michael Pelloy
B.t Capt.n Mark Wilks
} to be Capt.n Lieutenants

(Signed) By Close A.G.

Resolved in conformity with the principle laid down by the Supreme Government, that such of the Officers eligible to return according to the last transmitted with the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 8th January 1796 as had been in England for a period of two years from the date of their arrival previous to

Resolution of the Board on the foregoing Subject

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to the sailing of the last Ship of 1795/6 and of the extension of whose leave of absence no intimation had been received, and who did not return to their duty before the 25th April 1797 are not entitled to be continued posted to Corps.

Resolved accordingly that the following Officers be struck off the Strength of Corps and considered Supernumeraries from the 8th May 1797 -

Captain D. F. Griffin
" James Cuningham
Lieutenant J. G. Meyer
" John Vivian
" William Blackburn

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

From Lieutenant Colonel Richardson requesting an increase to his allowances in consequence of the New Regulations for his Department.

My Lord,

The heavy expenditure incurred by Government from time to time in the provision of

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of Camp Equipage and the extreme difficulty which ever occurred in preventing abuses in respect to this important Article, were considerations which for a period of many years engaged much of my attention, the different Regulations then in force having proved alike incapable of ensuring a proper attention to the Tents while in Store of preventing their being issued but on necessary occasions or being abused while in use with the Troops - of ensuring their being repaired when requisite at a proper charge or being redelivered into Store when no longer required for the public Service. For the attainment of these several ends, I had the honor of suggesting a variety of Plans some of which I believe, came under your Lordship's inspection through the channel of the Military Board.

It affords me therefore great satisfaction to observe, that the Regulations lately submitted for the Camp Equipage Department which I hope is not arrogating too much to myself to say, refer principally to my suggestions

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for being brought into notice and to maturity have met with the entire approbation of Government.

The importance of a trust involving the general charge of all Military Quarters, Barracks & Barrack Furniture &c. &c. and Camp Equipage of this extensive Establishment the many advantages that must accrue to the Service from these several Articles of public property being subjected to frequent inspection and efficient controul, and the manner in which due attention in the Conduct of such a System of Check must add to the former duties of the Quarter Master General, are so obvious, that I trust I do require not any other apology for now soliciting your Lordship's attention to the Subject

Before the adoption of the new Regulations the allowances of the Quarter Master General were ever considered as inferior to the consequence, and respectability of the appointment and as the constitutional principles on which the Army is founded do not admit of the Officer being on Road (as in every other Service) to higher Rank I was led to hope that the unsullied manner in which it is Circumstanced, would have attracted the favorable notice

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Notice of my Superiors Under these impressions and in consideration of the long fatiguening and expensive Journeys I shall be subject to, being constantly at the call of the Military Board to visit the Out Stations, and to attend at the periodical Surveys added to the encreased expenses which I must now incur in conducting the duties of my Office at the Presidency, I am induced to hope for a favorable result from this address, and the more so, when I assure your Lordship from unquestionable authority that the duties of the Quarter Master General of His Majesty's Forces in India, and of the Quarter Master General of the Bengal Establishment are as disproportionate to the duties of the Quarter Master General under this Presidency especially since the adoption of the New Regulations, as the aggregate pay and allowances of the Regimental Rank and Staff appointment of the latter, are to the fixed Salary of each of the two former.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) John Richardson
D. M. G. of the Army

Ordered to be sent in Circulation

The Commander in Chief recommends Lieutenant Hugh Fraser to be Adjutant to the 36th Battalion Native Infantry vice Young appointed Muster Master on Ceylon, and Lieutenant Thomas Baynes to be Adjutant to the Corps of Detachments under Major Oram vice Lysenham appointed Fort Adjutant of Fort St George.

The Secretary reports to the Board that their resolutions respecting Ensign Punt have been made known by him

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24th June 1797

Minute thereon

Lieut. Hugh Fraser appointed Adjutant to the 36th Battn of Infantry vice Young & Lieut. Thomas Baynes to be Adjt. to the Corps of Detachments under Major Commandg Oram vice Lysenham —

The Secretary reports to the Board that their Orders respecting Ensign Punt have been communicated to the Subaltern of the Body Guard

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him to the Subadar of the Body Guard who had — "
accordingly been dispatched to Vencatagherry with the
letter for the Zemindar —

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Edw Saunders

" W Falloficld

Fullerton "
Sec.

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Diary

Sent Letter to the Nabob, entered in C. C:

Substance of a letter to the Nabob. No. 4 informing him that the Engineer at Trichinopoly has not been authorized to make any repairs at that Place.

Sent the following Letters.

To G: H: Barlow Esq.e

Secretary to the Government
Fort William

Sir, I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11.th Ultimo - previous to which, arrangements had been made for conveying to Bengal the Officers and Men of his Majesty's 71.st and 72.nd Regiments with a view to their being provided with passages from thence.

To Bengal, the Officers of the disabled Regiments will be sent home on the 4 Ships ordered to touch at Madras for that purpose.

As there still remained at last Sunday Officers of the drafted Regiments to be sent home from this Presidency, the President in Council did not think it advisable to make any change in that arrangement, but on the contrary will avail himself of the permission of the vice President in Council to accommodate a part of the Officers of the 52.nd

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4 and 36th Regiments on the Lord Camden, Sir Stephen
Lushington, Minerva, and General Goddard.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most
Obedt & Hble Servt
(Signed) J. Webbe
Dep. Sec. to Govt

To Captain J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant Resident at
Hydrabad.

To Assistant Resident at Hydrabad, desiring he will not draw on Masulipatam, as an Arrangement has been made to discharge the Peishcush by Bills on the Collector of Benares - enclosed Extract of a letter from the Court of Directors on the subject of encouraging Englishmen and foreigners to enter into the Nizams Service - Papers will be sent to Hydrabad to identify the deserters from Corps and Garrison.

Sir,

Having been informed by the Governor General in Council of the authority granted you to provide for the payment of the Nizam's peishcush by drawing Bills on the Collector at Benares. the President in Council directs me to desire, that you will refrain from drawing upon the Treasury at Masulipatam, unless it may be absolutely necessary, as in the present State of the finances of this Presidency, such demands are attended with much inconvenience.

Adverting to the Progress which has been made in the increase of the corps under Messrs Raymond and Mr Finglass, as well as to the correspondence, which passed some time since with

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To Major Kirkpatrick upon the subject of encouraging the resort of Englishmen as well as foreigners to the Service of his Highness the Nizam - The Right Honorable the President in Council thinks it proper that you should be made acquainted with the Sentiments expressed by the Honble Court of Directors in regard to this plan, and I am accordingly directed to recommend to your particular Notice the inclosed extract of this letter dated 4th August 1796.

The Commander in Chief has issued Orders for sending to Hydrabad persons capable of giving the information you require in regard to the deserters from Ongole and Guntoor.

I am &c.

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(Signed) P. Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Lieutenant General Harris.

President &c. Members of the
Military Board.

Gentlemen, We have received your letter of the 26th Ultimo.

The Military Board the damaged Rice at the out Stations to be disposed of - the establishment of Servants to be discontinued at Permacoil and Condalore but retained at Pondicherry - a quantity of Biscuit to be reserved for the 52d Regiment ordered Coimbatore - Rules Letter

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Capt.n Hayes and Darke and from Secry at Bengal 4th

Ult.o and desire that you will order all damaged Grain at the different out Garrisons to be disposed of in the manner you have recommended.

We concur with you that it is ineligible to purchase any quantity of new Grain for store until the Store houses and Granaries shall have been put in a proper state of repair to receive it.

We approve your recommendation for distributing among the soldiery the Biscuit, which cannot be disposed of by the Garrison Storekeeper, but having it in contemplation to send his Majesty's 12.th Regiment by Sea to Negapatam, and his Majesty's 52.nd Regiment from that place to Bombay, we desire that a sufficient quantity of the Biscuit may be reserved for their use during the passage.

We refer for your examination and report the inclosed Copies of letters from Captain Thomas Hayes, from Captain Richard Darke and from the Secretary in Bengal with its inclosures.

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

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To Mr. Samuel Johnston

Sir, I am directed to inform you, that the Right Honble the President in Council having fully weighed the circumstances stated in your letter of the 6th Ultimo is of opinion, that no alteration can be made in the resolutions communicated to you, in my letter of the 30th November last.

I am

Sir

Your Obt

(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir, The Right Honorable the President in Council having authorized the Agent of Cavalry supplies to his Majestys 25th Regiment Light Dragoons, to purchase an additional supply of thirty Garce of Gram directs that an advance of 630 Pagodas may be immediately made to Captain Blackview and the like sum upon the delivery of the Gram being completed

To Auditor General, an advance to be made to the Gram Agent of the 25th Regiment Dragoons and to Captain Lumm on Account of reliefs awaiting at Ryacotta the Retrenchment made on Account of Mr Hamper, Post allowance referred to the Court of Directors—every assistance will be given that Gentleman or Attorneys in recovering unauthorized payments from Officers the Establishment of the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions to be retained if necessary—Assistant Surgeon Gilmour to draw the arrear

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Annual Allowance for attendances on part of the superintendent of Attorneys a letter from Colonel Smith referred.

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14 completed.

The President in Council desires, that an advance of Pagodas 3276 - 15 - 17 may be made to Captain Lennon of the Engineers on account of the expences now executing at Ryacottah. -

His Lordship in Council having considered your report upon the Memorial of Mr. Gray Hoar has resolved to refer the entertainment or amount of such allowance to the final adjustment of the Honble Court of Directors; and in regard to that Gentleman's Claim upon Officers for unauthorized payments to them, the Board will take into consideration any particular case in which the application of his Attorneys may prove insufficient. -

The President in Council permits the deputy Auditor General to retain the apartment and establishment of Servants granted the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions, as long as you may deem them requisite to bring the accounts of that department to a close.

His Lordship in Council desires that authority may be taken for drawing on the

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To
Lt. James Gilsmen Assistant Surgeon at Ashtoor the usual allowance for attendance on the 5th and 9th Regiments of Native Infantry lately ordered into that Garrison.

I am directed to refer for your report, the inclosed copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Smith of the Artillery with the original explanations therein mentioned. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c.
(Signed) D. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters
entered in M. B. Nos. 5. 6. 7.

From Major Coke, acknowledging receipt of the order to March to Arnee, shall commence his march in three or four Days - requests instructions respecting 3 Companies of his Battalion that joined him at Vellore.

From the Commandant of the 2d Battalion 5th Regt. N. I. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser of the 72d Regiment. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Fraser with a Statement of Bounty received for the drafts from the 72nd Regiment to the 27 Dragoons and 75th Foot. and now returned to the Deputy King's Paymaster, requires it may be notified to Bengal and Bombay that the drafts for the above Regiments have —

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5th have not received their Bounty.

To Mr. Boubuck, desiring him to discharge the Bill drawn by Major Cole at Penang on account his Battalion.

To the Military Pay-master General.

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart Gov. &c.
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs.

Friday 5th January.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Lord Hobart's Minute explaining the motives that have induced him to resolve on a journey to Ceylon

The repeated accounts, which have been received within these few Months, of disturbances in the Island of Ceylon have impressed me with a belief that Dutch and French emissaries were employed in fomenting discontent, and alienating the Natives from the British Government: and the relative situation of Ceylon to this Coast, with the opportunities it

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... presents to the French of assisting Tippoo in any hostile project, by making there a diversion in his favor, from the necessity of winning to the Court of Candia, with what Jealousy and watchfulness this Government ... scrutinizes its measures.

In the present posture of affairs, the English Government on Ceylon has much to contend with, resulting from the commotions of the Dutch — Government, and the uncertain period of the Company's possession - The Lattes of these is the great obstacle to — tranquillity: And I know of no means more likely to remove it than some instance of marked and extraordinary attention to the state of the Island As proportionate to the anxiety we shew to promote its prosperity, will be the presumption among its Inhabitants that we expect to retain it at a future.

The necessity of this Policy has been corroborated by intelligence I have lately received from Brigadier De Meuron - From his letters it appears that Mr. Vandergraaff formerly Governor of Ceylon, had returned to the Mauritius with

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with an intention of proceeding to Europe. that he had suddenly relinquished that intention and that there were reasons to suspect that in conjuction with Mr. Louis. De Meuron who is also at the Isle of France, he was meditating some plan, against which it was advisable to take early precautions, of the personal influence of these Gentlemen the Brigadier gives an alarming account. And here he speaks from local experience

These suspicions receive no slight credibility from the manifest indisposition of the Court of Candia. And letters of a very late date mention the probability of an intercourse having been recently established between that Court and the French.

Under these considerations I propose availing myself of the opportunity which now offers to embark on the Suffolk for Columbo. As I know of no measure more likely to manifest the attention of the Government to Ceylon, or to stop the progress of intrigue by calling forth the party well affected towards us

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which I understand to be numerous.

Should the Island remain in our pos-
-session, the local knowledge which I shall thus obtain
when added to the result of the investigation instit-
-uted at my suggestion, and now nearly terminated
may be eventually productive of Public benefit in
future arrangements.

(Signed) Hobart

The President is requested to give such orders
and to make such arrangements during his residence on the
Island of Ceylon, as in his Lordship's judgement may appear
necessary to promote the public good.

Minute thereon

Ordered that a letter be written to Bengal
upon the subject of his Lordship's departure

Read the following Letter from Brigadier
General De Meuron--

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
President in Council
&c &c &c
Fort St George

From Brigadier General De Meuron - Requesting Leave to remove certain Recommends taking into Pay the workmen of the Type foundery General Stuart again solicits the return of the Bombay Grenadiers - Mr Petty appointed to the Board of Trinity in the room of Mr Holderness Maldivy ambassador

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge the re-
-ceipt of Mr Sub Secretary Parry's several letters of the
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arrived - recommends admitting into the regimental Hospital the sick Europeans out of employ tranquillity restored in the Havergam and Salsette Coorlas provinces tending to Ramnad or Palamcottah several purpose now in prison.

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25th October, 8th November, and Mr Secretary Webbe's of the 15th 25th and 22nd November, which would not have remained so long unanswered, had not a variety of Circumstances and constant Business prevented it. This I have now the honor to do, as well as to report the actual situation of Affairs in this Country.

I beg leave to express my thanks to your Lordships in Council for having granted the Allowances of a Secretary to Mr Reynolds - and to observe, that on my arrival here I found Mr Gisbo had been attached to the Commandant, he is useful to me and he will be indispensably Necessary to my Successor, from his being the only person here who understands and writes English. Dutch, French and Portuguese - He was assiduous with Generals Stuart and Doyle, who could not read a Petition nor hear a Complaint without his assistance, and as he was one of the first Clerks at the Secretary's Office: he has a perfect knowledge of all the Papers belonging to that Department, which has induced me to employ him chiefly for the Committee, but

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as soon as my Report of the Revenue Affairs shall be finished, I will reduce his Pay to half of it's present Amount.

General Stuart had retained a Malabar and English interpreter to whom he paid 15 Pagodas per Month, this appointment has been done away by me, and the Interpreter has got higher Wages elsewhere— The Singalese Interpreter's duty is performed by the first Mooddeliar, who allows his Singalese Writers to draw the Pay.— Your Lordships in Council may rest assured that no exertion on my part shall be wanting to preserve the most rigid Economy.

Pursuant to your Lordships Directions, I have ordered the Printing Presses together with what belongs to them to be brought into a Building belonging to the Government house, where they were formerly placed, a small repair will be necessary to put them in a State of preservation, the amount of which will not be equal to the Sum of three Months house rent, formerly paid for them.

The Establishment of Workmen, Seven in all, received the following Pay, viz—

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One Master or head Man - Serjeants pay
Two able Workmen - Corporals pay
Two ordinary Workmen - Privates pay

Two Apprentices without pay - besides which these persons were allowed to Print Almanacks and Advertisements for Individuals as a perquisite.

I now beg leave to request that your Lordship in Council will allow the above persons to draw their Pay from the 1st of November the Press having been taken on account of the Company since the Month of November. The Materials delivered are sufficient to Work them for six Months, with the exception of Paper and Work.

Having been informed that there existed a Type Foundry and having discovered where the Implements were, such as the Moulds and what belongs to them, I ordered the whole to be delivered over to me, all the Coarse Tools and Melting Pot were sold by the Prize Agents - The Manager of this Foundry is in very reduced circumstances and has a large Family to support - This Establishment consisted of

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One head Man or Master, his present Sergeants pay -
and four Fanams extra which might be about
six Pagodas Per Month.

Two Assist Masters on Sergeants Pay -

Two Workmen on Corporals Pay.

This being a dangerous profession
on Account of the Antimony which formes an ingredient
in the composition, I beg leave to suggest to your
Lordship the propriety of taking these Men also
into the Service, as they are the only persons who
understood that branch - Should there be occasion
to cast any Types, it would be very difficult to
find workmen who at the rate of three times as
much pay as they were accustomed to receive - It
was the custom to allow these people one Parrah
of Rice when they were employed as they had no
perquisites - I must not omit observing to your
Lordship that it will be requisite to complete
the Assortment of Coarse Tools and Melting Pots
Two now wanting - previous to any Casting Mate-
-rial being done in this way, a necessary ex-
-pence must be incurred of about 150 Pagodas -

The Printing Press together
with 3400 lb - of Types for different Languages -
have

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have been estimated by an impartial Person, who understands this Branch to be worth 5000 Pagodas, the Moulds and Matrices, together with the Punches for stamping the latter when worn out three thousand Pagodas, and I humbly give it as my opinion, that the preservation of these valuable Articles would great care and very reasonable expence.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship in Council that Lieutenant General Harord has again solicited the return of the Bombay Gun-raders, I must however in the present posture of Affairs decline complying with his request until they are relieved, unless I receive your Lordship's directions to send them round.

The North East Monsoon has for some time been set in, but as yet I have seen no Paddy arrive from the Coast, in the event of any coming here, I beg leave to propose its being sold in the Bazar, and purchasing Rice in its stead, should the Grain we receive be sound and in good condition; by this means the Troops will get their proportion of Rice, the

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Hostages on the Paddy will be saved, and the Bazar will be supplied with a Commodity in General demand by all the Inhabitants.

No time shall be lost in the installation of the Court of Equity which your Lordship in Council has authorized, for the benefit of the suffering Inhabitants of this Country - Mr. Holst having requested to withdraw his acquiescence to being nominated, I have appointed Mr. Fritz (a relation of the Commandeurs - Fritz at Galle) to the vacancy, he was formerly a Member of the Land Raad or Country Court - I am in great hopes that this Court will tend considerably to procure me the relief and satisfaction I expect from it -

Your Lordships orders contained in Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 22nd November have been attended to - Mr. Gregory is employed as directed to Cancel the Dutch paper, when the business is at an end I will examine the Registers of which I will transmit a Certificate to your Lordship in Council.

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I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that the Maldivy Embassador is arrived, and has delivered the Customary Presents he has also delivered to Mr. Mc Dowall Agent for the Owners, the remains of what has been saved from an English Vessel lost on their Coast.

I must now beg leave to intrude upon your Lordships benevolence in favor of some unfortunate individuals whose names are to be found in the Accompanying List. These persons have appeared to me as deserving of some indulgence from Government. This subject leads me also to represent to your Lordship the distressed situation of some other people here, these are the Europeans who having served their time, have requested to remain in the Island, rather than to return Home, and whose Names were continued in the Books without any Allowance. It is true that when able they work for their livelyhood but when they are sick some of them are reduced to the greatest Misery and are abandoned by every

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body. At Madras it is the Custom to admit Europeans and Natives, altho' not in the Company's Service, into the General Hospital by an Order from the Town Major. I earnestly entreat your Lordship's commiseration for these poor Creatures, and request that Government will allow them to be entertained in one of the Regimental Hospitals at Columbo as there is no General Hospital.

Having had occasion for references to the Books of the Pay Office and Accountants Department I caused them to be unpacked in October last. It has been necessary for me to employ three Writers to make the Extracts &c. which I require. They request an Allowance, and I should suppose that Sergeants Pay to each of them will be equal to their Pretensions, which I beg your Lordship may be pleased to grant them.

In the Letter I had the honor to address you last, I mentioned an interview between the Envoy of the Candian Court and the Chiefs of

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of the Rebels at Situvaka, this pretended conference has not been productive of any consequences. Major Hennys activity was such that he reduced the Hewagam Corle to obedience in a short time after the Execution of the Sentences of a Court Martial, the proceedings of which were forwarded to the Commander in Chief. Immediately after the Rains, Major Henny prepared to enter the Salpitty Corle, this motion was preceded by a Proclamation informing the Inhabitants that his object in entering the Corle was to re-establish good order and tranquility, and that all persons who would come to him should be protected, and that no enquiry would be made respecting their former Conduct, always excepting nine Persons viz. the Chief ringleaders of the Rioters, with his principal adherents who could not hope for mercy unless they appeared themselves before me, and further that all persons taken in Arms would be instantly hanged without any trial. Immediately after his entering the Corle the Inhabitants

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hastened to him for protection, and the Chief Signor—
Appoo finding that the Inhabitants began to abandon
his Cause, hastened away, he was pursued by a Detach-
ment and it is a matter of wonder how he could—
make his escape from the Room in which he was
at the very time the House was entered by the Seapoys
and Malays who seized six Men of his Guard with
their Arms loaded, besides two small Guns which—
Signor Appoo got made— three of whom escaped the
Rigour of Major Kenny's Proclamation, the three others
were questioned in Public, and the fact was so clearly
proved against them, that it may be said they were
condemned by the Public and they were consequent-
-ly hanged, from which time the Inhabitants have
come in, in Crowds, laid down their Arms and
offered to go and demolish all the Retrenchments
made by the Rebels, and this they immediately
executed with as much Zeal as they had formerly
shewed for the Rebel Chief— I have since this
caused the Troops to be distributed in the—

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Cooles for the protection of the Inhabitants, and I hope that tranquility will be maintained if the Candian Court do not interfere in the Business and that they do not suppose the Chief who is gone with about twen-ty of his Friends to Candy, where he is said to have been received very well.—

There are about twenty Persons now in the Prison whom it would be dangerous to set at liberty to return to the Cooles and the trouble being over, it would be impolitic to bring them to Trial, in order to act with as much humanity as is consistent with our own safety. I beg leave to request of your Lordship that I may be authorized by Government, to cause these suspicious persons to be sent to Palamcottah or Ramnad, and to be kept in confinement there as long as shall appear ne-cessary until tranquility is generally established. their Food will be the only expense required. and that will not be material.

When I received your Lordships Letter of the 28th. Ultimo communicating the appointme of

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of two French Frigates at Madras. I had already received some Account of them. I was informed on the 26th of their having been seen off Point de Galle. the same Day at Noon they appeared before this Port — I immediately sent Notice thereof for the information of Ships that might pass of the Island and on the Malabar Coast. —

I have the honor to remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient,
and very humble Servant,

(Signed) P. F. De Meuron.

Head Quarters
Columbo 28th December 1797.

List

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List of Persons who have Petitioned for Subsistence

No	Names	Rank	Department	Daily Pay R.	As	Ps	Remarks.
1	P: A. Laffmann	Sworn Clerk	Secretary's Office at Columbo	15	20	½	Employed
2	J. Pompeus	Writer	do	12	27	½	
3	J. J. Meyer	do	do	9	21	½	Employed
4	S. C. Buchman	do	do	10	33	½	
5	L. De Boer	do	do	8	9	½	
6	C. A Belsey	do	do	8	9	½	
7	A. W. Mottau	do	do	8	9	½	Employed
8	E. W. Staats	do	do	10	33	½	Employed
9	J. H. Sedulet	do	do	4	18	½	
10	J. A. Vanderwall	do	do	8	9	½	
11	C. C. Liedekens	do	do	3	18	½	
12	J. G. Bruckner	do	do	8	9	½	Employed
13	C. Kail	Lieutenant					Dutch Battalion disb: when the list of Officers was made, being recovered, he was advised to go to Madras - he has a family here.
14	J. Wynberg	Corporal					
15	J. Constant	do					To be on the Invalid List
16	C. Pisaro						Master of type Foundry, recommended to be on the List
17	L. Richard						Deserving of Recommendation
18	J. G. Helmike						Recommended to be on the Invalid List.
19	F. D. Gotsman						Recommended to be on the Invalid List.
20	B. Hagenauer	Master Armourer					Not deserving of any recommendation
21	S. B Wouterszj						
22	M. Gravonte	Bombard.					Recommended to be on the Invalid List.

23	J. A.: Muller	Surgeon	Colpetty	15	33	½	Included in the remark made by General Stuart on the General Abstract of
24	G: C: Harmezon	Book keeper	Do	15	33	½	the Monthly Pay of the Dutch civil Servants in his letter dated 16th September 1796
25	C: H: Hoffstede	Portbroker	Bantam				deserving of recommendation
26	J. Smitz	President	Moorea Cole	15	33	½	Recommended to receive the Pay here mentioned
27	D. Geyer	Do	Arrogance	15	33	½	Recommended to receive the Pay here mentioned
28	F. J. Weber	Lieutenant					Dutch Battalion
29	J. W. Erfzon	Writer	Board of trade	15	33	½	
30	L: Mendorff	Do	Do	15	33	½	
31	J: C: Jonez	Do	Do	15	33	½	
32	J: J Loos	Do	Do	15	33	½	
33	J. W: Reinert de Sachamme	Do	Do	15	33	½	
34	G. L: Hazer	Do	Do	15	33	½	
35	J: D: Pfeiffer	Do	Do	15	33	½	
36	J. A: Pompeus	Do	Do	15	33	½	
37	M. A Visser	Do	Do	13	9	½	
38	J: H: Helmers	Do	Do	13	9	½	I have no particular reasons to recommend these persons.
39	F: J. Vanderstraaten	Do	Do	9	41	½	
40	P. Vanderstraaten	Do	Do	5	16	½	
41	A. C. Bellise	Do	Do	9	41	½	
42	H. C: Vanboylenburg	Do	Do	9	41	½	
43	H. J. Doebbratz	Do	Do	5	16	½	
44	V. W. Vanderstraaten	Do	Do	5	16	½	
45	C: W. Hoffman	Do	Do	5	16	½	
46	E: J. Jongbloet	Do	Do	5	16	½	
47	C: A: Spaar	Do	Do	15	33	½	
48	J. B: Ludekens	Do	Do	13	9	½	

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No.	Names	Rank	Department	Daily Pay R.	St.	Remarks.
49	P. De Ridder	Writer	Pay Office	15	33 1/2	Employed at the Diaconie, but draws no pay. May I leave to recommend him
50	A. Martensz	Jr. Merchant	Administration	29	30	Resides at Jaffna
51	J. Bartholomeusz	Rank of do	Postmaster	25	22	do do
52	J. Vanbrugg	Factor	Treasury	15	33 1/2	do Trincomalie
53	D. Martensz	do		15	33 1/2	do Jaffna
54	J. Aubert	do	Resid at Tambley	13	9 1/2	do do
55	J. Vanhuysen	Writer		13	9 1/2	do Trincomalie
56	H. Bartholomeusz	do		13	9 1/2	do Jaffna
57	E. Bartholomeusz	do		9	11 1/2	do do
58	N. Abraham	do		9	11 1/2	do Trincomalie
59	G. de Visser	do		9	11 1/2	do do
60	J. Kleris	do		9	11 1/2	do do
61	G. Siegrabs	Under Writer		6	" "	do do
62	P. Durand	do		6	" "	do do
63	J. Horse	Mr. Blacksmith		13	9 1/2	do do
64	Leonardo Jambo	Bradle		9	11 1/2	do do
65	E. Kleris	Goldsmith		6	" "	do do
66	J. Wyman	Mr. Mason		11	25 1/2	do do

Included in the remark made by Lieutenant General Stewart in the general abstract of the monthly Pay of the dutch civil servants sent in his letter dated 10th September 1796.

(Signed) P. F. De Meuron

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Resolved that the President be requested to issue such orders as may be necessary upon the subject of the foregoing letter as well of the two letters from Brigadier de Meuron included in Consultation the 2nd Instant.

Ordered that his Lordship be furnished with Copies of these letters.

The President lays before the Board the following letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

&c &c &c

From Adjutant General stating that several Court Officers sailed from Madras at the same time with some of the Officers who have been struck off at Bengal - a List of them enclosed.

My Lord,

Since replying to your Lordships letter of the 8th Instant, a circumstance has come to my knowledge which had it been known to me at the time, I should have judged it proper to notice in my address, as connected with the subject of the report which your Lordship did me the honor to call for, from this Office.

Although the Officers who were struck off the Strength of Corps at Bengal by the Resolutions of the 8th. May 1797. must have taken out their leave to Europe so early as the latter end of October 1793, yet as the fleet in which some of those Officers proceeded to Europe, called at this Presidency

and

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and did not depart from hence till the 20th of February 1794, it happened that some Officers of this Establishment embarked with leave to Europe on this Fleet, so that these Court Officers, and some of those struck off at Bengal must have quitted India at the same time, and arrived in England also at the same period - The Court Officers I here allude to, are inserted in the Accompanying List, in order that the particular Circumstances of their Situation, may on the present occasion be fully before your Lordship..

I have the honor to be
Your &c.

(Signed) B.T. Close
Actg. Genl. of the Dep.

Actg. Genl. Office
Fort St. George
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Lieutenant Colonel	W. Flint	15th December	1793
D°	C. Maffey	17th February	1794
Captain	T. Hard	17th D°	1794
D°	M. Mc Alester	17th D°	1794
D°	T. Gillum	17th D°	1794

(Signed) B.T. Close
A.G.

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His Lordship here lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should in consequence be sent to the supreme Government..

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To G. Ho. Barlow Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

To Bengal, requiring Instructions whether Officers of this establishment who left India at the same time with Bengal Officers already struck off should be considered as included in the order of the 8th May 1797.—

Sir,

I am directed to request you will inform the Vice President in Council that the Right Honorable the President in Council has availed himself of the permission contained in your letter of 26th May last, to strike off certain absent Officers of this Establishment from the strength of corps according to the principle laid down in the Minutes of the Supreme Council dated 8th of that Month.

Adverting however to the departure of the Ships, in which the Officers struck off the strength of Corps in Bengal embarked for Europe, the President in Council observes that some of them did not leave India untill February 1794 at the same time with Officers of this Establishment, who according to the principle of calculation in the Minutes above-mentioned have not been struck off the strength of Corps, I am therefore directed to submit to the determination of the Vice President in Council—

whether

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whether the Officers of this Establishment should or should not be struck off the strength of Corps agreeably to the Spirit of the minutes of 8th May 1797. since they have been absent from their duty in India for a period equal to that of many of the Bengal Officers who have been struck off the strength of Corps, and who arrived in England in the very same Ships with some of the Officers who have been struck off the Strength of Corps in Bengal

I have the honor to be,
Hon'ble Sir
Your most
(Signed) D. Webbe
Obt Servt

Approved and ordered to be dispatched.

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Read the following Letter from Mr. Williams Abbott.

To The Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor
Fort St. George

From Mr. W. Abbott requesting Permission to resume his attendance on the Nabob.

My Lord,

In compliance with your Lordship's injunctions, communicated to me by Mr. Addenbrooke under date the 18th October 1795. I have discontinued my attendance at his Highness the Nabob's Durbar not

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notwithstanding the appointment I held in his Highness's service, to which I succeeded the late Mr. Robt. Metford by the Sanction of General Medows during the period of his Government, and as my absence has been extremely detrimental to my interest. I have to entreat that your Lordship will now be pleased to permit me to resume my attendance on his Highness, in order to settle the Claims I have on him in consequence of my long and faithful Services.-

I have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Abbott-

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Resolved that the restriction upon Mr. Abbott's visits at the Durbar cannot be withdrawn.-

Read the following Letter from Captain Borough.

J. Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir, In conformity to the permission granted to me by the Right Honorable the President in

From Captain Borough requesting his Lordship will appoint some persons to whom he may deliver over Colonel Harts property - as the Gentlemen appointed by Col. Hart decline acting &c.

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in Council to make over the charges of Lieutenant Colonel Hart's affairs, with which I was invested by Government to the Persons legally authorised to receive it. I have applied to those Gentlemen, who on account of their proposed early departure for Europe, have declined accepting it - I am therefore to request as my residence at Madras is uncertain, that you will obtain his Lordship's further permission for me to make over to such other Persons, as he may be pleased to appoint the property of Lieutenant Colonel Hart now in my hands, as also to lay before Government a Statement of the several Accounts respecting it, in order if it shall appear, that I have faithfully executed the trust, with which I have been honored, that I may obtain such acquittal as may be deemed necessary for my security. —

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Sign'd Rich.d Boroughs.

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To Captain Richard Borough
Fourte appointed by Government
for the Management of
Colonel Harts Concerns.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 26th Ultimo
I beg leave to inform you that I should have no ob-
-jection to take charge (jointly with Mr. Torrins) of
Colonel Harts concerns - provided I intended to remain
in India - but as I have resolved on proceeding to
Europe as soon as possible, I am under the necessity
of declining to avail myself of the power of Attorney
which the Colonel has sent to Madras, and take
the liberty of requesting that you will have the
goodness to get the Management of his Affairs trans-
-ferred into other hands. -

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
(Signed) Thomas Cooper.

Madras
the 5th January 1798.

The Commander in Chief having offered
from Motives of friendship towards Lieutenant Colonel
Hart to receive charge of his affairs from Captain
Borough

Capt. Borough desired
to relieve over charge
to Col. Harts Affairs
Lt. Genrine Harris. -

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Borough is requested to do so - Resolved in consequence that Captain Borough be desired to make over Charge of the estate to General Harris, and that he be exempted from the farther responsibility of the Charge reposed in him by Government.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Captain O'Reilly and recommends that the Staff mentioned by that Officer be authorized.

To Lieutenant General George Harris
Commander in Chief on the Coast.

From Captain O'Reilly requests to be allowed for some supernumeraries to the fixed Establishment of the Malay Battalion and for Country Medicines supplied the Corps, represents the necessity of a Malay Adjutant, Drill Serjeant and Corporal.

Sir,

Reluctantly as I submit to the necessity of introducing the subject of this Letter upon your time I regret the Embarrassment which compels me to seek the interference of that authority by which alone I can effect a Removal of its cause - I trust the remarks I have to make will meet your attention, as they may appear to you formed on prosperity, and the state of the Service, and that, from that conviction they will deserve the benefit of being laid before the Right Honorable the President in Council with your concurrence - I beg leave to state that

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the Malay Corps was when delivered over to me Super-
-numerary to the establishment fixed by General orders
in the following instances - One Malay Captain, three
Serjeants, five Corporals, and four Drums and Fifes -
altho I received no order for the addition of these men
to the Strength of the Battalion, yet I could not —
doubt the authority by which Lieutenant Bose had
placed them in the Rolls, acting as he must have
done when at the Presidency in conformity with —
orders from which he could not deviate and as it
will appear to you that I had not authority to reject
Men delivered by an Officer appointed by Govern-
-ment to march and deliver over the Malay Bat-
-talion to my Command, you will deem them —
have served, and I submit it to you to suggest
to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council
the Justice of this claim; to the end that the
Auditor General may be authorized to admit
the Charge in the Abstracts of the Corps - The
Retrenchment of the Pay of these supernumeries

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is what I conceive peculiarly hard, as the weight of it falls on me who have been no wise instrumental to their existence on the Rolls of the Battalion, and I advance this circumstance to expedite the removal of a ground of complaint, which so unmeritedly and materially deducts from an allowance, which in its fullest consideration is scarcely adequate to the support of that consequence I am commanding this Battalion, am under the necessity of supporting the situation I was placed in when I assumed charge of the Malay Battalion, was embarrassing in more instances than one, but actuated as I have ever been by a zeal for the good of the Service. I have endeavoured to surmount, or remove every obstacle that could retard it, and to this motive which shall still be the rule of my Conduct, is to be attributed the step I took by nominating Men the best qualified to the Offices of Malay Adjutant, Drill Serjeants and Corporal. I admit that in the orders for embodying the Malays no Staff of this description was

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was provided, but it must appear evident how necessary the Establishment is to the perfecting and keeping up the discipline of a Battalion, from the certainty that no Corps in the Service is supplied an aid, without which every exertion of a Commanding Officer must be obstructed by obstacles that would render his exertions doubtful, and limited - From a consciousness of this truth, I have continued the Malay Drill, and from a sense of the Justice of their Claim to the reward of the additional duties of their respective Stations, I have disbursed Monthly the usual allowances - trusting that the rules of the Service and an explanation of the case, would entitle me to a Reimbursement as soon as the Auditor General should receive the necessary authority for that purpose - I have only to add on this subject, that I leave to your serious consideration the Remarks I have relying on the opinion resulting from it, for your acquiescence in their propriety - And will now solicit your attention to a circumstance with which I shall have the honor to conclude - The allowance of Country Medicines have been retrenched from

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the amount of the Abstracts on the plea that no Apostant Surgeon was doing duty with the Battalion at the time such Charge refered to. It is not to be supposed that on this account the number of sick would be less, and the necessity of rendering every assistance to Men in this unfortunate situation, Humanity would alone have pointed out to Me in terms too strong to be resisted. I accordingly furnished Medicines at an exhorbitant rate from the Dutch Apothecaries at Jaffnapatam, and at my own expence encreased the allowance allowance fixed by Government for a Black Doctor to a Sum that engaged a Man qualified in a degree superior to people of that description in general to take charge of the Sick till an Assistant Surgeon was appointed.

I have thus Sir endeavoured to point out circumstances which I hope will appear to deserve some attention, and if I can assume no merit in acting as I have done, I trust the end I always had in view will force itself upon your consideration and procure that alleviation which Justice only demands.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) C. O'Reilly Capt
Com.g the Malay Corps

Endorsed

Trincomalee
26th November 1797

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Resolved that the Commander in Chiefs recommendation be adopted and that he be requested to issue the orders which may in consequence be necessary to Captain O'Reilly.—

H. Majestys 12th Regt. ordered to Tanjore the 74th to Wallajabad and the 73d to Fort St. George.

Resolved that his Majesty's 12th Regiment be ordered to march immediately to Tanjore, the 74th to Wallajabad and the 73d into the Garrison of Fort St. George.

The 4th Regt. Bengal Native Infantry ordered to return to that Presidency.—

Resolved also that orders be issued for the march of the 4th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry to that Presidency.—

Resolved that the supreme Government be informed of the above mentioned.—

Lt. Col. Shawe appointed to the Command of Malajabad and Capt. D. Blair appointed Barrack Master on Ceylon.—

The President proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Shawe be appointed to the command of Malajabad and that Captain David Blair be appointed Barrack Master on Ceylon, vice Borough, whose desire to resign his Lordship communicates to the Board

Approved and ordered accordingly.

The President informs the Board that he has been in correspondence with Major General Floyd upon the subject of a traiterous correspondence with the Government of Tippoo Sultaun, imputed to Andy Narrain a principal Agent of his Highness the Nabob at Trichinopoly, by Mr. Montague a conductor of Stores at the same place.—

The President lays before the Board his correspondence with Major General Floyd on the subject of traiterous correspondence with Tippoo imputed to Andy Narrain.—

His Lordship lays before the Board the original correspondence with General Floyd together with a narrative by Mr. Montague; and proposes that a committee consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Close Captain Macaulay and Mr. George Read be appointed to ascertain how far Mr. Montague may be able to bring home the imputed criminality to Andy Narrain.

proposes that a Committee be appointed to investigate this affair—

His Lordship also proposes that the committee may be authorized to examine witnesses on oath, and that the original papers be for the present sent to them.—

Agreed

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Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

" Hobart

" Geo. Harris

" E.M. Saunders

" C.W. Malet

" Fullerton Sec.

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Diary

Received and despatched the
undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 8-9 -

From Mr. Roebuck - transmitting
an additional estimate of Cash, for the current
Month. -

From Military Paymaster General.

To Major General Sydenham -
referring Mr. Roebuck's additional Estimate of
Cash. -

To the Military Auditor General.

Received the following Letters.

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Right Honorable the President in Council

My Lord,

I have the honour to lay before
you, an address from Captain Monteath Agent
for Cavalry Supplies to His Majesty's 19th Dra=
=goons. -

From Major General Floyd - enclosing a letter from Captain Monteath on the subject of a retrenchment for Mastry Horse-Keepers and grass-cutters furnished the Remounts of Horses Landed to the Northward - proposes attaching a Horse Keeper to each of the Horses now training for Horse Artillery -

As the enclosure explains it=
=self very clearly, I need trouble your Lordship
no farther than to say that, where a considerable
number of Horse Keepers, and Grass cutters are
employed, I firmly believe a due proportion of

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Maistries are indispensably necessary — It was on this ground that I ordered Captain Monteath to provide Maistries on the 3d February 1796. —

I am sensible that the Military Auditor General is warranted in his remark, that Maistries are not authorized by the G: O of Government 22d July 1795, but I trust they will appear to your Lordship as necessary as Non Commissioned Officers are to Soldiers, and in that case request you will be pleased to authorize their past, and future employment. —

Having received Instructions from the Military Board regarding Horse Artillery, and having now six horses in practice for a Six Pounder despatched from the Mount, I beg your Lordship's authority to attach one horsekeeper to each horse employed with the Guns; whether in harness, or rode by Men who work the Guns, and to provide a Postillion's whip for each Driver. —

Trichinopoly
December 30th 1797. —

I have the Honour to be
&c &c &c

(Signed) I. Floyd
M G
Major

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Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern division of the

Army

Sir,

On the Accounts for Remount horses from the Southward which were placed under my charge last year, the Military Auditor General has directed a refund of Pagodas 70-36-37 charged for Maistry hoosKeepers, and Maistry grafscutters, as not being authorized by the Government G: O: of 22d of July 1795.-

More Remount horses from that quarter being expected, the decision of Govern=ment on this subject becomes necessary as without that sanction the Agents cannot after the objections of the Military Auditor General take upon themselves to employ Maistry Horse=Keepers, and Maistry Grafscutters, without whose assistance the service cannot be car=ried on. ¬ I subjoin an Extract of G: O:

of

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of 22d. July 1795. together with my explanation to the first audit of the Accounts, which, as it has not proved satisfactory to the Military Auditor General I with great deference venture to appeal, and beg you will forward to the Right Honorable the President in Council.

I have only to add that those Maistries were employed as absolutely necessary, and as comprehended in the spirit, although not expressly in the letter of the G: O: 22d. July 1795. —

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

Trichinopoly
30th December 1797. —

(Signed) W. Monteath
Agent for Cavalry Supplies

(Extract)

By Government. Fort St. George 22d July 1795

"As it becomes necessary that
"horses landing to the Southward from Lieute-
"nant Montgomery, should be received without
"delay from the persons who come in charge
"from the Agency all horses so arriving are to

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be received by the Commanding Officer of the 3d or most Southern regiment, and provided with gram from Regiment, to Regiment, on or near their route, till they reach their destination, or be drafted into Corps, but the Carriage, followers &c requisite for the accommodation of the horses on the march are to be furnished by the Deputy Gram Agent of the most Southern Regiments under an order in writing from the Command=ing Officer of the Corps, which is to specify the number of horses, and the day they were to received, the number of followers of each des=-cription to be provided, that is one horsekeeper, and grass cutter for each horse, as well as the proportion of Carriage required for the con=-veyance of Gram to the next Station where a Regiment is posted. ~

Extract of the Military Auditor General's ~ Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Mr. William Rawkins Paymaster of Tri=-chinopoly. ~

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant W. Monteath Agent for Cavalry Supplies charges Pay and Batta for the Maistry Horsekeepers, and Maistry grafscutters as per Bill countersigned by Major General Floyd.

These Charges are not allowed by the G: O of 22d July 1795. -,

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Explanation

The number of Maistries charged in my account is less than one Maistry to fifty followers - In every Troop of Cavalry in the service, a Maistry grafscutter is allowed, and a Maistry horsekeeper to half of the number of horsekeepers for which I have charged. -

Although Maistries are not particularly mentioned in the G O of 22d July 1795, it never could have been intended, that horsekeepers and grafscutters at the rate of one of each description to every horse, were to be without the usual number of Maistries, whose

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whose assistance is absolutely necessary in procuring followers, as well as to keep them to their duty. — I have charged the same number that I received from Captaine Santleger with the horses, and I declare that without them, it would have been impossible to regulate the followers, and had I discharged the Maistries, the followers would have deserted to a man. —

(Signed) W. Monteath
Agent for Cavalry Supplies.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
of
Fort St. George

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterday's date, accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Innacondah, for the current Month, amounting to one thousand, eight hundred and Ninety two Pagodas, and twenty Fanams (Pag. 1892.20.)

From Auditor General reports in the Paymasters Generals additional Estimate

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I have the honor to report, that this sum does not appear objectionable, being required under the heads estimated for, in which is included one hundred and twenty one Pagodas and twenty fanams (Pag.s 121-20-) for the purchase of a Cash Chest, stated to have been bought by order of Government under date 21st of October last...

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
6th January 1798.—

Sent the following Letters.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Captain Macauley
and
Mr. George Read

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to send to you the accompanying Letters from Major General Floyd to his Lordship upon the subject

To Lieutenant Colonel Close, Captain Macauley and Mr. G. Read appointing them a Committee to investigate the charges brought forward by W. Montague against Andy Narrain.—

123.

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Sir

Subject of certain communications made to Major General Floyd by Mr. Montague Conductor of Stores, whose Narrative of the transactions to which they relate is herewith enclosed. —

I am also to acquaint you, that Mr. Montague with Budy Narrain and several persons by whose Evidence he expects to satisfy Government of the truth of his suspicions against Budy Narrain are arrived at the Presidency, and will be ordered to appear before you for Examination. —

The object of your enquiry will be to enable Government to determine how far the charge alleged by Mr. Montague against Budy Narrain of having carried on a traitorous Correspondence with Tippoo Sultaun be well founded, — and for this purpose, you are authorised to cause such Oaths to be administered to the Evidence as you may deem necessary. — I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble Servt

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(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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(Signed) I. Webbe Secy to Govt

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To Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Higgins
Commanding the 4th Regiment Bengal Native Inf.
at Masulipatam

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Higgins - desiring him to march to Ganjam and there await the orders of the Governor General - timely notice of his approach to be given to the Collectors to enable them to collect the necessary supplies. -

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to desire that according to the warning which you have received from Major General Bridges you will march with the regiment under your command to Ganjam. -

Upon your arrival at that place, you will obey such orders as you may have received from the Governor General in Council for your future destination, and for this purpose you will report to the Govern-ment the probable period of your arrival at Ganjam in sufficient time to admit of your receiving instructions from Bengal for your future guidance. -

As orders will be issued to the different Collectors to supply the regi-ment with grain and provisions, the Right

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Right Honorable the President in Council desires that you will give them regular and timely notice of your wants and of your approach; and his Lordship trusts that proper measures will be taken by you for the security and property of the inhabitants against any irregularities in the troops under your command. — I am, &c. &c.

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6th January 1798. — (Signed) I. Webbe Secy to Govt

To Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army
at
Masulipatam

Sir,

Having issued orders for the march of the 4th Bengal Regiment of Native Infantry to that Presidency, the Right Honorable the President in Council directs me to enclose for your information, copy of his instructions to Lieutenant Colonel Huggins, and to desire, that you will issue such additional orders as you may judge necessary

To Major General Bridges enclosing Copy of the orders sent to Colonel Huggins, and desiring him to issue any further orders that may be necessary.

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necessary for the furtherance of his march.—

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

To Edward Saunders Esqr
President &c.a Members of the
Gentlemen, Board of Revenue

To Board of Revenue desiring the necessary orders may be given to the Collectors to provide Grain &c.a for the 4th Bengal Regiment on its return to Bengal.—

Having issued orders for the return of the 4th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Riggins from Masulipatam to that Presidency, the Right Honorable the President in Council desires that instructions may be sent to the Collectors to provide grain &c.a for the use of the troops, and to assist their march by every means in their power.—

The Commanding Officer has been directed to give timely, and regular notice of his wants and of his approach, and to take the proper measures for the security and property of the inhabitants

against

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against any irregularities of the Sepoys. —

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I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c. —

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Fort William

Sir,

To Secretary at Bengal informing him that orders have been issued for the return of the 4th Regiment Bengal Sepoys to that presidency —

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Vice President in Council, that in conformity with the desire expressed in the letter of the Supreme Government of the 27th October, orders have been issued for the return of the 4th Regiment of Native Infantry to Bengal. —

Lieutenant Colonel Higgins is expected to commence his march about the 15th Instant and has been ordered to report the probable period of his arrival at Ganjam, in sufficient time to admit of his receiving the instructions of the Governor General in Council for the destination of

his

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his regiment after quitting the territories
dependant on this Government. —

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

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal and Bombay informing them that no Bounty was paid on the Coast to the drafts from the 72d Regiment to the 27 Dragoons and 75 foot. —

I am directed to acquaint you that although the County Money for the men drafted from his Majesty's 72d. Regiment into the 27th. Light Dragoons was drawn by the deputy paymaster to the Kings troops at this Presidency it was not distributed to the men before their embarkation for Bengal — I have therefore the honor to request that the payment of the bounty may be authorized to twenty seven men pagodas 228. 15. 60. —

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

The same to Bombay
394 Men pagodas 3102. 33. 60. —

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To G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort William.

Sir,

To Bengal - informing them of Lord Hobart's voyage to Ceylon -

I am directed to request you will inform the Vice President in Council, that Lord Hobart embarked this morning on his Majesty's Ship Suffolk for the island of Ceylon. — The repeated and recent accounts which have been received of the disturbances in that island have left little doubt that they have been excited by Dutch and French emissaries employed in fomenting discontent and in alienating the minds of the Natives from the British Government and by every late letters received from Brigadier General De Meuron, there is every reason to believe that Mr. Louis de Meuron and Mr. Vande Graaf are jointly engaged in some project of secret or open hostility against our conquests on that

island

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Island. —

The personal influence of both these Gentlemen is of such importance, as to render necessary every exertion to counteract them; and this necessity is rendered the more urgent by the indisposition which has been lately manifested towards us by the Court of Candia, as well as by the strong ground there is to suspect are intercourse subsists between that Court and the French since the arrival of the two frigates on this Coast.

Under these considerations his Lordship deemed it of importance to endeavour to remove the Great obstacle to tranquility, which arises out of the uncertainty of the Company's profession by some instance of marked and extraordinary attention to the State of the island; as proportionate to the anxiety we shew to promote the prosperity of the island, will be the presumption among it's inhabitants that we expect to retain it at a peace — his

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his Lordship thought that this attention could not be manifested better than by his presence, and that no measure was more likely to stop the progress of intrigue by calling forth the party well affected towards us, which is understood to be numerous. →

I am directed to add, that his Lordship expects to return by the latter end of this month or the beginning of February

I have the honor to be,

&c.a ---- &c.a

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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7th January 1798. →

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Received and sent the un=
=dermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 10, 11-
12-13-14. →

From the Military Board -

advising of a Committee of their Board having been appointed for the Survey of the Fortifica=
=tions, Buildings, &c.a &c.a at the Presidency. →

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General.

- desiring that authority may immediately be issued for the Paymaster at Arnee to advance

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one Month's pay and allowances to the 2d. Battalion 6th. Regiment and the Pioneers under orders to march for Ceylon. —

To Ditto - Ditto -

To Ditto - informing him that no Bounty was paid the Men drafted from the 72d. Regiment to the 27th. dragoons and 75 foot, and that the Deputy King's Paymaster is to account for the sum advanced on that account. —

To Captain Richard Boroughs -

To Captain Richard Borough- -desiring him to deliver over charge of Major Harts effects to Lieutenant General Harris -

To Mr. William Abbott - =

To Mr. William Abbott - in- =forming him, that the Restriction against his attendance at the Durbar cannot be withdrawn. —

9th.

Received and Sent the un- =dermentioned Letters entered in M/S. Nos. 15- 16. —

From the Barrack master at the Presidency -

From Lieutenant Maclean- -requests his leave of absence may be extended to the 15th March. —

From

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From the Acting Barrack Master at the Presidency

From Captain Turing - re =

= commends that the place lately occupied by the Dutch prisoners be rented as a Barrack for the Madras Battalion. —

At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Vice President

Tuesday 9th January

Lieutenant General Harris

Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following letters from Hydrabad. —

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

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From Assistant resident at Hydrabad - will make the necessary application to the minister for the surrender of the Deserters from the Company's service so soon as he is furnished with the Means of identifying their persons. —

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 14th Instant. —

I beg you will assure the Right Honorable the President in Council, that im =

= mediately upon my being furnished with a Description

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Description Roll of the Deserters from our Army. I shall take the necessary measures for causing the persons of the principal ones among them to be identified, and this pre-viously requisite object attained, shall pro-ceed without further delay, to make appli-cation to this Court for their surrender, ac-companying my demand with those con-ditional assurances and satisfaction on the score of the claimed fugitives from the Kurpah District, authorized by your Letter

Until provided with the d. document above alluded to, I trust that his Lordship in Council will approve of my d. deferring a compliance with his wishes, as a premature announciation of them to this Court, would sound an alarm which might defeat my purpose, by giving time to Mr. Raymond to conceal or dispose in the ex-tensive Districts which he has charge of, the whole of these Deserters, and such among them especially, as it might be ?

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most easy and desireable to identify. — The Minister will not probably be at all backward in professions of readiness to meet his Lordship's wishes, but these will avail little, unless I am prepared to put them immediately to the test, by pointing out the Persons whom I may so claim in his name, and even then, my principal hope of success will be founded on the necessity which Azim ul Omrah will be reduced to of granting us satisfaction, if he wishes to obtain it from us in the case of the fugitive Zemindars, from Kurpah, or in any similar ones that may occur hereafter. —

The Right Honorable the President in Council may accordingly rest assured, that I shall not fail to be sufficiently explicit when agitating this subject to this Court, assuring for this purpose as the basis of my argument, the broad and irrefutable principle of reciprocity. Such however is the overbearing influence maintained in this State by Monsieur Raymond, that Azim ul

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ul Omrah will scarcely hazard any thing — beyond the language of exhortation (even supposing his inclinations to prompt to something stronger) towards that Partizan, however urgent my demands, or however much he may see his own interest in complying with them. — But even granting for a moment, that the Minister were inclined to go a step further, and employ the language of menace, it is still very possible that it might fail of effect, unless followed up by preparations for eventual coercion.

M. Piron prosecuted his — March for Gudrwaul on the 21st. Instant, and another Regiment moved from M. Raymonds Lines this morning, as a reinforcement to him. — The Lines lately arrived from Kurpah did not form part of Pirons Detachment, and the Deserters from our Army are consequently still here, unless indeed they should have been incorporated with the Regiment which marched to join him this morning, a circumstance rather unlikely than otherwise. —

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I learn through the means of my emissaries in Raymond's lines, that the Subadar who deserted from the garrison of Ongole was not yet entertained by Raymond in consequence of his being strongly suspected of having been sent hither by Lieutenant Colonel Vigors, as a Spy upon the motions of the large party which deserted from the 9th Regiment — He has been given to understand however, that he will be received into the Service, if he can clear his character from the suspicion which (according to my emissaries) at present attaches to it. —

I am, &c. &c.

Hyderabad
23d December 1797 — (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council

From Assistant resident at Hyderabad - forwarding his Correspondence with Colonel Hyderbeyg and Major Grant on the sickly State of the Khawnaumut Detachment and the necessity of its removal —

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Council. Copies of my Correspondence with
Lieutenant Colonel Ryrdman and Major
Grant, on the subject of the Khurreemmaid
Detachment, in continuation up to the present
date. —

Hyderabad
27th December 1797.

I am, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge yours of the 16th Instant, in reply to which I conceive it my duty to inform you, that the Sick of the Detachment is encreasing so rapidly, that I am apprehensive a very few days more will reduce it so considerably as hardly to leave men sufficient to take care of those that may become ill. —

In my letter of the 13th Instant I reported to you as sick present the Officer of Artillery, the Corporal, three Matrosses,

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the Quarter Master Serjeant, and forty four Commissioned, non Commissioned officers and Privates, since which the increase has been as follows. — Mr Smith Assistant Surgeon, Lieutenant Whitehead, one Gunner and Sixty six Commissioned non Commissioned officers and Privates making in all nine Europeans, one hundred and ten Natives, exclusive of Camp followers of every description — and I further to point out to you, that my apprehensions of the future increase is not ill grounded. the Hospital since yesterday has received an addition of twenty eight Men. — With respect to your recommendation of sending the Sick to Head Quarters and Masulipatam, I beg leave to inform you, they are in so weak, and debilitated a State, that were I able to have them conveyed it could not be done without imminent danger to the Men. Six Doolies are all that are allowed

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allowed, nor have I the least authority to order an encrease which would at any rate be attended with much difficulty, owing to the immense Sickness which prevails in the City, indeed the Aumil Zein ul Abdeen Khan informed me that without a previous notice often or twelve Days, he could not procure Bearers, and even there no more than would be sufficient for the conveyance of twenty or thirty Men. The fevers which prevail here are so obstinate, that I conceive one tenth part of the Sick would not be able to move from this, without a proper Con=
=veyance, and out of the few that have been discharged from the Hospital, most have been obliged to return. —

Under these Circumstances I flatter myself you will approve of this second address on the subject. —

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Camps at Kurnoomunnait
9th December 1797.

I have the honor to be,
Do. Do.
(Signed) Ludk. Grant
Major Comdg. the Detachment

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident
Hyderabad

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit you a Letter and Return received this day from Major Grant.

You will perceive by the Return of the 23d Instant that the increase of Privates from the 19th to the 23d in the Sick List is no less than twenty four — This increase joined to the alarming number of the Sick altogether which on the 23d Instant was 125 Privates, and nearly one third of the Detachment, must doubtless create great uneasiness on Major Grant's mind, as it has done in mine for some time past, and I trust that you will be able soon to accomplish the

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point you have in view, for Major Grant to March, and to encamp his Detachment at Mungaul, where the Country is clearer and the water said to be good, for if some measure is not soon adopted to relieve the Detachment from a situation really deplorable, I fear the effects of it upon the minds of the Regiment in General. — In the event of its moving I have to request your attention to the necessary Orders for the Assistance of Bullocks, and others, to procure as much conveyance for the Sick as possible. —

I have the honor to be &c &c

Camp near Hyderabad 26th December 1797. —

(Signed) H. Hyndman
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

The [illegible] Sickness which pervades all descriptions of People in the

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the Detachment is at length increased to such an alarming degree, as to render my situation very distressing not only as it affects me in = dividually; but as it is likely to endanger the efficacy of the Battaleon; for I do not think from the very weekly state of those few who have in some degree got rid of their fevers, that they will be fit to do duty for many = months; almost all the Gentlemen in Camp have three fourths of their Servants ill, and the same proportion I believe reigns in the Bazar and among the Families of the Sepoys, I have no less than three and twenty, and should the Detachment remain out much longer, I do not know how we should be able to move at last. I yesterday received a Letter from the Resident, in which he informs me of a place called Hyder Shah Pait, = which has been recommended to him as a clear spot and about six Cos distant from this: but the place on which we are now

encamped

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encamped possesses all the advantages which
he mentions, and should the Place he al-
ludes to be further into the Jungle, which I
am just informed is the case, I am apprehensive
(although it may be clear about the place)
that the change would but add to our distress.
indeed our present Encampment, is on a
high situation and has been cleared by me
from jungle, many of the men also have
made Huts for themselves and we have the
advantage of a running stream which affords
excellent water, I have also been repeatedly
informed by the Inhabitants of Ulwar-
-mummait that it is the most healthy place
of any in the District; if however it should
be determined on, that the Detachment is
to remain out, I know of no mode to prevent
the almost utter destruction of the Corps, e.
than by obtaining leave to encamp at Mer-
-gaud. — The efficacy of medical assistance
was never more clearly proved than in the
present

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present instance, for within these few Days, six of the Bazar People, who by their situation are excluded from benefiting by the Doctor's prescriptions, have died, and he has assured me that a number of the Sepoys are so very ill, as to daily expect an account of their death, indeed he is so very ill himself, that tho' he has been hitherto able to pay every attention to the Sick, and still continues his exertions, yet he has thought it necessary to request that I would apply to you for additional Medical assistance. In case of the Detachment moving or the Sick being ordered to Mungal or any other place, I conceive it would be necessary to procure an order on the Amil for money sufficient for their conveyance and to direct him to afford every assistance towards procuring the necessary number of Bearers &c — & Wheeled Carriages are not to be procured here, therefore an order on the Districts about Mungal will

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equally necessary with the above. —

Camp near Khum=
=mummeit
23d December 1797. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Ludk Grant
Major

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Hyndman Lieut. Col.
Comm. Hyd. Detachment —

Statement of the Morning Report — Khummum=
=mait Detachment — Camp — December 23d — 1797 —

	European Artillery	European Officers	Native Infantry									
	Conductor	Surgeons	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Jemadars	Havildars	Naiks	Drummers	Sepoys	
Present fit for duty		1	1	3			4	3	10	18	9	254
Recruits												38
Sick at Hyderabad, Medna=pore and Chicacole								1	1	2		10
Present		1	1		4		1	1	1	1	4	3	1	125
Convalescent										1	2			11
Wanting to Compleat														9
Total		1	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	5	5	25	25	10	460

(Signed) Ludk Grant
Major Comm. the Detachment

True Copy
(Signed) J Gerard
Major Brigade

True Copies
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Quartermaster

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Lieutenant Colonel Kyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date, enclosing Copy of a Letter and Return from Major Grant, the melancholy Cause and Subject of which, have for some time past afforded me very great uneasiness. — On the first accounts which I received from that Officer of the sickly State of the Detachment under his Command, I directed him to be unremitting in his endeavors to find a Spot more healthy than the one he at present occupies. — With the same view I set enquiries on foot here also, in the course of which Ryder Shah Paint was pointed out to me as an eligible place for Encampment, a piece of information, which I lost no time in conveying to Major Grant. — I strongly impressed however with the desirableness of obtaining the removal of the Khurnmurnad Detachment to some situation, where

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where without defeating the purposes for which it was recently sent to that District, it should not be exposed to those destructive Fevers which have already so considerably reduced its efficient strength, I ventured (as I had the pleasure of acquainting you verbally yesterday) to point out to the Minister - to whom I had previously made known its very sickly state - Mungaul, as a place, which from its reputed healthiness and its vicinity to Khummumait would answer both the above purposes - In reply he gave me to understand (as I likewise had the pleasure of communicating to you yesterday) that a Letter should be written to Zein ul Abdein Khan, and if that Amil was of opinion that the Detachment might remove out of the District to the distance of ten or twelve Cofs from Khummumait without material inconvenience to his Employers affairs, he (Zein ul Omrah) would readily acquiesce in my proposal for Major Gowdie taking up a position at Mungaul, or any where

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where in its neighbourhood — I am now looking with much anxiety for the expected answer — from Tippoo Sultaun, and sent my Moonshee early this Morning to wait upon the Minister, principally with a view to enquire if such answer had as yet been received, and to make if necessary further representations to him, on the deplorable, and almost helpless condition to which sickness had already reduced Major Grant's Detachment, and thence draw an inference of the expediency in every point of view, of it's being allowed to remove without loss of time to Mungaul — My Moonshee is not yet returned from the Durbar —

I shall not fail to apply for orders to Tippoo Sultaun for such assistance as it may be in his power to afford towards the transportation of the Sick of the Detachment, but as not much reliance can I fear be placed on the result of such applications, and as Major Grant in his last letter informs me on the authority of the Rooter himself, that even a Supply of Bearers very inadequate to

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his wants, would not be procurable under many days previous notice, I have to recommend that you send without loss of time the greater part if not the whole of your Doolies to Rhummum-=mait to bring away the worst cases among the Sick, and I shall on my part also use my best endeavours to procure and despatch thither an extra supply of Bearers ——

Hyderabad
26th December 1797

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

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

P. S. — My Moonshee is just returned from the Durbar and reports to me, that the Minister is in hourly expectation of an answer from Fuzul ech dein Khan, the purport of which he will not fail to make me acquainted with the moment he receives it — He seems however to have some objection to Munguel, from its being situated in the Company's Territories though I have little doubt of being able to overcome this objection on his part, should it eventually prove materially necessary for

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me to attempt it. —

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

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident — Hyderabad —

Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and to inform you, that all our Dooleys (two excepted) were ordered off on the 24th Instant to bring in part of the Sick of Major Grant's Detachment — I hope you will be able to collect, and send a good many Bearers for this purpose, and this very disagreeable Service, once terminated, I am confident you will do all in your power, to save the risk of the people's health in future — It is a bad Season indeed, and could humanity be left out of the question, the Service must greatly suffer thereby, as Recruiting is distant from us

I cannot help being exactly of the same opinion with Major Grant of the little chance of relief which can be afforded by his moving to Hyder Shah Paut, and its additional distance

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distance from hence serve also to heighten the inconvenience. — The quarter Major Grant's Detachment is now in Cordons nearly, on the Confines of Rajahmundry, a place so exceedingly unhealthy that neither Europeans or Natives can be secure of health for five days after being in it, and in proof of this, the Battalion of Sepoys Raymond, of about 600 Men, had 300 Sick when Major Grant passed it. —

As the hot season is represented to be much healthier in that quarter, I should judge it the best period to send out a Detachment to settle the Concerns of the District, but in offering this opinion, I am also aware, that it might not exactly favor the period of making the Collections, but from the sadly decreased state of the once serviceable condition of the Detachment, and the fear of its consequences, I deem it my duty, to state the above points to you. —

I have the honor to &c.

(signed) W. Kirkpatrick Lt Col.
Comd. Hyd. Detachment

Camp Near
Hyderabad
27th December 1797. —

A true Copy
(signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Aid. Genl. J.

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I. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, extract from my Letter of this date, to the Governor General, Copy of my Letter of the 28th Instant to the assistant at Poonah, and Translate of Intelligence from Khurreahs.

I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
29th December 1797.

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant, to the Governor General, dated Hyderabad the 29th December 1797.

"5th I have great pleasure in acquainting you, that I have at length prevailed on the Minister to consent, without waiting for an answer from Poona to obtain the removal of Major Grant's Detachment to the distance of ten or twelve cos from Khurreahmmad in the Mungaul direction

or

From assistant resident at Hyderabad - again at Poonah has consented to the removal of the Detachment under Major Grant towards Mungaul, enclosed Copy of this Letter to the assistant resident at Poonah and of intelligence received upon the distribution of Lieut. Raymond's troops.

or any other within the verge of His Highness's
Territories, to which he limits them from a
motive too reasonable to admit of any objection:
for should that Detachment, (as all Enroute
observes) actually move with the Company's
'Territories, however nearly bordering on Khan-
'nemmaik, still the object of its remaining in
'that quarter, would in a great measure be
'defeated, as it would be next to impossible to
'persuade the Zemindars in those parts, who
'are at present overawed by its vicinity, and
"by a knowledge of its being at the disposal
"of Zemaul ul Odeen, that it would in such a
'situation be as ready at the Call of the
'Talookdar of that District as in its present
'one". — I was indeed myself so much aware
'of this objection, and of other obvious ones
which lay against any application for the
removal of the Khannemmaik Detachment
out of that District, so very shortly after its
arrival there, that nothing but the alarming
sickness which prevails in it, and the repeated
verbal

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verbal Representations of Lieutenant Colonel Kyndman in favor of it's removing to Mungaul, could have induced me to point out this place to the Minister, and these considerations will I trust have their due weight with you, when passing judgment upon my conduct on this occasion — I likewise trust you will not disapprove of the extra Expence that will be incurred, by the number of Bearers beyond the regular Establishment, that may be employed for the purpose of transporting the numerous Sick of Major Grants Detachment. — I am now only waiting for an order from Azim ul Omrah or Jean ul ubdaie, to afford his utmost assistance in the transportation of the Sick of the Detachment, to write to that Officer & directing him to move as near as possible to Mungaul without absolutely quitting the Nizam's Territories, a point which I imagine, he will be able to accomplish, by encamping a Cos or two to the Northward of that Place —

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— I have recommended to Meer Allum that Akul ud Dowlah be ordered to proceed without delay towards Khurreemnuggur, as thereby the Detachment may possibly have taken up its new position before he reaches it, yet his expe- and assistance may still be found Consid- in pointing out the most favorable one, and his report on his return hither in some de- degree necessary perhaps to satisfy the Mi- -nister that his restriction has been duly at- attended to. —

8th. It is proper I should acquaint you Honorable Sir, that in the note dated Seringapatam the 12th. November which I have received direct from Kauzim Ale Khan, he informs me that a person named Ahmed Khan, who from his extensive mer- -cantile Concerns had received from Tippoo the Title of Malik ul Tujar left that place on the 13th. October for Mangalore, whether he was proceeding as a Vakeel on the part of the Sultaun to the French — This Article

of

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of Intelligence will be found totally closely e-
enough with a Passage to a similar purport,
in Major General Hartley's letter to W. Spencer,
dated Calicut the 7th. November - -,

A true Extract

(Signed) J. S. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Joshua Uthoff Esqr.

Assistant at Poonah

Sir, I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your Letters of the 18th and
22d Instant the latter part of the former being
enclosed in your latest Letter - -,

Though the insinuation conveyed
in the 5th Paragraph of your address of the 7th
November, appeared to me to have a tendency
not perhaps the less obvious, or the less injurious
because indirect, and unmoved, to call in ques-
-tion the penetration, judgment, and discre-
-tion of this Residency, in the discharge of no
unimportant part of its functions; still it would
have passed unnoticed by me, had the Paragraph

which

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which contained it, been confined to the inspection of the Supreme Government alone - as you thought proper however, to communicate your opinion to the Government of Fort St George and Bombay, justice to myself, and to my absent Principal, seemed to render it incumbent on me to call upon you to substantiate so serious an implication, and thereby afford me an opportunity of attempting at least to repel it. Accordingly, with a view of enabling the Presidencies of Fort St George and Bombay, to arrive at the truth, with as little trouble to them, and to us, as possible, I requested of you to produce some instances in support of your charge against this Court with respect to Intelligence transmitted from hence to Government of the hostile designs of Tippoo and the French against the English - Now for you have on your part promoted this desirable end, by acceding to my request, it remains for our Superiors to determine, and whatever that determination may be, I shall bow to with

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the most implicit acquiescence, - Leaving it therefore to the Wisdom of Government, the decision of a question - the merits of which, neither of us perhaps, is competent to argue unreasedly upon, I shall wave all reply to the different points touched upon in your Letter of the 18th Instant, and in so doing, enjoy the satisfaction of at once gratifying my own inclinations, and evincing a due deference to your wishes. -

I have the honor to enclose for your information, Copy of my address of yesterday's date to the Governor General, and to

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
28th December 1797. -

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

P.S. I shall send a Copy of this Letter to Fort St George and Bombay. -

Translate of Report of a pair of Captain Kirkpatricks Kirkarrahs, who left this on the 28th November, and arrived here on the 29th December 1797. -

&c

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We arrived on the Banks of the Kistna five days after our leaving Hyderabad, and found Monsieurs Salaman and Boisville encamped with their respective Corps at Bujswapoor which is near Jaglool, and situated on the Banks of the Kistna: the Forces under them consist of two thousand Infantry, twenty eight Europeans, four Guns, and six Tumbrils of Ammunition and Powder. We remained at Bujswapoor two days; when we proceeded to Khummum, which we reached in seven days. Monsieur Bruelle commands at Khummum, and has under him seven hundred Sepoys, two hundred of whom lately entertained by him, are Deserters from the Company's Service: besides seven Europeans attached to his Artillery, which consists of four field Pieces. —

On the out-side of the Fort of Khummum there is a manufactory of Muskets, — which employs forty five Smiths. — Mons[r] Bruelle goes often to his

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this manufactory, and superintends the People at Work.-

A Subadar named Burreh Saheb, with two hundred other Deserters from the Company's Dominions (and mentioned above) have taken Service with Monsieur =ssany's Dominions came and enlisted with this Subadar very day during our stay at Khurrumur. On our way back to Hyderabad we learned at Jagtoor, that Monsieur Salanave had marched with his Corps to the Capital.-

A true Translate and Copy

(Signed) J. D. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

J. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copies of my Correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman, and Major Grant

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad forwarding further Correspondence with Colonel Hyndman and Major Grant

Grant

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Grant, on the subject of the Khurreemnuggur Detachment, in continuation up to the present date. —

Hyderabad
30th December 1797. —

Same, &c.a — — &c.a

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident. Hyderabad

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you, that I have received from Major Grant, a Copy of a Letter to your address, dated the 26th Instant, on the subject of the dreadful unhealthy State of the Detachment together with a Return of the same date, by which it appears, that the increase of Sick since last Return Viz.t the 23d. (in the short space of three days) is no less than two Havildars, Five Naicks, and thirty three Sepoys, besides almost all the European officers, Sick, all the Artillery Men (one Gunner excepted) his Quarter Master Serjeant at the point of death, and all the Servants, and Bulk of the Bazar people

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people, ill of the Jungle Fever.—

You may readily conceive, that after my Letters of the 26th. and 27th. Instant, to you, I am very averse to a third Public Representation on this subject, but such is the terrible condetion of the Detachment under Major Grants Command, that I deem it my duty to urge you to effect its recall if possible for the following reasons, which I judge it incumbent on me, to transmit through you, to the Secretary of the Supreme Government, together with Copy of the several Returns and Papers, relative thereto.—

1st. I consider Major Grant's detachment to be rendered totally unfit for Service, for as he justly remarkes in his Letter to you, it will require one half of the Detachment to take care of the other half that are Sick, and it is requisite I here remark, that to send other men to relieve them, the whole Regiment would soon be in the like helpless State.—

The

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2d. The Men now ill of Jungle Fevers (admitting that many do survive) are not likely ever to regain good health; and it is the case of the Bengal Government as much as possible to guard against sending Troops into such unhealthy situations. — The daily increase of Major Grant's Sick, is twelve or upwards, and if continued longer in that Quarter, I think that not a Man will escape the Fever. —

3d. The 1st Battalion of the 10th Regiment from which Major Grant's Detachment is formed will be long in recovering the Sick it has already received, and it is to be adverted to, that we are not in the way of getting recruits; and admitting it was practicable in point of time, to apply for Men from the 1st Bengal Regiment, said to be on its return to Bengal, it is not likely the Men would willingly consent to come, from the Reports they must have heard of the State of the Detachment employed in such an unhealthy situation. —

Those

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4th. These Reports getting to Bengal, and which assuredly they will do, are likely to produce the greatest disinclination in the Native Soldiers to the Southern Duties, in future, and which may materially obstruct the Designs of Government on any emergency; when Detachments of Bengal Troops are required; or at least that facility of pushing them forward, with the readiness and willingness the 10th. Regiment has particularly evinced, having scarcely had more Casualties by Desertions or otherwise, than is common in most settled situations; and this circumstance alone is deserving of much attention, independent of the bad effects, the shattered condition of Major Grant's Detachment is likely to produce on the Minds of the Regiment. —

It gives me much uneasiness to be necessitated to make this Representation, and particularly as I possess a fixed wish and determination, to avoid urging any point, or which may have the smallest tendency,

towards

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towards obstructing your Political considerations with the Durbar of His Highness the Nizam, and consequently the views of Government, con=
=fided to your care, but in the case of this De=
=tachment, duty as well as humanity call upon me to do it. —

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

Camp near
Hyderabad
30th December 1797. —

(Signed) H. Hyndman
Lieutenant Colonel Comm.g
Hyderabad Detachment

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

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at Hyderabad

Sir,

In consequence of your Letter of the 20th Instant, directing me to have Ryder=
Shah Pait examined, I immediately dispatched a couple of smart intelligent Non commissioned officers on that service, and I have now the=
honor to report their remarks on that head: —

— Ryder Shah Pait is distant from Khammam=
=mait about fourteen Cos through a thick Jungle,

it

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it is situated in the middle of a Plain of about a Mile in Diameter which was formerly cul= -tivated with Rice, this Plain is bounded by a very thick Jungle on all sides which is parti= -cularly high to the East and West of the Village, there are not more than twenty houses; a great part of the Inhabitants of which are ill of Fevers, there is a small Nullah to the Northward of the Village almost dry and containing only a little stagnated Water, which the People say is very bad, and will in the course of 15 or 20 days entirely evaporate, besides this there are ten Wells, 5 of which are perfectly dry, and the remaining have only a small quantity of water which is also so bad that the People do not drink it, there are also two Jeals in the Center of the Jungle, one about half a Cofs from the extremity of the Plain, and the other half a mile, containing very little water, which is also very bad and dirty and usually dries up in the hot weather, from the inquiries that those men made, and from what they also saw of

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the Sickness which prevails there, I have not the smallest doubt of its being much more unhealthy than the Spot on which we are encamped, and I have been frequently told by the Inhabitants of Khummummat that this is of all places in the District the most eligible during the cold Season — The Sickness which pervades all Descriptions of People in this Detachment is now arisen to a most alarming heigth and is I am very sorry to say gaining ground daily, the Quarter Master Serjeant has since the night before last been given over by the Doctor and ten of the Bazar People and one Sepoy have died since my last Letter, in my one of the 19th Instant, I mentioned the number of Commissioned Non commissioned Officers, and Sepoys in the Hospital to be one hundred and ten, since which there has been an increase of Sixty five exclusive of Convalescent, making now Sick present one hundred and seventy five Native

Officers

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Officers, and Sepoys. — I yesterday applied to the Aumil for ten or twelve Bearers, and his answer was, there was none to be got, you will of course see that it is impossible for me to have the Sick conveyed to any other place without assistance from Hyderabad, and an order on the Neigh-bouring Districts, a Draft also on the Aumil for money sufficient to procure conveyance will be necessary, the Doolies that are with the Detachment, are employed the greatest part of the day in carrying the Sick to and from the Doctor's Tent, Lieutenant Whitehead and Lieut-enant Farrington Richards are so very ill that the Doctor has represented to me the necessity of their immediately repairing to Hyderabad, should an order arrive for the removal of the Sick, I conceive it would be attended with dangerous consequences to a great number who are severly ill, the despatching them without almost an equal number to take care of them, under these Circumstances you will be best able to judge of the state of the Detachment.

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Camp Near
Khummumnaet.
26th December 1797 —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. — &c.
(Signed) Ludk Grant
Major Comm. the Detachmt

P.S. — The Doctor has just represented to me that he will most probably be necessitated to leave the Detachment in a few days. I had prior to this in consequence of his Illness made application to Colonel Hyndman for additional medical assistance. —
(Signed) Ludk Grant
Major

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

Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date, which I cannot, I conceive, reply to more satisfactorily, than by signifying to you thus publicly (what I had the pleasure indeed of communicating to you by private note yesterday) I have at length

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length prevailed on this Court to consent
without waiting for an answer from Zein
ul ubdeen, to Major Grant's removing to the
distance of ten or twelve Cos from Khummum-
-mact in the Mungaul direction or in any
other, that will not carry him beyond the
limits of his Highness the Nizam's Ter-
-ritories. — I am now only waiting for a Letter
from the Minister to the Khummumnact
Talookdar directing him to afford his utmost
assistance in transporting the Sick of the
Detachment, which the moment I receive -
and I am in hourly expectation of it — I pro-
-pose transmitting to Major Grant, with orders
for his removal. —

Conceiving that the presence
of Abdul ud Dowlah may be of service to
Major Grant in the present crippled state of
his Detachment I have applied for his
being ordered to proceed, and join the Major
without delay, and at all events, his verbal
Report to the Minister upon his return

I have

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hither, on the above head, as well as with respect to the new situation which the Detachment may occupy, may eventually be attended with some benefit. —

I have the pleasure to send you forty eight Bearers for the use of the sick of the Khurrumnuggur Detachment, whether you will of course despatch them without delay, with as many Doolies as you may have remaining in Camp. —

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

Hyderabad
30th December 1797.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with further Correspondence with Major Grant; enclosing Copy of the Ministers Letter to the Talookdar of Khurrumnuggur permitting the Detachment to move towards Mungaul —

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copies of my Correspondence with Major Grant on the subject of the Khurrumnuggur mait

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Khurreeamaut Detachment in continuation up to the present date. —

I am, &c. &c. &c.

Hyderabad
1st December 1797. — (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at Hyderabad.

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inform you, that since my Letter of yesterday, there is an addition to our Sick present of one Gunner, the only European Artillery Man who remained (Will) and one Havildar and eighteen Sepoys —

The Doctor has also represented to me the necessity of sending to Hyderabad, as soon as Doolies arrive all the Europeans. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — — &c.

Hyderabad
27th December 1797. — (Signed) Ludk. Grant
Major

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

Captain.

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Captain I. A. Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at Hyderabad

Sir,

I am exceedingly sorry to be under the necessity of troubling you so often on the same subject, but I conceive it my duty to inform you, that the addition to our Sick present since yesterday is one Havildar, two Naicks and Sixteen Sepoys, as we had only two hundred and Sixteen Sepoys and forty Recruits fit for duty on the 26th Instant, you will observe that our daily increase of Sick is in a much greater proportion than when we had more men fit for duty.

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

Hyderabad
28th December 1797.

(Signed) Ludk Grant
Major

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

Major

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Major L. Grant

Commanding the Rhenmuir Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 19th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. Instant, the distressful Subject of which, has ever since their arrival, occupied a great share of my time and attention — It being obvious from the Strain of them, that a removal from your present unhealthy situation, afforded the only good chance of an effectual remedy to the alarming Sickness which prevails in your Detachment, I lost no time and spared no endeavors to accomplish this desireable object — In the pleasing hope indeed, of attaining it somewhat earlier, I delayed from day to day replying to your late Letters, being but too sensible that the urgent and deplorable necessity which so dictated them, called for something more in return, than the mere language of assurance —

Having

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Having thus explained to you the Cause of my intermediate silence, I lose no time in breaking it, now that it is in my power to do so with satisfaction to both of us. —

I have at length the pleasure to acquaint you, that his Highness the Nizam has consented to your removing to the distance of nine or ten Cos's from Khummumunnait in the Mungaul or any other direction that will effect the desired object of change to a more salubrious climate, without carrying you out of the limits of his Territories: — a restriction, which for various reasons he deems indispensibly requisite to be adhered to. — You are accordingly at liberty to move the prescribed distance from Khummumunnait (with a due attention to the specified restriction) as soon as it may be in your power to do so, which considering your very great

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great incumbrance of Sick, you may not,
I am aware, be able to accompliste, for
some days perhaps after your receipt of
this Letter. — The enclosed one from the
Minister to Feiz ul Ubdeir Khan, while
it approves him of the latitude of removal
granted to you, directs him at the same
time to render his assistance in procuring
Bearers &c. for the transportation of your
Sick. — A Translate thereof accompanies it
for your information. — Lieutenant Colonel
Kyd informs me that he has or
already despatched to you nearly the whole
of the Bearers belonging to the Detach-
-ment; and I yesterday sent him a supp-
-ply of Forty eight additional ones. — Two
Month's Pay for your Party will likewise
leave this for your Quarter tomorrow, such
additional Bearers as may be provided

for

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march or two. —

I in hopes that Abdul ud Dowlah may be of some Service to you in the present reduced and weak condition of your Detachment, I have applied for him to join you, and his verbal Report to the Minister upon his return hither on this melancholy Subject, as well as with respect to the new position which you may occupy, may at all events prove of eventually of some Benefit. — I expect that he will receive his orders tomorrow and set out from hence on the day following. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
31st. December 1797. —

A true Copy
J. A. Kirkpatrick

Translate of a Letter from the Nawaub Azim ul Omrah Behader, to Zein ul Abdein Khan Talookdar of Khurrumnaut. —

Previous

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Previous to this, in conse=
=quence of Representations from Captain Kirk=
=patrick, that the Air of Khurumcondah did
not agree with the English Troops stationed
there many of whom had fallen Sick - and
that a removal from thence consequently became
expedient, Mer Allum was directed to write to
you, to send out some Spot, the Air and Water
of which should be salubrious; and to send
speedy notice thereof hither. — You will
no doubt have understood the purport of Mer
Allum's Letter. Captain Kirkpatrick has mos
pressingly, and reiteratedly represented, that
half of the fighting Men of the Detachment,
with most of the Europeans; and both the
European and Native Doctor, have fallen
Sick. You are therefore by these presents
required, to permit the said Detachment to
move towards Mungaul, to the distance - at
the farthest - of nine, or ten, Cos from Khurum
condah

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Khummummait, to some place within the Boundaries of this Sirkar, where the Air, and water, may be wholesome, and which either of you yourself, or the Commanding Officer may make choice of, provided with all, that it be in His Highness the Nizam's Territories. There, the Detachment will take up their quarters, and whenever you may have occasion to call upon them, they will repair to you, in full readiness to execute the Sirkars Business. —

You must provide Major Grant with as many Bearers ~~et cetera~~ as he may require, and as you can convince by any means to procure for the transportation of the Sick. — That Officer will pay them their due share. —

What more need be written?

A true Translate and Copy.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick.
Assistant

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J. Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

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From Assistant Resident at Hyderabad - inclosing an answer from Azim ul Omrah to Lord Mobarts congratulatory Letter on the birth of his son. →

I have herewith the honor to inclose a Letter from Azim ul Omrah to the Right Honorable the President in Council, being in answer to his Lordships late letter of Congratulation to that Minister, on the birth of a son to him. A Copy of this Letter having been communicated to me by Meer Alum, I am under no necessity of opening the Khurreetah to peruse the original, which contains nothing more than a brief recapitulation of Lord Mobarts Letter, and the requisite acknowledgments upon the occasion. →

I am &c. &c. &c.

Hyderabad
the 31st December 1797. (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translation of a Letter
From Azim ul Omra, Aristoo Jah &c.
To the Right Honble Lord Mobart Governor
of Fort St. George.

Dated 29th December 1797
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From Azim ed Dowlah - in answer to Lord Hobarts Congratulatory Letter on the birth of his Son.

Your exhilerating, con=
=gratulatory Letter arrived in a Season the
most opportune, and conveyed much satis=
=faction to my friendly disposed mind. —
You are so good as to in=
=form me that the Communication of this
auspicious Event,* afforded you inexpressible
pleasure. — As I consider this great blessing
conferred on me by the Almighty as a dis=
=tinguished mark of his benignant pro=
=vidence, I make no doubt that it would tend
to excite your satisfaction and that my
friend would participate in my Happiness.
May the Blessed Bestower of
all Benefits graciously grant this event of
happy promise may prove propitious to
you and my friends in general; — and may
the Showers of his inexhaustible Blessings
diffuse a perpetual verdure over the Garden
of your Happiness. —

* The birth of his Son.

Consider

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Consider me ever anxious to be informed of your Health and prosperity and contribute to my sincere satisfaction by constantly writing me on that agreeable subject. —

What more need be written.

A true translate

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. Tr. to Government

Read the following letter from his Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N.6.)

Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
Governor of
Fort St. George
Dated 6th January 1798
Received do. — — do.

From the Nabob on the subject of orders sent to the Commanding Officer of Pulicat to release some subjects of the Dutch Company who had been confined by the Nabob's Amildar. —

I have received your Lordship's Letter of the 23d ultimo, and am acquainted with the contents, which inform me that your Lordship had thought it expedient to order the Commanding Officer of Pulicat,

to

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to cause to be released certain Prisoners, of
subjects of the Dutch Company, who had
been put into Confinement by the Authority
of my Amildars, contrary, as it is said, to
the Capitulation of the Place: Your Lord-
-ship has been pleased to explain the Motive,
which has influenced your conduct in this
particular - namely, a disinclination to a
delay, which might otherwise probably have
ocurred, if your Lordship had taken the
usual course, a previous reference to my Dur=
-bar. although I am not acquainted with the
Grounds on which your Lordship has acted,
further than as they are contained in the
Letter before me - Yet, I must consider
that your Lordship's information in the
Matter of Complaint is as good as your
motive in the redress of it: But of the
Evil itself and the remedy pursued, I can=
=not, under present Circumstances form
any accurate Judgment; and therefore I

cannot

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cannot speak further of them; it would not indeed have been necessary for me to say so much, if your Lordship had not requested that I would issue orders to prevent similar inconveniences in future. However, I have agreeably to your Lordship's request, ordered the Aumil of Pulicat to liberate the people in question. — But should a similar circumstance occur hereafter I request that I may be previously informed of it, and that a practice which has never been customary - namely, the liberation of Prisoners from the hands of my Representatives; may not be adopted. — I am ever ready to concur with your Lordship in all objects of Equity and Justice. —

What should I write more!

A true translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

P. S. to Government

Read

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Read the following Letter

from Bengal —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

of

Fort St. George

From Bengal — enclosing Copy of a Minute of the Commander in Chief and their resolutions on a reference made from Fort St George on the Subject of the Errors in the dates of the King's Commissions —

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council, the enclosed Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief and of the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council on the subject of the reference from His Lordship in Council, under date the 22d. September last. —

I have the honor to be,

Fort William

the 19th. of December 1797. —

(Signed:) G. H. Barlow

Secretary to the Government

Minute

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Minute by the Commander in Chief dated 24th November 1797.—

The Letter from the Governor in Council at Fort St. George under date the 22d of September covering a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, at that Presidency and several other Papers relative to the Brevet Commissions granted by the King to the Officers of the Honorable Company's Army in India transmitted to me through Lieutenant Colonel Scott, would not have remained so long in my Hands if I had not observed that no inconveniences could arise from the delay, as it was the intention of the Government of Madras to submit Lieutenant Colonel Close's suggestions to the Court of Directors, and it was my wish to give the Subject all the Consideration in my Power; and having done

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done so, I shall make such remarks upon the Adjutant General's Letter to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George as result therefrom. —

The Adjutant General premises that, by the present Regulations; His Majesty gives Brevet Rank in India to the Company's Officers under three distinct Considerations - Viz.t

1st. To keep these officers on a footing with his own in regard to the general Brevet Promotions, which occasionally take place amongst the latter. —

2dly. For the purpose of confirming such Brevet Rank as the Company's Officers may have received from the Company and —

3dly. For confirming the Rank which the Company's Officers obtain by succeeding to Vacancies which occur in the General Lists of the Officers belonging

to

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to the different Branches of the Establish-
-ment. —

Several Commissions received
from England for the first of the three
purposes stated, are said to be correct, as
agreeing with the Orders published by the
Commander in Chief September 29th 1796,
and some others that do not correspond with
the Orders be issued of a subsequent date
December 1st 1796 are for that reason taken
to be erroneous — which probably may be the
case; and when known at Home will
doubtless be rectified; but it may be proper
to observe, that the variance may have been
occasioned by the Commander in Chief's
interference to rectify mistakes respecting
Lieutenant Colonels Pater, Murray, Brereton and
Roberts, upon a representation made to
him from Madras; and as they are enjoy-
-ing the benefit of their proper Rank under
this order no immediate inconvenience is
felt

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There is certainly a mistake in the dates of the several Brevet Commissions in the Rank of Captain, and to have been issued for the second purpose, which should have been on the 8th instead of the 7th of January, but as this does not appear to be attended with any bad Effect or inconvenience I do not think it very material; The same observation may be made on the Commissions for the several Persons recited in another Paragraph, beginning with Captain Richard Darke and ending with William Fenwick, but I conceive that the Commissions granted to these Officers were for the same purpose as those mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, Viz.th to confirm the Brevet Rank given by the Company, as on a reference to the Madras List of the Army, I find that these officers Rank from the 8th of January 1796; and therefore stood on the last List which could have

been

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been had recourse to in England as Lieutenants.
No Calculation appears to have been made in
England of the Number of Officers which would
be included on the Effective Establishment —
— The List of Lieutenants seems to have been
taken up and Brevet Rank given from the 2
Top to as many as were of 15 years standing —
— The same was done in regard to the Bengal
List. —

With respect to the third dis-
-tinction it is to be presumed from the Para-
-graph in the Court of Directors Letter of the 8th
of January 1796, which intimates the intention
of Mr. Dundas to recommend to His Majesty to
give to every Officer of the Company a King's
Commission of the same date with that which
he receives from the Company, that Com-
-missions will be granted by His Majesty for
the purpose specified, but hitherto no Com-
-missions of that description appear to have
been sent out. —

In

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In a Minute of the Governor General in Council of the 1st of August 1788 it was announced that His Majesty by his Warrant under his Sign Manual had been graciously pleased to authorize the Commander in Chief to grant Brevet Commissions of Kings Local Rank in India to all the Officers in the Service of the Company of the same Degree which they then held in the Company's Service and also to all the Company's Officers who should in future attain appointments or Promotions in the regular Line of their own Service, and if this Authority was still in force the end proposed would be answered by a perseverance in the practice under the Warrant which is left in my Possession – But Sir Robert Abercromby having intimated that the Power given by it was supposed to be at end, and the actual granting of Commissions from the War Office at Home and the Appointment

of

of an Agent for the purpose of transacting all Business relating thereto, confirming such opinion, I am apprehensive that any interference of mine in this respect would be more likely to create fresh than to remove the difficulties we experience I therefore think the proposition of confirming Promotions by the Commander in Chief in India is very advisable, and the Consequent detail simple and correct, tho' the necessity for an Agent to transact the Business is not obvious Lists of Promotions which take place at the several Settlements may be transmitted to the India House by every conveyance and Copies of them handed to the War Office from the India House - and if the Secretary at War receives the Fees upon Commissions it is not seen how the Agent is to be recompensed for his Trouble - The War Office should be furnished with correct Lists of the Army from each Presidency in order that when His Majesty is pleased to make

Brevet

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Brevet Promotions in this Army recourse may be had to an official Document to ascertain what Officers of the Company's Army are to be included. It is probable that from the want of such List certain officers of the Company's Army who should have received Brevet Rank in the last Promotions made by His Majesty have been omitted, It is however proper to remark that the dates which will be assigned to officers on their Promotion may frequently be incorrect, because the Promotion will take place from the casualty in India, whereas a Casualty of a prior date, either from the death or resignation of Officers in England, may have occurred. It is extremely desireable that the Court of Directors should be requested to transmit by the earliest conveyance possible an account of the decease of Officers in Europe who are on the Effective Strength, as also a List of Officers who resign or retire from the Service and that a Rule should be laid down defining the precise period for selling up

such

such Vacancies. —

It seems probable that the Errors noticed regarding the Rank of Major Generals P. Ross and Thomas Geils arises from the following Circumstances. —

The Court of Directors allow a certain Number of Major Generals to be promoted at each Presidency — The Major Generals promoted by His Majesty with Rank prior to the 8th of January 1796 did not amount to the number allowed for the Madras Establishment, hence a Conclusion is drawn that as the Promotions required for the new Establishment are to commence from the 8th of January 1796, the deficiency of General officers should be made up from that Day; But I am not satisfied this is the case, as the Court of Directors forbid the appointment of Generals being made till the arrival of the last Ships of the Season, and possibly meant that the Commissions should not be dated earlier. — The Persons in Question have the Brevet of Major Generals

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Generals from His Majesty of the 3d of May 1796,
and giving them of a prior date would probably
supersede several Officers who were their Seniors
in His Majesty's Service as well as in the
Company's at other Presidencies, and of course
be attended with much serious inconvenience.

The Brevet Promotions made
in Bengal of a date prior to the 8th January 1796,
to correspond with those of His Majesty, com-
prehended Ten Major Generals, the precise
Number allowed for this Establishment; but
Major General Martine was included whose
name does not appear in the List subsequently
received from the War Office, nor is he con-
sidered as one of the Effective Officers. If
therefore the conclusion be admitted Major
General Erskine whose Commission of
Major General is dated the 3d of May 1796,
should have Rank from the 8th of January 1796,
as well as the other Gentlemen in Question
one of whom, at least is his Junior: If
antedating the Commission to the 8th of
January.

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January should be found right it can be done at Home; but while it is in doubt I would not recommend its being adopted here for the reason before stated. —

In answer to the Question how the erroneous Commissions should be disposed of, I can see no objection to their remaining in the Possession of the Persons for whom they were intended until the mistakes are made known at Home, through the same channel the Commissions were sent out, and correct ones procured in their stead; unless the Errors are of such a nature as to render them wholly unless or likely to operate to the supersession of other officers who are properly their Seniors in either of which Cases they should be withheld, and if any difficulties arise in consequence such relief may be afforded as the Case shall require. —

(Signed) Alured Clarke

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Resolutions.—

The Governor General in Council concurring in the sentiments of the Commander in Chief contained in his Minute on the reference from Fort St. George on the subject of the King's Commissions granted to the Company's Officers, Resolves that the proposition of Conferring Promotions by the Commander in Chief in India be noticed to the Honorable Court of Directors with a request that they will obtain the Authority of His Majesty for the Commander in Chief to carry the proposition into effect.—

The Governor General in Council also resolves, that Copies of the Commander in Chief's Minute be transmitted to Fort St. George and Bombay also a Copy of the Adjutant General's report to the latter Presidency, with a recommendation that Correct Lists of the Army under their

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their respective Presidencies be transmitted to the Court of Directors with Lists of all promotions as soon after they take place as possible, in order that the War office may be furnished with authentic documents to enable His Majesty to include in His General & Brevet promotions such of the Company's Officers as may be entitled to it from their standing in the Army. —

True Copies
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secretary to the Government

Minute thereon.

Resolved that Copy of the foregoing Minute with the resolutions of the Supreme Board be transmitted for the information and guidance of the Adjutant General of the Army. —

Read Letter from the Quarter General of the Army as entered in Consultation the 2d. Instant. —

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The Commander in Chief
delivers in the following Minute together with a
letter from the Right Honorable President on
the subject of the foregoing Letter

Commander in Chief's minute, recommends the Quarter Master General's application for additional allowances on account of the increase of employment by the new Regulations, and to put it more on a footing with the same appointment in Bengal.

The Commander in Chief in
laying before the Board the Memorial of the
Quarter Master General, begs leave to give it
his support in the first instance, as a conside-
derable increase of employment and Responsi-
bility has been attached to the office of Quarter
Master General by the late new Regulations
and secondly as whatever the Right Honorable
the President in Council may be pleased to allow
in consequence of what Lieutenant Colonel
Richardson has stated, will be doing some-
thing towards an equalization in point of in-
come with the same Staff appointment in
Bengal, and on which latter principal the
Commander in Chief must in Justice to the
Adjutant General observe, that he has every
right to be also considered that afsiduity and

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ability can claim in a most laborious and dif-
-ficult Office. —

The Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Letter from the Governor to the Commander in Chief recommending that additional half Batta and that allowance of his rank be granted to the Quarter Master General.

In consequence of the conver-
-sation which passed between us at yesterdays Council, I have given the best consideration in my power to the letter of the Quarter Master General under date the 24th of June 1797.—

The additional Duty imposed upon that Officer by the new regulations respect-
-ing Camp Equipage and the Inspection of Barracks being connected with additional Expence on account of the distant Surveys it will be incumbent on him to make, I am of opinion will fully justify his receiving the rank allowance of his rank and additional half Batta — This I propose under an impression that he must at all times be ready to move, and I believe that Officers in

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that situation are ever considered entitled to Full Batta — but I must add, that I propose it under a confidence that the Duty will con̂ide be executed and that the periodical reports of the Quarter Master General will shew that the Public service on account of which the additional allowance is made, has received the benefit that there is every reason to expect must result from it. —

As I shall not be present at Tuesday's Council, you will, if you think proper, lay this letter before the board. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) Hobart

Resolutions of the Board. —

In consideration of the duty added to his department by the new regulations for Camp equipage, and of the additional expence, to which he will be liable on account

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account of distant journeys for the inspection of Barracks. Resolved to grant the Quarter Master General the tent allowance and additional half Batta of his rank from the 1st Instant until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors shall be known.—

Resolved at the same time to acquaint the Quarter Master General that this allowance is granted under an impression that he will at all times be ready to move, and under a confidence that by the Conâlfide execution of this duty his periodical reports will show that the public service receives the benefits, which there is every reason to expect.—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Major Dallas Commanding the 4th. Regiment Native Cavalry, together with his own Minute upon the Subject.—

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Commander in Chief's Minute recommending that a pension be granted to the Family of the late Shemshire Khan Subadar in the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry.

The Commander in Chief Submits to the Board a letter he has Received from Major Dallas on the Subject of Obtaining Relief for the Family of the late Shemshire Khan Subidar in the Cavalry and a Recommendation for a promotion in his Room.

With regard to granting a pension to the Subidar's Family Although not agreeable to the Common Usage of the Service, there are Many Reasons to induce the Commander in Chief to recommend the present Case to the favorable attention of Government.

Shemshire Khan Though he had been thirty four Years in the Service, and twenty Eight Years a Subidar, was the first Man at a Review appear in the Native Cavalry who Volunteered to embark for foreign Service. This uncommon Instance of Zeal, and Gallantry in a distinguished Veteran, must have had the Most encouraging

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effect and have tended in no small degree to promote the Service -

The Commander in Chief Commends the Board Marking their Sense of his Conduct by making an Allowance to his Family will have a good effect so flattering an exception while it stamps the merit of the deceased, will give reputation to the Service, and excite a spirit of Emulation in others -

The Commander in Chief Considers that half the pay of the deceased, would be a most liberal pension, and he would recommend this to be granted for the term of fifteen Years at the expiration of which period his young Family would be grown up, and able to provide for themselves; - If it was granted on the life of any one of the sons, his death would involve the Family in distress, and disappoint the end proposed. -

The Commander in Chief would Recommend this pension to be paid to the

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Family by the Commanding Officer of the 4th Regiment the Corps to which the Subidar belonged, and to be drawn for Monthly in the Abstract of the Troop he was attached to, under the head of a Pension for the family of Shumshere Khan Subidar who died on Foreign Service.

The Commander in Chief when he recommends this Measure is aware of the heavy expence of the non effective list, and nothing but a case so particular as the present could induce him to propose any addition to it There are Several examples of Pensions being granted to the Families of deceased Native Officers at the earnest recommendation of Sir Eyre Coote, whose intimate Knowledge of the Native Service, made him sensible of the consequence of such acts of Charity, in Conciliating and attatching our Sepoys - Among those Instances though the Allowance granted is generally higher than that now proposed, no Case has come to the Commander in Chiefs

Knowledge

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Knowledge where the Merit of the Party was
so Conspicuous as the present.—

The Commander in Chief also
recommends the promotion of Hero Mun—
Recommended by Major Dallas to the Vacan=
=cies Caused by Ensign Hay's Death—

As there are Supernumerary Native
Officers in the Cavalry, no promotion can
conformable to the orders of Government be
made, till all such are brought on the
Effective Strength; but it is to be Considered
the present Vacancy, happened in a party
of Volunteer Cavalry detached from their
Corps on foreign Service, to which there were
no Supernumeraries attached and it would of
course have been filled up had the Expedition
not been abandoned.—

Independant of a Wish to pay
attention to the Merits and Claims of deserving
Soldiers the Commander in Chief is further
inclined this Measure as one likely to encourage
Volunteers

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Volunteer on a future Occasion -

/Signed/ Geo: Harris

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Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Major Dallas stating the Merits of the late Shumshire Khan Subadar and the distress of his family, recommends that a pension be given them proper promotion in consequence of his death -

The distress of the Family of the late Shumshire Khan, Subadar in the 4th Regiment, who died on his return from Penang, is such as obliges me to address you in hopes of obtaining relief for his Wife, and three young Children who are at present destitute and helpless If a Man being a good Soldier, an attentive Officer, and never absent from his Duty during a space of thirty four years can entitle those he leaves behind him to a Charitable Allowance from Government, no Man's family ever merited it more than Shumshire Khan's who, notwithstanding he had Served twenty eight years as Subidar, which made him the eldest of that Rank in the Cavalry, was

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the first who offered himself for the late foreign Service where he lost his life; I therefore hope their situation will be considered and such — maintenance granted as their Fathers long — Service and merit may be thought to entitle them to —

I also beg leave to recommend to your attention, Amar Ykhan Jemadar, who stood Appointed Adjutant to the Cavalry Part of the Expedition) and Shaik Ahmid Havaldar, whose Zeal and Activity on the Party to Penang has been very conspicuous, as two Men well deserving to fill up the only Casualty that occurred on that occasion — should you think proper to recommend their Promotion it will undoubtedly have a good effect by shewing that, notwithstanding the Number of Supernumeraries with the Corps, the Merit of those who came forward for embarkation on the first occasion of the Kind, has not been forgotten Their Promotion to Commissions will also

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also make a Havaldar and Naig from —
Amongst the Volunteers, whose performance shall
ever be attended to by me, having experienced
their attachment to the Service.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

Signed Tho.s Dallas

Major Comd.g the 4th Regt N.C.

Arcot

22d December 1797

Minute thereon

Resolved that the recommendation
of the Commander in Chief be adopted and that
half of a Subadar pay be granted to the
family of Shumsheer Khan as an annuity
to his family for fifteen Years.—

Ordered that this Resolution and
the reasons of it be published in general
orders.

The Commander in Chief delivers
in the following Recommendations.—

Captain

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Captain Lieutenant A. Grant, appointed Town Major of Pondicherry & Lt Shaw appointed to take Charge of the European Invalids at Chinglepet whose time of Service has expired vice Ensigns Rowley and Gerrard appointed Practitioner Engineers

Captain Lieutenant Allan Grant recommended to be Town Major of Pondicherry vice Captain Blair removed.

Lieutenant Robert Shaw Recommended to be appointed to take Charge of the Men of European Corps at Chinglepet whose Contracted time of Service may have expired vice Captain Lieutenant Grant removed.

Ensigns Rowley and Gerrard recommended to be appointed Practitioner Engineers it appearing from General Ross's letter and accompanying report they are qualified for that Corps.

Approved and ordered Accordingly.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From the Military Board recommend that Lieut Bell for Surgery Repairs Captain Ward for

My Lords,

We have to acknowledge the

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for repairs to the Barracks at Vellore Mr. Contractor Bowie's Bill for Tents and the late Contractors for Gun Carriages Bills for Sundry Articles may be paid Recommend that Authority be given for the payment of the Artificers at Pondicherry and that an Establishment be Continued there Recommend also an Advance to the Gram Agent of the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry.

The receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters of the 16th 21st and 27th Instant also that we have been honored with Government's letter of the 19th and their respective enclosures.

2nd The Accompanying Bills from Colonel Gent amounting to Pagodas 541, 31. 3 for repairs executed under his Superintendence at the General Hospital, to the Teal House at the Company's Gardens, and to the Paddy Godown in the Black Town, having been supported by the requisite Voucher of a due performance of the Work, We accordingly recommend that the Bills be passed for payment.

3rd Major General Braithwaite in a Letter to Our Board, copy whereof is enclosed having represented that in consequence of the Establishment of Lascars and Artificers hitherto stationed at Pondicherry not appearing to be authorized by the late Regulations, the

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the Pay of the whole for the Month of July had been retrenched by the Military Auditor General in October last, since which period they have not had any Pay drawn for them, and the Military Auditor General having acquainted Us, that in consequence of the Regulations of the 6th of June 1797 for the Lascar Establishment, which has occasioned a Company of Fint Lascars to be stationed at Pondicherry, the necessary directions have since been given to the Paymaster for paying that description of People, and it being our Opinion that although such Establishment of Artificers is not provided for in the general arrangement published on the 21st of April last, yet that they have been necessarily continued for the reasons expressed in Major General Braithwaite's letter, in the propriety of which we readily concur, We have therefore to request that authority may be given for the payment of that Establishment

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of Artificers to the end of the present Month and to suggest that from such period one Armourer, one Sett of Smiths, One Chicklerar, One Carpenter, and One Chuckler be the Establishment of Artificers for that Station.

4th " Having received from Captain Lieutenant Wood a Bill amounting to 6 Pagodas 64. 33. 64 for Repairs made under his direction to the Soldiers Barracks at Vellore, which Bill was accompanied by the prescribed Certificate with respect to the execution of the Work, I do accordingly do ourselves the honor to send it enclosed, and to recommend that the Bill be discharged.

5th " The agent for Cavalry Supplies to the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry having reported to me that twelve (12) Garce of Foam will be wanted for the consumption of that Corps between the 8th of March and 1st of April Next, which quantity can be procured for Sixty two (62) Pagodas Per

Garce

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Gave, being the rate at which the present Years supply was furnished, We in consequence recommend that an immediate Advance to Captain Shoiffe of Pagodas 372. 0 " on that Account may be authorized, and an equal Sum upon the delivery of the Guns being completed.-

6th We do ourselves the Honor to forward herewith a Bill from Mr Contractor Bowie, Amounting to Pagodas 1,855. 22. 4. for Iron delivered by him at Mandipalam, which have been approved of on Survey, and to recommend that the Bill be accordingly passed for payment.-

7th We also enclose a Bill of the late Gun Carriage Sen Contractor, Amounting to Pagodas 1,663. 39. 4. for Articles delivered by them into the Arsenal, all of which, on examination by a Committee of Our Board, have been found in every respect fit for the

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the Service, and to recommend that the Bill be accordingly discharged -

We have the honor to be

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Sir &c. &c.

Signed Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Giles
W Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
BV Close

To Lieutenant General Harris

President and the Members of the Military Board

Sir and Gentlemen,

In consequence of a report to me from Major Coleman, who Commands at present in my absence at Pondichery, I am under the necessity of troubling you -

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The store Lascars and Artificers at Pondicherry have not received any pay since October last, and are at present in the greatest distress, it seems that in the Month of November last, the Military Auditor General, by a letter to Mr. Skardon the Paymaster, retrenched the pay of those people for the Month of July last, because it did not appear that by the late Regulations they were authorized, and in consequence they have not been drawn for since.

I have the honor to enclose a Copy of a letter written upon this Occasion by Mr. Wandsworth the Conductor in Charge of the Stores at Pondicherry, to Mr. Skardon the Paymaster, and I must beg leave to observe to you that the Regulations alluded to do not make any provision for any of the conquered places; neither Pondicherry, Columbo, Trincomale, Malacca, &c. &c. it was generally believed therefore, that the Regulations applied only to the

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the fixed, and permanent, Stations on the Coast Establishment, and that the temporary Establishments arising from conquest would be Specially provided for, and I do not suppose that it was, or could be understood by any one that because they were not mentioned in the Regulations, all those Establishments were of course to cease from the publication of those Regulations - at least it was always my opinion that they would be the Subject of future consideration, and that so long as it was deemed necessary to keep Stores, at them, and Officers in Charge of those Stores, and a Store Sergeant, that some Establishment also of Store Lascars, and Artificers, would be continued to them, the Quantum of which, I took it for granted would be regulated by the Military Board, and I confined myself merely to stating my Opinion to the Military Board that the Officer in Charge of the Ordnance and Stores there would require some allowance for

carriers

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Writer and Stationary, in which Opinion the Military Board was pleased to acquiesce.

Under these circumstances and there existing no authority in Pondicherry to discharge any of those Men from the Honble Company's Service, they remained as before, and their Pay was drawn for as usual under my sanction.

Whatever may be the determination of the Military Board in regard to the future Establishment to be kept up at Pondicherry I trust it will in justice decide that those Men are entitled to their pay there till such time as they are discharged from the Service or removed elsewhere by a Competent Authority; and I request the Board will be pleased to take some early measure in their behalf, as Major Coleman states to me that they are at present in great distress.

I have the honor to

Sir

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be with great respect.-

Vc.a Vc.a

Signed, John Brathwaite

Madras
19th December 1797

A true Copy
Signed, Fred. Pierce
Lt & M.t Genl

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Vc.a Vc.a Vc.a

My Lord,

From Military Board request authority for the immediate Repair of the Granary at Tanjore Preliminarie Bill of the late Contractor for Gun Carriages for Payment.-

The Commanding Officer and Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore having reported to Us the falling in of the Roof of a Granary at that Station, wherein it is stated there are Seventy (70) Garce of Paddy, We are accordingly induced to request that authority be granted for Our directing an immediate execution of the necessary repairs thereto.-

We do ourselves the honor to

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lay before your Lordship in Council a Bill, Amounting to Pagodas 158. 37. 40. for Articles delivered into the arsenal on account of the late Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors, which Articles on Survey by a Committee of Our Board having been found in every respect fit for the publick Service - We recommend that the Bill be accordingly passed for Payment.

We have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

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(Signed) Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Gils
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
B.V. Close

Minute thereon

Resolved that order be issued in conformity with the several Recommendations

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of the Military Board.-

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.-

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Auditor General reporton the Garrison Storekeepers Accounts of Provisions purchased and Charges incurred on Account of the late Expedition - proposes Regulations for that Department.-

In conformity to the Instructions conveyed in Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's letter of the 25th October last, with an Account Current from the Garrison Storekeeper of Provisions purchased and Sundry Charges in his Department on account of the projected Expedition against Manilla &c.a. from the Month of June to September 1797 inclusive, I have the honor to report, that the whole have undergone the established Audit, and that the result is as follows.-

Amount

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Amount of Purchases made in the Months of June and August Pagodas 73631. 13. 40

Charges Merchandize for the Months of June, July — August & September . 5362. 38. 24

Total 79494. 9. 64

Advances Made on Account from the Treasury and Credited for the above period 69,638. 17. 52

Balance . . . 15,855. 34. 12

Further Advance Made to the Garrison Storekeeper as per Secretary Webbs letter to the Military Auditor General Dated 15th November 1797 . . . . . 10,000 " "

Balance . . 5,855 . 34. 12

2d It appearing that the Garrison Storekeeper Transmitted to the Military Board on the 27th July last, a List of the different Articles then wanting to Complete the required Quantity of Provisions for the Expedition affixing to each the prices at which it could then be purchased, and which were

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were approved by the Board, I have therefore
taken that List as my guide, in deciding
upon all the Charges for the same Articles,
which has occasioned a deduction of Pd. 269. 34. 30
Government having intimated to the
Military Board that the Garrison
Storekeeper would only be paid
for such Articles of Provision Stores
provided for the Expedition as were
actually drawn by them, and it appearing
to the Committee of that Board —
appointed to inspect those Provisions,
that of the Total Quantity of Salt
Fish purchased, about 10,000 of the
different sorts were unfit for use, the
Amount of these Damages at the —
average rates charged by the Garrison
Storekeeper is therefore to be deducted Pd. 202 7: 29

Total to be deducted Pd. 471 41. 59

Total Due . . . 4383, 34: 33,

3 The Authority under which the
purchases

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purchases were made, and the receipts of the Merchants and other Individuals by whom the Articles were supplied have been forwarded with the Garrison Storekeepers Accounts but as the Extra Charges Amounting to Pagodas 5,862. 38. 24. are entirely of a Contingent Nature and to which no fixed rates can be applied I therefore beg leave to submit to the Consideration of your Lordships in Council whether the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency may not be required to deliver in his Accounts for such Charges upon Honor in the same Manner as the Agents for purchasing Horses and for furnishing the Supplies for the Cavalry.-

4 I may be proper to observe, that the prices charged for many of the Articles purchased by the Garrison Storekeeper exceed the usual rates of the Market, but having

Satisfied

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satisfied that the Committee of the Military Board appointed to superintend the preparations for the Expedition (of which Committee I had the honor to be a Member) adopted every means in their power to obtain them on the most — reasonable terms, having in the first instance attempted in vain to have them supplied by Contract, the difference can only be imputable to the sudden demand for the several Articles in question, and to the advantage taken of the — public necessity by the Merchants and others of whom alone they could be procured.—

5 The Situation of the Garrison — Storekeeper at the Presidency as a Separate Office differing Materially from that of the Garrison Storekeepers at Out Stations, who are likewise Paymasters, it seems expedient not only that his Accounts should be audited before Payment, but that the channel should be pointed out thro' which he may obtain such occasional Advances

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4 I may be proper to observe, that the prices charged for many of the Artiles purchased by the Garrison Storekeeper exceed the usual rates of the Market, but having

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5 The Situation of the Garrison — Store Keeper at the Presidency as a Separate Office differing Materially from that of the Garrison Store Keepers at Out Stations, who are likewise Paymasters, it seems expedient not only that his Accounts should be audited before Payment, but that the channel should be pointed out thro' which he may obtain such occasional Advances

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5 The Situation of the Garrison Store Keeper at the Presidency as a Separate Office differing materially from that of the Garrison Storekeepers at Out Stations, who are likewise Paymasters, it seems expedient not only that his Accounts should be audited before Payment, but that the channel should be pointed out thro' which he may obtain such occasional Advances

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of Cash as may be required for conducting the business of his Department for which purpose I beg leave to suggest the following Regulations.-

First, That as all Purchases made in the Garrison Storekeeper's Department will be sanctioned by the Military Board, and approved by Government, such advances as he may require on that account or for incidental or extra Charges will be authorized by Government on the recommendation of the Board.-

Second That such advances be carried to the personal Debit of the Garrison Storekeeper in the Books of the Military Paymaster General, and to remain there until written off by the proper Authority.-

Third That the rates of all purchases which the Garrison Storekeeper may be authorized to make for the public Service, are to be approved by the Military Board and that his Bills for all Extra or incidental Charges, shall be

Certified

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Certified on Honor agreeably to prescribed Form.
That Accounts after having been Audited and
passed for the just Amount are to be sent by
the Military Auditor General to the Military
Paymaster General who will give the Garrison
Storekeeper Credit accordingly, and transmit
the Bills to the Paymaster at the Presidency
to be entered in his Accounts Disbursement
under the head of "Military Board Provision
Department".

Fourth That the Accounts Sale of Provision
Stores at the Presidency, shall be certified by
the Secretary of the Military Board to have
been approved and the Amount is to be paid
by the Garrison Storekeeper to the Military
Paymaster General, who will give the Military
Board Credit for the same.

Fifth That the Secretary of the Military
Board shall give Notice by letter to the Military
Auditor General of the Amount of all Provisions
which

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which may be sold under the above Regulation

Sixth. That as the Garrison Storekeeper may require occasional Advances of Cash for Victualling the Troops at the fixed rates and for providing Draught and Carriage Bullocks in time of peace he is to apply for such advances to the Military Paymaster General who is to estimate for the Amount in the usual Manner.-

Seventh. That the Garrison Storekeeper shall make up separate Bills Monthly for all Charges incurred in the Victualling and Bullock Departments which must be supported by the prescribed Indents and Vouchers and Audited before payment after which they are to be forwarded by the Military Auditor General to the Military Paymaster General who is to give the Garrison Storekeeper credit for the Amount in his Books and to direct their being entered under the proper heads

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ex the Accounts Disbursements of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency -

I have the honor to be with great respect,

Sir

Your most obedt. humble Servt.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Actg Bd Genl.

Military Auditor Genrals Office Fort St. George 4th January 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Military Auditor Genrals be permitted to Authorize the payment of the Balance Amounting to Pagodas 4,383.34.33 due to the Garrison Storekeeper; and in consider=ation of the circumstances which attended the purchase of Articles for the late intended expedition, it is further resolved, that the Auditor be authorized to pass the Garrison Storekeepers Accounts of extra charges upon the affirmation of his honor -

The Board think it expedient to post pone their decision upon the regulations suggested

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Suggested by the Auditor general for the
departure of the Garrison Storekeeper until
the return of the Right Honorable President -

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Auditor General a letter from Captain Keith Young imputing a Retrenchment of 3 Days Batta to the 71st Regiment after they had embarked - Report on Lieutenant Lovetts Claim to full Batta - Captain Strahan applies to be reimbursed for a Horse shot in consequence of leaving an invalid

I have the honor to lay before your Lordships in Council, Copy of a letter from Captain Keith Young late of His Majestys 71st Regiment in behalf of the Paymaster of that Corps, respecting a Retrenchment of three Days Batta from the abstract of that Regiment from the 17th to the 20th of October last, to which date the Companys Allowances were drawn for and paid to the Officers and Men of the 71st Regiment previous to their embarkation for Europe which took place on the 17th of that Month; this Retrenchment became therefore unavoidable in

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in consequence of the Regulations which direct that the Company's Allowances to his Majesty's Officers are to cease on the Day they embark to return to Europe" how far the circumstances stated by Captain Young may be allowed to operate in favor of the Paymaster rests only with Government to determine.

2 I am reply to Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 28th Ultimo respecting the application of Lieutenant Smith Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly to the difference between half and Full Batta as having Charge of the Invalids and Pensioners at Trichinopoly, and stating that the same Allowance has been granted to the Fort Adjutants of Pondicherry and Masulipatam I have to observe that this Allowance at the former Station was given in the first instance to Lieutenant Robert Parkson who was employed with a Company of Native Invalids under the Collector, and in consequence of his not being

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Stationed to any particular part of the District was considered intitled to Full Batta which was accordingly paid under the head of "Charges Collecting" the same Allowance since the removal of that Office has I understand been continued by the Collector to the Fort Adjutant of Dindigul on the grounds of his having succeeded to the Charge of the same Company of Invalids, but I do not conceive that this Case applies to the situation of the Fort Adjutant of Trichinopoly or that he can be entitled to that as a Military Charge which was granted at Dindigul on distinct grounds, and paid from the Revenue Department I do not find that Full Batta is drawn by the Fort Adjutant of Masulipatam and entain it That no such Charge appears on the Military Department

3 I have the honor to Submit to your Lordship in Council the enclosed claim on the part of Captain Strahan Major of Brigade to the Native Cavalry to be reimbursed for an Horse

belonging

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belonging to him which was shot at Trichinopoly by order of Major General Floyd on the Certificate and Recommendation of the acting Veterinary Surgeon of His Majesty's 19th Regiment Dragoons, in consequence of an infectious Distemper, and to prevent the risque of a Contagion among the other Horses at that station — On this Subject it is proper to state, that it has been usual to admit a similar Charge for Horses belonging to Cavalry Officers which appear to have died of Epidemical Diseases, on the Certificate of the Farrier of the Regiment and Officer Commanding such as the case of an Horse being shot to prevent infection is altogether new, and as under the Order of the 20th June 1792 (of which a Copy is enclosed) Sum of Opinion that Government alone are the proper Judges of the proof — necessary to substantiate claims to such — a compensation, I beg leave therefore to refer this Case to your Lordship's Decision as I shall also do every application of a similar Nature &

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inclosure.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
5th January 1798

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Ord Aud. Genl.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr &c.
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have to request the Auditor General will reconsider the Detachment of three Days Batta from the 71st Regiment between the 17th and 20th of last October - at the time the Abstract was made out it was not precisely known when the embarkation would take place and in the hurry and uncertainty Captain Mc. Kenzie the Paymaster had settled with all the Officers and men before it was known that they would embark so early as the 17th and when called upon to refund he had no time to

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to come to any explanation before embarkation,
In behalf of Captain Mc Kenzie Therefore beg
leave to Submit the circumstance to the Liberality
of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council,
who I hope will consider the peculiar situation
the sudden march and embarkation of the 71st
Regiment. -

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

(Signed) Keith Young
Capt. 12th late of the 71st Foot

A true Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M.P.G.

A true Copy
(Signed) Patrick Bruce
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

December 18th 1797

		S. Pgdas.
To an Officers Horse Dead of an Inspections Distemper as per Accompanying Certificate ...	}	200 " "
	Total S. Pagodas.	200 " "

Fruchinopoly Decr. 28th 1797

(Signed) Alexr. Strachan
Major of Brigade Cavalry

To Wm. Hawkins Esqr.
Military Paymaster

I Floyd Majr. G.

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Trichinopoly Plain 17th Decr. 1797

This is to Certify that at the request of General Floyd I have for some time past attended Major of Brigade Strachan's regimental Horse and am of Opinion he labors under an Affection of the kind Decaries well known in this part of India by the Name of the Palam = =cottah Distemper, which having appeared on every occasion to be infectious, to prevent the risk of Contagion here, I have taken the liberty of recommending he may be Shot.-

Signd, Wm. Bevet
Asst. Surgeon to the 19th Light Dragoons
Acting
Veterinary Surgeon

December 17th 1797

In compliance with the above recommendation and by Major General Floyd's Order, the above Mentioned Horse was this Day Shot.-

Signd, Alex. Strachan Majr. 7th
S. Floyd M.G.

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Extract of a G. O. dated the 23d. August 1796.

The Colonel — 10 Pd. Commandant and the 3d Month be the Same — Field Officers of Cavalry allowed to draw Forty Eight — ants of Pagodas 3pr Month Horse Allowance. Captains & Captain Lieutenants of Cavalry to draw 36 Pags 3pr Month Horse Allow — ance —

Extract of a G. O. Dated 20th June 1797.

That 36 Pagodas other Officers for furnishing and finding their own — Regimental Horses and — Keeping their Horse Accoutre — ments in repair in full of all Charges whatsoever under three Heads only, that Horses Killed in Action or wounded so as to become unserviceable or lost by forced Marches exceeding thirty Miles, be replaced at the Expence of the Company at the rate of 200 Pagodas pr Horse, on a Certificate being procured — from the Commanding Officer on the Spot within two Days

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Days after the Casualty happens testifying that the Accident evidently proceeded from one or other of the said Causes and further —

11th That as the above Allowance which is formed on principles of Oeconomy will not admit of the Officers being responsible for the sudden and heavy losses which are sometimes occasioned amongst Bodies of Horses by Epidemical diseases, which no human skill or precaution can prevent when such instances are clearly proved, the Expence shall be defrayed by Government.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Pydenham
Secy to Gen.l Staff

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Remarks thereon

Resolved that the Claim of Captain Strahan to reimbursement from the Company for the Death of his horse does by no means come within the intention of Government in regard to this indulgence and that it be accordingly rejected

Resolved to desire that every Special application for this Allowance be submitted to the decision of Government.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

X Minute in Council 5th January 1798

The Commander in Chief submits the accompanying address from Lieutenant Col.l Shaw respecting the difference in the Allowances granted to the Officers that embarked from Bengal on the Expedition sailed out against Manilla

† Commander in Chiefs Minute lays before the Board a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Shawe stating the Superior Allowances drawn by the Bengal Troops on the late expedition.

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Manilla and those that sailed from the Coast

We does not mean to enter into
the merits of the question therein brought
forward, but merely to state his Opinion
that it is much to be wished, that
arrangement should be adopted, at both
Presidencies, as to prevent in future the
occurrence of distinctions which must ever
prove the cause of discontent.

The Commander in Chief suggests
to the Board as the likeliest means of
accomplishing this desirable end their
Communicating the purport of Lieutenant Col.
Shaw's address to the Supreme Board, and at
the same time expressing their hope that
the Honorable Governor General in Council should
give the Case a consideration and determine on
the plan most eligible to be pursued on
Similar Services taking place in future;

For

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For whatever that plan is, good policy (in the Commander in Chiefs opinion) requires it — it should be general to both Presidencys.—

(Signd) Geo: Harris

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Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c.

Sir.

In justice to the Officers of the 1st Division of Coast Troops intended for the Expedition, that proceeded to Prince of Wales's Island under my Command and now only on Half Batta — I think it my duty to represent to you, that the Officers of the Troops Detached from Bengal on the same Service under Major General St. Leger (Vizt. H. M. 33d Regiment and a part of the Marine Nature Battalion) were allowed full Batta from the day that they were in orders for Embarkation,

out

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out of which they paid the Commanders of Indiamen only two Sonat Rupees a Day for their board, two in addition being paid by the Bengal Government:- I conceive that such a distinction is entirely opposite to the Spirit of the late Regulations for the Army in India, one of the most leading principles of which was the equalizing all allowances at the different Presidencies, least more particularly, when Troops were destined to act together in the Field under those circumstances, should you admit the justice of the case, I trust Sir that it is needless to say more to endear you to interest yourself in behalf of the Officers of this Establishment that they may be put on the same footing with those of the Presidency of Fort William, when ordered on the same Service.-

I have the Honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Robert Shaw Lieut Col.
7th Late Commanding 1st Battalion of Coast

Pondamalie
22d December 1797.

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Minute thereon

Resolved to transmit Copy of the foregoing minute to Bengal and to suggest to the Supreme Government that some means should be taken to prevent distinctions of this nature by establishing an equality of allowances to the troops of different presidencies who may happen to serve together.-

Read the following letter from the Paymaster of his Majesty's Troops.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor of transmitting to your Honorable Board Copy of a letter and enclosures received by me from Colonel Aston, Commanding the 12th Foot; - Regarding the encreased Subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in

From Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops forwarding a letter from Colonel Aston respecting the Encreased Allowance to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in His Majesty's Service -

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Kings Pay Office
Madras 9th January 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir &c. &c.
(Signd) Marcus Beresford.
Deputy Paymaster General of his Majestys
Forces Serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George

To Lieutenant Colonel Marcus Beresford
Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops.

Sir,

I beg leave to transmit you Copies of two Letters Received from the Secretary at War together with the Copy of a Warrant from the King, Authorizing an encrease of Pay to the Surgeons &c. in his Majestys Service; and to request that you will be pleased to obtain permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that the additional Subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the 12th Regiment as granted by the said Warrant, may be admitted in the Abstract of that Corps.

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

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A True Copy
(Signd) M. Beresford
D.y Pay.r Gen.l

(Signd) W Wroaon Aston D.y Sec.y

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Circular

Major General Sir Robert Abercromby K.B.
&c. &c. &c.
East Indies

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for your information and direction, some printed Copies of a Regulation which His Majesty has been pleased to make for the improvement of the Situation of Regimental Surgeons and Mates belonging to the Regular Army, and for the better Management of Regimental Hospitals: Copies of which Regulation have also been sent to the Head Quarters of the respective Regiments.

It may not be improper to observe, that the Instructions from the Army Medical Board, Annexed to His Majesty's Warrant, are principally applicable to the Service at Home, but some of the Regulations contained in them are General, and must be observed Accordingly, by

the

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The Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons on whatever Service their Corps may be employed.

I am &c.

(Signed) W. Windham

War Office
24th. December 1796

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Hervey Aston
Lieut. Col. 12th Foot

A true Copy
(Signed) M. Beresford
Dy. Pay. Genl.

P. S. Upon the reduction of the Regiments raised in the present War, the Surgeons belonging thereto will only receive Half Pay According to the present Rate (Viz.t £36. 10 P Annum, Subject to the usual Deductions), unless they shall have derived a Title to the usual Allowance of five Shillings P Diem, by a Service of twenty Years on Full Pay.-

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Circular

Officer Commanding the 12th Regiment of Foot

East Indies

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I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

(signed) W. Windham

War Office
24th December 1796.

A true Copy

(signed) H. Hervey Aston
Lieutenant Colonel 12th Foot

A true Copy

(signed) W. Beresford
Dy Mayr Genl.

George

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George R.

Whereas it hath appeared to us that great Benefit may accrue to our Service, by improving the Education of Surgeons and Mates belonging to the more permanent Establishment of our Army, and by making certain Alterations in the Mode of supplying and managing their Regimental Hospitals; Our Will and Pleasure therefore is;-

1st That in all our regular Corps of Cavalry and Infantry, all Allowances on (as well as the Annual, as the occasional Allowances during Embarkment) together with Perquisite or Gratuities of every Kind, shall cease and determine on the 25th December next; from which time Medicines shall be supplied to the respective Corps by our Apothecary

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Apothecary General; and the Hire of Hospitals and all Medical Expences attending Detachments and Recruiting Parties, shall be defrayed at the Public Charges under the Regulations hereinafter Mentioned or Referred to.—

2d Each Surgeon, from the period above-mentioned, shall have the Pay of Twelve Shillings & Dam in the Cavalry and Ten Shillings in the Infantry; to be divided into Subsistence and Arrear, in the Cavalry; and Seven Shillings and Six Pence Subsistence, and two Shillings and Six Pence Arrear, in the Infantry; the whole to be liable to the usual Deductions. He shall have his Choice of quarters according to his Standing in the Regiment, with respect to the Captains; and in time of War shall have the same Baggage and Forage Money, as Captains; but in no Shape whatever shall he have any claim to Military Rank in our Army, different from what the Surgeons of Regiments are now

entitled

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entitled to.

3d. And for the greater Encouragement of well educated and able Persons to engage in this Line of our Service, We are graciously pleased to declare, that every Regimental Surgeon, after having been Twenty years on full Pay in our Regular Army (including Mates Service) shall be permitted to retire on an Allowance of Five Shillings a Day for his Life, to be granted to him upon Production of Certificates of his good Conduct from the Commanding Officers under Whom he shall have Served.-

Our further pleasure is that the Surgeons mate of our regular Regiments shall be appointed by Commissions from us, or from Our Generals having Authority from us to grant Commissions; that they shall in future be denominated Assistant Surgeons; and that their Pay, from the 25th December next inclusive

Shall

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shall be seven Shillings a Day; except in time of War and on Foreign Stations, when they shall receive Seven Shillings and Six Pence p Diem; liable in each case to the usual Deductions Each Assistant Surgeon shall have his choice of — Quarters according to his Standing in the — Regiment with respect to the Subaltern Officers.

5th Lastly, We are pleased to approve the Instructions to Regimental and Assistant Surgeons which have been prepared by the Physician and Surgeon General of our Forces — and the Inspector of Regimental Hospitals, — and which are hereunto annexed.—

And we do hereby require all commanding Officers of our Regular Corps, and all Regimental and Assistant Surgeons, to Govern themselves in their respective Duties touching the Care of the Sick Soldiery, and the Management of Regimental Hospitals, by the Regulations contained in this our Royal Warrant

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Warrant, and in the Instructions thereunto
subjoined —

Given at our Court at St. James's this
30th Day of November 1796, in the Thirty
Seventh year of our Reign —

By His Majesty's Command —

(Signed) W. Windham

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Hervey Aston
Lieut Colonel 12th Foot.

A true Copy
(Signed) M. Beresford
Dy Pay Genl

Minute thereon.

Resolved that Copies of the foregoing
Papers be transmitted to Bengal and the
instructions of the Supreme Board requested for
the guidance of this Government

The Board proceed to read and pass
orders upon the following proceedings of the
Medical Board. —

Resolutions

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Resolutions of Government & Medical Board
in Council 4th January 1798 8th January 1798

The Commander in
Chief having been pleased
to return our Proceedings
of the 31st Ultimo without
adverting to the following
Paragraph, we beg leave to
Repeat it:-

"Observing by the
General orders of the 29th
November that the Right
Honble the President in
Council has resolved to
encrease the Native —
Establishment under this
Presidency by one additional
Regiment, we recommend,
in consequence, that Mr.
John Goldie the Senior
Assistant Surgeon, be —
promoted to the Rank of
Surgeon

of
com the Medical
Board Mr. Goldie
recommended for
promotion to the
Rank of full Surgeon
and that Mr. Collan
be appointed to the
12th Regiment Mr.
Corbet, requests permission
to proceed to Sea for
the Recovery of his
health. Mr. Bailie
recommended to take
charge of the French
Prisoners and Mr a
little to do duty with
the 1st Battalion 12th
Regiment recommend
also that Mr. Shillitworth
late Surgeon of the
Swallow be permitted
to act as Assistant
Surgeon and that Mr.
Deane be appointed
to the 2d Battalion 12th
Regiment.-

approved

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Permission Granted.

Approved

Surgeon and appointed to
the 2d Regiment Native
Infantry; and that Mr
Thomas Pollard, Surgeon,
be appointed to the 12th
Regiment Native Infantry

Mr. Michael Corbet,
Surgeon having requested
permission to proceed to
Sea for the recovery of his
health which has been
long in a very infirm State,
We recommend that he be
indulged with Six Months
Leave of absence, and that
Mr. George Baillie Surgeon
be appointed to do duty
with the French Prisoners
of War until further orders.

We recommend that
Mr. Archibald Little, a
Assistant Surgeon, be a
appointed to do duty with
the

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Approved

The Board are not at liberty by the orders of the Court of Directors to appoint Assistant Surgeons; but in consideration of the want of Medical Assistance on the establishment and the testimony of Mr. Shuttleworth he is permitted to act as an Assistant and to draw pay accordingly.-

The 1st Battalion 12th Regiment Native Infantry during the absence of Lt. Mr. Holloway on foreign Service.-

We have the honor to enclose Copy of a letter from Mr. Shuttleworth late Surgeon of the Swallow Packet, and as we have received the most satisfactory Testimonies of his good conduct and attentions during the period he has served at Malacca under Thinkett incumbent on us to recommend his Case to the favorable consideration of Government, and hope he may be permitted to Act as an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment until

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until the pleasure of the
Honble the Court of Directors
can be known.

We recommend that
Mr Charles Crauy Assistant
Surgeon be appointed to do
duty with the 2d Battalion
2d Regiment Native Infantry
until further Order.

Approved

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
H. Raine Chief Surgeon

To D. James Anderson
Physician General &c. and Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen,

Having been induced at the
Solicitation of Admiral Rainier to leave the
Honorable

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Honorable Company's Ship Swallow being
then Surgeon of her at Malacca, to take
Charge of the Seamen landed sick from
the Fleet, there being no Medical Person
left myself there, Dr. Henry Harris being ordered
to proceed to Amboyna; and having afterwards
acted as Garrison Surgeon at Malacca, by
orders of Colonel Tolson which his Lordship
in Council approved of in a letter addressed
to the Colonel, under date the 26th April 1797
in the following words."

"His Lordship in Council approves
your having detained Mr. Shuttleworth Assistant
Surgeon for the Military Hospital".

(Signd) J. Webbe

A true Extract

(Signd) Robt. Tolson

And having returned with Colonel
Tolson to the Coast, in consequence of being
relieved from those Duties, I have to request you
will

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will represent these Circumstances to Government and trust as I left the Ship from the urgent necessity of the Service, as will appear by the enclosed Copy of a Paper, signed by Captain George Simpson of the Swallow, for the information of the Court of Directors, that I shall have your Recommendation to continue in the Company's Service at least, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors is known, the Swallow having long since returned to Europe.

I have the honor to remain with Respect.

Do. Do.

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Signed, John Robt. Sutton, Shuttleworth

A True Copy
Signed, V. Conolly Secy to Bd.

The

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Malacca 2d January 1796

The Honorable Company Dr

To J. R. J. Shuttleworth

For my Salary as Surgeon of the Swallow Packet, for Eighteen Months, commencing from the 20th June 1794 to 31st December 1795 @ 13 £ P Month ..... 234. 00 — 00

To three Months pay in advance 39. 00 — 00.

£ 195. 00 00

I certify that Mr. Shuttleworth has been my Surgeon for the above mentioned time, and that he remains at Malacca from the urgent Necessity of the Service —

(Signd) George Simpsone

H. C. S. Swallow

2d January 1796.

Read the following letter from —

Lieutenant Colonel Murray.

To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief of the Troops on the Coast

From Lieut. Col. Murray
regards that Grants of
Ground may be given to
the Officers who have
built Houses at Mad.

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you in

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on behalf of myself and the Officers of this Cantonment on a Subject that we hope will appear of sufficient importance to induce you to make an application to Government in favor of what we request--

As the Officers at this station have been at a very great expence building Houses and laying out Gardens &c. there never having been any public Quarters in the Cantonment (the Commandants excepted) and as the Ground on which a House stands determines the property we have to request that you will apply to Government for Grants similar to those given to the Officers at the Presidency, that we may thereby establish an undisputed right to our property which will enable us to dispose of it the more readily in case of removal; In the latter end of 1795 when Major Dallas Commanded the Cantonments he made an application of this nature to Government at the request of the Officers then present, and in Consequence

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consequence Captain Wood of the Engineers was ordered to Survey the Cantonment to ascertain the limits and Nature of the Grants the Officers required and to make his report thereon, the Storm however which happened in the Month of November of that year either totally destroying or very materially damaging the Houses and Grounds apparently rendered the Completion of this survey and the report unnecessary at the time and it would appear it has lain dormant ever since; Having since that period either built new Quarters or repaired the old, it now becomes a matter of the utmost consequence to the Proprietors having the property secured to them by an act of Government, as the Houses in general have been built at a great individual expence.

We therefore request you will solicit Government to adopt such measures as it may deem expedient to indulge the Officers of the Corps of Cavalry with Grants of the Ground (or Compound) where their Houses and Gardens are situated, so as to leave the property to Individuals in the present and Regt full possession to be at their disposal by sale or otherwise.

I have the honor to remain &c &c &c

(Signed) J. W. Murray Lieut Col.
Com.g the Cantonment

Ordered

C/ Cantonment Office
Arcot 31st December 1797.

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ordered to lie on the Table
Major Barbutt appointed
to make arrangements
for the embarkation of the
Troops from Pope Tory
for Ceylon.

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Ordered to lie on the Table

In conformity with the suggestion of the Right Honorable President Resolved that Major Barbut be desired to take measures for arranging upon his arrival at Pope Tory the embarkation of the troops under orders for Ceylon

" Hobart

" Geo: Harris

" Edw Saunders

" C Wallace

Clarke
Sec.

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Diary

Sent the undermentioned letters

entered in Mr. B. No. 1 / 7. 18.

To Mr. Secretary Barlow - for-

To the Secretary at Bengal — warding a letter from the Nabob to the Governor General.

To Colonel Sale - desiring that

To the Commandant at Vellore — the 3 Companies of the 2d. Battalion 5th. Regiment detained at Vellore may be ordered to join the Battalion at once.

Received the following letter from

Bombay

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bombay - advising their having accepted a Bill drawn by Lieutenant Montgomery agent for horses for Rs. 50,000 —

I am directed by the Board to transmit to you, a copy of a letter from Lieutenant Montgomery agent for purchasing horses, on account of the Madras Establishment, and to acquaint you, that the Bill therein mentioned has been accepted. — I have the honor to be Sir &c. &c.

Bombay Castle
26th. December 1797

/ Signed / John Morris Secy

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To the Honble Sir Charles M. Malet Bart.
Acting Governor &c. &c.
Bombay

Sir,

I have the honor to report to you my arrival at this place from Madras, which I left on the 18th Ultimo, Came in the Carysfort Frigate which is Understand to Cruize for the protection of the trade on this side of the Peninsula for some time.

My Instructions from the Madras Government, dated the 11th Ult. advise me that your Honble Government would be requested to furnish me with what Cash I might require to answer the demands of my Agency. I have therefore this day drawn upon you at thirty days after Sight in favor of Messrs. Bruce Fawcett and Co. for Bombay Rupees fifty thousand

I have the honor to be,
W. &c. W.
(Signed) H. G. Montgomery

Cochin
23d November 1797

a true Copy
(Signed) John Morris
Secy

Recd

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Received a letter from Mr Roebuck
entered in M: B: No 19 transmitting an
additional estimate of Cash for the current
month. —

From Military Paymaster General

Sent the following Letters.

To Major Burton Gage Barbutt

Sir,

The President in Council being
desirous of availing himself of your assistance in
arranging the embarkation of the 2d Battalion
6th Regiment Native Infantry and two hundred
pioneers at Tope tory for Manar directs me to desire
you will take such measures for this purpose,
as upon your arrival there you may judge
necessary. The President in Council further
trusts to you for a second arrangement by
which the Battalion with its followers
may be conveyed by Water from Manaar to
Columbo. — The Collector of Manaar & Poddy has
been ordered to afford you every assistance from
his district, and the charges, which it may
be necessary to incur will be passed for pay=
=ment upon your application to me. —

I am &c &c
(Signed) W Cobbe
Secy to Govt

To Major Barbutt
desiring him to take
measures for the
Embarkation of the
2d Battalion 6th Regt
ment and 200 Pioneers
at Tope Tory for
Manar and from
Manar for Columbo
the Collector at Manar
Poddy ordered to
assist him. —

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To

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To J. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Fort William

To Bengal - forwarding a minute of the Commander in Chief on the necessity of establishing an equality of allowances to the Troops of different Presidencies who may happen to serve together and enclosing copy of an application of the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments for an encrease of Subsistence

Sir,

I am directed to request you will lay before the Vice President in Council the enclosed Copy of a Minute by the Commander in Chief at this Presidency and to Suggest that some means should be taken to prevent distinctions of this Nature, by establishing an equality of allowances to the Troops of different Presidencies who may happen to serve together.

I have the Honor to enclose copy of an application, which has been made for an increase of subsistence to the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons of the Kings Regiments in Consequence of a Warrant from His Majesty, and am directed to request you will obtain the order of the Vice President in Council for the Guidance of this Government upon the case.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To

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To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the
Receipt of your letters of the 4th and 5th Instant.—

In conformity with your audit upon
the accounts of the Garrison Storekeeper the
Vice President in Council permits you
to authorize the payment of the balance
due to him amounting to Pagodas 4,383.34.33
and in consideration of the Circumstances
which attended the purchase of articles
for the intended expedition the Vice
President in Council further authorizes
you to pass the Garrison Storekeeper's
accounts of extra charges upon the
affirmation of his honor.—

The Vice President in Council
has judged it expedient to postpone his
decision upon the Regulations which you
have Suggested for the department of
Garrison Storekeeper

The

To the Auditor General—
the Balance due
the Garrison
Storekeeper to be
paid and his Assistant
Extra charges
raised upon Honor
the Retrenchment
against the payments
of the 71st Regiment
Granted Captain
Graham's claim for
reimbursement
for his horse
Ordered all Such
applications to be
referred to Govern-
ment additional
allowance granted
to Lieutenant
Colonel Richardson—
establishment of
Artificers to be
employed at Pondicherry
an advance to
be made to the
Gram agent of
7th Regiment Native
Cavalry

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The Vice President in Council consents that the Retrenchment against the Paymaster of his Majesty's 71st Regiment for three days batta be remitted provided it shall be made appear that the money was actually disbursed to the men.—

The Vice President in Council being of opinion that the claims of Captain Strahan to Reimbursement from the E. Company for the death of his horse, does by no means come within the intention of Government in regard to this indulgence, directs that it may be rejected, and desires that every Specific application for this allowance may be Submitted to the decision of Government.—

In consideration of the additional trouble and expence of travelling imposed upon the Quarter Master General of the Army by the Regulations newly adopted for the Department

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Department of Camp equipage the Vice &
President in Council permits him to &
draw the tent allowance and difference &
between full and half Batta from the
1st Instant.

In consequence of a report and recom-
=mendation from the Military Board the
Vice President in Council desires that the
establishment of artificers hitherto kept
up at Pondicherry may be paid up to
the 31st Ult.o and that in future the &
establishment of artificers at that place
be confined to one armourer, one Set of &
Smiths, one Chichledar, one Carpenter,
and one Chuckler

The Vice President in Council directs
that authority may be passed for an &
advance of Pagodas 372 to the Gram Agent
of the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry for the
purchase of twelve garee of gram, and a
like Sum upon the delivery of the Gram

I have the honor to be,
Hon.a Sir.a
/ Signed / I Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Sent in Circulation to the different public Offices &c.a the following advertizement.—

Advertizement notifying that a Committee of the Military Board have been appointed to examine the public Buildings at the Presidency, and requiring all persons to attend their Summons and afford such assistance as may be required.—

Government Advertizement

The Departments military and civil in charge of any of the Honble Company's buildings are hereby informed that a Committee of the Military Board has been appointed for the annual Survey of the fortifications, public Works, and buildings at the Presidency; and are hereby required to comply with the application of the Committee for admission to inspect the buildings &c.a under their respective charge

By order &c.a &c.a

(Signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. & 28.

29.—

To the Collector at Manargoody

To Mr Balmain—desiring him to assist Major Barbett in the embarkation of the Troops from Tope Tory to Manar—

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To Major General Sydenham —

To the Military Auditor General — desiring him to authorize the payment of Bounty Money to the drafts of the 52d Regiment, if the men should require it before their embarkation for the Malabar Coast. —

To Mr Roebuck — forwarding the

To the Military Paymaster General — Auditors Report on the additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 5th Instant. —

To Major General Floyd —

To the Commanding the Southern Division of the Army — informing him that the Retrenchment against Captain Monteath for Mastry & Horsekeepers and Grass Cutters cannot be remitted — Lieutenant Smiths claim to full Batta inadmissible. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Richardson —

To the Quarter Master General of the Army — granting him tent allowance and the additional half Batta of his Rank, from the 1st Instant, in consequence of the duty added to his Department by the new Regulations. —

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General — forwarding an additional estimate of Cash received by the Paymaster General. —

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To the acting Barrack Master at the Presidency

To Captain Turing - permitting him to hire the place lately occupied by the dutch prisoners at the rate of 25 Pagodas P Month as a Barrack for the Madras Battalion

To the Military Board

To Military Board - authorizing the immediate Repair of the Granary at Tanjore

To the adjutant General of the army

To Lieutenant Colonel Close enclosing Copy of the Minute of the Commander in Chief in India relative to the Kings Commissions issued to the Company's Army and of the Resolution of the Supreme Board respecting the Lists to be regularly transmitted to England

To Lieutenant J Maclean

To Lieutenant Maclaine - extending his leave of absence to the 15th March.

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Received the following letters

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To Edward Saunders Esqr.

Vice President in Council

Fort St. George

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From Audits General-
Reports on the Pay-
master General's
additional Estimate
of Cash.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterdays date, I have the honor to report, that the amount of Mr. Paymasters Skarons additional Estimate Viz.t four thousand Pagodas / Pag.s 4,000 / may be issued from the General Treasury, being for the purpose of paying one months pay and allowances in advance to the 2.d Battalion of the 6.th Regiment Native Infantry, under orders to march for Ceylon, and not as stated in the additional Estimate, Viz.t their pay for the present Month, and arrears for December, as the pay due to that Corps for those Months, had been already included and passed in the General Estimate on which I had the Honor to report the 28.th ultimo. The foregoing Sum should therefore be advanced by the Paymaster to Lieutenant Colonel Torrens

who

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who will of course be held accountable for the application of it, to the Paymaster of the Station to which the Battalion may be directed to proceed.—

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I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed / W. Lydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
11th January 1798.

The following order of the Council having been sent in Circulation and approved, was dispatched to the Treasury.

Ordered

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Further advance of Cash to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General

Ordered that the Sum of five thousand /5,000/ Star Pagodas be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of advances to be made to the Native Troops under orders for embarkation for Ceylon.—

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Bombay Commissioner at Tellicherry inclosing information of a Spy collecting at Seringapatam, a Correspondence carried on between Tippoo Sultaun and some of the Malabar Chieftains.—

Being, on the eve of embarking, on our return to the Presidency, we think it fit to transmit the accompanying Copy of a Paper of Intelligence, recently forwarded to the Commander in Chief, by General Hartley the present Commanding Officer in the province, to the Contents of which we Should, perhaps, allow, but little weight, on Comparing their purport, with others of a different tendency, that have

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12th reaches us, through other Channels, were it not, for the discovery recently made, by the Vigilance of the same Gentleman, of a very objectionable, and pernicious correspondence now carrying on, between some of the Chieftains of Malabar, and Dippoo Sultaun; the letters of which Prince to the Pyche, or Cottiotte Raja, whose late Rebellion formed the principal Cause of our visit to this part of the Coast, and to a junior Member of the Zamorins family, styled of the Perdinhar Colgum who has, also, been, already, once in Arms, in conjunction with Adoni Moota, a noted free booting Mopilla, against the Company's authority; and, althó there be nothing in the Sultaun's intercepted Letters, directly exciting these Chiefs to farther Resistance to the Company's Government; it is thence sufficiently apparent, that Dippoo professes to believe the Parties in question, as attached to his Service, and we have reason to suspect, that his Emissaries have been endeavouring

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12th endeavouring to impress the Cyche, or junior Cottiotte Raja, in particular, with the Idea of the Sultaun's shortly Meditating an Expedition into this province, assisted by a Considerable french force; which this Cyche Chieftain has been told is expected, soon, at Mangalore.

2 Under these Circumstances, we shall leave Instructions with the Commission at Calicut, now consisting of Mr. Spencer, General Hartley and Mr. Imee, to correspond with your Lordship's Government on any further advices of importance, that they may receive, touching the supposed hostile Intentions of the Mysore state, and should, an actual Invasion ensue, we doubt not, but your Lordship will afford to this province, the fullest assistance, by the adoption of early Measures, on your side of India, on the first notice, that the Commission may transmit of the

Sultaun's

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12th. Sultaums troops having passed our line of Boundary, from which the Country of Wynaad, above the Ghauts may, for the present, be considered as excluded, till the Supreme Government shall have finally decided, whether it appertain to the Company, or to the Mysore Government.

We have the honor to be
Wr. &c. &c.
(Signed) Lond. Duncan
" Stuart

Tellicherry
11. December 1797

Extract from intelligence received at Calicut 26th. December 1797.

A man arrived, this morning, from Seringapatam, in 7 days: he has been two days there, and left it on the 20th. Instant. The information he gives is as follows.

"Some 20 days previous to his arrival at Seringapatam, a force, consisting 6000 of horse, and foot, had been assembling there, from all quarters, from what he saw, and could hear their numbers

were

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were from 15 to 25,000. They had been despised into three Separate Detachments, then encamped at Seerah Gunjam Paal ally, and Mysore.- The Officers in Command of these Detachments Tattah Hyder, son to the Sultaun / Kerreem Saheb / his Brother / and Khajah Khan.- Buzar Report went to Say the Detachment at Mysore, was destined for the Guzzlehatty Pass; that at Paal ally for the Tambutcherry - and the one at Seerah Gunjam, some asserted to be intended for Mangalore and others is for one of the Passes, above the Cottote District.- It was commonly Reported, at Mysore / where the informant had a house and his family / that the Sultaun had issued orders for Erecting, or Repairing 3 forts, in the Talooks of Wynaad - Viz. Entoorah / one Munzel, on this side of Gundul / Chulere / 2 Gaus or 6 miles - tanner Coss on this side of Entoorah, and one Gaus on the other of Para

Mettal /

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Paramottil and Calpattee 2 Guns on the other side of the Lacricotah situated at the head of the Tambutchenny &c. Ghaut.—

The informant came down by the Tambutchinny pass. He added that the Road between Ettoorah and Goudel was opening: 900 Beggaries were employed to that end, when he passed.—

Kenoom Saheb one of the Jemidars Commanding a Detachment as above Specified, had been liberated from his Confinement mentioned on a former occasion about a fortnight before.—

(Signed) D. Mahony.
A. D. C.

True Copy.
(Signed) L. A. Grant.
Secy.

Josiah

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government &c. &c.

Sir,

From Mr. Samuel Johnston requesting Copies of Sundry Papers from the Board of Revenue

Before I reply to the last Paragraph of your letter of the 30th November, may I beg to be favored with Copies of the following Papers from the Office of the Board of Revenue.

No. 1 Extract of a letter from Government dated 10th December 1791, and a Minute thereon.

2 a Letter from the members of the Board of Revenue to Mr. Bn Torin Collector of Tinnevelly dated 15th December 1791.

3 a Letter from Mr. Torin to the members of the Board of Revenue dated at Tinnevelly 5th April 1792.

4 a Letter from do to do without date

5 a Do from do. to do 12th November 1792

6 a Letter from Paupiah Brahminy to Government dated 21st October 1791.

7 a Ditto from Mr. Torin to Mr. Secretary Jackson 20th November 1791.

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No 8 From Mr T. Parry to Mr Irwin 28th November 1791

9 From Mr Henry Jewett to Do 15th March 1792

10 a Minute of the Board of Revenue upon my Letter beginning "agreed to state" and ending "to have undergone." —

11 a Letter from the Members of the Board of Revenue to Government dated 10th May 1792.

12 Extract of a Letter from Government 12th May 1792. —

13 Letter from Mr Webbe Secretary to Mr Lorin dated 11th May 1792. —

14 Copy of an Account Current stating a balance on 30th April 1793, carried to the General Books at Do

Pagodas 11385. 33. 77. —

I have the Honr to be,

Do Do

Sd Sam Johnston

Secy

Fardens

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bombay — the acting Resident at Poona desired to draw on Madras for 50,000 Rupees

You were advised in my letter of the 26th Instant that this Government had accepted a Bill of Exchange for Rupees 50,000 in favor of Lieutenant Montgomery of your Presidency, and I am further directed to acquaint you for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council that the acting Resident at Poonah has been desired to take advantage of the favorable rate of Exchange of that place to draw on the Government of Fort St. George for the amount.

Bombay Castle 29th December 1797.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signd) John Morris
Secy

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Colonel de Champagne - permits Captain Kingston to embark for Point de Galle or Columbo for his health - appoints Captain O'Reilly to do the duty of Paymaster and Mr. Lecluse that of Commissary of Grain and of Provisions.

I from the Extreme indisposition of Captain Kingston Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions, I have been induced to give him leave to try the effect of a change of air and has this day Embarked on board the Intrepid Cruizer for Point de Galle or Columbo from his precarious situation much doubt is intertained of his Recovery

Captain O'Reilly of the Malay Corps at the request of Captain Kingston does the Duty of Paymaster and I have Continued Mr. Lecluse in the Provision Department, he having been employed in that line by the Commissary for a Considerable time.

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

Trincomalee
December 29th 1797

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The Honble Edward Saunders Esq.

Acting President & Council &c &c &c

Fort St. George

Hond Sir,

From the Committee to investigate the charges against Andy Narrain & Mr. Montague & states the presence of Ana Cooty Kouncall to be necessary

Mr. Montague Conductor of Stores has acquainted the Committee that Ana Cooty Kouncall an Inhabitant of Lumbokistnah is necessary to send as an evidence before the Committee, and requests that measures be taken to obtain his appearance.—

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signd) B. J Close

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13th Received the following letter from the Rajah of Vencatagherry, & entered also in C. C. 1807.—

Translation

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Translation of a Letter from the Zemindar of Vencatgherry to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

From the Rajah of Vencatgherry — declares the representation of Ganush Pundit to be entirely false, Suggests a punishment to be inflicted on him

Without date
Received 13th January 1797.

after Compliment

I have been honored with the Receipt of your Lordship's indulgent letter, written in Telinga, enclosing Copy of Ganesh Pundit Petition, and of your Lordship's letter sent by this petitioner, which papers were conveyed to me by the Subidar of your Lordship's Body Guard

Your Lordship was pleased to direct, that I should explicitly explain to the abovementioned Subidar my real Sentiments upon this subject, and also state the same to your Lordship — you intimated that Ganesh Pundit should be detained under a Company's Guard, until it should be ascertained whether

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whether or not he be an impostor, who may have fabricated this petition for mischievous purposes, and until I should signify my opinion of the punishment he may deserve- all this I distinctly comprehend, and have the honor to state in reply the following circumstances.

I never deputed Ganeish Pundit from hence, and he has, without my knowledge, assumed my name to fabricate and deliver false representations:- Consistently with these facts, I lately wrote and transmitted to your Lordship two Dezes, to be delivered by my Vakeels, Rama Lawmy and Trimul Row, a which would fully apprize you that Ganeish Pundit was not countenanced by me, and that assuming the authority of my Name he framed a representation of falsehoods- your Lordship therefore, in order to ascertain whether his allegations were correct, transmitted me a copy of his Representation and of your letter in consequence,

for

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for which indulgence I have to express to
your Lordship infinite acknowledgements.—

Ganeish Pundit has resided at
Madras for a period of few years—where,
by changing his Name, he has frequently
obtruded fictitious petetions—at first he
denominated himself Venkatputt, and at
present, under the appellation of Ganeish
Pundit, he has excited these troubles—
He has no connection whatever with
me, and never was sent by me from
hence—thus I have declared my real
Sentiments regarding the transaction—
and proceed, amenably to your Lordships
directions to address you respecting his
punishment.—

Endowed as your Lordship is
with the illustrious qualities of Equity
and Impartiality, and renowned as the
Honble Company are for distributing
Justice, it were presumption in me
to dictate what must be evident

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to your Lordship's enlightened mind,- Viz:- the condign punishment of any wicked and seditious offender- but as it is more as "respectful to Comply with a Command," I have the honor to signify my opinion that, Ganesh Pundit should be made to Ride upon an Ass, and to pass with a Crier through the Streets of the four sides of the City, having the figure of a Dog stamped upon his forehead, so that all may learn that whoever shall be as guilty of such false and Mischievous as intrigues, will be liable to a like as disgrace and to be deterred, by the apprehension of such Infamy, from the practise of similar Villainy- he should moreover be confined in the Cutcherry Choultry, with chains on his legs, for the Space of three years, and Struck in that gracious indulgence which as your Lordship has been pleased to

Manifest

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manifest towards me, that you will be pleased to issue your orders to this effect.—

During the life time of Damerla Venkatapa Nair, he, moved by Malevolence and enmity, clandestinely instigated Vengeam Nair, his Relation, to employ this said Venkatapa for the purpose of contriving the ruin of his family.

At present also, Timma Nair, in imitation of his father, and concealing the part he takes in the intrigue, has prevailed on Vengeam Nair, to depute Venkatapa, whom he assists with Money &c. for his expenses— in order to renew his intrigues for the same purpose.— I hope therefore your Lordship will be pleased to authorize such punishment to be exercised in the present instance, as may be a terror to others, in future.—

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Khan Sahib Ghanny, his father and Grand father, have been in the service of this family, his Grand father was with my venerable Grandfather, and was frequently wounded in War - his father was killed in the life time of my father, during the Contests with the Rajawars of Mysole - and he is himself at present, ready to sacrifice his life in my service and for my interest, during the War with the late Hyder ali Khan, I was ordered by the Company to wait upon Lord Macartney and General Sir Eyre Coote - he attended me and + visited them at the same time - and when your Lordship was returning from Vizagapatam, he accompanied me, when I had the honor of paying my Respects to your Lordship at Nain pettah —

descended from Ancestors who have served us for generations, he has ever zealously obeyed my orders, and so far from being guilty of the conduct imputed to him

in

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in Ganeish Pundit's petition, his life is devoted to the execution of my Commands.

During the War above alluded to, + Damerla Venketeep Nair &c., contrary to their allegiance became partizans of the Chief of Mysore - but I, notwithstanding inticements held out to me, disdaining to change sides, remained firm in my allegiance to the Company - the Mysorean was so highly exasperated by this conduct, that he desolated my district, razed my place of Residence to the Ground and Sequestered the Outrady Talook: however, being convinced that so long as the Victorious banners of the Company prospered, I had nothing to apprehend, and being likewise persuaded that thro' the assistance of the Company I should retrieve the Sequestered Talooks, I continued a Confederate with them

+ to be Rajah of Calastry

It happened at that time that the Supplies of the Garrison of Vellore were exhausted, I received, in consequence, the orders of Lord Macartney, thro' the Channel

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15. Channel of the then Town Major to relieve the Garrison by fresh supplies - I accordingly dispatched a party with the supplies which they delivered; but on their return, they were overtaken by Tippoo in person, with a large Army and plundered - the Company, in consideration of my allegiance, Fidelity and Zeal, at the time of the pacification between themselves and Tippoo Sultan, in deputed Colonel Close and Mr. Lind hither, in order to recover my Talook of Outrady, and to adjust the points of Contention - they accordingly proceeded to Cudappa, and after a negotiation, accomplished the restitution of my Talook - Colonel Close and Mr. Lind being at Madras can attest, if necessary, all these circumstances.

Considering all the indulgence which I have already met with, and which I may continue to experience from the Company Low desirous of manifesting my Zeal and Sincerity, in executing any

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13th any orders which they may be pleased to prescribe me.

I deem'd it incumbent on me to make this exposition for your Lordship's information - and in every situation, I shall hope to benefit by the influence of your indulgent protection.

What more need I represent.

A true translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. Tr. to Govt.

On receipt of the foregoing Letter the Persian Translator was desired to send Instructions to the Subadar of the Body Guard to have Gnaish Pundit publicly disgraced in the manner Recommended by the Rajah and afterwards to escort him back to the Presidency - and to acquaint the Rajah of Vencatagherry thereof.

Minute thereon

Sent the following Letter

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Close

&c.a Committee for investigating the Charges preferred against Andy Narrain and Brahmins

To the Committee for investigating the charges &c. against Andy Narrain desiring them to ascertain whether the evidence of Ana booty Koorncall is absolutely necessary

Gentlemen,

In reply to Lieutenant Colonel Close's letter of yesterday's date, the acting President in Council desires you will ascertain from Mr. Montague the nature of the information he expects to derive from Ana booty Koorncall, and Report whether you consider his evidence of Material Importance in the investigation committed to your charge

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

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Sent also the undermentioned
Letters entered in Mil: B: Nos. 30. 31. 32.
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To the Military Paymaster General — To Mr Roebuck — enclosing the Auditor Generals report on the additional estimate transmitted in his letter of the 16th Instant —

To the officer commanding on Ceylon — To Brigadier General DeMeuron enclosing Invoice of the Rice shipped on the Eliza Anne —

To the Military Board — To Military Board — desiring that orders may be issued for receiving into Store the unconsumed provisions Shipped in Bengal on the Lord Hawkesbury and Lord Macartney for the Gun Lascars —

To the Secretary at Bengal — To Mr Secretary Barlow — enclosing Statement of provisions sent on board for the use of the Troops embarked on the Earl Spencer, Prince William Henry, Hawke, & Phanix —

To the Comptroller at Nagpur — To Mr Torriano desiring him to advance the Paymaster of the 52d Regiment the Sum of Pr 46,879 and take his Bill on the Military Paymaster General in favor of the Board of Revenue —

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To the Secretary at Bengal -

To the Secretary at Bengal - & assistant Residents at Poona and Hyderabad

and assistant Residents at Poona and Hyderabad - with Mysore Intelligence

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Substance of letter from the Nabob

Received Letter from the Nabob entered in C: C: No 8 advising having completed the payment of their January Instl.

Received also the following Letters.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. Fort St. George

From Bombay forwarding Intelligence received overland from Europe

My Lord,

This comes purposely to transmit the Important Intelligence received this morning by the Viper from Bussora which place she left the 1st Ult.o of the unsuccessful Termination of Lord Malmsburys negotiations, of the peace between France and Portugal and of the ascendency of the Jacobin Party in Paris with such Items as I have been able hastily to Extract from the English Papers down to the 15th September

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Chs. M. Malet

Bombay
7th January 1798

Negotiations

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14th Negotiations at Lisle unsuccessfully terminated
both opinion in London under 15th September
in favor of Peace — Peace of France with
Portugal Signed 10th August —
4th September Revolution of Party but not
System in France, Moderates Expelled —
Decrees in favor of Emigrant Rescinded Barthelmy
Carnot Pichegrue and 60 Members of National
Assembly apprehended. —
Tenerisse unsuccessfully attacked Captain
Bowen killed, admiral Nelson lost his
Arm. —
3 p% 6t Consols 15th Sept. 52 3/8 7/16 5 7/8 - 3/8 Bank Stock 8 per
5 p% 6t an 75 1/2 Bank long an Stock 4 p% Cent Cons — that
Emperor Leiged Dalmatia and Istria. —
July 20 Parliament prorogued to 5th October
Insurrection of Priests & Nobles at Genoa quelled
Letters of 6th and 24th March 11 and 29th April and
12th May from Bombay have reached England —
under 5th September London mentioned that
fleet of 16th July which put back had not
again sailed from Torbay 11th September
further advises the Loss of the Belvedere's
Rudder —

Spe —

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14th The French take all americans clearing out of English Ports.—

Lieu E. Stauntons Account of China Embassy published

27th July Lord Mornington resigned handed on his appointment to Government of Madras.

10,000 Musquets, besides other arms taken from the people in the North of Ireland

Brest and the Texell blockaded.

Romilia The Turkish Bosniac & Croats in Rebelion to the Porte also Candia

Prospect of War breaking out again between Germany with Prussia.—

Cadiz Bombarded

L.B.M quitted Lisle 18th Sept.r Le Mercure universal

Ratisbon 1st October

Negotiation for Peace of France and Germany still pending.—

Ditto

Funded Debt on 5th July 1797 - 409 Millions

on Interest 16 Mills.—

L.d Mountmorris Shot himself

L.d Amherst Dead.—

Wolfe

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Pope Letter but Rome convulsed

Lord Mornington and Mr Wellesley to embark on the Vengeance Frigate the 20th of September to Carry Admiral Christian to succeed Admiral Pringle at the Cape Paper the 16th September

Army in Ireland Reckoned 9,000 including Yeomanry &c

19th July the Lords agreed to the India Judicature and Bombay and Calcutta Bills.

Sir Ralph Abercromby returned from W Indies in September

Francisco Neufchatel and Merlin of Doneay elected to Supply the Vacancies in the Direction.

T. A. Strange Esqr appointed Recorder at Madras with £2,000 P Annum

Extract of a letter from the Resident at Buſsora dated the 25th November 1797, to the Honble the Governor in Council at Bombay

"I had flattered myself that I should have had the honor, previous to the

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the present period, to have announced to his Government the glad Tidings of peace, I have however the mortification to inform you, that the negotiations at Lisle have at length unsuccessfully terminated, and that the Continuation of the War is inevitable; my information on this subject is contained in the accompanying copy of a letter from his Excellency Sir Morton Eden to my address, dated Vienna the 5th October, and its enclosure, to which I beg leave to make a very respectful Reference"

True Extract
(Signed) W.L. Pearson
Secretary

Extract of a Letter from his Excellency William Wickham his Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berne, to the Resident at Buspora dated 26th August 1797.

I make haste to inform you, that a Treaty of peace has been concluded at Paris between the French Republic and the Queen of Portugal. It seems important that this intelligence should reach India speedily,

as

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as it is probable that the French Frigates &
and others cruizing in the Eastern Seas, will
endeavour to take advantage of the Shelter
that the Portuguese Ports will now afford
them.—

There is an article in the Treaty by
which it is Stipulated that no more than 6
Ships of War belonging to any of the Belligerent
Powers, shall be received at a time in any of the
Portuguese Ports, I have reason to believe, that
the Number is limited to 3 Ships of War in
every port, excepting that of Lisbon, In stipulating
for this Article, the French have had in
view, the possibility of forming some where
or other a combined Fleet, to the Number
of 18 Ships of War, i, e, 6 of their own, 6
Dutch, and 6 Spanish, as soon as I can
obtain a Copy of the treaty, you may rely
upon my forwarding it to you immediately

True Copy Extract
(Signed) H. L. Pearson
Secretary

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To the British Resident

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Sir. Busorah

No I have no official accounts of the rupture of the negotiation at Lisle, the Proclamation of the French Directory, contained in the enclosed Gazette, bears such strong marks of authenticity, that I scruple not, in Conformity to Lord Grenvilles General Letters, to take the earliest opportunity of transmitting to you, such intelligence as I might deem it important for the Government of India to be made acquainted with, to send it immediately by express, to the Company's Agents at Constantinople, leaving it to him to forward it to you, in the way which he may think most Convenient.

I have the honor to be,
W.a W.a
/ Signed / Morton Eden

True Copy
/ Signed / Samuel Manesty

True Copy
/ Signed / W. L. Pearson Sub Secy.

Lord

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Vienna Thursday
5th Nov.r October 1797

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Paris 22d. September 1797

Lord Malmesbury quitted Lisle on the 18.th September at four o'clock in the Morning. his departure, so immediately after the arrival of Treilhardet de Bonnier, was occasioned by the following Substance of the first conference of the new negotiations. Question - from Treilhardet to Lord Malmesbury - are you vested with authority to restore to the French Republic all its Colonies - no - then you may return in order to procure it. —

Executive Directory

Proclamation of the executive Directory to the people, for the completion of the armies and their being prepared to march on the 15.th of next Vendemaire. —

4.th day - complimentary - 5.th year of the Republick. —

Citizens

The B.n de Treilhardet has silenced the advocate of the Court of London who were amusing themselves at Paris. — after

the 22d. September 1797

+ 4.th September the day on which the Revolution took place in the Directory &c. —

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after this memorable day, the English Embassador embarrassed by pointed requisitions to explain himself fully on the first object of embassy, returned to England

Austria is entirely guided by the Court of Vienna which is incessantly occupied in the dismemberment of Europe and the troubles on the Continent; the Emperor acts in opposition to the wishes of his states, and the dictates of his own heart: and instead of cooperating with the wishes of his people for the restoration of Peace, is engaged in preparations for war.—

His Military equipments point out to us the line we have to adopt.—

If he shews a disposition to abuse the generosity which actuated us to subscribe to the articles of Lisbon:— if while they / the Austrians / make peaceable declarations, their hearts are bent in war, the French nation, that has

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recurse to preparation of war solely with a view to the restoration of peace, should put itself in a posture to maintain its dignity and to obtain reparation by the valour of its armies.—

It is an object of the highest importance that the republick should convince its enemies that there is in France but one party, one opinion, one interest, that of the body of the people who know their consequence and will preserve their liberty.

The executive Directory is not actuated solely by these motives — the Law of the Constitution authorizes it to provide for the safety of the State — and it has pleasure in making you the judges of the reasons which induce them to exercise this sacred right.—

Your enemy, unable to resist your Arms, now endeavours to get the better of you by stratagem, their Negotiations were

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now merely a veil to their deceit, if they had sincerely desired which they professed peace would long ago have been concluded— The executive Directory were willing to — stop the progress of the French armies— they cordially adopted the spirit of reconcilia— =tion which our enemies merely made use shew of to deceive us— and they anticipated with satisfaction the means they were about to possess of extending the cause of Liberty and of procuring for France a — Happiness on the restoration of peace pro— =portionate to the Glory it acquired in the war— But after having effected this check to the Torrent of your victories— what has been the object of your Enemies— to gain time, to fomentate amongst you a spirit of dissatisfaction and avail themselves of the consequent dissention and Bloodshed by falling upon the people thus disunited, dividing the Country amongst

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them, and blotting out France from the list of Nations, the frankness of the republick did not admit of their harbouring a suspicion of this Political Mare of their Enemies: but you have witnessed the fact, your publick offices principaley composed the auxiliary army — which was fighting in the cause of your most inviterate Enemies, who has Collected large bodies of emigrants bent on the — destruction of their Country, and members of fanatical priests intent on defeminating their Zealous doctrines of promiscuide. — the National tribune was the more Echo of the deligates of Austria and England — your defenders were calumniated, your — Generals insulted, and attempts made — to Convulse your Government and by degrees to reduce it to that state of Insignificance, to which their Instructions, and the views of their principals were — directed. —

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At length the veil is thrown off— the advocates of our Enemies are no longer the organs of the National Interests— the Helm of the republic is in the hands of Republicans, and the people of France are represented by French Men.—

Citizens, under these circumstances what is the line to be adopted by your Chief Majistrates, actuated as they are by a Sincere desire to effect a peace worthy the French Nation— that is a peace permanent, suited to it's Interests and Consistent with it's engage= =ments. In what manner should they under present circumstances reject the claims and Counteract the treachery of the Cabinet of St London; and how are they to put a Stop to the tedious indecision of the Cabinet of Vienna, and free Austria itself from the British Influence which is the real obstacle to the peace of Europe.—

There is but one mode of attain= =ing these objects, since your Enemies under the Cloak of Negotiation are prepared for hostilities

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their example necessitates you to resume your Arms, and their conduct acquits you of all the consequences which will result to their Country from the Breach of the truce — If ever it a Scourge which cannot be held in too great detestation — the Criminality of which falls on those who excite it: if humanity revolts against the Shedders of Blood who sack cities and Ruin whole provinces without cause: of the authors of an inequitous War are answerable for the death of the slain for the destruction of the houses which they burn, for the Stagnation of Trade, & and the Ruin of the Crops for the Violences the disorders and crimes which are Committed if those who excite a War without reason and without aggression are monsters unworthy the name of Men, enemies not only of the Countries they lay waste but of the whole of the Human Species: you who are have been forced to Maintain a War Six years

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years for your Independence, and whom your Enemies have endeavoured to involve in a civil war, you, who in the midst of Conquest and triumph have laid down your Arms to propose and attend to tenders of pacification, you, Citizens, have no occasion to dread these Denunciations, these Curses which nature and justice adjudge to your Enemies - In Returning so much against your natural despositions to the bloody Scenes you have so lately quitted, you have only to make an exposition to the whole world of your real Sentiments, and call Heaven to witness the justice of the cause on which you are about to engage.

Resume, your Arms, then Citizens at the same time that you desire a negotiation of Peace, which your Government will again offer to your Enemies, on the terms which have formerly been considered consistent with its Dignity, perhaps the posture of War on which you are about to place

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place yourselves, will indeed your Enemies to accept the proposed terms of Pacification: but should they reject them you will maintain the Honour and the Laws of the Republic.—

It is in the Name of the Nation, it is for the accomplishment of it's wishes, the support of its right and the preservation of it's dignity that the Executive power now Summons to its Standard all the Soldiers of the Nation who are absent on any Account whatsoever—

The Executive Directory hereby enjoins the Commissaries of the different Departments to carry into effect without delay and without reserve the Laws of the 4.th Fructidor, and 4.th Nivose of the 4.th year of the Republic—as well as the Arrêts of the 4.th Ventose and other Subsequent Edicts, and cause to be assembled on the 15.th Vendemaire all Soldiers and requisitionary Levies of whatever description who may have returned to their Homes.—

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Frenchmen, it is of importance that on this day your Armies be, in a Complete State and Ready for Service so that their formidable appearance and actual strength may Command that Glorious Peace which should six Months ago have been the fruit of your Victories.—

The Executive Directory decrees that this proclamation shall be printed, Solemnly published, and pasted up in the different districts with all expedition by the Commissaries of the Central administration, and that the Minister of War shall take the necessary measures for carrying it into effect reporting progress every three days to the Directory

/Signed/ Revellière Lepeaux
President

" Lagarde
Secy General

the 15th Vendemaire corresponds with the 6th September

True Copy/ of the original in French/

/Signed/ T. Warden
Ld Asst

It stands so in the original sent Head Qrs 6th October. —

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
French Transl.r

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government at Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bombay with Intelligence from the Mysore Country received Via Goa

I am directed by the Hon.ble the President in Council to transmit you, for the information of the Right Hon.ble the Governor in Council Extract of a letter from the Resident at Fort Victoria to this Government - and to inform you that Mr. Gotthal of Goa is employed as a Political Agent by that Gentleman

I have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
1st January 1798.

W.e W.e

/Signed/ John Morris
Sec.y

Extract of a letter from the Resident at Fort Victoria to Government in it's Political Department, dated Bombay the 29th December 1797.

Mr. Gotthals Ltr is dated 20th Dec.r

Para 3rd "The following political Intelligence contained in Mr. Gotthal's Letter which may not be altogether uninteresting to you, and I therefore transcribe it, also in his own Language for your information".

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11th. "The disturbance you mention having
"lately broke out some where about Canara is of
"a very old date, but now increasing to a point
"that perhaps it will be of some serious
"consequence to Tippoo, since you left us, a man
"called Ingy Naik and Lubeea — in Tippoo's
"Service, deserted with about 50 Sepoys, and by
"his activity and temerity, took possession of
"several small villages and the province
"and fort of Soppe, of which he calls himself
"King, at present, he has about three
"thousand Sepoys, and as he has taken a
"treasure of about four Lacs of Pagodas, had a
"mind to take the fort of Sadaseeghur or Canara,
"and more particularly as Tippoo knows nothing
"of these disturbances, Ingy Naik has requested
"the assistance of all the Pirates promising a
"large reward if he takes the fort of Canara,
"and two days ago I have received intelligence
"that a few Gallivats of the Bonnals have
"landed people near Batacola, and set fire
"to a few Villages, some say that the Mahrattas
"have promised to send their fleet to assist
"him on that expedition, and as he possesses
Money,

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16th, Money, perhaps he will find some assistance,
"and may be very troublesome to Tippoo if
"he takes the part of Canara"

"From Mangalore I have received
"intelligence that the french Vessel is cruizing
"from Mangalore to Batacola, and has plundered
"already Several Pallamar Boats, the
"Nanders called Repaw, came from Soonga
"patam, with seven more Frenchmen
"to replace those men away with the money;
"Tippoo made a present to Repaw of Shawls,
"Umbrella, and Manilla, the which he sold
"before he arrived at Mangalore - the Sea
"Stock he was provided by a French Sloop
"which arrived at Mangalore about two
"Months ago, The Vessel has 12 Guns, 6 of about
"3 Pounders, and 6 of about 1 Pounder, 15
"Europeans, and 15 Lascars, & Sepoys, and
"don't sail very fast, and Repaw told a
"Chinaman that the first English Ship he
"meets, without considering the Size, he will
"try to Surprize it, and set fy to the Magazine"

True Extract

(Signed) W. L. Pearson Sub Sect.

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42.

From the Secretary at Bengal — From Bengal — enclosing embarkation returns of the Lascars on the Hawkesbury & Macartney placed under charge of Captains Robertson of the 76th Regiment

From the officer commanding 4th Regiment Native Infantry of the Bengal Establishment — From Lieutenant Colonel Higgins — acknowledging receipt of the order directing the 4th Bengal Regiment to march to Ganjam

From the Commander of the Ship Helen — From Captain Seton, — proposing to take round to Cochin his Majesty's 52d Regiment for 2000 Pd. their subsistence to be furnished as by Government

From the Commandant at Arnee — From Major Coke — requests assistant Surgeon Wise may be put in charge of a detachment of Europeans in Garrison at Arnee from the 2d Instant

From dº at Helen — From Captain Forbes, — requests Mr. assistant Surgeon Mckay may draw the usual allowance for attendance on part of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment

From the officer commanding the Northern Division of the Army — From Major General Bridges — with intelligence of two large Ships having been seen off Vizagapatam.

From the officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army — From Major General Lloyd — forwards an application from Captain Feron Prisoner of War at Karical for leave to go to the Pearl fishery

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At a Meeting of Council held this day it was ordered that the Papers relative to the Meeting of the Artillery Corps at the Present and the appointment of the Board of Officers to enquire into its origin and progress, and the means taken to guard it should, for the present, be entered on the Records of the Secret Department

order of Council respecting the Paper relating to the Meeting of the Artillery Corps at this Present.

N.B. These proceedings entered in the Military Proceedings on the foregoing Subject

Records in Consultation 16th February 1798

Received the following letter from the Adjutant General.

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Esqr. Adjutant General recommending promotions in consequence of the absentees being struck off the rolls of Captain Oliphant, Lieut. Houghton, and Paterson and to Complete the 12th Regiment.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request that you will signify to the Honorable Acting President in Council, his Recommendation, that the following Alterations may be made in the date of Rank of the undermentioned Officers in consequence of the absentees having been struck

If

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If, and of the Death of Captain Oliphant which happened at Sea on the 19th August, and of the deaths of Lieutenants Houghton and Patterson, the former having died to the Eastward the 15th July, and the latter on Ceylon the 22d November 1797.

Captain John English to Rank from the 8th May 1797 vice Griffin struck off

" Sloane Gibbons do do 8th Do vice Cunningham

" Arthur McCally do do 11th July vice Frank deceased

" Andrew McCally do do 13th July vice Dyce

" P. Mapother do do 25th July vice Samson Promoted

" William Berkeley do do 5th Augt vice Forbes deceased

" R. M. Grant do do 16th do vice Collings deceased

" George Bowness do do 18th do vice Beatson Invalided

" L. M. Lowenant do do 20th do vice Oliphant promoted

" P. H. Keay do do 4th Octr vice Mc. deceased

" George Hadow do do 29th Novr to Complete the 12th Regiment

Captain } Robert Munro do do 29th Novr do do
Lieutenant }

Robert

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Lieutenant Robert Barclay to rank from the 2d May 1797 Vice Graham promoted
" ——— Henry Harrison ... do ... do ... 8th do vice Kelly promoted
" ——— J Russel ——— do ... do ... 9th do Vice Blackburn struck off
" ——— L. C. Le Mesurier ... do ... do ... 8th do Vice Major do
" ——— John Vicy ——— do ... do ... 8th do Vice Vision ... do
" ——— John Dymock ——— do ... do ... 9th do Vice Barclay
" ——— John Fish ——— do ... do ... 10th do Vice Harrison
" ——— L. F. Davis ——— do ... do ... 27th June Vice Russell
" ——— John White ——— do ... do ... 11th July Vice Graham
" ——— B Marsden ——— do ... do ... 13th do Vice Vicy
" ——— John Taylor ——— do ... do ... 16th do Vice Houghton
" ——— Francis James ... do ... do ... 25th do Vice Dymock deceased
" ——— Daniel Campbell do ... do ... 5 August Vice Fish
" ——— George Spry ——— do ... do ... 16th do Vice Davis
" ——— Edwin C Sitty ——— do ... do ... 17th do Vice White
" ——— L. P. Stevenson ... do ... do ... 18th do Vice Marsden
" ——— C. McDonald ... do ... do ... 20th do Vice Lieutenant promoted
" ——— J. W. Collins ... do ... do ... 16th September Vice Taylor
" ——— H. Cranstoun ... do ... do ... 19th do Vice James
" ——— J Knowles ——— do ... do ... 22d do Vice Campbell
" ——— David Newall ——— do ... do ... 11th October Vice Spry
" ——— John Groome ——— do ... do ... 21st do Vice C Sitty
" ——— Robert Gregson ——— do ... do ... 23d do Vice Patterson deceased

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The Commander in Chief is likewise recommends that the following Promotions do take place.

Captain Lieutenant P. Harris to be Captain of a Company and to Rank from the 29th November 1797 to Complete the 12th Regiment

" A. Barnsley do. do. 29th November ... do ... do

" J. Symons do. do. 1st December Vice Durand promoted

Lieutenant ... Michael Shay to be Captain Lieutenant and to Rank from the 29th November 1797, to Complete the Establishment

Brevet Captain Mark Wilks do. do. 29th Nov.r 1797 do ... do

" D. M. Holford do. do. 1st Dec.r Vice Symons promoted

Adjutant Generals Office
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I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) R. Turing
Act.g Dep.y Adj.t Gen.l

From the Deputy Adjutant General to the Kings Troops.

Received Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Robertson entered in Mr. B No 43 — Reporting the Number of Men &c.a to embark from Negapatam to Cochin — the Officers and Serjeants to have their passages provided from Bombay to Europe. —

Received

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Received the following Letter

My Lord,

From Bombay — forwarding Copy of the treaty concluded between the French and the Queen of Portugal —

I had the honor to transmit to you by an Express under the 1st Instant the heads of Intelligence that day received from Bussora To which I now add all that has reached this Government of the Treaty of Peace between France and Portugal as transmitted by Mr. Spencer Smith at Constantinople, to the Company's Resident at Bussora

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Chs. Malet

Bombay
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Treaty

of peace and Friendship between the French Republic, and her most faithful Majesty the Queen of Portugal, signed at Paris the 10th August 1797.

The French republic, and her most faithful Majesty the Queen of Portugal, being desirous of reestablishing the ties of Commerce and friendship, which existed between the two powers before the present War, have given full powers to enter into negotiations to

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to that effect, Viz.t; the Executif directory, in the name of the French republic, to the Citizen Charles dela Croix, and her most faithful Majesty, to the Chevalier d'Araujo Azevedo, Councellor of her said Majesty, Gentleman of the Household, Knight of the order of Christ, and her Envoy Extraordinary, and Minister Plenipotentiary, who having exchanged their respective powers, have concluded the present treaty of peace.—

1.st There shall be peace, friendship, and good intelligence, between the French Republic, and her most faithful Majesty, the Queen of Portugal.—

2.do All hostilities shall cease by sea, as well as land, from the date of the Exchange of these ratifications of the present treaty; that is to say, in 15 days after for Europe, and the Seas that wash her Coast, and those of africa, on this side the Equator, 40 days after the said Exchange

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4th. Exchange for the countries and seas of america and africa on the this side of the Equator, and six months afterwards for the countries and seas situated to the Eastward of the Cape of good Hope.

3rd The Port, Cities, places, or all their territorial possessions, of either of the two contracting powers, in whatever part of the world, they may be, which should be found, occupied or conquered by the armies of the other, shall be reciprocally restored without any equation of Compensation and indemnification, and that, in the time fixed by the preceding articles.

4 Her most faithful Majesty engages to observe on her part, the most exact neutrality between the republic and the other Belligerent powers, a similar neutrality shall be observed by the french Republic in case of Rupture between Portugal, and other powers of Europe, in consequence, neither of the contracting powers in the course

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7th. course of the present War can furnish to the Enemies of the other, in Virtue of any treaty, or Stipulation whatsoever, / patent or Secret / any Succors in troops, Vessels, arms, Ammunition of War, provisions, or Money, under any title, or under any denomination whatever —

5th. Her most faithful Majesty cannot admit, together, in her principal Ports more than Six armed Ships of War belonging to any of the Belligerent Nations, nor more than three in her Small ports, neither the prizes made by their respective Ships of War, or Privateers, nor the Privateers themselves can be received excepting in case of tempest, and imminent danger, in the ports of her most faithful Majesty, they shall go out of them immedi= =ately the danger is over, all sale of Captured Merchandize and Vessels shall be vigorously prohibited, the french Republic will do the Same with respect to Ships of War, Privateers, or Prizes belonging to the powers of Europe, with whom Her most faithful Majesty may go to War. —

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17.th 6.th The most faithful Majesty Recognizes — by the present treaty, that all the Countries — situated to the North of the Limits hereafter designated, belonging in full right and Soveriegnty to the French Republic, renouncing in as much as it may be necessary, as well for herself as for her Successors, and having cause, to all Rights to which She could pretend to the — said Countries, under whatever title it may be, and especially in Virtue of the 8.th Article of the treaty, concluded at Utrecht the 11.th April 1713, reciprocally, the French Republic recognizes — that all the Countries Situate to the South of the said line, belong to Her most faithful Majesty in Conformity to the said treaty of Utrecht. —

7.th The limits between the two Guianas, French and Portugese, will be determined by the River called by the Portugese Calmine, and by the French de Vincent Pinson, which throws itself into the ocean above the Cape Nord, about two degrees and one half of Southern Latitude,

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47th Latitude - they will follow the said River as far as its Source, afterwards on a Straith line down between the said Source towards the West unto Rio Blanco.

Y.e The Mouths, as well as the whole Course of the said River Calumêne or de St Vincent Pinson, shall belong in full right and Sovereignty to the French Republic, without however the Subjects of her most faithful Majesty in the environs, to the South of the said River, being molested in the free use of it, or subjected to any charge, customs, at its mouth, during its course, or in its Waters.

Q.e The subjects of her most faithful Majesty who shall find themselves established to the North of the line of frontier above designated shall be free to stay there, on subjecting themselves to the Laws of the Republic, or to retire in transporting their property and effects and alienating the landed property which they shall establish to belong to them, the facility of relieving themselves, in disposing of their Goods, moveable, and immoveable,

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is reciprocally reserved to the French who
should find themselves within to the south of the
said line of Frontier, the exercise of the said
facility is limited for the one as well as for
the other to two years, to reckon from the
Ratifications of the present treaty

It shall be negotiated and concluded
as soon as possible, between the two powers,
a treaty of commerce founded upon an
equitable basis and reciprocally advantageous,
in the mean while, it is agreed 1st that
the Commercial Relations shall be re-
established, immediately after the Exchange
of the Ratifications, and that the Citizens
or Subjects of the one of the two powers shall
enjoy in the State of the other of all the
Rights, immunities and prerogatives, which
are enjoyed by the most favored Nations:
2d that the produce, and Merchandizes, of
their Soil, and Manufactures shall be re-
respectively admitted, of the produce and

Merchandize

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57th Merchandizes analogous of other Nations are, or become so hereafter, and that the said & produce and Merchandizes shall not be & subjected to any prohibition that does not equally extend to the produce and Merchandizes analogous imported by other Nations. 3rd That nevertheless the French republic not being able to offer to Portugal, more than at end for her Wines, & infinitely inferior, and which cannot compen= =sate the introduction of French Cloths, into that Kingdom, things shall remain improcally, for these two articles, in their present state, 4th That the duties of Customs, and others, & upon the produce and Merchandize of the Soil, and Manufactures of the two powers & shall be reciprocally Regulated and established upon the same footing as are those of the & most favored Nations & upon the Customs to be established, those shall be allowed on both points a demineration in favor of & Merchandizes

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7th

Merchandize coming from the Manufactures and Soil of the States of each of the two powers, provided they be imported on the National Ships, laden on account of the Merchants, or who belong to them, and consigned direct from the ports in Europe of the one, to the ports in Europe of the other, the quantum of it's respective denomination, as well as the bills of it's Merchandize, to which it is applied, shall be regulated by the treaty of Commerce to be concluded between the two powers.

True Copy

/Signed/ W.L. Pearson
Lieut.

To the Honble Edward Saunders Esqr.
acting President in Council

Fort St George

Hon'ble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter dated 13th Instant.

From the Committee for investigating the charges against Andy Sarrain - the Evidence of one only Hindoo not considered of material importance.

Having

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Ft.

Having enquired of Mr. Montague the nature of the evidence he expects to derive from Anabooty Koorneall, I have to report the opinion of the Committee, that the evidence of the above person does not appear to be of Material importance in the Investigation.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c.
(Signed) B. Close

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Sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mr. B. No 44 & 45.—

To the Commander of the Ship Helen

To Captain Seton—accepting his offer to convey the 52d Regiment to Cochin for 2000 Pagodas—desiring him to receive onboard for Negapatam a proportion of Stores belonging to the 12th Regiment.—

To the Military Board

To Military Board—desiring them to send onboard the Helen 3 Weeks provisions for the 52d Regiment ordered to Cochin.—

Received

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B.K

Received the undermentioned letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52.

From Mr. Roebuck - forwarding

From Military Paymaster General a letter from Captain O'Reilly advising of his having taken charge of the Pay Department at Columbo at the request of Captain Kingston.

From Major General Floyd

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the army forwarding an application from Mons.r Pouliquey prisoner of War at Karical to proceed to Columbo

From Mr. Balmain - shall afford

From the Collector of Managoody every assistance in embarking on Colonel Torrens's Battalion at Tope Tory

From Captain Seton - requests

From the Commander of the Ship Helen to be allowed at the same Rate of the diet of the Officers on board the Helen as was paid the Commanders of Ships on the late expedition.

From Mr. Roebuck - forwards an

From the Military Paymaster Genral application from Mr. George Buchan to receive a Monthly allowance for Stationary instead of receiving it from the public Stores.

From

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18th

From Major General Bridges—

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

advising of the 4th Bengal Regiment having begun its March toward Ganjam

From Board of Revenue—desiring

From the Revenue Board

to know the prices at which the Clothing for the Revenue Battalion is to be furnished by the Clothing Contractor

Sent the following letters

19th

To Captain John Malcolm

To Captain Malcolm—appointing him Secretary to a Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the late Mutiny at the Mount.

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Vice President in Council at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint you Secretary to a Board of Officers, of which Major General Ross is President, for the purpose of certain enquiries regarding the late Mutiny at St. Thomas's Mount.

I am &c &c

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(Signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

To

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To Major General Geils

Commanding at St. Thomas's Mount

To Major General Geils directing him to attend the Summons of a Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the late Mutiny at the Mount if required, and to cause the attendance of any other person under his Command whom they may think necessary

Sir,

The Vice President in Council having judged it expedient to appoint a Board of Officers consisting of Major General Ross, Lieutenant Colonels Richardson, Campbell, Robertson and Close, for the purpose of certain enquiries in regard to the late Mutiny of the Artillery under your command, & is pleased to direct that you yourself & attend the Board if required, and cause the attendance of all such other persons under your Command, as they may find it necessary to call upon.

I am &c. &c.

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19th January 1798

(Signed) J. Webbe Dep. Sec.t to Govt.

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19th

To Lieutenant General Harris

President & the Members of the

Military Board

To Military Board
direct that the
whole of the Ordnance
at the Present may
be lodged in the fort
and the quantity
required for practice
issued daily, their
report desired upon
the state of the
Barrack Stores
and Ticknopoly

Gentlemen,

Having judged it expedient to remand into Store at the Arsenal all the Ordnance at the Present not required for practice, the Vice President in Council directs me to desire, that the whole of the ammunition at present in that Cantonment may be immediately lodged in the fort and that you will report as soon as this may have been completed.

Such quantity of ammunition as may hereafter be required for field practice the Vice President in Council desires, may be issued in proportions equal to daily consumption and not more.

The

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The Vice President in Council having Resolved that the Body of Artillery now Cantoned at St. Thomas's Mount shall be divided and Separated directs me to desire you will Report without delay the state of the Barracks at Arnee and Trichinopoly

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

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19th January 1798

To Lieutenant William Blackburn

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Vice President in Council has been pleased to appoint you a Member of the Committee consisting of Captain Macaulay and Mr. George Read for enquiring into the circumstances of a treacherous correspondence imputed to Andy Nairain

To Lieutenant Blackburn - appointing him a Member of the Committee to investigate the charges against Andy Nairain -

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I am &c &c
(Signed) Webbe Secy to Govt.

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To Captain Macaulay
&
Mr George Read

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for investigating the Charges against Lieutenant Blackburn &c. informing them that Lieutenant Blackburn has been appointed a Member in the room of Colonel Close

I am directed to acquaint you, that the Vice President in Council having urgent occasion for the services of Lieutenant Colonel Close has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant William Blackburn a Member of your Committee in his room

I am &c.

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19th January 1798

(Signed) Webbe Secy to Govt

20th Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mr B. No. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57.—

From Mr Roebuck— forwarding a Statement of Advances made by the Garrison Storekeeper for Victualling and for draft & Carriage Bullocks for October, November, December, and January

From the military Paymaster General

From Ditto— with an additional Estimate of Cash for the Current Month

From

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Do.

From Bengal - advising of leave having been given to Doctor Roxburgh to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his health. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

To Captain Leton - desiring &c. him to convey to Negapatam some &c. Convalescent Men of the 12th Regiment - and informing him that an allowance of one Pagoda p day for the diet of the &c. Officer to be embarked on board will be paid by the Bombay Government. —

To the Commander of the Ship Helen

To Major General Lydenham - desiring that an enclosed Bill of the Military Storekeepers may be passed for payment if correct - and informing him that Captain Caldwell the &c. Engineer at Masulipatam, is also &c. appointed Superintendant of Tank &c. Repairs. —

To the Military Auditor General

Dispatched.

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Dispatched the undermentioned

letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 58. 59.—

To Mr. Connolly— desiring him

To the Superintendant the Lunatic Hospital — to admit a Lascar belonging to the 2d

Battalion 2d. Regiment Native Infantry

into the Lunatic Hospital.—

To Major General Oxenham

To the Military Auditor General — referring an additional Estimate of 11

Cash required by the Paymaster General

Received the undermentioned letters

23d entered in Mr. B. Nos. 60. 61. 62.—

From Captain Forbes— advising

From the Commandant at Vellore — having detained a French Gentleman, named

Le Fancheur —

From Major General Oxenham

forwarding his Audit on the Accounts of the

From the Military Auditor General — Paymaster to the Kings Troops, and of the

paymaster to the Kings Troops in Ceylon

from 25th October to 24th November 1797.

and a Reaudit on the accounts of the

Paymaster in Ceylon, from 25th March

to 24th April.—

From

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From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck - forwarding his General Estimate for February

Sent the following Letter. —

To Major General Ross
& Lieutenant Colonels Richardson
Robertson
Campbell
Close

To the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the Mutiny at the Mount respecting them that General Gill has been ordered to attend at their Board if required and to cause the attendance of any person under his Command — application to be made to Government should it be necessary for them to cause the attendance of any particular person

Gentlemen,

Inclosed I have the honor to transmit to you Copy of instructions sent to Major General Gills to attend your Board, if required, and to cause the attendance of such other persons under his Command as you may find it necessary to call upon. —

The Vice President in Council desires you will point out any person, without the limits of Major General Gill's Command, on whom you may wish to call for information, and he will cause them to attend your Summons. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

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Att

Fort St. George 23rd January 1798.

At a consultation

Present

Tuesday 23rd January 1798

Edward Saunders Esqr acting President

Lieutenant General Harris

& Ernst William Tallofield Esqr.

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

absent on a Voyage to Ceylon

Minutes of last Consultation Read

and approved.

Read the following letters from

Poonah and Hyderabad.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, copy of my letter of the 8th Instant to the assistant at Hyderabad, & Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.

Being authorized by the Bombay Government to draw on your Honble Board for

From assistant Resident at Poona Regoba Bhonsla enter his sentiments conjecture respecting his intentions enclosed Copy of his letter to Captain Kirkpatrick.

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for about fifty thousand /50,000/ Rupees, on account of the Agent for Naval Supplies, at 7 Ds. your Letter of Credit of 3rd July 1795, in favor of Lieutenants Montgomery; I have the honor to advise your Lordship, that I shall probably draw on you for that Amount in a day or two: I have the honor to be &c &c &c

/ Signed / J. Webbe

Poona
22d December 1797.

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant at Hydrabad.

Sir,

Page 1. I have already had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant, to which I now proceed to reply as briefly as possible.

2 Indiscussing the following important subjects, whether, or not, and in what degree, the "British power in India has danger to apprehend, "now, or soon, from Tippoo or the French jointly, or "Separately, with, or without, the cooperation of the "Courts of Poona and Hydrabad or both" I feel it my duty to glance at the circumstance, that the

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the Intelligence on this subject, which reaches us from Hydrabad may be suspected of coming through some Native Channels interested and insidious, my Motive for noticing which, was, that such Intelligence should be received by us with considerable reservation since if implicit Credit were given thereto, we should be subjected to incessant alarm or solicitude very embarassing, Vexatious and prejudicial, a caution, useful also on another principle, lest, when real danger as might hereafter approach, we might treat it with too much slight, from our experience of the alarm, in which we have been incessantly kept these eighteen months past, having proved to be without any Solid foundation

2 This opinion, or, if you please, suspicion, is founded on the circumstance of alarming Rumours of danger to us from Tippoo and the French jointly or Separately continues with, sometimes without, the cooperation of the Court of Hydrabad,- having been incessantly in Circulation in your Matter for these Eighteen Months past, and still continuing.

Through

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though we have, during the whole of that period, 4c
enjoyed the most perfect tranquillity with a fair
prospect of its continuance, this incontrovertible
fact, so strongly in point, precludes any occasion
for my descending to the supererogatory and invidious
task of canvassing minutely the conduct of your
Court on of your secret intelligencer, which would,
indeed, be paying but an ill Compliment to
that zeal, address, and industry, which, on all
occasions particularly in the 10th paragraph
of my letter to you of the 17th October last, I
have not been backward in admitting, that
your Residency possesses in an eminent
degree.

4th The interestedness of your Court must
be allowed to be not only general, but a
venial offence, could it be abstracted from its
insidiousness and to show that I am not singular
in my idea of its interestedness and insidiousness,
which it behoves us particularly to Scrutinize
and guard against, I beg leave, waiving Reference
to Similar Sentiments, on the part of Lord
Cornwallis, Sir John Shore, Sir Charles Malet,
Sir John Kennaway, or Major Kirkpatrick,

to

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to quote your own words, from the 2.d paragraph
of your letter to the Governor General of late
as the 5.th October last, a Court (that is Hyderabad)
that would not scruple, I fear, if it's interests were
in the least degree at stake, to take advantage
of that (the Company's) very rectified (which it is
sufficiently sensible of) to promote its own
insidious purposes" permit me to Combine
this passage, with Majr Kirkpatrick's Suspicions,
quoted by you in the 3.rd paragraph of your
Letter of the 7.th instant, and with the 2.d
paragraph of the Governor Generals instructions
to you of the 18.th September last" It is further
obvious, that the Minister might avail
himself of the discovery of your Secret channels
of Intelligence for the purpose of misleading
you.

5.th Had these judicious and salutary
Sentiments been allowed more weight than
they have been, and been more frequently
adverted to, in the course of the Correspondence
of your Residency, it would have been unnecessary
for me to have glanced at the Circumstance
of the interestedness and insidiousness of the Court of
Hyderabad

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Hydradad for an opposition of which you were
call upon me, but finding that alarming
Rumours of danger to us still continue afloat in
your quarter, notwithstanding the authentic &
intelligence of Security to us against Tippoo and
the French, through the respectable Channel
of the Committee of the Bombay Government
in Malabar, it might have been deemed culpable
and prejudicial Slight or Supineness, to continue to
receive implicitly the alarming Rumour of Danger
to us from your quarter, Silence on which
might have been construed into tacit acquie-
=scence, of which, in the very same instance,
you have availed yourself with respect to the
Governor General, in the Concluding part of
the 11th Paragraph of your Letter of the 7th
Instant.

6 We have now to admire the stupendous
Superstructure that has been raised, of a
French embassy and thousands of French Troops
on the Simple Circumstance of a Bottella with
about a dozen French men on board, which
happened to be alone by Accident, on the
Malabar Coast and was Compelled, from the

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the want of the Necessaries of life, to put into Mangalore, whence some of these Frenchmen have preferred throwing themselves on our Mercy to remaining with their potent and faithfull ally the Sultaun.

7.th My Object in these discussions is the extrication of truth from a mass of Mystery, interestedness, and insidiousness, in promotion of the public welfare, if my ideas have the merit of Correctness, or probable Correctness, I am fully Satisfied, and willingly waive the Merit, if Merit it be in the present case, of Originality, to the more solid gratification of Coincidence of Sentiment, with the Respectable authorities Mentioned in the 4.th Paragraph of this Letter

8.th That the Court of Hyderabad is extremely Solicitous to form a close connection with the British power in India, is fully admitted; and the advisableness, or otherwise, of acceding thereto, has been Amply discussed, which renders it unnecessary to say any thing on the Subject in this place.

Admitting

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I Admitting the authenticity of the particu-
lar of Meedeen Lahebs introduction at the
Court of Hydrabad mentioned in your 7th Paragraph
I beg to submit to you how far his being an
accredited Agent of Tippoo is reconcilable to the
following Circumstances, among many others which
might be adduced. That the audience of the Nizam
which he has been incessantly and urgently
soliciting for at least these twelve months past,
has been inattainable, That in his Correspondence
with Tippoo he applied for a draft of what he is
to write to Imtiaz ud Dowla, a relation of
Nizam ally and one of the Noble and Offices of
the Court of Hydrabad, That his intercourse
with Azim ul omra, Imtiaz ud Dowla &c.
whether in person, by writing, or by Message, is
carried on in a clandestine manner, nay, even
to the extent of the following Speech, being put
into the mouth of Azim ul omrah at their
Meeting on the 31st October last, as detailed in a
Note to you from Syed Fullah Khan, making
enclosure of your address to the Governor General
of 10th November, "If the English Vakeel were to
become

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"become acquainted with your present visit to
"me, it would give him great jealousy, notwith-
"standing it is so customary in the Moorla, for
"people to visit each other." The Lieutenant though
he at times assures Medina Saheb that he
will support his negotiation with his whole
force has, for many months past, repeatedly
recalled him, ordering him to come away
by stealth, if he cannot obtain his dismission,
yet is he still kept at Hyderabad and his chief
characteristic, as far as we can discern it,
seems to be, an object of alarm to us, these
points are established by the Communications
either of your Court or of your Secret intelligence
If authentic, do they not show that the
affair of Medena Saheb is enveloped in
mysteriousness, if not authentic, do they not
show that the intelligence in Circulation
in your quarter, should be received with
considerable reservation, nor are the pretended
Missions of Succaram Pundit, and of Hadir
Hussein as far as they may be considered,
worthy

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I Admitting the authenticity of the particulars of Meeanee Saheb's introduction at the Court of Hydrabad mentioned in your 7th Paragraph I beg to submit to you how far his being an accredited Agent of Tippoo is reconcilable to the following Circumstances, among many others which might be adduced. That the audience of the Nizam which he has been incessantly and urgently soliciting for at least these twelve months past, has been unattainable, That in his Correspondence with Tippoo he applies for a draft of what he is to write to Lutteef ud Dowla, a Relation of the Nizam ally and one of the Noble and Officers of the Court of Hydrabad, That his intercourse with Azim ul Omra, Lutteef ud Dowla &c. &c. whether in person, by writing, or by Message, is carried on in a clandestine manner, nay, even to the extent of the following Speech, being put into the mouth of Azim ul Omrah at their Meeting on the 31st October last, as detailed in a Note to you from Syed Fullah Khan, enclosing an enclosure of your address to the Governor General of 10th November, "If the English Vakeel now to become

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considerable reservation, nor are the pretended
Missions of Succaram Pundit, and of Khadir
Hussein as far as they may be considered,
worthy

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worthy our notice, less involved in Mystery, ever since the peace of Seringapatam; in February 92, the affair of Kurnool has been a conspicuous and important object for discussion between the Court of Hyderabad and Seringapatam; yet has it been, if at all, quite a Secondary object according to our intelligence in the negociations at Hyderabad of Lukhaman Pundit, Kadir Hussein, and Medina Saheb, while their grand Object is pretended to have been of a nature inveterately inimical to us.

10th In alluding, in my letter to you of the 25th Ultimo, to the Court of Hyderabad having again had recourse to the expedient of calling upon Tippoo in the Name of the allies for an explanation of his Military preparations my object was palpably to shew the solicitude of this Court respecting Tippoo's force collected at Gooty threatening Kurnool. That Tippoo was not actually called upon on the Second occasion, is too well known to require Remark, as is likewise the cause thereof.

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thereof, Viz.t The removal of that solicitude in
the Court of Hydrabad on the withdrawal
of the Troops in question from Gooty though
the affair had proceeded to the extremity of
the Governor General, having actually written
a letter to Tippoo on the subject, at the
earnest Request of the Court of Hydrabad,
and which there is every Reason to conclude
would have been sent to Tippoo but for the
withdrawal of the Troops from Gooty at the
period in question, if, as you at the time
surmised, these Troops were withdrawn
from Gooty, for the purpose of an attack
on the English possessions, it ought to
have been, with us, the strongest
argument for calling upon Tippoo for an
explanation; but this was not an object
with the Court of Hydrabad the Security
of Kurnool being their ground, if not sole,
object, on this point, and on several others
in your letter, which I forbear the invidious
task of recapitulating, had you put a more

liberal

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liberal construction on the Spirit of my observations, you could have saved yourself the trouble, and me the pain, of so flew laying me with misstatement and misapplication, while you have not yourself refrained from misquotation, particularly in the 10th Paragraph.—

" although I have not attempted a minute reply, paragraph by paragraph, to your letter of the 7th Instant, it will, I trust, appear from the above, that nothing Material has been omitted, and that the observations, which I felt it my duty, to submit to you, on the following points, are not totally unfounded Viz. the insidious-ness and interestedness of some parts at least of the Conduct of the Court of Hydrabad towards us that the affair of Medina or Madras Saheb, is enveloped in Mysteriousness. That the existence in your quarter for eighteen months past inexplicably,

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of alarming Rumours of danger to us from
Tippoo and the French notwithstanding the
perfect tranquillity we have enjoyed during
the whole of that period, and the present
favorable prospect of its continuance, should
indeed us for the future to receive the
Rumours on this Subject in your quarter
with Considerable reservation

P.S. In the course of these discussions,
some new light, acceptable to our Superiors,
should be cast upon the important subjects
involved in them, we shall, at least, have
the satisfaction to reflect, that they have
not been altogether in Vain - They will,
however, I trust, be for the present closed,
for while desirous of Sparing you and our
Superiors further trouble, the approaching
close of my political Career, by the
arrival here of Colonel Palmer, renders it,
on my part, indespensable, and it's no less
my duty, than my earnest wish, to deliver
over the Residency to him, with as little
encumbrance as possible.

I
Have

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13th Since Writing the above, observing, from a perusal of your letter, that two points of some consequence remain still unreplied to, I must Reluctantly trouble you with a few lines more.—

14 If Mr Raymond be as you surmise, in the habit of fabricating or exaggerating certain Articles of intelligence in your quarter, does it not afford additional proof of the reasonableness with which the rumours in your quarter should be received by us.—

15 Among the prejudicial effects of the alarming rumours of danger to us might be adduced the assembly of a large Army of observation last year in the Camatic which, if not actually carried into execution, was, I know, at least, in the Serious contemplation of our Government, such a measure might have been attended with many ill Consequences, and would, at least, have involved us in considerable expence and inconvenience indispensable and politic, no doubt, had the

Rumours

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Rumours in question, been authentic, but which
affords an additional proof of the impatance
of receiving such Rumours with great Reserva=
=tion and detecting their fallacy.—

16th I have the Honor to enclose Copy of
my address of this date to the Governor
General.— and to be &c &c &c

Poona / Signed / J Uhthoff

18th December 1797

P.S. I shall furnish the Presidencies of
Fort St. George and Bombay with Copy of this Letter

True Copy

/ Signed / J Uhthoff

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff
to the Governor General, dated Poona 22d
December 1797.—

My latest intelligence from
Nagpore intimates, that on the 8th instant
Raggoo Bhonsla entered his tents in that
Neighbourhood, the object of which, I have not
been able to ascertain, but conjecture furnishes
the following, a Religious excursion to Chanda,
which for some time past is said to have

been

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been in agitation, the expedition against Guzra
Mundelaz, though, indeed, it is rumoured, that
Mittul Pundit's destination to that quarter
has been Countermanded a meeting with
Azim ul Omrah, which has occasionally been
talked of a Movement in Concert with the
Court of Hydrabad and Nanna Furnavese &
against the Poonah party - The state of
Parties warrants this latter conjecture, which
is some what corroborated by intelligence that
has reached me, through two different Channels,
of it's being the intention of the Court of
Hydrabad to assemble a force in the
Darore Quarter, I cannot at present pretend
to say which of these conjectures is the best
founded.

I have been offered a Lack of
Rupees, at a Primium of five p Cent for
my Bills on Madras, by a Merchant
here, who tells me, that he has lately
received from Madras two Lacks of Rupees
worth of Manaar pearls, and that Pearls
from

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from that quarter to the Amount of fifty Lacs of Rupees have arrived here within these last six Months, which is somewhat corroborated by the great demand here for Bills of Exchange on Madras, some of which have been Negociated at from ten to fifteen p.Cent Premium, and the high Rate of Madras Pagodas, being now at 4/4 Poona Sicca Rupees each.

Abbamonade has Commenced between the fort of Cotabba, and Lindea's Troops attached to Baboo Row Angria

True Extract

(Signed) J. Webbe Jr.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lords,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters of the 13th and 14th instant, enclosing intelligence from the Mysore Country, and Copies and translations of the letters from Baajy Row and Nana Furnavees, announcing the accession of the former to the Peshwaship, with your Lordship's answers thereto, the latter of which shall be duly delivered, in the usual Manner agreeably

From Assistant Resident at Poona - advises having drawn Rs 1500. Rugoji Bhonsla attempts to intimidate the Fort of Gunamundella pending Lindeas Troops against Cotabba disputes between Hafiz Row Hulker and his cousin Bapoo. the Vakeel of the Nabob of Kurnool has an audience with Nana Furnavees.

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agreeably to what I had the honor to intimate to your Lordship in my address of the 22d instant, I have remitted to the Bombay Government, fifteen thousand five hundred /15,500/ Rupees, at a premium of five p.cent in the Honble Company's favor, & Copies of the Bills of exchange that I may draw, on this Account, on your Lordship, in Council, shall be regularly transmitted for your information, The bankers there required my bills being drawn at eight days sight, but I have adopted fifteen, as agreeably to the precedent of some precedent negotiations, in which I was engaged for Lieutenant Forbes, the base Agent at Hydrabad, about the Middle of the year 1795.

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordship's information, extracts of my two last addresses to the Governor

General

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General, and to be. — Ff.o Ff.o

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29th December
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/Signed/ L. Ukthoff

P.S. The Bills of Exchange that I have remitted to Bombay are payable at eight days sight. —

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

My Lord,

At fifteen days sight of this my first Bill of Exchange, Second and third of the same Tenor and date not paid, please to pay, or cause to be paid, to Gopaul dass Vijonchund, or his order, the Sum of Ten thousand Rupees /10000/ Value received from Munordass Dewar= =hadass, as p.d advice from, My Lord Ff.a Ff.a

/Signed/ L. Ukthoff

Poona
28th December 1797.

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

My Lord,

This is purposely to advise you, that agreeably to my letter to Lord Hobart of the 22d Instant, I have this day drawn on you, in favor of Gopaul dass Vijonchund, or order, for ten thousand Rupees /10000/ for Ten thousand five hundred /10,500/

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/10500/ Rupees, Received from Munordass &
Dewarkadass, at the rate of 105 at Bombay
for 100 at Madras, for the use of the
Bombay Government, on account of Agent
for horse purchases, as p your letter of Credit
of 3rd July 1795, on the Bombay Government,
in favor of Lieutenant H: C: Montgomery

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
/ Signed / I Whitehill

Poona
24th December 1797.

True Copie
/ Signed / I Whitehill

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

My Lord,

This is purposely to advise you that
agreeably to my letter to Lord Hobart of the 22d Instant,
I have this day drawn on you in favor of Mr
Mahomed Hussein Levanjee, or order, for five thousand
/5000/ Rupees, for five thousand two hundred and fifty
/5250/ Rupees, Received from Hyder Bhye, at the rate of
105 at Bombay, for 100 at Madras, for the use of
the Bombay Government, on account of agent for
horse purchases, as p your Letter of Credit of 3rd July
1795, on the Bombay Government, in favor of Lieutenant
H.C: Montgomery

I have the Honor to be &c &c
/ Signed / I Whitehill

Poona
29th December 1797.

True Copies
/ Signed / I Whitehill

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lords,

At fifteen days sight of this my first Bill of Exchange, Second and third of the same tenor and date not paid, please to pay, or cause to be paid, to Mohommed Hussain Levanjee, or his order, the Sum of Rs five thousand (5,000) Rupees, value received from Hyder Ryhe, as p advice from.

W.a W.a

(Signd) J Ukthoff

Poona

29th December 1797.

Extract of a letter from Mr. Johan Ukthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 25th December 1797.

Colonel Palmer advises me, under date the 7th Instant, from Jaunsi, that it was his intention to prosecute his Journey towards Poona the ensuing day, by the route of Saugur

I understand that Ragoje Bhonsla moves backwards and forwards between his place of Residence in the Town of Nagpore, and his Tents pitched in the Neighbourhood, and that his object, in this appearance of taking the field,

is

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is to overawe the present Occupant of the Fort of Guura Mundela, into the Surrender of that place.

Sindea's Troops attached to Baboo Row Angria have taken the Town of Ally Bang, near Colabba, by a Assault, and it is expected that they will gain further Advantages, over Loy Sing's Party

Extract of another letter from the same to the Same, dated Poona 29th December 1797.

My last Intelligence from Nagpore intimates, that Military preparations were still on foot in that quarter, the object of which was thought to be Guura Mundela, toward which place, some of Ragoje Bhonsla's Irregulars had been before detached, and had met with some Check, about the 15th Instant, arrived within a few Cose of Nagpore the Prince Mozuffer Bahadr, who for some years Resided at Gardone as a Pensioner of the Peshwa's. Ragoje Bhonsla has sent a Complementary Deputation to wait upon his Highness.

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On the 17th Instant Doulut Row Lindea paid a Visit to Nanna Furnavees, when a private Consultation took place, at which were present, besides those two Personages, abba Selokur, Dada Gujra, Bannaje Kuzra, Jadoo Row Bhasker, and Colonel Catielho Filoa

Some Dissensions have arisen between Kasi Row Holkar and his Cousin Baptoo, the former wishing to retain the old Ministers and officers of his late Father Tukoje, and the latter being desirous to introduce new ones, now immediately dependant on himself, the Lindean party have great influence in these dispensions, and shone a disposition to support those, who are likely to pay the most for their continuance.

Khanjeh Mahomed Khan, the Vakul of the Nawaub of Kurnoul, had his first audience of Nanna Furnavees yesterday, to which he was introduced by Govind Pinglah.

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I have just received, by the way
of Bancote from Mr Gotthal, a letter &
dated Goa 20th Instant, advising the &
particulars of the disturbance in &
Tippoo's Country, between Bednore and
Carwar, and that the French Vessel, &
which has been so long lying at &
Mangalore, is now Cruising between that
place and Baticola, commanded by Mr
Ripaud, who was lately at Seringapatam.
Copy of Mr Gothal's letter shall be &
forwarded by next post.

The best Intelligence that
I have been able to collect respecting &
Cotobba, is, that from the period of the
Capture of ally Bough and the Town
of Cotabba till Yesterday, nothing very
Material had occurred there.

True Extracts
(Signed) J Webbe

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord,

From assistant Resident at Poonah - Nanna Furnavese siezed and detained in Scindias Camp

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that Nanna Furnavees, in being this afternoon on a Visit to Doulet Row Sindea, has been seized and detained in his Camp, and Dada Gupa, abba Lelohee, and Bujaba Lenolekur, are said to be confined with him.

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

Poona
11th December 1797.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

From assistant Resident at Poona - further intelligence respecting the seizure of Nana Furnavese by Scindia - encloses Copy of Scindias letter to them on the occasion - and Copy of Intelligence received from Goa respecting the disturbances in Tippoo's Country near Canara, and the two French privateers

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose, for your Lordships' information, Copy of my address of this date to the Governor General.

and to be &c &c &c
(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Poona
16th January 1798.

To

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To the Honble Sir John Shore Bart.
Governor General
For William

Honble Sir,

1st I was Yesterday preparing a full repre-
=sentation to you, in my address No III on the
subject of the differences between Baboo Sow-
anjeea, and the present occupants of Ma-
Colabba, to be transmitted by this post; but
the Leizure of Nanna Furnavees yesterday
afternoon by Doulut Row Sindea, induced me
to desist, and I have since been employed in
endeavouring, amidst the confusions in this
quarter, to Collect, for your information, some
authentic intelligence on the latter momen-
=tous subject, I shall therefore defer the
dispatch of my address No III till the next
Conveyance.

2d You will have collected, Honble Sir,
from the 9th and 10th Paragraphs of my address
of the 29th Ultimo, that how much reason
to expect, that in a few days Nanna Furnavees
would pay a Visit to Doulut Row Sindea, in
Return for his of the 7th this was, on various
[illegible]

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pretences, put off till the 31st, on the morning of
which day, Nanna again sent an excuse, which
he at length waved, in consequence, it is said, of re-
writings of reassurance from Doulut Row Sin-
dea and Colonel Catielho Filose, accordingly,
in the afternoon, he proceeded, with between
one and two thousand attendants, to the Camp
of Doulut Row Sindea, who received him, in
the usual, respectful manner, at the entrance
of his place of Residence, and after being seated
for some time, they removed to another apart-
-ment, for the purpose, as was pretended, of
private Consultation, when the following
persons were present, Doulut Row Sindea, and,
on his part, Colonel Filose, Bannajee Huzra,
Bikram Chella, Dukhurjee Gaurwah, and mer-
-chand ally, Nanna Furnavasee, and, on his
part, Dada Guzra, abba Lelokur, Bujaba
Lorolekur, Rago Punt, Gorobola, Sunkar Josey,
and the Brother of Doonda Pundit of Loghur-
-shotly after, Doulut Row, on some pretence,
withdrew, when Colonel Filose's Infantry
Surrounded the place of meeting, and about

Twenty

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twenty of Doulut Row's people rushed into the apartment, in which Nanna was, and securing him and his adherents, stripped them, it is said, not only of all their Jewels, but even of most of their clothes, Sindias troops then began a General attack on Nanna's attendants, who were presently, without making scarcely any defence, plun= =dered, killed, wounded, or dispersed, large bodies of Sindias troops were immediately sent into Poona, and plundered almost every person who came in their way. — A few houses also have been plundered Several of the Arabs, in Nanna's Service got possession of some houses in Town, & from which they have occasionally kept up an irregular fire on Sindias' troops to the present period

3rd All accounts agree, that Colonel Wilcox, of whose Mediatory Negociations, between Nanna and Doulut Row, for these three weeks past, you have been fully advised, has had the Chief management of this affair, which is assumed, but cannot yet

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yet pretend to say with what truth, to have been conducted with the assent of Baaji Row and Imrut Row; and Govind Rispen and Govind Pinglek, also, are said to have been engaged therein.

4th Two or three small Tents have been pitched this Morning in Doulut Row Sindia's Camp, for the accommodation of Nanna Purnavees, apart from his adherents, who were seized with him, and who are also still in confinement.

5th I understand that Doulut Row Sindea last night dispatched instructions, in various directions, for securing the persons and property of Nanna's adherents.

6th I have already, through four different Channels, endeavoured to convey to you Intelligence of Nanna's Seizure, but am not without apprehension that some, if not all, of them may miscarry, so numerous have been the guards in all quarters, in this neighbourhood, and so strict have they been in Stopping persons of all descriptions.

7th I enclose the Seizure of Balaw Pantea, the prime Minister of Doulut Row Sindea, in

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in October 1796, his associate, Ladawa Malhar
Bhow Bakshy, though residing in Doulet
Row's Camp, has been much out of favor as
with his Master, who, within these three or
four days, has placed a guard over him,
with a Requisition of Seven Lacks of Rupees
P.S. Since writing the above, I have received
from Gunpet Roy, Colonel Palmer's agent at
the Lindean Durbar, letters to the address
of Sir Charles Malet and myself, from
Doulet Row, who delivered them in person
to Gunpet Roy, Translation of the letter to me
is enclosed.—

9.th I understand that appa Balwant,
Baba Surkia, Govind Kipsen, Govin Pinglah, and
Mhadoo Row Ramchunder, repaired last
night to the Peshwa's palace in Town, where
they still continue,— and that Doulet Row
has entrusted to Mr. Drugeon, who Commands
Colonel Perron's Brigade here, to have a
Settlement with the Arabs, who are in
Arms in Town.—

10.th I have the honor to enclose Copy of
Mr. Gochal's letter, mentioned in the 16.th
Paragraph

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Paragraph of my last address. The disturbances in Tippoo's Country, between Bednore and Carwar, are those alluded to in my addresses of the 18th November and 1st December, for an account of the particulars of which, I had applied to Mr Gotthals.

No communication whatever has yet been made to me, respecting Nanna's seizure, either by the Peshwa, Ismael Row, or Moro Pundit.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/Signed/ Duthoff

Poona
1st January 1798.

P.S. 10 A.M. I find that my letters, mentioned in the 6th paragraph, were stopped and detained by Sindea's people, till this afternoon, when, on ascertaining their being mine, they were immediately permitted to proceed.

I learn that Baboo Row's party have got possession of the fort of Huraghur, and that the present occupants of Cotabba are reduced to a very low ebb.

True Copy
/Signed/ Duthoff

Translation

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Translation of a letter from Doulath Row Scindea to Mr. Joshua Ukthoff, without date, and received, through Gunput Roy, on the 1st. of January 1798.—

After Compliments—

Nanna Furnavees, following the bent of his own inclination, contrary to the wishes of Sreemunt Behadar, the Peshwa Baapjy Row, and acting improperly, and in opposition, has caused great dissatisfaction to his highness, in consequence of which, the said Nanna has, agreeably to the order of Sreemunt, been seized and confined, considering the union of the States, the Company and the Marrattas, and that there is not any difference between them, this is communicated for your information, and a letter, to the same purport, addressed to Sir Charles Warre Malet Bart. has been written, and is sent to that friend, Mr. Ukthoff, which is requested may be transmitted to Bombay without delay.—

True Translation

(Signed) J Ukthoff

Charles.

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Charles Watkins Esqr.

Bancole

Dear Sir,

Your favors of 30th November and
1st Instant, both came to hand on the 7th ins.
Instant, and I detained the boat, in hopes of
some Intelligence from Seringapatam that
my people from Mangalore promised me
by the first boat, but on their arrival, &
which was yesterday, I did not receive any,
and suspect that the man, sent on that
expedition, must have been sick or &
detained

The disturbance you mention
as having lately broke out somewhere about
Canara, is of a very old date, but now in-
creasing to a point that may, perhaps, be
of some serious Consequence to Tippoo

Five years ago, a man called
Engynick, in Tippoo's Service, deserted with
about 50 Sepoys, and by his Activity and
Temerity, took possession of several small
Villages, and the province and fort of Soopa,
of which he called himself King - at present

He

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he has about three thousand Sepoys, and as he took all treasure &c out of the Lak Pagodas, he think of taking the fort of Sadasiwgheen or Carwar, and it is the more particular, as Tippoo knows nothing of these disturbances,- Engyonick has requested the assistance of all the Pirates, promising a large Reward if he takes the fort of Carwar, and two days ago, I received Intelligence, that a few Gallivats of Bhonsolo's * have landed people near Batacole †, and set fire to a few of Villages; some say, the Marrattas have promised to send their Fleet to assist him on that Expedition, and as he professes Money, perhaps he will find some assistance, and may be very troublesome to Tippoo if he takes the Fort of Carwar

From Mangalore I have received Intelligence, that the French Vessel is Cruizing from Mangalore to Batacole, ‡ and had plundered already several Patamar Boats; the Commander called Repaud came from Seringapatam with Seven more Frenchmen, to replace those who ran away with the Money, Tippoo made a present to Repaud of Chouries † Umbrellas

the

* either the Raja of Kolapore / the Chief the Malwers / or the Usurpe of Sawant warre (Raiau) both of whom are Surnamed Bhonsla

† In all probability Batacole near more. -

‡ as above

§ Repaud

† Chouri :

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the which he sold before he arrived at Mangalore – his stock he was provided with by a French Sloop, which touched at Mangalore about two Months ago

The Vessel has 18 Guns, 6 of about three Pounders, and 6 about one Pounder, 15 Europeans, and 15 Lascars, or Lepoys, and is does not sail very fast, and Rapaw told a Chinaman, that the first English Ship he met, without considering the Size, he will try to Surprize, and set fire to the Merchts / Mauritius. – I remain &c. &c.

Goa
26th December 1797

/ Signed / J. B. Gaethals

True Copy
/ Signed / Mkthos

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

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship, that I have received a very friendly Communication from Baaji Row and Ismael Row, avowing the Peshwa's Sanction to the Seizure of Nanna Furnavees by Doulat Rao Scindea, on the 28th Ultimo, and professing the most perfect Amity toward the Company

I am assistant Resident at Poona conjecture on the consequence likely to ensue from Nanna Furnavees has not been able to answer for the Remainder of the 10th Paragraph relating to the Portuguese town in Bombay – the Peshwah owns the Sanction to Nanna Seizure.

In

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For your Lordships further information,
I have the Honor to enclose extract of my address
of this date to the Governor General and to
Poona
5th January 1798

I have &c &c
/Signed/ Josh Wkthoff

Extract of a letter from Mr Joshua Wkthoff to
the Governor General, dated Poona 5th January 1798

As far as I can yet presume to form
my opinion on the subject, it appears to me,
that the present order of things is not by any
means calculated to ensure a happy and perma-
-nent Settlement of the affairs, of the Maratta
Empire - The Peshwa and his Brothers without
wealth or force or the cooperation of any
Maratta Chief of material weight or influence,
are more immediately dependant than ever on
the Scindeah party who, on the exercise of their
power will probably be imperious and insatiable
while the present order of things is likely to
excite the Jealousy and ill will at least of the
Nizam Rajoje Bhonsla and ally Berander,
and the Conduct of all concerned in the late
distractions in the Maratta empire has been
such as effectually to preclude any confidence whatever
in them. —

The

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The late confusion here, and particularly the Countenance of the Arabs in arms in Town, have for the present put an entire Stop to all business of a Mercantile or banking nature, which has precluded my supplying the Bombay Government with any more Money on the Account of Madras Presidency, as mentioned in the 8th paragraph of my address of the 29th Ultimo, a further obstacle to which, may be expected, from the establishment of the 12 P Cent loan in Bombay, which, by occasioning a great demand for Money at Bombay, will probably render the terms of Remittance to that place very unfavorable for us, The abolition of the 9 P Cent loan, and the establishment of that at 12 P Cent, having taken place before my Remittance of the Lak of Rupees, the property of a Maratta subject, Mentioned in the 7th Paragraph of my address of the 29th Ultimo could reach Bombay, I apprehend it will be deemed advisable to admit the Remittance in question to a participation in the benefits of the 12 P Cent loan,

though

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though the proprietor had acquiesced in subscribing it to the loan of 9 p% Cent, such a Supererogatory act of liberality will also be likely to have an influence favorable to us.—

On the afternoon of the 4th Instant the Peishwa, Chimna appa, and Sumut Row, paid a Visit to Doulet Row Sindia, at his Camp in this Neighbourhood, when a long private Consultation took place between them.—

From the view that I have hitherto taken of the subject, it does not at present appear to me, that the Siege of Nanna Furnavese involves consequences so inimical or Materially prejudicial to us however much the Turpitude of the Act may justly excite abhorrence.—

I have &c. The Accommodation with the Arabs in Loon is still in Suspense.—

True Extract

(Signd) J Malcolm

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

From assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Major Grant and Colonel Hyndeman respecting the Kummumunmait Detachment.

Sir,

I have with enclose for the notice of the Right Honble the President in Council, in further continuation of my Correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Hyndeman, on the subject of the Kummumunmait Detachment, a Copy of his letter to me of this date, and of my Reply to the same.

Hyderabad
the 3rd January 1798

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) D. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

To
Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident
Hyderabad

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you, that I have this day Received from Major Grant, a copy of a his Letter to you of the 31st Ult., as also a present state of his Detachment of the same date — at that time nearly two thirds of the Detachment was sick, and from situation, there is no room to hope the remainder left, will

on

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on the Contrary a very great increase is to be feared.—

I cannot help again urging your in the most strenuous terms to have this unserviceable Detachment recalled immediately from a Situation where nothing can be expected to be performed by it, and that it is only sporting with the lives of the men to keep it there longer— I now with your authority for sending off the Elephants of the Detachment, the Bullocks of the public Department, Store Carts, and all other Modes of Conveyance I can devise, to help in the sick of this ruined Detachment, and this day it is my intention to write to the Commander in Chief, who will take the opinion of the Honble the Governor General in Council, how far it may be warrantable for me, in future, to object to Detachments being sent into such unhealthy Situations.—

I have the Honor to be,
Sir
Your
[Signed] H: Wyndham Lt Col
Comdg Hyd: Detach:

Camp near
Hyderabad
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True Copy
[Signed] J: A: Kirkpatrick
aDC

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of this date, and to acquaint you
that I this day received from Major Grant the
one you allude to, and by which I learn with
great Concern, that the Sickness of his party
is daily increasing- I cannot but highly approve
of the expedient proposed by you for conveying the
sick of that Officer's Detachment, to the Salubrious
air of Hydrabad, you will of course therefore lose
no time in sending off the Public Carriage and
draft Cattle for the purpose

You were duly apprized of my having
signified to Major Grant, on the 31st Ulto that
he was at liberty to move to the distance of
nine or ten Cos from Rheenonemmiah in the
Mungaul or any other direction within his
Highness the Nizam's Territories, and although
existing circumstances will not admit of my
proceeding beyond a certain point with this
Durbar, the absolute recall of that Officers
Detachment,

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Detachment, yet you may rest assured, that this is an object in consequence of it's reduced state, and the unhealthiness of the present season, I have much at heart, and to which my efforts shall continued as far as may be expedient or proper, to be directed to the re-attainment of.—

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) A. K. Kirkpatrick
Aft.

Hydrabad
3rd January 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) A. K. Kirkpatrick
Aft.

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

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honble the President in Council, in continuation of my Correspondence with Major Grant, on the subject of the Khummumunnait Detachment, Copy of his letter to me of the 31st Ult.o and of my Reply to the same of the 3rd Instant,- also Extract from my address to the Governor General under date the 2nd Instant.-

From assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Colonel Kirkman and Major Grant and an account of his Conversation with Mustakeem ud Dowlah on the subject of the Khummumnait or Detachment.—

I am &c.a &c.a
(Signed) A. K. Kirkpatrick
Aft.
Captain

Hydrabad
4th January 1798

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Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick

acting Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

The very deplorable condition to w.
which the Detachment under my Command
is reduced, when compared with the very favourable
State in which it arrived here, is so very distressing
to me, that I find myself, unable to express my
feelings in terms adequate to the occasion, I find
myself at last Reduced to the absolute necessity
of depending on you for assistance for the convey=
ance of the vast number of sick, from the
Arrival I am afraid I shall get little or none
and people I had sent to Mungaul Returned
Yesterday evening with the unpleasant informa=
=tion, that no bearers could be procured there=
=fore my letter of the 16th Instant, which I
mentioned the sick present to be one hundred
and Twenty four Commissioned, Non Commissioned
Officers, and Sepoys, the increase has been Six ty
two, making now sick present / exclusive of
Convalescents / two hundred and Thirty seven
Native Officers and Sepoys, this immense increase

out

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part of the few who are now fit for duty, will
I am of opinion in a few days reduce the
Detachment so much, as hardly to leave men
sufficient to mount the Guards and Rear Guards,
the Camp followers of every discription are I am
sorry to say increasing in Sickness, in the same
progressive proportion with the Troops, no officer
in Camp has more than one or two Servants
that are not ill, under these circumstances I
deem it a duty incumbent on me no longer to
delay the reporting the Detachment under
my Command as entirely unfit for any Service
whatever, and I am also of opinion that the
Separating the sick from the few who are well,
will be attended with fatal Consequences to a
great Number, as I conceive that in their
present helpless state no change of air will
compensate for the kindness and attention
which they now receive from their brother
Sepoys, who with the greatest chearfulness
watch them in the most menial and
disagreeable offices, I therefore most earnestly
intreat that you will use your utmost
endeavours to procure the Recall of the

Detachment

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Detachments, and also that you will as soon as possible send as many bearers as is practicable to be obtained at Hydrabad, I am of opinion that should our March Commence immediately, Doolies would be required for the Conveyance of near two hundred men, I am aware that so great a Number could not be easily procured; but a Considerable Number of those whose fevers have not been particularly Violent, might be conveyed in Hackeries - I am sorry to inform you that Lieutenant Whitehead died on the 29th Instant, and that the Doctor has no hopes of the Recovery of the Quarter Master Sejeant, all the European Artillery Men are in the Sick list, and Mr Smiths illness is increasing so fast, that he is only waiting the arrival of Mr Bentflower to admit of his Repairing to Hydrabad, Lieutenant & Fireworker Richards is also waiting for Bearers for the same purpose - as I do imagine I shall not be able to move above two or three Cos in a day, I conceive it will

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will be requisite to have Supplies laid in
on the Road, the greatest part of the
Bazar people being ill.

Camp
Kummeumsmith
31. December 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Lieut. Grant Major
Comm.d the Detach.t

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Aid.t

Major J. Grant
Commanding the Khemmeumsmait Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter of the 31st Ult.o conveying to me the lamentable
Account of the increasing Sickness in the
Detachment under your Command, and the
very Melancholy one of the decease of Lieutenant
Whitehead

You may depend upon it that my
endeavours shall not be wanting to obtain
if possible the Recall of your Detachment
to Hyderabad, I trust however, that in the
mean time you will find some Relief from
the Change of Situation towards Mungaul, and
I have to desire that you will report to me
as

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as soon as possible, the nature of the Soil and Climate, of the new position you may occupy

I yesterday directed Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman to send off with as little delay as possible, the whole of the public Elephants, and Carriages to your Quarter, for the purpose of transporting your Sick - It occurs to me, that the Sooner they are sent to head Quarters the better, but of this, you and Mr Botellower will of course be the best judges.

I shall not fail to attend as far as may be in my power to your Suggestion as regarding Supplies for the use of your Detachment, in the event of my Succeeding in my endeavours to prevail on His Highness the Nizam to consent to its' proceeding hither, My application for which to Dowlah to join you, had not yet been Complied with, though as I conceive this to be an object of some consequence - particularly from the difficulty which the sickness of so many of your Bazar People, must lay you under, on the article of Supplies, I propose, still persevering in it.

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / J. A. Kirkpatrick
Sec.t

Hyderabad
1st January 1798

a true Copy
/ Signed / J. A. Kirkpatrick
Sec.t

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Captain A. Kirkpatrick Resident to the Hon^ble the Governor General dated Hydrabad 5. January 1798

"S.^r after opening Mustahum ud Doulah that my best endeavors should not be wanting to fulfill as soon as possible Azim ul Omrahs expectations, I took this opportunity of describing personally to Him the deplorable Condition to which the Hyderonnoonnaiks Detachment was reduced in so short a period of time, by the extreme unhealthiness of the climate of that place, and having just received a letter from Major Grant of the 3.^d Batt.^n announcing to me the melancholy intelligence of the death of Lieutenant Whitehead, and reporting his Detachment as unfit for any Service whatever, I mentioned these Circumstances to him, and gave him at the same time to understand, that I had it in Serious Contemplation to apply to the Minister for its Recall altogether to Hydrabad - To this he said Azim ul Omrah would

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would have strong objections unless I should agree to relieve it by another of equal force, since Zeinul abdeen had already given proof of the utility of it's presence in those parts, by a Remittance of half a Lack of Rupees, and a prospect of much more, which, even the Detach= =ment to be recalled altogether from thence, he could never be able to realize - Mustakeem ul Doulah added, that during the whole time Mr. Raymond's Troops were in that District, no Complaints had been heard of its unhealthiness, and concluded by asking me if some of the Company's Districts were not equally unhealthy with Khummumunnaik, and if their Troops did not in Spite of the Numerous Casualties they expe= =rienced remain in them, when it was judged necessary they should do so, for the service of the State?"

"I replied to all this by observing, that the bare proposal to relieve the present Crippled Detachment by an equal number of healthy men, would be so unreasonable - not to say inhuman a one, as I was convinced, would never

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never be made by Agimoel Omrah - that such a
Relief would be imminently hazarding for the sake
of a very inadequate benefit, the health of an
additional Number of Valuable men whose lives
ought to be equally precious to that state as to the
Company; whose immediate Servants they were -
That the decrease which would by such means
occur in the efficiency of the Hydrabad Detachment,
ought of itself alone to be a matter of serious consider-
ation to the Minister - That whether Complaints
had or had not been made by Mr Raymond, on the
subject of the unhealthiness of Khummumonaick, it
was not the less certain that his Troops had
severely experienced the baneful effects of Lt Major
Grant upon his first arrival in that district -
having fallen in with one of that Trenchonah
Corps, which out of Six hundred, had three hundred
sick - That the Company had no doubt some very
unhealthy Districts in their Territories, but that
their Troops were never employed in them, except
in case of great emergency, and withdrawn the
Moment such emergency ceased, and sometimes
even before, when sickness, as in the present in-
stance, compelled them to such a Step."

Yours

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"10.th My discourse seemed to have some effect upon Mustahum ud Doulah, as upon my Concluding it, after entreating me first to accept the Detachment to make a trial of the air in the Vicinity of Mungaul, he allowed that if it was not found to answer the effect of restoring the Sick to health, or of preventing at least further Sickness, I could not do less for the sake of Humanity alone, &c. than press urgently the Recall of it hither — as it will in all probability be unavoidably necessary for Major Grant to wait some time in the vicinity of Mungaul for the arrival of Conveyance for his Sick, and as during that time he will be able to form a judgement of the Climate in those parts, I thought it &c. advisable in consideration of these &c. Circumstances, to appear to yield to &c. Mustahum ud Doulah's Suggestion."

A true Extract

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Asst.

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J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 9th. Instant.

I have duly communicated to Lieutenant Colonel Wyndham, the Right Honble the President in Council's determination on the subject of his application for occasional leave of absence to Masulipatam.

I beg you will assure the Right Honble the President in Council, that I shall not fail to pay due attention to his provisional recommendation for the recall of the Rhummunmuth Detachment, and in the mean time I have the honor to transmit for his notice, copy of my last Letter to Major Grant, by which his Lordship will perceive, that I have already made some progress towards the eventual attainment of the object.

I take it for granted, though not particularly so specified, that the Assistant Surgeon Mentioned in Major De Havilland's

Letter

I am apprehensive that the recall of the Rhummunmuth Detachment to Hyderabad will in hopes of obtaining the recall of the Rhummunmuth Detachment to Hyderabad about or Dinlah also for Mungul, will endeavour to get information of the desertion from the Mounted Regiment

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letter as having written from hence to a Sergeant of his Majesty's 52nd Regiment of two Deserters from that Corps being at Hydrabad, in himself, as well as the Deserters in question, in the service of Mr. Raymond; at all events, I shall endeavor to find out Plattner for the purpose alluded to in your letter, and propose making known to you as soon as possible, for the information of his Lordship in Council, the result of my Inquiries - if that person has, as I suppose, taken service with Mr. Raymond, it is not unlikely but he may have left this with the Detachment under Mr. Piron, which marched lately from hence towards Gudwaul. -

I am
Sir
Your Most
Obedt Servt
Signed A. K. Kirkpatrick
Aste.
Major

Hydrabad
7th January 1798

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Major L. Grant
Commanding the Khammammait Detachment

Sir,

I have at length obtained his Highness the Nizams Consent for a Kafel ala Dowlah to proceed and join you, and I trust you will find him of great service in promoting the regular Supply of your Detachment with all the requisite articles of consumption — I have further the pleasure to acquaint you, that I am not without hope of obtaining the recall of your Detachment to Hydrabad, should you after a short trial of the air in the Vicinity of Mungaul be of opinion, that such entire recall of it is still an object, in the attainment of which, the good of the

Service

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Service is essentially concerned.

Hydrabad
5th January 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) A. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

A true Copy
(Signed) A. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

To
J Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

From Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with information of the force having set out from Seringapatam for Guddy

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, an Extract of Communication from a Secret Agent of Major Kirkpatrick and the

Hydrabad
13th January 1798.

&c &c
(Signed) A. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract

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Extract of a Communication from a Mr. Kirkpatrick Lieut. Agent of Capt. Read to the Govt. dated January 1798.

Medina Saheb desiring my Visit gave me to understand, that a force consisting of three thousand horse, and five thousand Infantry with Guns, had set out from Seringapatam on its way to Gooty, and had already reached Kungoondah on its way thither.

A true Extract

(Signed) J. K. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Minute of the Board on the foregoing letter

Ordered that the receipt of the foregoing Letters be acknowledged, and that Mr. Kirkpatrick be requested to continue to address this Government regularly of the Events that may arise out of the present political State of the Maratta Empire.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General.

Edward Saunders Esqr.
Vice President in Council
Fort St. George

From Auditor General forwards a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Fraser on the subject of a Retrenchment for a Writer, Dubash, and Native Interpreter, when in Command of Trincomale.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter with its enclosure from Lieutenant Colonel Fraser of this Majesty's 72d. Regiment on the subject of Retrenchments made of pay drawn by him for a Writer, Dubash, and Native Interpreter at Trincomale from the month of august 1796 to the month of January 1797 inclusive, amounting to Pagodas 120 — I have been induced to dispense in this case with the prescribed Mode of communication thro' the Paymaster, for the Reason expressed in Lieutenant Colonel Fraser's letter, and altho' I have not considered myself warranted in admitting this charge without

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Extract of a Communication from a Lieut Agent of Capt. Kirkpatrick Recieved the 30th January 1798.

Medina Saheb desiring my Visit gave me to understand, that a force consisting of three thousand horse, and five thousand Infantry with Guns, had set out from Seringapatam on its way to Gooty, and had already reached Hungoondah on its way thither.

Attest Extract

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Minute of the Board on the foregoing letters

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Read

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without the Sanction of Government, I presume it may be deemed admissible on the grounds of similar allowances having been granted to his Successor in the Command of Trincomalee, by Government's letter of the 19th May 1797, an Extract of which has been transmitted to this Office.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 16th January 1798

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have to hope that you will be satisfied with my Reply to the Accompanying Extract of Retrenchments transmitted to me by Captain Kingston the Paymaster at Trincomalee, and as there may not be sufficient Time

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time to hear from Captain Kingston previous to my embarking for Europe, I have further to request, that you will be pleased to pass the charges, as also the enclosed Bills for the months of February and March 1797, without waiting for the usual form, or should you not consider yourself authorized to do without a reference to Government, I shall be much obliged by your undertaking such steps as may be deemed proper to that effect.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) H. Fraser
Lt. Col. 72d Regt.

Fort St. George
15th January 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) L. Brunton
Dy M. A. G.

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Extract from the Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General from my Disbursements in the Months of February 1797.

Staff Officers

Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Treasurer for 1 Writer at 10 Pagodas p.r Month 1 Dutch and 1 Native Interpreter @ 5 Pagodas p.r Month as for the Months of August, September, October, November, and December 1796 and January 1797 ——— Pagodas 120 " "

Until the authority for Entertaining these people is forwarded to the Office of audit, the amount is

Retrenched ——— 120 " "

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Genl.

(Signed) Strickland Kingston
Paym.r

&c

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The Writer and Interpreters for whom pay is drawn as stated on the other side were entertained by authority of Lieutenant General Stuart then commanding in the Island of Ceylon, and as Lieutenant Colonel Champagne, who succeeded me in the Command of Trincomallee, has been authorized by Government to make a larger charge for the same purpose, it is hoped that the Military Auditor General may be induced to pass the charge

/Signed/ Hc. Fraser
Lt Col. 72d Regiment

In consideration of the circumstance stated by the Military Auditor General it is resolved

Minute thereon

to

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to dispense with the reference demanded from Lieutenant Colonel Fraser on account of a Writer Dubash and a Native Interpreter employed by him while on the Command of a Triticonade.

The Board proceed to take into consideration, and pass the annexed Resolutions, on the different Items referred for their final decision on the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.

Edward

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Edward Saunders Esquire

Vice President in Council

Fort St George

Sir,

Inform Auditor General submit for the decision of Government reference on the subject of Retrenchments against Mess.rs Ridge & Boswell

1 I beg leave to submit for the decision of Government, the inclosed References from Captain Ridge and Mr. Surgeon Boswell, on the subject of Retrenchments standing against them and confirmed on Review

2d I have the honor to report that the necessary communication has been made to Mr. Cochrane, in consequence of the directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 28th ultimo respecting a Balance claimed by him of Madras Pagodas 1,746.15.76 and the sum that may appear due to him shall be adjusted accordingly

I have &c.

Military auditor Generals Office

Fort St George

15th January 1798

(Signed) W Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Attachment 1 from the accounts
Disbursements by Genl Schuyler
Deputy Paymaster at
Fishkill in 1795/6

Mr Biswell's reply

Observations of the military
auditor General

Observations of Government

No 106

Fishkill 23 January 1796

Sir

I have to enclose for your information a Return of the Sums paid Mr Biswell Assistant Surgeon for Monthly & Contingent Expences for the Hospital & for the Carriage of Europe Department existing when and Country Provisions from the the Regulations took place

From 25th July 1795	29.19.-	against Ceylon, and as
Do Do for August	67.-.-	nothing further than
Do Do for September	67.-.-	what immediately related
Do Do for October	67.-.-	to the Treatment of the Sick
Do Do for Novr	67.-.-	in Hospital could be
Do Do for Decr	67.-.-	provided against, while
	364.19.-	the nature of the Service,

Attached in full under this last paragraph of the General order published by Govern-

the Past distribution of the Troops, and the subsequent removals thereof

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remained unknown,
twenty Cook a Man per
Diem additional to the
allowance of the Peace
Establishment, was granted
by the General order
of July the 9th 1795 to
Regimental Surgeons
going on that Service, for
the Provision of the different
articles furnished for the
use of the Sick agreeably
to the existing Regulations.
The accompanying 1st
4th Paragraph has extracted
from those Regulations
of the 4th of December 1793
and now in force contain
all

Returns of the Sick
Disbursements of Mr. Isham Mc
Dowall Paymaster at
Francona[illegible] in 1795/6

Mr. Biswell's reply

Observations of the inspector
and Inspector General

Resolutions of Government

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all the prescribed articles to
be furnished by the Surgeon
for the use of the Sick.
After the Troops were in possession
of the Island and moving from
one district to another an
Establishment of Bodies for
the Carriage of Medicines
agreeably to the accompanying
General order on that subject
and to the usage of all former
field Service was found
indispensibly necessary.—
and in the particular
instance of any appointment
to a Corps of a very detached
nature, as will appear by
the accompanying General
order of the 9th July 1795, the
absolute necessity of such a

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and specified in the
regulations published for that
Service; and for which
purpose this additional
allowance could hardly
be supposed, nor was it
found more than adequate
to the very advanced
price of every article of
Provision, and the difficulty
in procuring Cattle,
Cloathing, Tobacco and
every other necessary
for the Establishment at a
foreign Settlement. I am
aware how strictly every
Contingent Charge is
prohibited by the orders
issued for this Service of

Public Secretary's Office
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Reasons assigned by the Commissioners of Accounts for disallowing certain Charges in the Accounts of Captn. J. Dooley acting Paymaster at Arcot in 1795/6 and 1796/7

Observations of the Military Auditor General

Observations of Government

Captain Ridge's reply thereto

Remarks from the Auditors Office on Captn. Ridge's reply

Charge by Lieutenant now Captain Ridge Commanding at Rampore for a Native Doctor for 8 Months at five Pagodas a month amounting to 65 Pags

The removal of Mr. Assistant Surgeon Phipps from the Stations of Nellore and Rampore in September 1795, having left the Troops in this Garrison without Medical aid, that it could be procured at any convenient distance the Commanding Officer felt averse troubling the Government with a representation of the unfavorable circumstances of the Season, but from the number of people who were daily taken Sick, he deemed it to be expedient to employ a Native Doctor on an allowance of five Pagodas

This charge not being supported by authority should not have been paid by the Paymaster, Pettinched Pagodas 65

Thos. Mechanic Commissioner

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Retrenchments from the amounts Disbursements &c of Captain J Bailey acting Paymaster at Bengale in 1795 & 6 and 1796/7	Captain Bailey to apply for the Observations of the military auditor General	Observations of Government		1797
Ditto – Ditto charges for repairing of arms, there being no artificers attached to the Garrison from may 1796 to April 1797 Page 1 to 51.36	There being no Establishment of artificers attached to this Station or any spare arms & accoutrements in Store, and those of the troops in Garrison requiring frequent repair after the customary Drill and five Days on allowance of three Rupees a month was drawn by the Commanding Officer to reimburse the Expence occasionally incurred in defraying this unavoidable incidental charge and he trusts the Right Honble the Governor in Council will be pleased to order payment for what has been already disbursed on this			
charges of this nature never appeared in the Disbursements of previous to may 1796 and cannot be admitted unless supported by authority. Refunded Page 51.36				

necessary occasion, and to signify his approbation that an adequate monthly allowance may be in future permitted to be drawn for the purpose of keeping the arms & accoutrements of the troops in this Garrison in proper Serviceable order and good condition. The present station of the Corps who furnished the detail being at too great a distance to send the arms &c.a for repair, to the Battalion Store at Guntoor.

(Signed) R Ridge Capt.
Commanding
at Rumfore

Rumfore
3.d August 1777

His Excellencies recommendation approved and confirmed

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To Major General Lyautham
Military auditor General &c &c &c

Sir,

On account of the great delay that would unnecessarily be occasioned in sending the enclosed papers through the regular channel, I hope you will have no objection to receive them directly from myself

I was sorry to find that the reasons which I at first adduced in support of the charge in question were not deemed sufficient to relieve me from the retrenchment - what is now stated in the accompanying reply and Documents from the Medical Board, I trust will be found more satisfactory

as the Medical Board

framed the Regulations for the service on which the retrenched charge was incurred, and were also of course perfectly well acquainted with all the

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The circumstances attending my appoint-
ment, I judged a reference to them
might be of use in forwarding my
claim, their reply to my application
is inclosed; and although it may be
no authority for you on which to
admit the charge, yet it may so far
have a tendency in my favor as it
serves to enforce my own Arguments
and at all events must in some
degree relieve me from the reproach
of having made a false and unnecessary
charge

I have therefore to request,
that you will one more take this
matter into your serious consideration,
and should you not find sufficient
grounds on which to relieve me from
the refund, that you will have the
goodness to lay the whole before Govern-
ment, who I hope will consider my
case entitled to attention. —

I —

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I shall only add that I have ample testimony both in my own breast and elsewhere that neither expence nor trouble was spared by me to fulfil my Department and render it useful on the expedition against Ceylon. —

I have the honor to be,
Gen.l Gen.l

Mount B
Dec.r 23 1797

(Signed) Alex.r Boswell
Surgeon F. Batt.n artillery

(A true Copy)

(Signed) I Brunton
Dep.y m.y

To Doctor James Anderson
Physician General &c.a &c.a Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen

A Detachment having been
made on the Military Auditor Generals
Office

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Sir, of some Charges made by me for the carriage of Medicines while employed on the Expedition against Ceylon - I am induced to submit the Consideration of the whole of this matter to your Board, and to transmit you copies of the Retrenchment, with my reply thereto, and several extracts from General orders in support of the Charge

In addition to what is set forth in my reply to the auditor General, I have only here to observe, that my appointment on that Service being of a much more extensive nature and entirely different from that of any of the other Surgeons, I trust some allowance will be made for my situation in that respect - a Corps Composed of King's and Company's Troops, artillery and Pioneers must from its formation be frequently separated and detached - I being to medicines therefore to the different

Divisions

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pursuing of it requested some established
mode of conveyance which I found it
absolutely necessary to adopt – and the
propriety of which I have no doubt but
your Board will readily admit.

Permit me therefore Gentlemen
to beg the favor of an answer from you
for the information of the auditor General
to the following effect whether the 20 Each
additional granted by the General orders
of the 9th July 1795 for that service was to be
considered in lieu of every other possible
expence, or if so in a general sense
whether in the particular instance
of any appointment the deviation in
question might not be admissible. –

I have the honor to be,

Gen. Gen.

(Signed) Alex. Boswell

Surgeon 1st Batn artillery

Mount
November 23d 1797

– True Copy

(Signed) I Brunton

Dpty mr al

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To Alexandr Boiswell Esqr
Surgeon

Sir, I am directed by the Medical Board to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23d ultimo with its inclosures, and to acquaint you that having taken into consideration the particular circumstances of your Situation as stated in your reply to the Military - Auditor General, and having no doubts but the sum retrenched was actually expended by you on the exigencies of the service, they are of opinion a deviation from the General orders of the 8th July 1795 should be admitted in your favor. -

Fort St George
1st December 1797

I have the honor to be,
&c., &c.,
(Signed) V. Conolley
Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) I Brunton
Depy Jun. Asst

Ordered

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Ordered that a Copy of the audit
with the resolutions of Government
be returned to the Military auditor
General

Read the following Letter from
the Military Board

To Edward Saunders Esqr
acting President in Council
Fort St George

Sir

We have been honored by
the receipt of Government's letter of the
4th Instant, with its Enclosures, and
have in consequence given the necessary
directions for the Sale of the damaged
Grain at the different out Stations:
as also for the distribution of the
Biscuit in Store, with a reservation
of a quantity equal to two months
consumption for five hundred (500) Men
which quantity, We have ordered to be
re-baked, in order to its being rendered
fit

Ordered to be returned with the resolutions of Government

From Military Board a quantity of Biscuit equal to 2 months consumption for 500 Men ordered to be rebaked - report on the application of Captains Hayes and Baker recommend that the Grain be ground for approval in manufacturing Grain that a further allowance be made to the Guard against the 8th Regiment native Cavalry and that rice be issued may be provided

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/ 1st for use when wanted for the purpose
specified by Government

2nd On the subject of Captain
Hayes's address to Government referred
to our consideration with the Letter
abovementioned, We have the honor to re-
port that, in consequence of an
application from Captain Lieutenant
Hamond, transmitted by Colonel
Champagné in the month of August
last, respecting artificers at Trincomalee,
as well in regard to those allotted to the
Store Department, as to those attached
to the Detail of artillery, We determined
after due consideration, that the following
number should be the Establishment for
each, Viz.t

Store Department.

1 Armorer
1 Armourer
2 Carpenters
2 Smiths
2 Hammermen
2 Bellows Boys

1 Chicklader

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1 Blacksmiths
1 Cooper
1 Tinman or Brazier
Detail of Artillery.—
1 Armourer
1 Bellows Boy
1 Chuckler

which latter, is the proportion allowed on the Peace Establishment. for, although the Troops on Ceylon are upon Batta, it does not follow that a War Establishment of Artificers is necessary in that Situation, especially as on application to the Commanding Officer of the Station Captain Hayes would receive assistance from the other Departments for any extra repairs that might be required.

3d As the regulations direct that applications on the subject of artificers for Detachments should be made to the Commanding Officers of Corps, We deem it incumbent to bring to the notice of Government the irregularity

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irregularity of Captain Hayes in troubling them on a matter of this nature, and upon which the Regulations have authorized the over Board to decide.

4th With respect to Captain Darkie's application for Extra allowance during the March of the artillery from Masulipatam to the Ceded, We beg leave to state that, such allowance being confined to Troops employed in the Field, and under special authority, We cannot recommend it being granted on the present occasion.

5th Colonel Gowdie, Commanding at Madurah, having represented to us the necessity for a provision of new Mats and Straw for the preservation of the Grain in Store at that Station: also that a Measuring Man, and Coniscopy, were likewise requisite to assist the Commissioner of Survey in ascertaining the actual quantity thereof, by which an expence to the amount of Pagodas 34: 7 - will be unavoidably incurred, we beg leave to recommend that such

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such expence may be accordingly
authorized.

6th The agent for Cavalry supplies
to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry
having reported to us that the delivery
of the twenty (20) Gares of Grass ordered
to be provided for that Corps has been
completed, We therefore recommend
that the payment of the remaining
moiety of the Cost thereof be authorized
Viz. Six Hundred and thirty (630) Pagodas

7th In consequence of the great
deficiency of Bullocks to supply even the
ordinary demands of the Service We
beg leave to recommend that the Agent
of Supply may be directed to make up
two Hundred (200) conformably to
the established patterns suggested by our
Board on the 6th of February last, and
ordered by Government.

We

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Fort St George
16th January 1798

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Gio. Harris
Patrick Ross
Thomas Gisborne
(Signed) W Sydenham
Jn Richardson
B Ff Close

Minute thereon

Resolved to confirm the opinions of the Military Board on the applications of Captains Hayes and Darke and to point out to the former officer, the irregularity of his conduct in troubling Government on a matter which the Military Board are authorized by the regulations to decide upon.

Resolved to authorize the Paymaster at Madeira to reimburse Colonel Gowdie the expences incurred in the preservation and Measurement of the Grass at that Station, and to direct an advance

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advance of 630 Pagodas to be made to the
agent for Supplies to the 4th Regiment
of Native Cavalry

Resolved also to authorize the
Military Board to give the necessary
orders for the provision of two hundred
Doolies of the last approved pattern

Read the following Letter and
Endorsements from Major General Bridges

Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have to request of you to lay before
Government the enclosed papers addressed
to me by Captain Taylor the Barrack
Master of the northern Division on
the subject of Plans for the European
Barracks; and a proposal to keep
the Temporary Barracks now occupied
by the 2d Division of the 2d E. Regiment
in repair. —

From Major General Bridges forwarding Report from Captain Taylor on the Subject of erecting two additional Quarters for the European Barracks & also a proposal to keep the Temporary Barracks in repair

I have

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I have only to observe that with respect to the Tates, I have caused inquiry to be made, and from the information I have been able to obtain, I have very reason to think that the proposed charge is reasonable –

In regard to the Temporary Barracks they are so constructed that if not constantly attended to, must be in want of frequent repairs, and therefore liable to incur a certain yearly expence.

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

Masulipatam
14th January 1798.

(Signed) Thos. Bridges

To Major General Thomas Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division of the
Army

Sir,

In consequence of a Proposal of mine to the Head Surgeon, and to the Commanding Officer of the 2d. Division 2d. Regiment

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Regiment European Infantry to buy the
effect of Tatties instead of Gunnies as allowed
for the use of the Barracks of the European
Soldiery during the Hot Season in this
Circar, and the evident advantage
resulting there from on a trial of two
years; with the liberal indulgence of
Government in establishing an
allowance for watering them. —
Doctor Anderson, under whose
observation the trial has been made
has addressed to me the accompanying
letter recommending that Tatties be
substituted by the authority of Govern-
ment in lieu of Gunnies. —
In compliance with the recom-
mendation of the Surgeon, I derive much
pleasure in requesting of you Sir, to
forward this letter with the accompanying
Statement and Proposal from me, by
so by them it will appear that a
considerable saving will be made
by adopting this plan. Mr Anderson
Letter

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letter will point out the benefit that has been experienced in the health of the men.

The Statement will shew nearly the present expence incurred in the supply of Greenies and the saving to be made by substituting Tates, with a Proposal from me for the yearly supply of this article - as a satisfaction and probably a necessary Article of Recompence to Government, may I request the favor of you to make inquiery respecting the rates at which I propose to furnish Tates and how far in your opinion they are reasonable or not. -

I have taken the Dimensions of the Tates found to answer best as a guide to me in calculating the rates at which I propose to furnish them - Tates of a less size would cost nearly the like Sum, as the same Materials must be made use of only cut down - Tates of above 10 feet will require very large and strong Materials, consequently the

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The upshaw is greater. –

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10th January 1798

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

(Signed) J Taylor
Barrack Master
northern Division

To Captain John Taylor
Barrack Master

Sir,

The European Soldiers of this
Cantonment having experienced much
benefit with respect to their health
and comfort from the liberal &
conduct of Government in establishing
an allowance for watering the Paths
of their barracks, having had no
casualty, and only one or two men
slightly affected by the hot winds for
these two last seasons – I think it
my duty to recommend that Paths
should

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should be substituted in place of Gunnies all over this district for the Soldiers barracks — and which upon Reduced Ofterns have hitherto been furnished at considerable expence and risk —

The Tatis are in very account preferable to Gunnies for the Soldiers barracks — They afford much better shelter to the men, from the violent winds and dust which prevail during the hot season — They will, I believe, be found less expensive — and it is a well known and established fact, that by watering them, the air is rendered much cooler. —

Masulipatam
9th January 1798

I am
Sir
Your
Most
Obedt
Hble
Servt

(Signed) A Anderson
Surgeon & A E I.

Captain

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Captain John Taylor Barrack Master Proposes to furnish Tatts for the Barracks of the European Regiment Hospital &c. & European Invalid and Pensioners Barracks at the following rates. —

Tatts of 10 Feet square and under including all Repairs 3 Rupees each — being allowed the old Materials — Tatts exceeding 10 Feet in either its length or Breadth 5 Rupees each

New Tatts to be Indented for by the Heads of Corps and Departments on the 1st of March in every year — The Issues to be made on or before the 30th April, when the regular indents will be given to the Barrack Master agreeably to Indent

Observations [Signed] J Taylor
10th January 1798 Barrack Master
Northern Division

Estimate

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Estimate of the average expence between a Gunney Pair Tatt for the Barracks of the European Troops at Masulipatam

For making 1 Pair of Gunney for the Cantonment Barracks 13 Feet 6 Inches by 11.3.				
8 Gunney Pieces at	per Cadi 11.40 each		2	0
2 Bamboos	1 " "		"	2 "
3 Ropes	1.40 "		"	4 40
2 Pins	" 40 "		"	1 "
Gunney Sewers	3 " "		"	6 "
Coolee hire			"	1 40
½ Seer of Twine				2 24 10
The yearly Repair of a Gunney will be on an average.				
2 Pieces of Gunnies		" 23 "		
2 Bamboos		" 2 "		
3 Ropes		" 4.40		
2 Pins		" 1 "		
1 Sewer		" 3 "		
½ Seer of Twine		" 1.43		
	Total fanams 35.3			
That a Gunney lasting 2 years will cost			" " "	3 19 13
a Gunney lasting 3 years				4 12 16
Deduct				
The yearly expence of a Tatt including all expences 10 Feet square as per the Barrack Masters Proposals 3 Ropes 3 years at this rate			" " 4 " " "	224
Saving between a Gunney & a Tatt an average of 3 years			Mrs	1 30 16

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(Signed) J. Taylor
Barrack Master
Northern Division

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Mausulipatam 25th November 1797

The Barrack Master proposes to keep the Temporary Buildings at the Mausulipatam Cantonments in repair for 20 Star Pagodas P Month on the following conditions. –

That he be allowed to Indent on the Collector for Timber and Tiles paying for the same at the regulated price, and that he be occasionally furnished to apply to the Commanding Officer for a few Lascars to assist in flooring the Barracks

The Barrack Master will furnish Carriage, with Black Earth for flooring Soda for the Top of the roof – Bamboo Matts with frames, for Doors and windows Bamboos of all descriptions – Nails and Workmen to use the Tiles. –

The Contract to commence on the 1st of January 1798 and to extend to any Period Government may think proper to fix.

(Signed) I Taylor

Barrack Master

Northern Division.

Approved

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Minute thereon

Ordered That the foregoing Subjects be referred to the consideration of the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal

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

Sir,

From Bengal requesting that 1500 artillery Muskets may be sent there by the first opportunity

The Military Board having referred to the Vice President in Council the great deficiency of Musquetry at this Presidency, and that by the last Returns received from the Military Board at Fort St George there were only 4416 Serviceable artillery Muskets in Store at that Presidency on the 31st of July last, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Indent on Emergency, to be laid before the Right Honble the President in Council with the request of this Government that he will direct its being complied with and that the

Dismbr

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Number of Artillery Lascars (1500) required & may be sent round to Bengal by the earliest opportunity.

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

Fort William
the 25th January 1798

(Signed) John Shore
Sub Sec.y

Ordered to issue instructions to the Military Board to keep the number of Artillery Lascars ordered for, and ready to be forwarded to Calcutta by the first opportunity that may offer

Read a Letter from Major General Ross, of which the following is a Copy

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor in Council

My Lord ..

From Major General Ross enclosing that Captain Wood be ordered by some opportunity to proceed to Calcutta & thence to superintend the repairs at Cawnpore —

The season being now favorable for proceeding the Repairs to the Granary at Arcot,

I beg leave to call your attention to the third Paragraph of Captain Woods Letter to me of the 28th October

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October 1797. which made number 14 of the Reserves I
have the honor to request the Commander in Chief
might submit to your consideration

Whereon you will be pleased to
observe that on acknowledging the receipt of the
order for the Repairs of the Granary at arone I
approved by Government, he declares he thinks
it advisable, to deviate from what he had just
recommended, and proposes another manner of
terminating the Crown of the arch

Under these circumstances, and
from the very satisfactory Manner in which
Captain Wood has carried into execution the orders
now for your consideration, I beg leave to submit
to your Lordship, the propriety of relieving him
by an officer of more experience, or of permitting him
to do the best he can to render the Building
complete holding him responsible for whatever
after expence may be incurred in rendering it
permanent and fit for the reception of Grain,
and as such Building properly executed might
cost

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last a Century, the responsibility should rest with him for at least seven years

I therefore have the honor to lay before you a Letter from Captain Wood of the 4th Instant, and concur with him as to the expediency of sending Lieutenant Colgrave, to superintend the Repairs that are to be made at Amboor, so soon as he can be spared from more pressing duty there

I have the Honor to be
Sir, Your
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer

Fort St George
8th January 1798.

/ A true Copy /
/ signed / George Parry
Dep. Secretary

To Major General Ross
Chief Engineer

Sir

I beg leave to point out to you the necessity of Lieutenant Colgrave being sent to Amboor as my present state of health will not permit of my going thither myself in order to superintend the repairs carrying on at that Station, and it is requisite that some one of a capacity above that of a Mistry should be present on the spot, to prevent further mistakes in repairing the Buildings, the Estimates for which are not included in those proposed by the Military Board, which I am informed has already happened: A Terraced Building of 4 Rooms, termed a Powder Magazine has been repaired, instead of

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I some others, owing to a confusion in the "
numbers, none of which are written upon the "
Doors of the several Buildings, which have "
been numbered in the Estimates in the order
they stood from the Gate, or marlog so, A & B
excluding all such Buildings as were deemed
irreparable, which I apprehend are now shut up still
down by certain numbers in the Storekeeper, or Barrack-
Serjt Lists - Perhaps this may be of less consequence,
as the Building of the unsafe as a Powder Maga- "
zine was very reparable and has only been left "
out in the Estimates, under the Idea that a Bomb
Proof Powder magazine would be constructed in
the room of it, and upon its site - The presence
of a Person who can act according to exigency, is
now the more necessary, as every thing is in
readiness for repairing the Commandants Quarters,
where great care and judgment will be required
in taking out all such Materials as may not
upon uncasing it and opening the Walls, be
found to be perfectly sound, even altho not
particularized in the Estimate, which is a point,
that I think would be unsafe to trust "
entirely to a Maistry, lest he should either "
make the repairs unnecessarily expensive or "
by suffering some bad parts to remain, preju-
dice the whole. - May I request that an "
order to this effect may be given with all "
convenient expedition as Colonel Macpherson
has been in Forts for this fortnight past, to give an
opportunity of commencing the Repairs to his Quarter.
The alteration to the Gate way in the lower Fort will "
likewise require care in the execution, as Lieutenant
Colgrave having projected the alteration, will be best
enabled to carry them into effect. -

I have the honor to be
Sir "" &c.a
(signed) T Wood
Capt. Lt. of Engrs

Annexed
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A true Copy (signed) Robert Rob

A true Copy (signed) George Barnes Secretary &c.

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minute thereon

As the situation in the Crown of the arch of the Granary at arnee, was ordered at the express recommendation of the Military Board, there appears an evident irregularity, on the part of Major General Ross, in communicating directly with Government on this subject. Resolved therefore that the Letter be returned to Major General Ross, and that he be desired to lay before the Military Board any alteration he may wish to propose in the plan originally submitted -

And order to prevent delay in the execution of the repairs ordered to the public Buildings at Amboor it is resolved to appoint Lieutenant Colgrave on this Duty. at the same time to inform Major General Ross that, in future, all recommendations for the appointment of Engineer Officers to the superintendance of works are to be submitted to Government thro' the channel of the Commander in Chief.

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Major General Floyd.

Right Honble the President in Council.

My Lord,

Major Oram having detached two
Companys from the Corps of Details under
his Command to Workapallaig's Pollams,
in consequence of Instructions I received from
Government, upon the application of Mr.
Collector Jackson it became necessary to
send a proportion of Spare ammunition -
application being made to Mr. Paymaster
Hughes and to Mr. Collector Jackson, for
Carriage for the same; but he declined
furnishing it, alledging it belong'd to the
Department of the other - and Major Oram
supplyd the necessary carriage himself.

Cow major General Floyd requests instructions respecting the carriage of spare ammunition belonging to a party detached at Mr Jackson's requisition from major Oram's corps and respecting their Batta

I request your Lordship will be
pleased to decide whether this charge be
referred to the Revenue, or to the Military
Department.

The same question occurs relative
to the Batta of the two Companies stationed
at

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at Workapallaigi Pollasor — and I request, in like manner, your Lordships instructions, trusting that you will be pleased to place this Detachment on your Western most Boundary upon an equal footing with those of Mallore and of Manapar.—

I have the honor to be,
&c., &c.,
(Signed) J. Floyd

Trichenopoly
January 9th 1798

Resolved That the Extraordinaries of the two Companies detached on the requisition of Mr. Jackson be brought to account as a revenue charge, and that Major General Floyd be referred to the General orders of the 10th November 1795 wherein the mode of defraying these charges is particularly defined.

minute thereon

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant M. Fergusson of Engineers.—

To

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To Edward Saunders Esqr &c
Vice - President in Council &c
Fort St George

Sir,

Gives Lieutenant Farquhar claims Pioneer allowance while in the command of Detachments of Pioneers at Malacca.

Having been appointed to the Com-
mand of the Detachment of Pioneers
serving at Malacca by His Excellency
admiral Rainier on the 6th of January
1796. and conceiving that I am entitled
during the time I remained in the
said Command) to the additional pay
drawn by the Officers of that Corps,
under the Head of Pioneer allowance.
Permit me to solicit, that you will
be pleased to take my claims into
consideration; which I trust will not
appear unreasonable nor irregular,
since in all cases, where Infantry
or Artillery Officers &c are ordered to
act with the Corps of Engineers in
the Field they are not only put
on an equal footing with the Officers
of the said Corps in points of allowances
but

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but are permitted to draw an additional Subsistence, whilst so employed, wherein I claim no other indulgence, than what all the Officers of Pioneers now enjoy.

Madras
January 15.th 1798

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) W.m Farquhar
Lieut.t of Engineers

The Board on advertising to the Situation held by Lieutenant Farquhar at Malacca cannot consider him entitled to any extra allowance on account of his having charge of the detail of Pioneers placed under his orders by that Honble Presidency

And the following Letter from the Contractor for clothing the army.

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Sir,

I do myself the honour to inclose my bill for Clothing furnished to a Company of the Wurtemberg Regiment and to Lieutenant

Bobillargeon

from Mr Sutherland
ordering a Bill for
Clothing furnished
a Company of the
Wurtemberg regiment
and some artillery
men & wanted to know
whether they should
inclose also a Bill
for ones Pay Cloth
and an account
for Watch

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Artillerymen received from the Dutch Service which Clothing was furnished upon your Indent and is as I have been given to understand not Chargeable to the Ostrustoning Sums but to the Government

The Vouchers are enclosed and I shall be obliged by your ordering the bill to be paid - another small bill accompanies being for three Mantles boats made up by your order and sent to the Military Board. -

And I have further to request that you will have the Goodness to pass with as little delay as possible the enclosed Indent for Hats they being necessary to compleat my Contract and immediately wanted

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
Obedt Hble
J. Southerland
(Signed) Ag Cloathg Contractor 1796/7

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18th January 1797

Ordered

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Ordered that the Bills above mentioned be referred for examination to the Military Board.

Read the following Letter from the Commandant at Trincomalee and Batticaloa

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Lieut Colonel Champagne on the Subject of the Abstract of this charge for House Rent

I have the honor to send you an Extract of an Retrenchment made by the auditor General on a charge I made for House Rent from April last July, I on any justification I beg leave to observe that till I received the Retrenchment I thought I was perfectly correct in charging House Rent as Commanding Officer as there is not a public Quarter of any discription here that I could live in.—

after being here some time I found the Officers so very much crowded

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crowded and badly lodged I was so distressed at their situation that I gave up my house to the Convalescents (which is the most airy and roomy one in the Fort) and built myself a Bungalow at the Expence of 374 Pagodas with you Sir have the goodness to lay this representation before the Right Honble the President in Council by whose direction I shall be perfectly content. —

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

Trincomalie
January 5th 1798

If his Lordship should think proper to allow me to make the Expence of building any Bungalow a Public charge I then do it out just that the House Rent which I have paid to the 1st Instant 90 Pagodas should be retrenched

Extract

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Extract from the Abstract rendered by the Military Auditor General of Monthly Disbursements for the month of August 1797. –

Garrison Staff Officers –

There is entered Horse Allowance to Lieut.
Colonel Champagné from April to July 1797 inclusive at 10 Pr. per month Pags 40

This is a new Charge, and requires the Sanction of Government previous to its being passed ..... Retrenched .. 40 " "

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily. Auditor General

(A true Extract)

(Signed) C. A Ruddy Captain acting for
Capt. J. Kingston
Paymaster

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

From the Commandant at Malacca inviting leave to raise money for the payment of the Dutch Civil List - Estimate of current Disbursements - and Statements of the Treasury - and last Settlement of the Revenue Farms inclosed - requests an immediate supply of Cash to be sent for the use of the troops

In consequence of a letter addressed to me on the 22d ultimo by Mr Thiedens the Senior Dutch Civil Servant at Malacca stating the very distressed situation to which the greater part of the Dutch Servants were reduced, from having received no Pay since July last - and on a particular inquiry finding Mr Thiedens representations were well founded - but being unable, from the Cash in the Treasury, to discharge their arrear; I deemed it expedient (which I trust will meet with the approbation of his Lordship in Council) to endeavour to alleviate them from their difficulties by applying to the administrators of the Orphans Fund (Knowing they had Cash, belonging to this institution, unemployed) to advance for the use

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use of the Madras Government the Sum of
seven Thousand and fifty Dollars, to be
appropriated solely for paying the Dutch
Servants - and for which I would give an
Receipt in the name of the Madras Govern-
ment (but not bearing Interest) on the
Assurances, that the money would be
repaid, as soon as a sufficient supply
arrived from the Coast - a Copy of my
Letter with the reply of the Administrators -
as also Mr. Hudsons Letter, I herewith send

I have Pitt now the honor of sending
you, to lay before the Right Honble the
President in Council, an Estimate of
Current Monthly Expences, including
Dutch Civil and Military Servants, with
a statement of the Revenue Farms, shewing
the Sums received monthly for each - and
for which they are Rented until the
31st December 1799 -

From the above statement, which
I conceive it a Duty indispensably incumbent
on me to make, I trust his Lordship will
be

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be pleased to take into consideration, the very distressed situation this Garrison and Settlement will soon be placed in, without a considerable supply of Cash from Madras – for the sum of immediately received before Colonel Folsom's Departure / amounting to fifteen Thousand Dollars / affords only a sufficiency of two months Pay / including the Arrears / to the Troops in Garrison – but without enabling him to discharge the arrears of the Dutch Servants – to liquidate which, I was induced to adopt the mode above alluded to – as our only resource in future / after the 1st of January 98) will be the monthly Revenues, which do not amount to one fourth of / including the Commissary of Provisions &c &c charges / of the Establishment – and as there is no exaggeration, in what I have above stated – but plain matter of fact

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Sir, I have reason to presume, that his Lordship in Council will be pleased to grant speedy relief to this Garrison — otherwise the condition of the Troops will be very distressful — as no Credit can be given by the Inhabitants, from the great scarcity of ready money in the Settlement,

Malacca
13th Dec. 1797

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signd D Campbell
Lt Col. Comg.

To The Honourable Colonel David Campbell
Commanding the Fort & Town of Malacca
&c &c &c

Honord Sir,

Urged by a number of such of our Persons, as with their Families have nothing to live upon, than only their monthly pay, and who do declare to me, that their situation dos become more and more distressful since that Subsistance has been stopped

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Stopped. I take this opportunity to remonstrate to your Honour, that at the time this Government having surrendered Admiral Peter Rainier's desired a List to be made out of those Dutch Subjects, which were to remain here, mentioning their former allowances according to which a Salary to them should be limited and regularly paid every month.

That Payments having been strictly made until July last, when it began to cease to a pitiful distress of many, who then addressed themselves to Colonel Folsom for help: and even I myself spoke to that Gentleman on the subject, who assured me, that the Payment had only been stopped a temporary on account of not sufficient Treasure. But that he was expecting some relief daily, and then the full arrears should be discharged. —

Colonel

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On your arrival here there has been a Report that a Sum of money had reached, however no payment to Dutch Servants followed — and since some of the mentioned distressed Dutch Gentlemens Servants have made their own Remonstrances to your Honour themselves with respect to their Dreadful Situation, and received for answer, "That the Cash, lately "arrived, were not Sufficient to pay "off the arrears until a fresh Supply, "undoubtedly soon to be expected, came "to arrive"; I am under necessity to observe to your Honour again the most lamentable Situation of a great number of Families of Dutch Servants here, perhaps well Known to your self, who in reality have not a single income or any thing to live upon, than their Masters pay, and of Course what a Hardship it must be upon them not to receive regularly

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regularly that monthly subsistance. — It would be needless to mention the Their Loss and sufferings of the Inhabitants under such circumstances. — Probably some or other Covetous People will move to play their Games — and cause mischief too tedious to specify, because your Honour will more easily comprehend the dangerous difficulties which the poor were Labour under. — I therefore think it my duty only for the better welfare of this place and its Inhabitants to beg earnestly your Honour will be pleased to try means, whereby the Dutch Servants could recover their arrears and future monthly allowance.

In the year of 1783. and 1784. the Dutch Company has also been short of Cash, which the then existing Government borrowed money from some Individuals and the orphan fund, which has been repaid as soon Treasure had arrived from the Governor General. —

Be

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Be pleased to take into Consideration What I have Stated for the true welfare of this place, because I am most certain and much Sensible of the very great and Serious distress of the poor Inhabitants, Some of which I have already assisted with Cash in consequence of their pitiefull Situation.

I have the honour to be with great Respect.

Yr &c

(Signd) F Theurens

Malacca
22d. November 1797

Translated by
(Signd) J.L. Buggle
Interpreter

To David Ruhde Esqr.
President and administrators of the
orphan Fund at
Malacca

Gentlemen,

I had the honor on the 22d. ultimo to receive a letter from Mr Theurens repeating the extremely distressful state in which

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which many of the Dutch Civil Servants are placed / to whom a monthly allowance had been made by the Madras Government) in consequence of their having received no Pay since July - altho I feel much for their situation, yet I have to assure you, that / in the present state of the Treasury) it is impossible for me to afford them the relief they require / by discharging their arrears) without your assistance - I have therefore to request you would be pleased / from the orphan Funds) to advance for the use of the Madras Government the Sum of Seven Thousand Sixty Dollars for which a Receipt shall be given / not bearing Interest) and the cash repaid as soon as a sufficient supply of money arrives from Madras

I have the honor to be,
Sir, Sir,
(signed) D Campbell
Lt. Col. comg

Malacca
4th December 1797

/ a true Copy /
(signed) D Campbell

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To the Honourable David Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel and Commander
of this Town and Fortress

Honourable Sir,

The managers of the orphan fund, have the Honour to receive your Letter of this day, whereby you desire a Lending of seven thousand and fifty Spanish Dollars without Interest to be repaid on the arrival of Treasure from Madras

The administrators of the orphan fund, being ready to contribute every possible means which lay in their Power for the best and welfare of the Place, have unanimously resolved to advance the said sum of S. Pagodas 7,052 to your order and Receipt, as soon you may be pleased to stipulate the time for that purpose to the President of the College. —

A.t

St Thomas 23d January 1798

At the same time we beg your wise
give us leave to observe, that the former
Government in the year of 1783. having
borrowed money from our Collige &
likewise, has repaid the same with the
usual interest of nine per Cent p.r a
annum: and that we request your
wille consider, that it is not our own,
but the money belonging to orphans,
which we administer.

We have the Honour to be with
great Respect, Sir &c

D. Rudhe
at Helians
G. L. Vilge
J. A. Widerhoft
A. Kock
J. T. Overree &
J. W. Pavonarius
Secy

Malava
4th December 1797

Translated
(Signed) J L Biggle
Interpriter
Estimate

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Estimate of Current Expences Monthly in Malacca and Dutch Civil and Military Servants

To 3 Companies of the 2d Division 1st Regiment			
2 Infantry under the Command of Major Carr	1676 4 60		
Deduct for families for the three Companies	197 " "	1479 4 60	
To 2 Companies of the 1st Division 2nd Regiment			
E Infantry under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Campbell	1550 28 "		
Deduct for families of the two Companies	484 - 21 -	1066 7 "	
To amount of Lieutenant Senstair of the Artillery	561 38 60		
To amount of Laboratory Bill	19 12 "		
	561 8 60		
Deduct for families	92 10 40	468 6020	
To amount of the two Companies of Lascars under the Command of D. Foote	719 420		
Deduct for families for the two Companies	321 22 "	397 2420	
To amount pair Mr Gilbert of the Ordnance Department	226 3 60		
Deduct for families and Rice Hospitage	7 13 "	218 3260	
To Quarter Masters Department of the 2d Division			
1st Regiment European Infantry		59 3140	
To Quarter Masters Department of the 1st Division			
2d Regiment European Infantry	156 19 16		
Deduct for families	66 20 "	89 11 16	
To Malacca Native Troops		357 4060	
To Detachment of Pioneers	202 29 51		
Deduct for families	86 27 "	116 2 51	
To Hospital Department	200 " "		
Deduct for families	108 " "	692 " "	
		4946 15 11	

Carried forward and Stands Recorded

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Brought Forward Star Pagodas — 4946 15 11

To Staff Regiments To Staff To Captain McKenzie	To the Garrison Staff	477 20 "
To the Chaplain		50 " "
To Paymasters' Sascar		16 " "
To Barrack Masters' Bill		250 " "
To arrack Stoppage & Dry Batta Bills		60 " "
To Hospital Bills		200 " "
To Master attendants' Bill		50 " "
To Dutch Slaves		12 " "
To Sundries for the use of the Garrison		20 " "
To Dutch Civil and Military Servants		1012 " "
	Star Pagodas	7093 35 11

Malacca 13th Dec. 1797 (Signed) David Campbell

Lt Colo. Comg

N.B. The Pay of the Paymaster, with his allowances for Servants &c as well as his charge for supplies of Provisions &c, as Commissary are not estimated in the above - but from the Number of Europeans as well as Natives that are

Statement of the Revenue Farms at Malacca shewing the Sum received monthly for each, and for which they are rented until the 31st December 1797

Farm or Impost & Export Duties per month				Spanish Dollars	
Arrack	Salaries	Do	Do	3333	22½
Opium	Do	Do	Do	400	"
Gaming	Do	Do	Do	271	45½
Pork	Do	Do	Do	27	5 "
Betle Leaf	Do	Do	Do	110	56½
				52	34
Amount of the monthly Revenue as per foregoing rented Dollars				4063	23/4

(Signed) D Campbell

Malacca
13th December 1797

Lt Colo Comg

(Signed) D Campbell
Lt Colo Comg

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

From the Commandant of Malacca stating the want of Provisions in consequence of the non arrival of the Supplies ordered to be sent by Lieutenant Kempt

For the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, I beg leave to communicate to you, that in consequence of Lieutenant Kempt, the agent for Transports, not having furnished any Provisions for the use of the Garrison of Malacca, / notwithstanding he had directions to this effect, as appears from your letter to Colonel Folson, under date the 30th August 97,) the Troops are in likely to experience much inconvenience, for there are only four Leaguers of arrack in store, which were all that Captain M.c Horne could safely muster with in the Settlement, When these is expended - I know not what shall be done, as no steps have been left unattempted, to obtain a supply, but without

without effect - Being thus situated, as well as in want of Salt Provisions &c &c &c requisite for such a place, I trust that the Right Honorable the President in Council will deem it expedient to transmit a supply of those articles by an early opportunity. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) D. Campbell
Lt Colonel

Malacca
20th Decr 1797

from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requesting to be relieved from the Command of Malacca in consequence of his ill state of Health

A Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Campbell representing his infirm state of Health and requesting to be relieved from his Command) which has been received

the four last Letters ordered to lay over for Consideration

Ordered that the foregoing Letters do lay over for Consideration

Read the following Letter from Captain Cracroft

To

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To Edward Saunders Esqr.

acting President and Members in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sirs & Sirs,

From Captain Cruickshank relative to the distressed situation of the Nabob's Officers from his Highness's refusal to pay them and requesting the subject may be referred to the Court of Directors

Major Anthony Dupree,
Captain Thomas Smith, Captain
William Smith, and Lieutenant
Cruickshank, of the Nabob of arcots Service,
who had the honor of addressing your
Honble Board in the month of October
last, on by a reference to the papers on
that subject in your possession will
appear, beg leave thro' me, to represent
to your Honble Board, that the Right
Honble the President acquainted me,
that he had written to the Nabob of
arcots on the subject of our complaint,
and that if his Highness neglected to
do us Justice, that the right Honble
the President in Council would be a
pleased to transmit our papers &c. in
the next Packet to the Court of Directors
for

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for their Determination, as we could not be allowed either to have recourse to the Mayors Court of Madrasapatnam, the only Court of Law here, or by our own personal Exertions by any Coercive means oblige the Nabob to do us Justice

The Nabob so far from having in the most Distant manner Evinced any Desire to Comply with the Just requisitions of the Right Honble the President in our favor, has not even answered his public Letter, on that Subject, as soon informed from unidoubted authority, nor will he even take back the note he gave on Mess.rs Lautours and Co. for one Thousand Pagodas in our favor — which was tendered him on Lautours & Co. refusing to pay the same when due. But evinces on all occasions his firm determination to ruin us all, by withholding our just Due, — Our Situation is indeed Lamentable in being so long kept out of our property, and peculiarly distressed for

for the British Subjects and Officers we
cannot avail ourselves of the Opportunity
of purchasing in the King's Regiments
for want of the Cash which is due us
from the Nabob, who is to all Intents &
and purposes a Resident under the
protection of England and the English
Laws, nor procure a temporary Employ
under the Honble East India Company,
Tho' we are at the same time hindered
from having recourse to Law, which
is supposed to be open to all men to the
poor as well as the rich, unless in
the Case of Embassadors which however
the Nabob of credit does not pretend
to be; He is in truth no more than
any other Resident of Madras who
has chuses to reside in the Honble
Companys Jaghire. Tho' he thinks co-
proper to act in Violation of every
tie of honor, or the Laws of the Land which
protects his person. —

I humbly request your Honble
Board, in behalf of myself and as Attorney
to

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to my Brother officers) that you will be pleased to lay over papers before the Court of Directors by the first convt opportunity as the right honble the President is absent. — and I trust your humanity and candor will induce you to make allowances for any expressions in this Letter dictated by the poignancy of feelings of a man accused to forfeit Correspondence, who is thus obliged to lay before your honble Board the heavy Grievances he labours under from the Immunities and Indulgences granted to the Natives of India by the Govern = ment at home, no doubt with the most upright and Virtuous Intentions, but which when so in the present Case they are exerted in favor of a Designing man, may become the Instrument of Scourge of Inhumanity

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J H Cruttenden

Madras
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Minutes thereon

Resolved to notice the situation of Captain Cruickshank, and other officers in His Highness the Nabobs Service similarly situated, in the first Letter to the Honble Court of Directors. —

a Serjeant Major and Native adjutant appointed to the detachment of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment at Trichinopoly

The Commander in Chief proposes that a Serjeant Major and a Native adjutant be allowed to the detachment of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry under Captain R M. Grant at Trichenopoly while it continues to act separately from its Corps, which is now serving on Ceylon.

Approved and ordered accordingly

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter addressed to him by Captain Robertson of His Majestys 76th Regiment

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant General Harris

Sir,

From Captain Robertson claims extra allowance for having charge of some Lascar recruits from Bengal. —

I request you will acquaint the acting President and Council that I was directed by an order of the Supreme Government of the 25th ultimo to take charge of a Detachment of near three hundred Lascar Recruits for this Presidency, which I delivered over here on the 13th Instant. — The allowance to which I consider myself by the Regulations of the service entitled for performing this duty, are, half Batta from the 25th to the 31st of December having drawn only five and half Batta with my Regiment for that month. The difference between Kings and Company's pay from the 1st to the 13th Instant both days inclusive, and the full Batta of my Rank for the same period. —

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I hope if it meets your approbation
you will obtain the sanction of
Government for the payment,
I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.

Madras
19th January

(Signed) Jas Robertson
Captain 76th Regt

inside thereon

Resolved that instructions be
sent to the auditor General to pass
Captain Robertson's Bills, if the
allowances he claims are authorized by
the regulations of this Presidency

Captain Dixo appointed
to take charge of the
horse purchased
by Lieutenant
Montgomery for
the 25th Dragoons
from Cochin to
Trichinopoly

The Commander in Chief
informs the Board that a Lot of
Horses purchased by Lieutenant
Montgomery for His majesty's
25th Dragoons have arrived at
Cochin, and that he wishes to appoint
Brevet Captain Dixo, now on leave
of absence at that Place, to take charge
of

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of the Horse, and proceed with them to Trichinopoly.

The Commander in Chief requested to give him the necessary Instructions.

The Board approve the Commander in Chiefs Suggestion, and request he will send the necessary Instructions to Captain Dixo.

Captain Kiay's Bill for Subsistence &c. of sundry Persons the prisoners & Evidences from Trichinopoly to answer, ordered to be passed for payment.

The Secretary lays before the Board a Bill presented by Captain Kiay for the Subsistence and other Expences of sundry Persons &c. prisoners and evidences Marched down to the Presidency from Trichinopoly under his charge, from the 23d November to the 31st Instant amounting to Pags. 39 & 34 -

Ordered that the Bill be passed for payment.

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The Board proceed to pass the necessary Resolutions on the following proceedings of the Medical Board—

from the medical Board recommend that last year's G.O. on the Subject of Inoculation be republished— propose that Mr. J.C. Jones court be appointed to do Duty with the 8th Regiment native Infantry and Mr. Shuttleworth with the 12th

Resolutions of Government in Council 25th January 1798.

A General order will be published agreeably to the recommendation of the Medical Board— —.

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The great advantages resulting from the practice of Inoculation for the Small Pox since its establishment in 1783 by preventing the appearance of the Disease in the natural way which had, previous to that period, proved a severe scourge to the Troops both in Garrison and in the Field, induces us to recommend at this favorable season that the General Orders of the 10th January last Year upon this subject be republished; and that the different Surgeons be enjoined to report their Progress to the Medical Board.

We

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approved

Do

We recommend that Mr Sand Capn Lieutenant Lancourt Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 8th Regiment Native Infantry and Mr John Robert Sutton Shuttleworth, Acting Assistant Surgeon, to the 12th Regiment Native Infantry

Signed { Jas. Anderson, Physician General
W. Raine, Chief Surgeon
" Hutchison
" Geo. Harris
" Con. Saunders
E. H. Farmer

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Previous to this, in conse=
=quence of Representations from Captain Kirke=
=patrick, that the Air of Khurrumcondah did
not agree with the English Troops stationed
there many of whom had fallen Sick - and
that a removal from thence consequently became
expedient, Mr. Allum was directed to write to
you, to send out some Spot, the Air and Water
of which should be salubrious; and to send
speedy notice thereof hither. — You will
no doubt have understood the purport of Mr.
Allum's Letter. Captain Kirkpatrick has since
pressingly, and reiteratedly represented, that
half of the fighting Men of the Detachment,
with most of the Europeans, and both the
European and Native Doctor, have fallen
Sick. You are therefore by these presents
required, to permit the said Detachment to
move towards Mungaul, to the distance — at
the farthest - of nine, or ten, Cofs from Khurru=
=condah

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Khummummait, to some place within the boundaries of this Sirkar, where the Air, and water, may be wholesome, and which either of you yourself, or the Commanding Officer may make choice of, provided with all, that it be in His Highness the Nizam's Territories. There, the Detachment will take up their quarters, and whenever you may have occasion to call upon them, they will repair to you, in full readiness to execute the Sirkars Business. —

You must provide Major Grant with as many Bearers &c &c &c as he may require, and as you can continue by any means to procure for the transportation of the Sick. — That Officer will pay them their due hire. —

What more need be written?

A true Translate and Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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