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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Statement of the expences incurred at this Presidency on account of the late projected expedition against Manilla.

My Lord,

Agreeably to the directions signified in Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 25th October, and in Mr. Secretary Webb's letter of the 22d November 1797. I have now the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council the enclosed Statement of the expences incurred under this Presidency on account of the projected expedition against Manilla compiled from the Accounts furnished to my Office from the several Departments up to the present date the transmission of which appears to have been unavoidably delayed by the necessary adjustments of the advances made to, with the allowances drawn by the different Corps which returned from Pinang on the 11th December last.

Having thus completed the

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Statements to the latest period, I have reason to believe that it may be considered as exhibiting

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exhibiting nearly the whole of the Expense incurred under this Presidency on account of the Expedition, for altho' some small claims may still be brought forward, yet as the late accounts of the several Paymasters have not been audited it may be fairly concluded that the probable Retrenchments thereon will be about equal to such demands as may hereafter appear chargeable to the same head.

3 In order to render the Statements more clear and satisfactory I have accompanied it by an Appendix detailing the particulars of the Expence in the Pay Department and altho' considerable Sums will be found stated under the Head of Table allowance to the Officers on board Ships, at the rate of one Pagoda per day each, it will of course be understood that during the time the Captains of Ships received that compensation, the Officers themselves were only paid the established allowance of Half Batta agreeably to the Regulations published by Government under date the 28th April 1797. by which the convenience of Individuals was promoted in the same degree as the public Service was facilitated.—

I have the honor to be,
My Lord, &c &c
(signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Auditor General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George
8th February 1798.

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Statement of the Expence incurred under the Presidency of Fort St. George on account of the Expedition against Manilla in 1797/8 compiled from the Accounts furnished to the Office of Audit from the several Departments to the present date —

Vouchers furnished the office of Audit

Pay Department

№ 1	Field allowances to the Troops			30 39 30	
2	Do.	Do.		743 17 69	
3	Do.	Do.		3,713 12 45	
4	Do.	Do. with other charges detailed in the appendix annexed		5390 32 11	
5.6.7.	Do.	Do.	Do.	74382 14 9	
8	Sundry Disbursements as p. Appendix			8262 23 17	92,723 13 21

Provision Department

9	The Amount of Provisions purchased by Mr. J. Brodie Garrison Storekeeper and charges attending the same			78785 21 9	
10 & 11	Deduct therefrom the Amount of Provisions Sold, and of those remaining in the Garrison Storekeeper's possession			20327 19 30	58.458 1 39

Store Department

12	The Amount of Stores furnished by Mr. Wm. Webb Agent of Supplies			14905 10 40	
13	Deduct therefrom the Value of such part thereof as were not issued for the Expedition, or were returned into the Arsenal			12730 9 58	
				2175 " 02	
14	And thereto the deficiency in Military Stores furnished from the Arsenal, which were damaged, lost or expended			409 7 44	2,584 8 20
					Pagodas 153,765 23 6

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
8th February 1798
(Signed) G. Jones Account.t

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

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Appendix

Vouchers furnished the Office of Audit

No 1	Field Allowances to the Troops			
2	Do. Do.		30. 39. 30.	
3	Do. Do.		743 17 69	
4	Paid Mr Griffiths Master Attendant at Pondicherry for Purchase of Water Casks &c		3713 12 45	
	Field allowances to the Troops	980 11 40		
5	To Cash Paid Mr Cochrane for 200 Palasses	4610 20 51	5590 32 11	
	To do " Captain Allan for 2202 Muschoaks	264 36 "		
	To do " do for 490 Tin Pots	367 " "		
	To do " do for 4100 Comblies	161. . "		
	To do " Lieut Col. Wall for Taylor's Works	4139 37 6		
	To do " Mr. A Berry for Country Medicines	5 4 "		
	To do " do do	454 14 "		
	To do " Mr James Call for Boat hire	52 26 54		
	To do " Mr Cochrane for Coolies Supplies Carrying Military Stores	740 40 "		
	To do " Col. W. Gent for Works in the Engineers Department for the Expedition	194 14 "		
	To do " Lieut W. C Montgomery for Forage Supplies for the Cavalry Horses	92. 41 70		
	To do " Lieut I Goldsworthy Commissary of Grain and Provisions for Servants in his Department	474 34 14		
	To do " Mr J Call & Mr R Aherson for Boat hire	1658 " "		
	To do " Messrs Brine. Gordon & Connell for 1200 Bags of Rice	526 11 30		
	To do " Messrs Hunter & Hay for 450 Bags of Rice	417 6 "		
	To do " Messrs Hope aus Reynolds for Empty Casks	521. 35 47		
	To do " Mr H. Bantleman for Iron Hoops and Rivets	70 " "		
	To do. do for wooden Horses and Pointers	348 " "		
	To do " Mr Sherson for Boat hire	29 10 60		
	To Cash Advanced on account of Table allowance for the Officers on board Ship	21 33 20		
	Field allowances to the Troops	4549. 31 40		
6	To Cash Paid Captain Kemph his Salary of 3 Months & half	12,938. 9 24		
	To do " Mr G Jaswell for Tarpauling hire	2100 23 14	34088 33 18	
		938. 28 "		
		" 24 "		
	Carried forward	939 10 "	44,167 9 13	

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	Brought forward	939 10 "	44167 9 13
To Cash Paid Mr A Sutter his Salary for 4 Mos and 12 days		261 15 5 10	
To do Mr Taswell for 35 Naybaries for the Native Troops		104 32 10	
To do Mr G. Taswell for 35 fire places		2,503 8 "	
To do do for 8100 queries		256 2 "	
To do do for 8 Water Tanks		784 5 "	
To do do for Empty Casks		1285 " "	
To do Messrs Kindersley Watts & Co for 90 Empty Casks		1,214 " "	
To do Mr G. Taswell for Stores &c supplied		1,373 18 69	
To do Mr H. Hall his Salary for 4 Months and 16 days		905 28 "	
To do Mr R Sherson for Boat hire		214 25 46	
To Cash Advanced on Account of Table allowances for the Officers on Board the Ship		8180 24 "	
		18,339 14 79	
Find Allowances to the Troops		12863 17 69	31202 32 68
7 To Cash Paid Mr Bd Lloyd for 87 Candies of Flour		2610 " "	
To do Mr Cochrane for Water Casks, Dell and Kunnijees		3,734 34 29	
To do Mr R Sherson for Boat hire		175 33 "	
To Do Mr L Gibson for Servants		552 177 54	
To Cash Advanced on Account of Table Allowances for the Officers on Board Ship		1462 " "	
		8,538 35 3	
Find allowances to the Troops		551 39 "	9090 32 3
8 To Cash paid Mr Maitland for Pepper, Buckwheat & Bengal Turmerick		2220 " "	
To do do for Sugar and Salt		872 41 17	
To do Mr Sherson for Boat hire		1932 35 40	
To do Embaroomah Chetty for Rice		1,200 29 74	
To do for Badges to Native Volunteers		1035 18 40	
To do for Stores Supplied at Prince of Wales Island		898 24 6	
To Cash Paid on Account of Table Allowances for the Officers on Board Ship		52 " "	8262 23 17
		Pagodas	92723 13 21

(Signed) E. Jones
Accountant

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud Genl

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Minute of the Board upon the foregoing Letter and Statement of the expences of the Manilla Expedition

The Board have much satisfaction in transmitting the foregoing Statement to the Honble Court of Directors by the present Dispatch; and trust they will be convinced that though the expence is considerable, every attention has been paid to economy in the equipment of the Expedition.

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter and Statement be transmitted to the Supreme Government.

Captain Borough permitted to resign the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Borough has applied to him for permission to resign the office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's troops on Ceylon—

arrangement ordered for the future payment of Kings Troops.

Resolved in consequence that Capt. Borough be directed to make over the balance of Cash in his hands and the accounts of his Office to the Deputy Paymaster General of his Majesty's forces and that Lieut Colonel Beresford be directed to include them monthly hereafter in his distribution of Subsistence to the King's Troops—

(Ordered

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Ordered that the Military Auditor-
General be informed of the foregoing resolutions

The President proposes that the
Board should avail themselves of the knowledge
and experience to Mr George Taswell in the
examination of the Moluccas accounts and
that he should be appointed a Member of
that Committee in the Room of Mr Sharron
removed from the Presidency.-

Mr George Taswell appointed a Member of the committee for investigating the accounts of the Moluccas Expedition in the Room of Mr Sharron.

Agreed to and ordered

Read the following Letter from
the Town Major

To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

From the Town Major — enclosing sundry Papers in refutation of the Complaints preferred to His Majesty's Ministers in England of the ill treatment experienced by the men of the Wirtemburg Regiment Prisoners of War.

Sir,

On Receipt of your letter of the
6th Instant, with the papers transmitted by the
Honble Court of Directors to this Government
relative to a representation of ill treatment
experienced by a Wirtemburg Regiment of
Prisoners of War at Madras, I made the
most particular enquiry and have to acquaint
you for the information of the Right Honble
the

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the President in Council, that there is not the slightest ground for the complaint made to Mr Dundas, in support of this assertion. I beg leave to refer his Lordship to the accompanying letters from the Officer and Surgeon, who are in the immediate charge of the Dutch Prisoners of War from the Senior Officer of the Wurtemberg Regiment, and from the Prisoners themselves.

I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(signed) A. Allan
Town Major

Madras
9th February 1798.

Major Alexander Allan
Town Major
Fort St George

Sir,

Agreable to your request I have the satisfaction to state to you without reserve my opinion of the treatment of the Dutch Prisoners of War confided to my charge

And it is with real satisfaction I avail myself of this opportunity, to give a public

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public testimony in addition to that I have ever privately borne - that their treatment has unvariably been such, as their unfortunate situation entitles them to - whether I consider the quality or quantity of Provisions provided for their consumption or of the Cloathing alotted for them, the conveniences and commodiousness of the situation selected for their confinement - the constant endeavour for the preservation of health by an attention to the cleanliness of their Prison, - I can safely affirm no other inconvenience from their misfortune but the inseperable one restraint of liberty - and in this particular, they have had every indulgence, that a prudential regard for the prevention of escape could warrant or even admit of.

I am,
Sir, &c &c
(Signed) John Fortune
Lieut in charge of the Dutch Prisoners of war -

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A true Copy of the original sent to England
(Signed) George Parry Sub Secy

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To Major Allan

Town Major

Fort St George

Sir,

In compliance with your request—
respecting the treatment of the Dutch Prisoners,
when sick in Hospital, I have to inform
you, that ever since I have had the honor
to be appointed to the Medical charge of
them, it has been my particular study to
furnish them, with every Article of Diet,
Cloathing &c, such as are allowed to
Europeans in the Honble Company's Service
—and the Enclosed extract, from the Tables
of Diet &c, agreeably to the last regulations
recommended by the Medical Board, and
approved of by Government dated 21st October
1793 will shew, what they are entitled
to, and what I assure you they have
regularly received.

The Monthly reports from the
Officer in charge of the Prisoners, will
evince how small the average Number of

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Sick has been; and this in my opinion can only be attributed to your assiduous care of and kind attentions to the whole — I have never observed any thing like a contagious disease amongst them, a circumstance which frequently happens in places of Confinement where a number of Men are placed together, neither have I seen on my Visits to the Prison, any thing but cleanliness, order and Content.

I have ever made a point of Visiting the Sick once a day and oftener, when occasion required — The Casualties have been but few, and those chiefly, were Old and infirm Men, worn out by age and climate

I have the honor to be,
Sir, &c &c
Cha.s Oram
Assist.t Surgeon to the Sentenced Prisoners

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8th February 1798

A true Copy of the original Sent to England
(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secry

Extract

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Extract from the Tables of Diet agreeably to the last Regulations recommended by the Medical Board Dated 21st October 1793

Cloathing

For every Patient in Hospital the Surgeon must always have in readiness, and of an equal quality with the muster to be shewn them by the Head Surgeon, one Cott frame of wood laced with Tape, - three Shirts, three Gowns, three pair of long Drawers, three Caps, one Pillow, three Pillow cases, one Matrass to be used occasionally and one extra quilt -

The Gowns, long Drawers, Caps, and quilts, to be made of striped Gingham lined with white cloth, and the covers of the Matrasses to be also of striped Gingham. The linen and bedding to be washed three every week, or oftener when found necessary, and the Tape of the Cott to be shifted as the Surgeon may direct

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Victualling

The Surgeon to provide Provisions of the best quality in conformity to the following Tables of Diet Viz.

Full Diet

Breakfast — Two ollock or one quarter of a measure of Palangarsew Rice made into Congee with 2 ollock of Milk —

Dinner — One Loaf of Bread weighing 12 ounces, or where Bread cannot be had 2 ollocks of Palangarsew Rice boiled a proportion of Mutton at the rate of one Sheep for every 12 Men —

Two ollock of Soup made with sufficient quantity of Greens Onions and Black pepper

Supper — As Breakfast

Low Diet

Breakfast Tea Lemon Grass Tea, Milk or Sago one pint

Dinner — One chicken Boiled or made into broth, with one pint of Sago or rice pudding.

Supper — One pint of Sago.

Patients on this Diet to have also one Loaf of Bread weighing 12 ounces

every Patient to have one Pallam of Salt and two Pallams of Sugar daily.

Congee Water to be always in readiness for

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for common Drink, and good water to be supplied
for all the purposes of the Sick, together with
cooking utensils Cooks and Servants

The Surgeon to furnish likewise
Servants for the care of the Sick and for the
administration of Medicines, Tables, Sweepers, and
Lamp lighters, Fruit, Toddy, Country Beer, Spices
Rice for Congee water, and Poultries, Cookes, Lamps
Oil, and Lamps. —

A true Copy of the original sent to England
Signed George Barry Secretary

To Major A Allan

Sir.

Having understood by public report
that his Lordship is about to leave the Coast,
and supposing you will accompany his Lordship
I think it my duty to offer you my most —
sincere thanks for all the politeness and —
kindness you shewed not only to me, but to the
Dutch prisoners of War in general as
far as I am convinced by many proofs
of your preponderating intercession for many
of those Gentlemen whose interests required

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an absence from this Presidency, and by your disinterested and kind behaviour to every one, to my knowledge.

As for the unfortunate men who are under confinement, as Prisoners of War. I must acknowledge, according to truth & state never any complaints was made to me, of any ill treatment, but on the contrary I was told by many of the men of the Regiments of Wurtemberg, that you behaved very condescendently to them and that you relieved their disagreeable Situation as far as in your power. I am not proud enough to fancy you could want my testimony, the publick opinion being universally and highly to your favor, but still I flatter myself that this token of gratitude will be accepted by you and agreeable to you. At the same time I take the liberty to beg you instantly, to recommend myself and the Dutch Prisoners of War in general to the same protection of your successor in office, we had the

happiness

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happiness to enjoy by your for as the Situation
Prisoners of war is by itself very disagreable
it deserves surely to be sweetned by a kind
and generous treatment. Recommending my self
to the continuation of the particular favor
and distinction you honored me with I have
the honor to assure you, that I shall ever
remain with the utmost respect

Sir, &c &c

Madras
the 7th of February 1798.

(Signed) G. Hoffman Captain
of the Regt of Wartemberg

A true Copy of the original sent to England

(Signed) George Parry
Asst Secry

Translation of a Letter to Major Allan of the Dutch Prisoners of war, being under confinement

Sir,

We the undersigned Prisoners
having understood to our common great
concern, that you will leave this Town and
country, and depart from hence as we have
been so well treated by your wise and kind
commands, that it is our duty, to be grateful
we now offer to you for the said good treatment,
for

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for the many indulgences, you favored us with,
our warmest and most sincere thanks and we
beg you most respectfully, to recommend, us
poor Prisoners of War to the new honorable
Government, and to the Town Major your
Successor in office, that we may enjoy the
same good treatment and indulgences we
(as hitherto enjoy. God the Father of us all
will bless you with health, prosperity and
every blessing on which purpose we
will address our Prayers to him daily.

We are respectfully
Sirs &c &c

Signed individually by the Gunner
Prisoners of War of the Isle
of Ceylon and Malacca

A true Copy of the original sent to England
(Signed) George Parry Secretary

Minute thereon

Ordered that the original Papers
given in by Major Allan be transmitted to the
Court of Directors to show that there is no
foundation for the Complaint received from
them of ill treatment to the Regiment of
Mecklenburg.

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The letters from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 20th and 30th June 1797 read and the following passed thereon —

The Board proceed to read and pass orders on the letters from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 20th and 30th June last.

Letter 20th June 1797. —

Para 102 contains no remark

Requires no Answer

5 Bs Sibbendy Corps

Under the present circumstances of the war, and the employment of part of the Native establishments on foreign service, Resolved that it is expedient to retain the Sibbendy Corps as a temporary arrangement and to wait the further orders which the Honble Court may give the Board to effect upon this Subject considered as a permanent System. meanwhile agrees that the Subject be recommended to the particular consideration of the Commander in Chief. —

Ordered accordingly that General Harris be furnished with a Copy of these Paragraphs and of the foregoing Minute

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q'd Major Allan & the Courts remarks on the different appointments held by that Officer -

The office of Quarter Master General on Ceylon was deemed indispensably necessary during the period of Active Service on the Island: and was discontinued when that necessity ceased to exist of its discontinuance the Honble Court have been already advised. -

That they may be satisfied however of the Services of Major Allan. Resolved to transcribe in the general letter by the present Dispatch the letter from Major General Stuart upon that subject dated 6th March 1796.

The office of Town Major of Fort St George has always been considered temporary, and at the selection of the Governor for the time being. a reference to the publick records will enable the Honble Court to judge how far the publick Service may have benefited by Major Allan's having retained the Command of the guides.

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The President cannot forego
this opportunity of recording his
sentiments that so long as Zeal &
talents and integrity shall continue
to be a recommendation to the favor
of the Court of Directors, the ex-
ample of Major Allan in exerting
the confidential and important
duties of Town Major of Fort St George
must be attended with the best
consequences to the publick Service

The Board have much
satisfaction in adding their
testimony to that of the Presidents
on this Subject

Ordered that Major Allan
be furnished with Copy of these
Paragraphs

12 D 13 contain nonemark

14 D 15 Medical
Regulations

Read no reply

The Board are not sensible
that it is in their power to introduce
any change in the present regu-
lations for the Medical Department
with advantage to the publick service
but if farther experience and
information

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information should suggest any improvement in this branch of the Service the Board will not fail to avail themselves of the latitude contained in the letter of 5th May 1796 from the Honble Court of Directors.

Ordered that the Medical Board be furnished with Copy of these Paragraphs

Require no Answer.

16 21 Contain no Remark

22 Claims of the Bullock Contractors to interest

Ordered that the Agent for the late Bullock Contractors be furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph and called upon for an authentic account of the advances made by the late Contractors Acting as Agents after the abolition of the Contract.

23 and 24 Recruits from Bengal and want of population in the Carnatic

Agreed to inform the Honble Court that the plan of recruiting this Army from Bengal having completely failed owing to the constant desertion of the Men has long since been abandoned, and to recommend the Subject of obtaining

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obtaining recruits from the Carnatic
to the particular consideration of the
Commander in Chief.

In regard to the suggestion
for establishing invalid Sepoys on
lands within the Company's territories
I am directed to acquaint the Court that
it has undergone the minute consi=
=deration of the Revenue Board and
of the Collectors; and that it is the
intention of the Board to communicate
their sentiments upon the question
as soon as the report is received
from the Revenue Departments —

25 & 27 contain no particular remark

Require no Answer

28 Staff officers to draw their allowances during their captivity

Ordered that directions be
given to the Military Auditor General
for ascertaining the Amount due to
these Officers and for payment of
their allowances in 8 p.c. Loan bonds
of this Government.

29 The adjustment of Captain Bell's account approved

The Board are happy that
their adjustment of Captain Bell's
Account has met the approbation
of the Honble Court —

(ordered

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30 defective Shot
31 Cavalry accoutrements

Ordered that the Military
Board be furnished with Copy of
these Paragraphs for their information
and guidance.

32 D.35 contains Mr
Roebuck's indent
in making Pay-
ment to Naval
officers

Ordered that Mr Roebuck
be furnished with Copy of these
Paragraphs; and that the Accountant
General be directed to write off the
Sums therein mentioned to the re-
proper heads in the books of this
Presidency-

36 contains no remark.

Needs no reply

37 Principle upon which
to fix the Rank of
Assistant Surgeons

Ordered that the Rank of Messrs
O'Donoghoe and Betty be fixed in
conformity with the orders of the
Court of Directors.

35 D 46 Containing no particular
remark

Require no Answer.

46 D 48 Balance of
Cash in the hands of
the Kings Deputy
Paymaster.

Ordered that Lieutenants
General Harris be furnished with
a Copy of these Paragraphs and called
upon for Payment of the Amount due
to the Company.

49 D 52 contain no
particular Remarks

Require no Answer

73 Extra Allowance
to Cornet Overend.

Resolved to explain that upon
the principle for distributing the
Donation

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Donation to the Army. the Board never thought Cornet Evered entitled to that indulgence; but being sincerely of opinion, as expressed in their letter of 15th August 1796. that he had a claim to compensation for extraordinary + Services they recommended his application to the favorable Notice of the Court, + deeming their Sanction necessary to authorize an extra expence, which was not immediately required by any urgency of the Service

In consequence of the Honble Courts observations on this Subject + resolved that the Military Auditor General be instructed to issue order for the Payment of Six Months Batta to Cornet Evered —

74 & 82 Contain no remarks ?

Require no Answer.

83 & 85 Captain Bong and the + Contract of + Roebuck Abbots for buildings and Repairs.

The Board expect the further orders of the Honble Court upon the Conduct of Captain Bong — with regard to Messrs Roebuck and Abbots. the + Contractors. the Board will be + mindfull of the Honble Courts + instructions

instructions not to enter into any future engagement with them on the public accounts; but from the difficulty of establishing upon proof any corrupt or clandestine understanding between them and the Engineer in the Construction of public works in the Baramahal. They fear that it would be unadvisable to — institute any suit at law against the Contractors; and for the same reasons they do not feel themselves at liberty to suspend Mr Rebeck from the Company's Service.—

Resolved however that the whole proceedings upon this Subject be submitted to the consideration of the Attorney General, and that he be called upon to report his opinion as to the grounds of maintaining a Suit in the Mayor's Court.

Ordered also that the Military Board be furnished — Copies of these Paragraphs, that the directions contained in the 85 Parat.

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Paragraph 86 particularly pointed out to their Notice, and that they be desired to be particularly vigilant in watching the Conduct of the Superintending Engineers to whose connivance or neglect the Board impute most of the abuses which have prevailed in this Department of the Service

86 Dgt contain no particular Remark

Requires no Answer

92 orders respecting the Hill Forts in the Baramahal

Ordered that this Paragraph be referred to the particular consideration of the Commander in Chief.

93 Contains no remark.

Needs no reply.

94 Gallant Conduct of Colonel Dalrymple and the Detachment against Nacherc

Ordered that this Paragraph be published in General Orders and that Mr Lindsay be appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker from the 20th June 1797

95 approve the activity of the horse agents

The Board are happy in observing that the same activity has been continued by the officers employed in procuring horses, by which means they have been able to keep the Cavalry in a State of complete efficiency and

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to mount his Majestys 25 Regiment
of Light Dragoons-

96 approves the adjustment of the Commander in chiefs allowances-

Reads no Answer

97 Reform of the agency for Spirituous Liquors-

Resolved to refer the Honble Court to the last Dispatches - from hence for the information which they require-

98 observations on Mr. Bowie's contract for tents.

Resolved that all the circumstances relative to this contract be stated, and that the Motives which guided the Board be explained in order to shew that the contract was advantageous to the Company

99 & 100 Military Stores & arrangements-

The Board have so much - press'd this Subject upon the attention of the Honble Court in their late Dispatches that it is unnecessary for them to do more than repeat their former recommendations for the Provision of Military Stores and in

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in particular for furnishing upon the principle of economy, buff belts for the whole of the Troops on this establishment.

Ordered that the Military Board be furnished with Copies of these Paragraphs

104 and 105 contain no particular orders

Needs no reply

105 Capt. Grant to be rewarded by a Staff appointment

The Court has already been advised that Capt.n Grant has been compelled to seek a colder climate for the recovery of his health: but having a very high sense of that officer's merits for the reasons stated in their letter of 17 March the Board will have much satisfaction in availing themselves of any latitude which may be allowed to them to reward his Services and Zeal.

Ordered that Captain Grant be furnished with a Copy of this Paragraphs—

106 advance to Capt. Neilson approved

Requires no remark

107 and 108 Passage Money—

Resolved: to grant the same — allowances for Passage Money from hence to England as the Honble Court have fixed by their resolution of 27th July 1796 for the Passage from Europe to India: and that the necessary instructions be accordingly sent to the Military Auditor General.

Ordered

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109 Recd advance of Pay when granted to officers going home on furlough

Ordered that this resolution be inforced upon every occasion to which it may apply

110 Invalid officers not to return to the effective List —

Ordered that this resolution be published in General orders for the information of the Army —

111 Contains no remark —

Needs no reply

112 Claim of Officers from the Nabob's Cavalry to retire referred to Marquis Cornwallis —

The Court have already been advised of the death of Captain Bowles; and the Board wait their further instructions upon the claims of the officers taken into the Company's Service to retire upon the Pay of their rank —

113 contains no remark —

Needs no Reply.

114 Lt Bowe's application for Brevet rank refused

Ordered that Lieut Bowe be furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph

115 & 118 Contain no remark

Need no reply.

119 Lt Col. Monckton's Monument

Ordered that the Monument be erected in the Church under the Superintendance and direction of the Military Board —

Letter 30th June 1797 —

1 dated 5 advices

Needs no reply

2 Resolutions rels. fixing the period of Pay to officers on furlough —

Ordered that this resolution be published in general Orders for the

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the information of the army.

30 Certificates of Pay—

Ordered that Copy of these two Paragraphs with the certificates of Pay therein mentioned be sent for the Guidance of the Military Auditor General. —

5 List of Officers permitted to return — 6 a Cadet — appointed

Requires no observation. ——

7 Amount paid to Mr. Cuthbert for Stores to be written off.

Ordered that the necessary instructions be sent to the Military Board and the Accountant General for the adjustment of this transaction in the Books of this Presidency.

8 Surgeons on furlough to have the pay of Majors

Ordered that this resolution be published —

9 a Captain Greffins Lord who is discharged

Orders have already been transmitted to the Office of Audit on this Subject. —

" Geo: Hacit

" Con Saunders

" E H Fullofield

"

"

Fullerton Sec.

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Diary

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9 Received and Sent the following letters

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General submitting a claim preferred by Major French for full Batta to the detachment under his Command encamped on the Islands and about to embark for Europe.

At the desire of Major French of His Majesty's 71st Regiment, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship, a claim which he has made in the enclosed letter and Account of the difference between Half and Full Batta for the Month of January for himself and the other Officers of that Regiment remaining at Madras, and Full Batta for the same period for 10 Non Commissioned Rank and file, amounting to Pag. 256.59.20. which I have not considered myself warranted to admit upon the plea of their being encamped on the Islands, being of opinion that this situation cannot alone constitute a title to the allowance of Full Batta unless they had arrived from an Out Station under immediate Orders of embarkation and as Major French and the other Officers and non Commissioned Officers were on this principle allowed Full Batta

after

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To
J. after their arrival from Walajabad for the purpose
of embarking for Bengal from the 14th to 26th
December last I have understood their remaining
at Madras after that period, altho' with the
permission of Government to be a matter of private
convenience by which the Company were not to be
put to additional Expence.

I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Yr. Hble Servt
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
1st February 1798

The Honorable Company D.

To difference between half and Full Batta to the undermentioned Officers &c from 1st to 31st January 1798 being encamped on the Island

Major	John French	72 27 45	
Brt. Dr.	David Ross	72 27 45	
Captn	Lewis Moore	29 2 50	
Lieuts	Charles Manners	19 15 60	
	Mackenzie	19 15 60	
	James Hall	19 15 60	232 21 "
To full Batta to ten Non Commissioned Rank and file from 1st to 31st January		24 38 20	24 38 20
		Star Pagodas	256 59 20

E. E.

To the Honble B. Cochrane
Military Paymaster
Fort St George

(Signed) J. French
Major 71st Regt

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To
The Honorable Basil Cochrane
Military Paymaster
Fort St George

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you the Abstract of allowances to the Detachment of His Majesty's 77th Regiment under my Command, and request if you do not find yourself authorised to pay the full Batta therein charged that you will lay the matter through the Military Auditor General to Government; and I think it necessary to state for their information, that we have been encamped in the Island, since our arrival at the Presidency and subjected to much inconvenience and expence which we trust will induce Government to Grant us the indulgence I solicit

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J French Major 77th Regt

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6th February 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) P. Bruce
Aft. M.G.

Josiah

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To
Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Sir Paul Joddrell — enclosing a Memorial addressed to the Chairman of the Court of Directors on the subject of the Nabob's conduct towards him.

I request that you will inform the Right Honorable the President in Council that I shall esteem it a favor if he will permit the accompanying letter addressed to the Chairman of the Honorable Court of Directors to be sent a No. in the Government's Packet by the present despatch. The cover under a flying Seal containing a Duplicate of my letter to the Chairman of 16th October last, a Copy of my letter to the Right Honorable the President dated 27th November and your reply of 7th December last past — Also another letter to the Chairman on the same subject.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Paul Joddrell

Fort St George
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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

From Colonel Folsom stating his opinion on the charges in Mr. Buchan's account referred to him.

My Lord

I have been honored with your Lordship's Commands

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Mr
G. Commands thro' Mr Subsecretary Parry of the 7th Inst
Accompanying an Extract of an Audit on the Accounts
of Mr Buchan the Paymaster at Malacca, also the
charge for Writers employed by the Town Major
directing that I would give my opinion on the
necessity for the several Disbursements as mentioned
in Mr Parry's letter to me.

I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship,
that Mr Buchan in his Department of Commissary
of Grain and Provisions has a number of Godowns
and Stores under his charge which requires
considerable trouble and attention to keep in Order,
it therefore appears to me that Artificers were
necessary for that purpose, But I conceive that
the people employed in that line by the Engineer and
Deputy Commissary of Stores, might Superintend
the keeping of the Several Store Houses in Repair

In regard to the 10 Pagodas which
Mr Buchan has disbursed for an Office, I can
only observe that excepting the Barracks there
are no public Buildings in the Fort but the
Government House and a Quarter that was given
to Lieutenant Colonel Barr when I succeeded
in

of in the Command. It being necessary that the Paymasters Office should be in the Fort, and as it was impossible to agreeably to the Ordinary Rent of houses, that he could have any place tolerably Decent under 10 Pagodas I am therefore of opinion that the above charge is not immoderate

With respect to the charge of 40 Pagodas per Month for Writers made by Captain Mc Kerras the Town Major. — I am of opinion that the above charge is not overrated from a conviction of the very high rate of Wages that is necessary to give to the people of that description at Malacca — who chiefly come from the Honorable Company's Presidencies

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

Madras
9th February 1798

(Signed) R. Folson
Colonel

To Major General Lydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General — orders respecting the increased Rate of Passage Money to be allowed on account of Officers ordered to embark for England on the Company's Ships —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you that in conformity with the regulations established by the Honorable Court of Directors, on the 27th July 1796, he has been pleased to fix the following rates for the passage to England of

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No 9. of Officers entitled to the allowance by the rules of the Service.

General Officers	£ 250
Colonels	200
Lieutenant Colonels & Majors	150
Captains	125
Lieutenants and Ensigns	105

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I am
&c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

Received and Sent the undermenteoned letters entered in MB Nos 33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51.

From the Collector at Cajeemeattah

From Mr William Braeon advising of the march of the Bengal Regement from Cajeemeatabon the 3d Instant.

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an additional estemate for Pagodas 4396 required by the Deputy Paymasters General to the Kings Troops for the Current Month.

To Mr George Taswell

To Mr. Taswell appointing him a Member of the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Molucca expedition.

To the Molucca Committee

To the Molucca Committee advising them of Mr. Taswell's appointment to be a Member of

of their Committee in the room of Mr. J.G. Shawe.

To the Agent for Spirituous Liquors

To Mr. Cochrane - desiring him to furnish as soon as possible a Statement of the Arrack Money due to the Officers of the Drafted Corps ordered to embark for Europe.

To the Commander of the Ship Lord Macartney

To Captain Hay - desiring him to convey to England on his Ship two Chests of electrical apparatus.

To Captain Richard Borough

To Captain Borough - accepting his resignation of the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon and desiring that the Books of his department and the Balance of Cash in hand may be made over to Lieutenant Colonel Beresford.

To Deputy Kings Paymaster General

To Lieutenant Colonel Beresford - notifying the instructions sent to Captain Borough - and informing him that the subject of the increased subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of his Majestys Corps is under reference to the Governor General in Council.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham communicating the above arrangement and informing him that the Claim preferred by Major French is utterly inadmissible.

To the Commandant at Bellumcondah

To Lieutenant Golosworthy - granting him leave

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9th leave of absence from his Station for fifteen days from the 18th Instant.

To the Military Board desiring that the Commanders of the Hawesbury, Goddard Lushington and Macartney may be furnished with certain specified proportions of Salt provisions from the Company's Stores — and that Statements of the Value may be sent in to Government, for transmission to the Court of Directors.

To the Military Board

To the Commanders of Ships noted in the Margin informing them of the Order sent for supplying them with Salt provisions

To the Commanders of the Ships Sir Stephen Lushington, Lord Macartney, General Goddard and Lord Hawkesbury

To Mr Secretary Barlow — inclosing Copy of the Auditor's letter and Statement of the expence incurred at this Presidency on account of the lately projected expedition against Manilla.

To the Secretary at Bengal

10th To Major General Sydenham — referring the additional estimate for Pagodas 4,396 sent in by Mr Roebuck on the 9th Instant.

To the Military Auditor General

To Lieutenant Colonel Close — enclosing extract of Mr Secretary Ramsay's Letter relative to the Order of Rank of the Cadets for 1796 who are not inclosed in the List received from the Court of Directors and published in orders on the 7th Instant

To the Adjutant General of the Army

To

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lysenham - returning his Audit on Mr Buchan's accounts with the resolutions of Government annexed to each charge.

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From the Acting Dep.y Aquitant General

From Captain Turing, representing that Lieutenant Gregson's date of Rank as inserted in the General Order of the 17th Ultimo should be the 23rd November 1797 instead of the 23rd October 1797.

From the Agents for Spectators Lascars

From Mr Cochrane - representing that Major Monson is the only Officer of the Draffted Regiments entitled to share in the profits of the Arrack Agency - that the Amount due to him for 1796/97 is Fan.s 19,601.69 and that the estimated amount for 1797/98 will be about Fan.s 16,065.

From the Military Auditor Gen.l

From Major General Lysenham - reporting that there does not appear any necessity to make an issue of Cash on account of Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate sent in on the 9th Instant.

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Sent the following letters to the Honble Captain Murray and Major General Bridges

To the Honorable John Murray Esq.r
Commander of his Majesty's Ship Heroine

To the Hon.ble Capt.n Murray requesting he will give convoy to the homeward bound Indiamen as far as the Cape of Good Hope.

Sir,

The Right Honorable the President in Council being

Fort St George 12th February 1798

Pitt
General Goddard
Lord Hawkesbury
Sir Stephen Lushington
Lord Macartney
& Friendship

12th being desirous that the valuable Cargoes on board the Ships now under despatch should have the benefit of convoy, directs me to request, that you will take them under protection of his Majesty's Ship Heroine as far as the Cape of Good Hope. The impossibility of obtaining other protection during the absence of Admiral Rainier, and the value of the Ships will no doubt be considered by his Excellency a sufficient inducement for your compliance with his request

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

Fort St George
12th February 1798

To Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division of the
Army

Sir,

To Major General Bridges
respecting Captain Lieutenant
Caldwell's relative duties as
Engineer in the Masulipatam
District and Superintendant
of Tank Repairs —

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to acquaint you, that the duties of Captain Lieutenant Caldwell as principal Engineer at Masulipatam are not to interfere

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interfere with his Revenue appointment of Superintendent of tank repairs but that, as he may have frequent occasion to move on this account he is to be at liberty to do so whenever required by the orders of the Board of Revenue upon making a report to you.

I am further directed to explain that whenever it may be necessary for Captain Lieutenant Caldwell to move into any other district, where an Engineer may be stationed, there is to be no Military interference whatsoever with his Revenue Duty.

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

Fort St George
12th February 1798

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From the Secretary at Bombay

Received and Sent the undermentioned letter as entered in M B Nos 52 53 54 55 56 57 58.

From Mr Secretary Monro enclosing a letter addressed to the Admiral.

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Sydenham enclosing his audits on the accounts of Lieutenant Colonel Le Bereford, Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on the Coast from the 25th November to the 24th December 1797 and accounts from the 25th October to the 24th November

13th November, and accounts on Captain Boroughs accounts from the 25th July to the 26th August 1797

From the Deputy Accountant General

From Mr C. Smith enclosing Statements of the Consolidated Debts of the Nabob and Rajah of Tanjore for transmission to England.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Secretary Barlow enclosing a letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General.

To the Paymaster at Innaconah

To Mr. Murray desiring him to proceed to the Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the auditor's report on the additional Estimate which accompanied his letter of the 9th Instant.

To the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Navy

To Mr. Cochrane requesting he will make a loan to the Company of such a supply of Salt Beef and Pork as may be required by the Storekeeper for the use of the Ships now under dispatch for Europe.

Received the following letter from the Honorable Captain Murray

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government Fort St George

From Capt Murray consenting to convey the homeward bound fleet as far as the Cape of Good Hope —

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter

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13th. Letter of Yesterday's date and in return beg leave to acquaint you that I shall comply with the request of the Right Honorable the President in Council in taking under my convoy as far as the Cape of Good Hope The Honorable Company's Ships therein mentioned and any others who may wish to put themselves under my protection

I am
&c &c
(Signed) Jn.o Murray

H. M. Ship
Heroine
Madras Roads
the 13th February 1798

14th

Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 59-60-61-62-63.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 11592-19-69 required by the Presidency Paymaster for the Current Month.

To the Commanders of the Ships noted in the Margin desiring them to put themselves under convoy of his Majesty's Ship Heroine and to wait upon Captain Murray for such instructions as he may think proper to give them.

To the Commanders of the Ships Pitt. Hawkesbury Lord Macartney Sir Stephen Lushington General Goddard and Friendship

To Mr. Cochrane desiring that Major Monson's share of the profits of the Arrack Agency

To the Agent for Spontaneous Legions

for

14 for 1796/97 (fanams 19,601.69) may be immediately discharged.

To the Adjutant General of the Army.

To Lieutenant Colonel Close - desiring that the date of the letter from the Court of Directors announcing the death of Lieutenant Reoman (19th April 1797) may fix the period of the casualty in making the consequent promotions.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lyon Shaw - referring for examination the additional Estimate above mentioned of Cash required by the presidency paymaster for the Current Month.

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Received the following letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government Fort St George

Sir;

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad with Copies of letters to Lieut: Col: Roberts and Mr. Blakie - the former respecting parties supposed to have been attached from Raymonds Corps for the purpose of recruiting in the Company's Territories - the latter regarding sums due from two Inhabitants of the Masulipatam District to the Nizams Agent -

I herewith enclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of my letter of the 26th Ultimo to the Officer Commanding in the Guntoor District - likewise Copy of a letter which I addressed on the 3d Instant to the Collector at Masulipatam.

I am &c &c Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick Asst.

Hyderabad 4th February 1798

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor District

Sir

Having received information that one Jann Mahommed a Sepoy Deserter from the late 29th Battalion of Native Infantry, and now a Havelder in the Service of Mr. Raymond, left this some time since accompanied by two of that French Partezan's Sepoys, for the District of Guntoor, with the views of raising recruits for his Service, I lose no time in Communicating the same to yaw, that yaw may take such steps as may appear to yaw most proper to prevent the success of their Journey;

It is proper I should acquaint yaw also, that Monsieur Baptiste left Mons.r Raymonds Jagheer of Maiduck about the beginning of this Month, with a party of Fifty Troopers, and about Two hundred Sepoys, his destination being, according to the accounts I have received, that part of the Province of Rhemmaum immediately bordering on the Company's possessions. I think it extremely likely that his errand thither, is to procure by means of

Emissaries

Fort St George 4 February 1798

No 15. Emissaries whom he will probably dispatch into the Guntoor District for the purpose as many Recruits as possible for the Service of Mr Raymond a pursuit in which he is not unlikely to employ some of the late numerous Deserters from the Garrison of Angolo and from the 9th Regiment of Native Infantry.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Capt

Hydrabad
28th January 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Thomas Oakes Esqr

Collector

Masulipatam

Sir

Since the [illegible] the late Rumchore Doss, his Highness the [illegible] former Agent at Masulipatam repeated and urgent applications have been made to me by this Durbar, for the interposition of my good Offices in the recovery of certain debts due nominally to that Agent, but in reality to his Highness from persons residing at that Place or in its neighbourhood. The answer

death of the Nizam

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor District

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Enclosure

Fort St George 1st February 1798

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&c &c

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
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Hydrabad
28th January 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Thomas Oakes Esqr
Collector
Masulipatam

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been made to me by this Durbar, for the [illegible]
interposition of my good Offices in the recovery
of certain debts due nominally to that Agent,
but in reality to his Highness from persons residing
at that Place or in its neighbourhood. The
answer

Fort St George 7th January 1798

15th answer I have hitherto invariably given to these applications, is, that they relate to private transactions between Individuals which can only be determined by regular legal process in the Courts of Civil Judicature the Regulations of the Company's Service, and the laws of our Country, being utterly averse to any extra judicial interference in the recovery of debts. As his Highness's Ministers however still return to the charge, and continue from time to time to press the matter on my attention, I have at length given them to understand, that being at all times sufficiently inclined to meet his Highness's wishes, I shall readily promote them in the present instance to the utmost of my power by addressing you a few lines on the subject, requesting your private assistance in favor of Meer Goolaumy Saib, in prosecution of the claims in question, as far as may be compatible with the rules of the Service and with the judicial station, which if I mistake not, you also fill at Masulipatam. The case according to the Statement delivered to me by this Banker is briefly as follows.

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15. After Runchore dos's decease a defaleation of between twenty five and twenty six thousand Pagodas, was discovered in the Sum which he had received on account of Peishcush from the Masulipatam Treasury and upon an examination of his papers, it was found, that he had placed this Money out at Interest, in the hands of several persons of reputed property and Credit, in the Masulipatam District whose Bonds or Receipts for the respective Sums still due by them (about nine thousand Pagodas having already been recovered) are now in the custody of the Nizam's present Agent at Masulipatam Meer Goolaumy Saheb who is ready to produce them as vouchers. The recovery of this balance is the object of the present application.

I beg leave to enclose a letter from Meer Allum the Minister for English Affairs to Meer Allum the Minister for English Affairs to Meer Goolaumy Saheb, on the subject above treated, and to request that you will have the goodness to cause it to be delivered to that Agent - It contains directions to him to lay the whole business before you, and to be guided by such advice as you may think proper to give

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To
15. give him for the regulation of his conduct in the
management of it

Hyderabad
3d February 1798

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

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

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Assistant General of the Army - proposing alterations in the dates of Commissions of several Officers in consequence of the Death in England of Lieutenant John Redman

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to request you will signify to the Right Honorable the President in Council his recommendation that the following alteration may be made in the Date of Rank of the undermentioned Officers, in consequence of the Death of Lieutenant John Redman which happened in England.

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant	Kay Mangnal	to rank from	19th	April	1797	vice	Redman
"	Robert Barclay	Do	7th	May	Do	"	Mangnall
"	Henry Harrison	Do	8th	"	Do	"	Barclay
"	James Russell	Do	8th	"	Do	"	Harrison
"	J. P. Le Mesurier	Do	8th	"	Do	"	Russell
"	John Vieq	Do	8th	"	Do	"	Le Mesurier
"	John Dymock	Do	8th	"	Do	"	Vieq
"	John Fish	Do	9th	"	Do	"	Dymock
"	E. F. Davis	Do	10th	"	Do	"	Fish
"	John White	Do	27th	June	Do	"	Davis
"	Benjamin Marsden	Do	11th	July	Do	"	White
"	Joseph Taylor	Do	13th	"	Do	"	Marsden
"	Francis James	Do	16th	"	Do	"	Taylor
"	Daniel Campbell	Do	25th	"	Do	"	James
"	George Spry	Do	5th	Augt	Do	"	Campbell
"	Edwin Chitty	Do	16th	"	Do	"	Spry
"	E. P. Stevenson	Do	17th	"	Do	"	Chitty
"	C. McDonald	Do	18th	"	Do	"	Stevenson
"	J. W. Collins	Do	20th	"	Do	"	McDonald
"	H. Cranstoun	Do	16th	Sept	Do	"	Collins
"	Joseph Knowles	Do	19th	"	Do	"	Cranstoun
"	David Newall	Do	26th	"	Do	"	Knowles

John

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Lieutenant John Gennys to rank from 21st October 1797 Vice Newall
" Robert Gregson Do 21st " Do " Gennys
" George Heaton Do 23d November Do " Gregson

The Commander in Chief also recommends that the following Ensigns may be promoted to the Rank of Lieutenants to fill Vacancies on the Establishment.—

Ensign	Charles Lester	to be Lieutenant	
"	William Dickson	Ditto	
"	James Moore	Ditto	
"	Charles Marriott	Ditto	
"	Andrew Rochead	Ditto	
"	Charles Heath	Ditto	
"	Edward Lyne	Ditto	
"	James Sympson	Ditto	
"	Thomas Markes	Ditto	
"	Charles Soriano	Ditto	
"	Richard Stanley	Ditto	
"	Maurice O Connell	Ditto	
"	John E. Gabriel	Ditto	
"	Thomas Bayly	Ditto	
"	Richard Edwd Langford	Ditto	
"	Thomas Langan	Ditto	
"	Alexander Limond	Ditto	
"	Charles H. Powell	Ditto	

Date of Rank 29th November 1797

Fort St George
15th February 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c (Signed) By Close
Adjt Genl of the Army

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Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 64-65-66-67-68-69-

From the Commandant at Cochin

From Lieutenant Colonel Dunlop acknowledging receipt of the Board's orders on the subject of sending on to Bombay the Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers of the 52d. Regiment.

From the Commandant at Palamcotah

From Major Smart acknowledging receipt of the letter for the Rajah of Travancore forwarded to his care on the 8th Instant.

From the Paymaster at Vizagapatam

From Mr. George Wilson advising of his having delivered over the paymasters Charge at Chicacole to Lieutenant Colonel Mcat agreeably to the orders of Government.

To the Commandant at Salem

From Captain Macleod enclosing his Bills for intelligence for October November and December last.

From the Officer Commanding in the Vizagapatam District

From Lieutenant Colonel Mcat advising of Lieutenant Molloy having detached a small party of Sepoys on the requisition of Mr. Cherry for the purpose of intercepting a party of pecns who had made an Inroad from the Hills and plundered the Village of Bungareah Pettah.

To the Commanders of the Ships Lord Macartney & Hawkesbury

To Captains Hay and Price enclosing Lists of Charles party Passengers ordered to embark for England on their respective Ships.

Fort St George 16th February 1798

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday
16th February

Minutes of last Consultation Read
and approved

The proceedings of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the late Mutiny at the Mount Read

&

ordered to be kept separate in the Office

The Board proceed to read the report and proceedings of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the late Mutiny at the Mount

Ordered that the proceedings be kept separate in the Office.

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council of

Fort St George

My Lord,

Letter from the Board of Officers (submitting their proceedings) and an abstracted Report of their Proceedings recorded -

Having agreeably to the Instructions of Government proceeded to enquire into the origin and growth of the Mutiny at the Mount, the Steps taken to check or suppress it, and also to trace as far as possible to their Source the rumours imputed to some of His Majesty's Regiments, of a Combination or rather intended Combination with the Artillery we have now the honor of transmitting our proceedings on these several Articles of Investigation which being rather voluminous, we have judged it proper for the immediate information of Government that they should be accompanied by the annexed Abstracted Report.

The great Assistance we have derived from our Secretary Captain Malcolm in the course of a very arduous investigation makes it proper for us to request the attention of your Lordship

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Lordship in Council to the strong sense we entertain of the Ability and assiduity which he has manifested on this Occasion.

We have the Honor to be with Respect.

Sir Sir

(Signed) Patrick Ross M.G. President

" Alex. Campbell Lieut. Col.

" John Richardson Lieut Col.

" By Close Lieutenant Colonel

" James Wynch Major

Choultry Plain
10th February 1798

Abstracted Report

The first Officer who received intimation of the Mutiny having commenced was Lieutenant Charlton of the 2d Battalion Artillery. This was about nine O'Clock on the night of the 15th. it appears that he hastened to the 2d Battalion Barracks

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Barracks, and found on his arrival the Barrack Door was bolted and that a party of about 200 Men of the 1st. Battalion were close to the Gate in an irregular manner with their arms and with an apparent intention of prevailing on the Men of the 2d. Battalion to join.

This party, were by the Active endeavours of Lieutenant Charlton (who received a severe Blow from one of the Mutineers) and other Officers, prevailed upon to march towards their own Barracks, when opposite the Main Guard, they declared their determination of not returning to their Barracks without their grievances were previously redressed and Lieutenant Charlton on finding his Efforts ineffectual went and reported what had passed to Colonel Smith, who was then Senior Officer in the Cantonment.

Captain Tanner who was on Cantonment Duty, as Captain of the Day had before this beat to Arms and had obliged the main Guard by Threats to return to their Post, after they had been intimidated by the Mutineers, and retired to the Guard Room. He had also sent for his own Company to reinforce

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the Main Guard and secured the Keys of the Tumbrils belonging to the Field Train.

Colonel Smith went to the Mutineers and received from them a Bible in the above mentioned irregular state, a paper containing a List of what they termed grievances; the grievances set forth in this paper are stated in Colonel Smiths Narative, Proceedings Page 6 - Colonel Smith assured them that if all their Grievances were contained in that paper, he would pledge himself for their being enquired into by the Commanding Officer of the Cantonment, and he had no doubt they would be redressed - The men on this assurance appear after some hesitation, to have retired to their Barrack

It appears that during all this time the 2d Battalion remained in a State of perfect obedience to their Officers and several strong concurring events and Testimonies prove, that they were not engaged in the Mutiny at this period.

It appears, from the evidence of Lieutenant Fowler who was Officer of the Day in the 2d Battalion, that he and the Orderly Serjeant of the Day were admitted about 9 o'Clock at

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at a Window of the 2d Battalion Barracks which was Barricadoed to keep out the Mutineers (with expressions of much satisfaction) by the Men of the 2d, who seemed at the time much enraged at the Men of the 1st who wished them to join.

It also appears, by the evidence of Lieutenant Charlton, that a small party of the 1st Battalion from those who came down at the Commencement to the 2d Battalion Barracks, entered the 2nd Barrack Yard, and were there for some Minutes, but were not joined by one Man; Captain Tanner who was Captain of the Day had as has been mentioned on the Mutiny breaking out sent for his Company in the 2d Battalion to reinforce the Main Guard, which adjoins to the 1st Battalion Barracks, and they had marched immediately, agreeably to his Orders under Lieutenant Fowler, and had returned afterwards to their Barrack by order of Colonel Smith, without a Man being absent, and appear to have been under perfect Command and discipline—

These Circumstances joined to the concurring Testimonies of Colonel Smith & Lieutenants

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Lieutenants Stone, Charlton and others prove that the 2d Battalion was not then engaged in the Mutiny, and of course that no general preconcerted Plan between the two Battalions had been laid.

It appears in a short time after the Mutineers had returned to their Barracks, information was brought to Colonel Smith, that on a Report having spread among them, that Troops had been sent to reduce them, that they had again turned out and were gone to the Park to fetch up Guns to defend themselves.

Colonel Smith hastened to the Front of the 1st Battalion Barracks where he found the men, in a disorderly state, bringing up Guns from the Park, He appears to have used every endeavour but in vain, to persuade the Men to replace the Guns and to return to their Barracks.

On hearing General Gaile (who had been with a Majority of the Officers at a Ball given by the Commander in Chief on Choultry Plain) had returned to the Cantonment, he went from the Barracks to his Quarters and reported to him the Circumstances that had occured. The Report appears to have been made between 11 and 12, and the

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the state of the Cantonment, as collected from the different Evidence appears then to have been as follows.

About 150 Men of the first Battalion in front of their Barracks with 7 or 8 Guns and Ammunition Tumbrils that they had brought up from the park, the non Commissioned Officers of the 1st Battalion had not joined these Muteneers, and many of the good Men of the Corps were reported by the Sergeant Major to Lieutenant Colonel Saxon to be concealing themselves to prevent their being implicated in the Guilt, or suffering from the violence of others: the 2d Battalion were reported by Colonel Smith to be peaceable in their Barracks, and perfectly obedient to their Officers.

General Gerls at this time it appears wrote the Commander in Chief the Note † No. 1 (Appendix No. 3) but afterwards changed his intention as expressed in that Note and went in front of the 1st Battalion Barracks where he found about 80 Men, with Guns and Tumbrils, they fell in at his approach and enumerated grievances as stated in his letter to the Commander in Chief

After in vain endeavouring to persuade them to return to their duty and take back the Guns

† The note entered with the Commander in Chief's Narrative entered in the Proceedings, originally in the Secret Dept of the 16th January 1798
(Signed) George Parry
Lieutenant

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Guns, General Geils and most of the other Officers retired to rest.

It appears that the Mutineers had at this time relieved the Centries at the Main Guard and posted their own that they had also posted Centries over the Guns and their Small Arms in front of their Barracks and had issued a Parole and Countersign of their own and went regular Rounds.

Everything remained quiet 'till next morning at Daybreak, Colonel Smith who with several other Officers of the 2d had remained most of the night in the Barracks reported the 2d Battalion quiet and obedient to General Geils who wished them to be Paraded.

Colonel Smith when he returned found most of the men were asleep and thinking it was better not to disturb them as they had been up under Arms most of the preceding Night was going towards General Geils to inform him of his intentions - when he met him riding near the Front of the 1st Battalion's Barracks - After Colonel Smith had reported the Circumstance to

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General Geils, the latter informed him, that he had given the Men of the first, who were then straggling about in a disorderly manner, till eight O'Clock to consider of their conduct.

While Colonel Smith was speaking to General Geils at this period, he observed some Mess Caterers of the 2d Battalion, going toward the Bazar as he imagined to get the Mens Breakfast, he called to them and desired they would make haste back.

Much about this period Captain Ijackes who was in front of the 1st Battalion Barracks, particularly remarked 6 or 7 Men of the 1st Battalion struggle toward the 2d Battalion Barracks and it is probable a communication must then have taken place between the two Corps.

General Geils at this time, between 7 and 8 in the morning of the 16th went towards his own Quarters and Colonel Smith appears also to have gone towards his, desiring the Officers of the 2d Battalion to do the same except the Officer

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Officer of the day, Lieutenant Fowler whom he ordered to be relieved by the next Officer Lieutenant Grant, the former having been much fatigued, a very short time afterwards, a party of the 2d. Battalion, amounting to about 80, rushed out of their Barracks and proceeded to join the first who were falling in under Arms to receive them. The efforts of the Officer of the Day (who was standing near the Gate way looking towards the first Battalion (who he was apprehensive were coming down) and some Noncommissioned were ineffectual to stop them.

This party were soon followed by a Second of nearly equal strength; when both reached the first Battalion, three Cheers were given, and a party of the Mutineers were sent to bring up some Men of the 2d. who had still remained with the Non Commissioned at their Barracks, which they did

It appeared now, that almost all the Men of the two Battalions (tho' hardly one of the Non Commissioned) were joined, they proceeded to bring up more Guns from the Park, and reports were circulated among them that the 7th. were coming to their assistance and that one or two Men were arrived in the Cantonment from that

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Corps; about this period 5 or 6 Men went from the Line and struck General Geils's flag, which was pitched in front of his Quarters; another party seized the Gun and Tumbril that were at the Main Guard, one of this party made a Stab with his Bayonet at the Captain of the Day, Captain Tanner who was attempting to defend the Gun.

The moment this Gun was carried off it was loaded and turned on the Guard, which Captain Tanner states having imagined to be an agreed Signal among the Mutineers as every Gun in their possession was instantly [illegible] loaded.

A Detachment of about 30 was sent to the Top of the Mount another party was sent to the Bazar, and another to the Magazine, a short period after these measures were adopted, three Minute Guns were fired from the Top of the Mount, a White Pennant hoisted on the Flag Staff, and Spy Glasses applied by the Mutineers to the Madras and Pondamallie Roads, At this period General Geils appears to have gone among the Men and to have conceded to all their

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their demands, as stated in his Letter to the Commander in Chief No 3 Appendix 3.

It does not appear that the Men were satisfied on his publishing the Cantonment Order of the 16th on the contrary that a desponding spirit did still exist which was particularly evinced by a party of about 30 falling in with their Arms and marching under the Command of one of their own Body to the General Gols who was at Lieutenant Colonel Saxon's Quarters to request that Lieutenant Crassle should be liberated from Arrest; which was granted. It was not till this party had returned to their Comrades that the Guns were drawn back to the lines and then only at the earnest solicitation of their Officers.

After the Guns were replaced, they fell in regularly in front, gave three huzzas and were then marched back to the 1st Battalion's Barracks, under the Command of one of their own Body, when arrived there the 2d Battalion separated and marched towards their own Barracks under the Command of one of themselves they were saluted with rested Arms by the 1st as they passed both Corps after this broke off and resumed their

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their duty; although it appears from different circumstances which subsequently happened, that the Men continued to shew a strong repugnance to submit to the usual Restraints of Discipline.

It here appears to the Board that the measures taken by Colonel Smith, as they respected the 1st Battalion were solely of a conciliatory nature and adopted with the view only of keeping the 1st Battalion quiet 'till the arrival of Major General Gells to whom it appears, he sent Notice from time to time of the principal Occurrences which took place and in respect to the Steps taken by the Colonel during the night of the 15th relative to the 2d Battalion they appear to the Board to have been well calculated to keep that Corps in the Observance of their Duty.

In asserting to what passed on Major General Gells's return to the Cantonment it appears to the Board that he remained for some time without proceeding to take any step of consequence, but afterwards repaired to the

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the Front of the 1st Battalion Barracks and spoke to the Mutineers, but without effect; But it does not appear to the Board that Major General Geils reported this last Circumstance at the time to Head Quarters, or that on returning to the Cantonment, he either sent for the Captain on the General Duty of the Day, or consulted with either Colonel Smith or Lieutenant Colonel Saxon as to the adoption of any measure which the occasion might seem to demand. or that at any time after his return he visited the 2d Battn at their Barracks, and that although Major Genl Geils attributes the Mutiny to the Circumstance of some of the Pay Serjeants of the 1st Battn having lent Money to the Privates at Usurious Rates of Interest, and to the access of these other Non Commissioned Officers in exciting discontents amongst the Men, from having been prevented from recovering the Sums thus lent to them it appears to the Board that Major General Geils had no other ground for forming such Conclusion than the internal evidence of an

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anonimous letter to Lieutenant Colonel Saxon, the
Contents of which had been firmly contradicted by
the Men of the two Companies to which the letter
related.

It appears to the Board that alth⁰
two Men of the 2d Battalion were so actively
concerned in the Mutiny as to have shewn
themselves to be Ringleaders on the Junction of
the two Battalions on the morning of the 16th
yet it has been well established by Concurring
evidences that the 2d Battalion at large tho'
apparently under some degree of pressure from the
conduct of some of the Men of the 1st Battalion
were not engaged in the Mutiny previous to the
Men of the former Corps having broke loose
from their Barracks at about 8 O Clock,
immediately after which the junction took
place - and that Consequently no preconcerted
plan could have been established between the
two Corps and much less any general combination
with any of his Majesty's Regiments - and this
the more especially as the Grievances brought
forward by the Artillery were of a Regimental

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and Local Nature and therefore not such as to interest any other Corps in their being attended to or Redressed.

It lastly appears to the Board that of all the Articles of grievance brought forward by the Mutineers, not a Man of either Corps had previously represented any of them to any of their Officers as matters of Complaint

On a careful review of Circumstances the Board think it proper to report, that altho they have carried their examinations to a full extent they have not been able to discover that any means were used for suppressing or checking the Mutiny unless persuasive means be considered as capable of operating to such effect On this Article however the Board wish to acknowledge the very Military conduct of Captain Tanner of the 2d Battalion, who was on the General Duty of the Day, and the very zealous behaviour of Lieutenants Charlton, Hathway, and Fowler, of the same Battalion

With respect to the origin of the Mutiny as the Board cannot attribute it to

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to any real cause of discontent or grievance, nor from the information before them to any immediate relaxation of Discipline, they must impute it to a flagrant, seditious spirit in certain of the Men of the Artillery, whose exertions in fomenting disobedience and Disorder brought forward the Mutiny to that general excess in which it appeared in the Corps.

In regard to the combination or intended Combination imputed to some of his Majesty's Regiments alth'o the Board have been particular in pressing their Interrogations to this point, they have not been able to trace it to any thing more than common rumour and this rumour the Board are decidedly of opinion can only be attributed to the wicked Machinations of the Mutineers, who evidently availed themselves of it for the purpose of working their Seditious and treasonable ends.

At the same time that the Board have judged it necessary to submit this Summary for the prompt information of Government they think it proper to observe, that for a full knowledge of what passed at the Mount relative to the Mutiny reference should be had to their proceedings at

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at large.

(Signed) Patrick Ross M.G. President
" Alex.r Campbell Lt Col:
" John Richardson, Lieut Col.
" By. Close. Lieut Col.
" James Wynch. Major

(Signed) John Malcolm
Secretary to the Board of Officers

Memorandum

*Memorandum of the President of the Board of Officers pointing out some of the non Commissioned Officers whose good conduct in the late Mutiny appears deserving of Notice.

Sergeant Jemmy of the 1st Battalion of Artillery was mentioned by Colonel Smith as bringing Information of the Mutinous behaviour of the 1st Batt.n on the night of the 15th. Lieutenant Hathway, also mentions has being with him and most actively exerting himself to Quell the Mutiny. Captain Grant of whose Company he is pay Sergeant says he was very active in giving information to Officers and attempting to quell the Muting, and that he received several Blows in consequence.

Sergeant Gostelow of the 2d Batt.n appears to have been active, when the first Party of

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of the 2d Battalion consisting of about 80 rushed out of their Barracks to join the 1st Battalion Sergeant Gostelow put his Halbert across the Gateway and attempted to stop them & when it was wrenched from that position he appears to have made a Stab with it at one of the leading Men.

Sergeant Allen who was Sergeant of the Guard on the 15 appears to have conducted himself concurring testimonies a deserving Character.

(Signed) P. Rofs

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Sir,

From the Secretary to the Committee enclosing letter from Major Aston and proceedings of a Committee of Officers of the 12th Regiment

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Major Aston and another from some Officers of His Majesty's 12th Regiment that composed a Court of enquiry which sat in that Corps to Colonel Aston. These enclosures were intended to have been sent to the Board of Officers but did not arrive till their proceedings were closed. As they are deemed of consequence so far as they relate to the reputation of one of his Majesty's Regiments I am desired to send them to you for the purpose of their being adjoined to the proceedings of the Board now before Government.

I am &c &c.

(Signed) John Malcolm
Secy B. of Officers

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Colonel Henry Maston
Commanding His Majesty's 12th Regiment
Madras

Dear Sir,

Letter from Major Picton of his Majesty's 12th Regt disproving the Combination imputed to that corps and enclosing the Report of a Committee of the Regt appointed to enquire into the grounds of a report so injurious to its character.

The Court of enquiry that have been sitting by your Orders having now closed I think it a duty I owe the Regiment to declare, it does not appear, there has been the smallest reason to suppose, there ever existed, the least combenation, or Correspondence whatever, between any Man of the 12th Regt and the Honble Company's Artillery at the Mount.

The different Companies have likewise assured their Officers to express to me, their concern, at being suspected of so detestable a Crime, and their reasons on any occasion to act against Troops that could either, disregard Military discipline, or disgrace their Country in so shameful a manner.

I have the honor to be
Yr. &c.
(Signed) Thos Picton Major 12th Regt.

Sir,

We the undersigned Officers of His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Foot being a Court of Enquiry held by Order of Colonel Maston on the 24th of January last and continued by adjournments until this day the 12th Instant, having fully examined the Evidences produced before them and maturely considered every circumstance relative to a rumour of a Mutinous Combination between the Privates of the 12th Regiment and the Honorable Company's Artillery at the Mount are of opinion that no such Combination ever existed as fully appears by the Great Number of Men whom they examined respecting

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respecting the business when one and all declared their entire ignorance and expressed the greatest abhorance and detestation at being suspected of such a Mutinous proceeding, saying was it their nearest and dearest Friend or Relation they would come forward without fee or Reward and make every discovery in their power that no such imputation might be thrown on the Corps at large, and every Man examined also declared in the most solemn manner that were they to see or hear against the Honorable Company's Artillery at the Mount to quell any Riotous or Mutinous proceeding they would shew their Officers and the World in general that no such Combination or any Mutinous Correspondence whatever either Directly or indirectly ever existed in the 12th Regiment with that or any other Corps.

The Court are further of Opinion that no such Combination ever existed as appears by the Reward offered by Colonel Alston of two hundred Pagodas and a Recommendation for a discharge to whatever Man would come forward and give information of any one or more Soldiers of the Regiment who had, or knew of any Mutinous, Correspondence either by letter or by any means whatever.

(Signed) J. Moore Capt.g President
" M.D. Buckeridge Lieut.
" Robert Nixon – Lieutenant
" Nich.s Eustace – Lieutenant } Members
" Wm. Morris – Lieutenant

Upon a carefull consideration of the foregoing proceedings and Report, Resolved

That

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That Major General Gils did not make those exertions which it was his duty to have made for the purpose of enforcing that authority, and of executing that trust which were confided to him as Commanding Officer at St Thomas's Mount and Commandant of the Corps of Artillery

That the proceedings of the Board of Officers be referred to the Commander in Chief and that he be requested to have charges formed by the Judge Advocate General against Banks, Clarke, and Stumbles with a view to their being brought to trial as soon as possible for the leading part which they appear from the Proceedings of the Board of Officers, to have taken in the Mutiny that broke out at the Mount on the night of the 15th Ultimo.

That the Commander in Chief be desired to suggest measures for the separation of the two Battalions of Artillery that the Second Battalion shall remain at St Thomas's Mount and that Colonel Smith be appointed to the Command of that Cantonment.

That the President in Council highly approve the very Military conduct of Captain Tanner and the active endeavours of Lieutenant Charlton Lieutenant Wathway and Lieutenant Fowler of the Second Battalion in endeavouring to enforce discipline and Subordination upon the night of the 15th Ultimo.

That the scandalous imputation artfully and wickedly attempted to be cast upon his Majesty's 12th and 74th Regiments with a view to intimidate the well disposed part of the Artillery in which the Second Battalion, with a very few exceptions did not join in

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included are wholly without foundation; and that the honest indignation expressed by those Regiments as well as by the 73d. their conduct upon this occasion and the proceedings of the Board of Officers furnish a strong and unquestionable testimony of that loyalty to their King, and that attachment to their Country for which they have been uniformly distinguished.

Remark of the Commander in Chief on the conduct of Major General Geils in promising pardon to the Mutineers of the Corps of Artillery

The Commander in Chief thinks it Right to mention that he is too well convinced of the great propriety of the above resolutions to let them be published without particularly recording his opinion and concurrence in them; and although it may not be advisable to publish the opinion to the Army, he thinks it right to remark that no Officer should presume to offer unconditional pardon to Mutineers in the Situation of Major General Geils, when reference to the Superior power was so near and easy.

Recommendation of the Commander in Chief on the subject of separating the two Corps of Artillery

In consequence of the foregoing Resolutions the Commander in Chief recommends that the Head Quarters of the first battalion of artillery be fixed at Trichinopoly in preference to

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to Arnee as the detail, hitherto quartered at the former Station has been found to be very inadequate considering the extent of the Division, the important posts it contains and the frequent demands, which arise for the Troops in the Southern provinces.

The Commander in Chief also recommends that one Company of the first battalion be stationed at Masulipatam, and another at Arnee that a Subaltern's party be stationed at Tanjour and a party of effective Artillery posted at Dendigul both to be detached from Trichinopoly

Resolved that the several recommendations of the Commander in Chief be adopted and that he be requested to issue the Orders for moving the several details.

The Commander in Chief's recommendations approved and the consequent Arrangements to be published

Resolved that the remainder of the first battalion be ordered to march to Trichinopoly as soon as the Commander in Chief may issue Orders for that purpose.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolutions be immediately published in general Orders.

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Government record their approbation of the able manner in which the Board of Officers have conducted their Proceedings

The Secretary is directed to convey, to the Board of Officers the very great satisfaction of the Board at the able, Minute, and perspicuous manner, in which their proceedings have been conducted, and which has fully answered the intentions of Government in bringing the enquiry before that Board.

& notice with satisfaction the Testimony which the Board of Officers have borne to the attention and talents of their Secty Captain Malcolm

The Board have also great pleasure in noticing the testimony which the Board of Officers bear to the talents and attention of their Secretary Captn Malcolm, which cannot fail of recommending him to the favor of his Superiors.

Ordered that the foregoing proceedings be particularly reported by the present despatch to the Honorable Court of Directors and that a Copy of the proceedings and report of the Board of Officers be transmitted for their information

Copies of the Proceedings to be transmitted to the Court of Directors

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Ordered also that a Copy of the Report with the foregoing minutes be forwarded to the Governor General in Council.

& to the Governor General in Council

Read the proceedings of the Committee of Officers appointed by the Commander in Chief to enquire into certain charges preferred by the Hble Captn St Leger against Lieutenant Colonel Orr.

Read the proceedings of a Committee of Officers appointed by the Commander in Chief to enquire into certain charges preferred by the Hble Capt. St Leger against Lieut. Col. Orr.

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The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute in consequence.

Commander in Chief's Minute in Council 16th February 1798

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board, Proceedings of a Committee of Officers of which Lieutenant Colonel Brown was President, lately held at Cuddalore for the purpose of ascertaining whether there were sufficient grounds for the assembling of a General Court Martial to determine on the merits of Certain charges and Complaints as preferred by the Honorable Captain Arthur Pentleger of the 3rd Regt of Native Cavalry against Lieutenant Colonel Orr his Regimental Commanding Officer.

The Report of their Committee on the several matters submitted to their investigation is contained in two letters addressed by the President and Members to the Adjutant General of the 24th of January and 2d of February, by these the Board will perceive that the Committee give it as their opinion on the 3rd Article respecting an overcharge alleged

Minute of the Commander in Chief - containing his remarks on the abovementioned Proceedings and his opinion of the unmilitary unjustifiable and litigious conduct of Captain P. Leger - and recommending in consequence that he be removed from his appointment of Grass Agent to the 3d Regiment of Cavalry.

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alleged by Captain Sentleger to have been made by
Lieutenant Colonel Orr, on the Silver Ornaments lately
made up by him for the Men of the Regiment that Lieutenant
Colonel Orr cannot without the greatest Violation
of propriety and injury to discipline, be made to
Answer at the present Stage before a Court Martial
on the accusations so preferred against him in this 3d
Article.

The reasons which go to support
this opinion of the Committee are stated in very
unquestionable principles in their letter to which the
Commander in Chief desires to call the attention of
the Board.

In addition to what is contained in
the above letter the Commander in Chief thinks it
very deserving of notice, that Captain Sentleger was
the Only Officer in charge of a Troop who had thought
it necessary to come forward with any Complaint
regarding this Article and that of his Troop there
were only four Men who appeared dissatisfied with
their Ornaments.

It does not seem undeserving of
incidental remark that the period of preferring these
Charges against Colonel Orr was at the very
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Moment of Captain Sentleger being released from Arrest and on the immediate publication of the sentence of a General Court Martial, finding him Guilty of certain charges preferred against him by that Officer and placing him under a public Reprimand by the Commander in Chief.

Of the several Complaints preferred by Captain Sentleger none seem to have been of that nature as came under the description of a personal or immediate Injury to himself: but all of them of a public and general nature some lying at a distance very remote from the Official call of an Officer in charge of a Troop and others of a Complexion which could only be held criminal by constructive reasoning.

The Committee in their letter of the 2d of Febuary, have given it as their Opinion that not one of the several Articles called for the investigation of a Court Martial, but that they were all of objectionable and undeserving of public investigation some on the ascertained merits of the Complaint themselves and others from the precipitate and unqualified manner in which they had been preferred.

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From the whole of the Proceedings of the Committee the Commander in Chief is strongly impressed with the following Sentiments.

That the conduct of Captain Sentleger has throughout been unmilitary, unjustifiable, and to litigeans, in the extreme, and that looking to the present distracted state in which the third Regiment is involved and the probable consequences which such conduct may be expected to have on the Army at large, it becomes necessary that some decided and prompt act be resorted to, no less for the immediate correction of the Individual than the deterring of others from a like behaviour.

From the little effect which the Sentence of a late Court Martial seems to have had on Captain Sentleger which instead of producing in him habits of better temper and moderation seems rather to have spirited him on to more violent extremes and acts of more aggravated personality, the Commander in Chief is induced to recommend another and more speedy mode of punishment.— And considering the whole of the case strongly represents to the Board as a means necessary to

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to the support of Discipline - That the Honorable Captain Sentleger may be removed from his situation of Gram Agent to the 3d Regiment on the recommendation of the Commander in Chief.

(Signed) Geo: Harris

The Board fully concur in the recommendation of the Commander in Chief for removing the Honorable Captain St Leger from the Station of Gram Agent to the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry. Resolved therefore that he be accordingly removed in General Orders - and that the proceedings of the Committee be returned to the Commander in Chief

Captain St Leger removed from his appointment of Gram Agent to the 3d Regiment of Cavalry at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief -

The proceedings of the Committee ordered to be returned to the Commander in Chief -

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute together with a letter from Major Allan.

Minute

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board an address from Major Allan of the Guides and expresses his entire approbation of that Officers conduct in that Line of his Duty

The Commander in Chief in submitting Major Allan's request to resign the Command of the Corps of Guides has great pleasure in giving his fullest testimony to the merit of that Officer in the line he is now induced to leave.

Major Allan's zeal and exertions in the Corps of Guides during the whole of the Mysore War

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War were such or to make the most lasting impression on those who were Witnesses of his Conduct

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Lieutenant General Harris

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

From Major A. Allan requesting permission to resign his Command of the Corps of Guides.

Sir,

Having been furnished by Mr. Secy Webbe with extract of a General Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors respecting me, I request you will be pleased to acquaint the Right Honorable the President in Council, that I beg leave to resign the Command of the Corps of Guides.

I have the honor to be.

&c. &c.

(Signed) A. Allan

Captn. of Guides

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Major Allan permitted to resign the Command of the Corps of Guides.

Resolved that Major Allan be permitted to resign the Command of the Corps of Guides.

The Board's approbation of Major Allan's Conduct recorded and ordered to be published in General Orders—

As the exertions of Major Allan during the whole of the late Mysore War, his indefatigable zeal for the public Service, and the valuable materials collected by him from Military

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Military Surveys reflect the highest honor on him, the Board have great satisfaction in publishing their perfect approbation of Major Allan's conduct in General Orders.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

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Minute of the Commander in Chief pointing out the necessity of the appointment of a Judge Advocate General and recommending Captain Leith for the Office

The Commander in Chief begs leave to draw the attention of the Right Honorable the President in Council before his Lordship's departure to the Circumstance of there not being at present at this Presidency any Judge Advocate General.

This the Commander in Chief thinks it right to observe for the information of Government is attended with several inconveniences the most prominent of them is the want of such a description of person for the Commander in Chief to advise with in regard to Martial Law on the frequent Trials he is sorry to say are likely to happen if he is to Judge from what has been and to forward to Europe Copys of the Court Martials agreeable to the Orders of the Court of Directors a measure

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which has for some time past been interrupted

Government is acquainted that a

similar Office exists ~~at~~ each of the other two Presidencies

and with that part of His Majestys Forces now in

India, and that it is not a new Appointment here

but one which has very properly lapsed in the new

formation of the Secretary's Office as it would be

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Military Surveys reflect the highest honor on him, the Board have great satisfaction in publishing their perfect approbation of Major Allan's conduct in General Orders.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Commander in Chief's Minute in Council 16th February 1798

Minute of the Commander in Chief pointing out the necessity of the appointment of a Judge Advocate General and recommending Captain Leith for the Office

The Commander in Chief begs leave to draw the attention of the Right Honorable the President in Council before his Lordship's departure to the Circumstance of there not being at present at this Presidency any Judge Advocate General.

This the Commander in Chief thinks it right to observe for the information of Government is attended with several inconveniences the most prominent of them is the want of such a description of person for the Commander in Chief to advise with in regard to Martial Law on the frequent Trials he is sorry to say are likely to happen if he is to Judge from what has been and to forward to Europe Copys of the Court Martials agreeable to the Orders of the Court of Directors a measure which

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which has for some time past been interrupted

Government is acquainted that a

similar Office exists ~~at~~ each of the other two Presidencies

and with that part of His Majestys Forces now in

India, and that it is not a new Appointment here

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knowledge of the President and Members cannot leave a doubt but the Secretary possesses that perfect knowledge of the Service without which he cannot be entirely equal to the duties of the Station however great his natural Abilities.

The Commander in Chief does not intend to propose any increase of Salary to Captain Leith if the Board shall appoint him but begs to leave that consideration to the Honorable Court of Directors, and only Notices that additional Writers and Office Rent will be absolutely necessary.

(Signed) George Harris

The Board concur with the Commander in Chief in the propriety of appointing a Judge Advocate General; and being fully convinced of the Qualifications of Captain Leith and of his zeal for the public Service, Resolved that he be appointed Judge Advocate General under this Presidency.

Captain Leith appointed Judge Advocate General &

Resolved that the Deputy Judge Advocates be directed in future to furnish the Judge Advocate General with Copies of all Courts Martial for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors.

To be furnished with Copies of all Courts Martial by the Deputy Judge Advocates, for transmission to the Court of Directors —

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Though the Board have not upon this occasion ventured to make any addition to Captain Leith's Salary with the Sanction of the Honorable Court of Directors, yet they, have no doubt that, if the measure should be approved, his situation will be considered by the Honorable Court

The subject of Captain Leith's Salary to be referred to the consideration of the Court of Directors

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute

Memorandum.

The Commander in Chief submits to the Consideration of the Board a Memorandum of the Cases of Six Men of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, who were brought before the Annual Invaliding Committee lately assembled in the Center Division of the Army.

Commander in Chief's Minute respecting six Men enlisted into the Artillery Corps from the Dutch prison who are already declared unfit for Service.

It would appear that these Men were lately received from among the Dutch Prisoners and as the period of Service of five of them does not exceed 18 Months, and as one of them has served only three Months, the Committee have given it as their opinion that the whole should be discharged and sent back to the prison from

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from which they were received.

Although it is probable that these Men at the time they were entertained could not have been fit for the Service, Yet as they to whose Judgement it was left did select them it might appear objectionable to send them back to Prison, or indeed to send them to a strange and distant Country where they can have no connexions the Commander in Chief therefore recommends that they may be allowed to draw their subsistence untill an opportunity of sending them to their own Country may occur.

Memorandum of the Cases of Six Men who appeared before the General Invaliding and Pensioning Committee assembled in the Center Division

John Brandenstein - was received from the Dutch Service and has served two Years - but is insane and therefore recommended to be discharged and sent back to the Dutch Prison. -

Mathew Fillus - Received from the Dutch Service - has served 1 1/2 Years - disorder in his Chest which renders him unfit for field Service - recommended to be discharged and sent back to Prison -

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A. P. Vansanten - Aged 56 Years - received from the Dutch Prison - has served 1/2 Years - is from general decay and infirmity unfit for field Service - recommended to be sent back to the Dutch Prison.

Fred Smith - Received from the Dutch Prison - Aged 52 has served only 3 Months - infirm from age and unfit for field Service - recommended to be discharged and Sent back to Prison.

C. F. Freemaster - Received from Ditto has served 1/2 years - infirm and unfit for field Service - recommended to be discharged and Sent back to Prison.

John Vandyke - Aged 54 years - received from the Dutch Prison - has served 1/2 years - infirm and unfit for field Service - recommended to be discharged and Sent back to Prison.

Minute of the Board thereon

Resolved that the Commander in Chief's recommendation be adopted and the necessary orders issued to the Military Auditor General.

Read the following letter from the Secretary in Bengal -

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal
Officers of the Madras
Establishment who left
India in February 1794
and did not return to their
Duty by the 25th April
1797 to be struck off the
Strength of Corps - excep-
-ting such as may have
returned since that period
or of whose extension
of Leave official
information may have
been received

I am directed by the Vice President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 6th instant and request you will inform the Right Honorable the President in Council, that, under the principle laid down in the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council of the 8th of May last, and the explanation contained in my letter of the 26th of the same Month, he is opinion, that such of the Officers of the Madras Establishment, as left India in February 1794 and who did not return to their duty by the 25th of April 1797, and who consequently had been absent from their Duty three years, should be struck off the Strength of Corps, excepting such of them as may have arrived since that period, or of whose Return to the Service, Official intimation has been given by the Court of Directors.

I am &c.

(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

Fort William
the 30th of January 1798

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In conformity with the foregoing explanation of the Principle upon which the Absentees of the Bengal Establishment have been struck off, Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel William Flint and Captain Thomas Hart who alone come within that description be struck off the Strength of Corps on this establishment, and that the consequent promotion be made.

Lieutenant Colonel Flint and Captain Thomas Hart struck off the Strength of Corps and the consequent promotions ordered to be made.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

Pursuant to Government's directions under date the 16th. December last, We do ourselves the Honor to lay before your Lordships, Extracts from the Proceedings of our Board in consequence of the Receipt of a Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th. June 1797 signifying the Resolution of the Right Honorable President in Council to equip a large Detact of Troops for foreign Service and calling for our opinion upon the nature and quantity of Articles to be provided on such occasion; together with Copy of Proceedings of a Committee of our Board appointed for the purpose of

From the Military Board forwarding Copies of their Proceedings connected with the equipment of the Force prepared for the safety of prospected expedition against Manilla.

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of regulating the preparations for that expedition

We have the honor to be,

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&c &c

(Signed) George Harris

" Thomas Geels

" Wm Sydenham

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The President delivers in the following Minute.

Lord Hobarts Minute recording his entire approbation of the proceedings of the Military Board relative to the equipment of the Troops ordered on the Manilla Expedition

The President having perused the proceedings of the Military Board and of the Committee of that Board appointed to Superintend the preparations for the late projected Expedition against Manilla, feels great pleasure in recording his entire approbation of the measures which were adopted on that occasion, and which were employed with a promptitude and effect that while it evinces in the strongest manner, the zeal of that Board generally and

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and individually; for the public Service, has also establish-
-ed on their Proceedings a valuable Record, which
cannot fail of being of the greatest utility on future
occasions of a similar kind

(Signed) Hobart

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The Board entirely concur in the
Sentiments of the President; and it is accordingly ordered
that Copys of these proceedings be forwarded by the
present dispatch for the information of the Honorable
Court of Directors

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board report the state of the European Barracks at Arnee Trichinopoly and Warriore and the Quantity and value of Salt provisions furnished to the Lord Hawkesbury, General Goddard, Mr Sydenham Lushington, and Lord Macartney

In conformity to Government directions
1st
signified in Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 19th ultimo
We have the honor to state to your Lordship that, the
Barrack intended for European Soldiery at Arnee is
with the exception of a few Articles not included in
the Contract, in readiness for the reception of Troops
and that at Trichinopoly, Warriore and the neighbour-
-hood thereof, the Barracks, hitherto usually occupied
by Europeans, are in good condition, requiring only
some

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some trifling Repairs, and are equal to the accommoda=tion of thirteen hundred and fifty (1350) Men: which number being considerably greater than the Strength of His Majesty's 19th and 25th Regiments of Dragoons at those Stations, there consequently remains unoccupied Quarters sufficient for a Detail of five hundred (500) Men.

2d We have also the honor to report to your Lordship in Council that upon receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 9th Instant, the necessary instructions were given to the Garrison Storekeeper for supplying in the proportions therein specified Salt provisions to the Honorable Company's Ships Lord Hawkesbury, General Goddard, Sir Stephen Lushington, and Lord Macartney, and the whole of such Provisions, agreeably to the enclosed Statement thereof, having been at different periods received from the Contractor for victualling his Majesty's Navy, which we understand will, as has been usual on similar occasions be settled for by Certificates upon the Honorable Court of Directors, We therefore conceive that a compliance with the further directions communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter from

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our furnishing an Account valuation of those Provisions
is consequently unnecessary.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c

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(Signed) George Harris
" Thomas Geils
" Wm Sydenham

Statement of Salt Provisions supplied to the following Ships proceeding to England

Ships	Salt Beef Europe Hogshead	Salt Pork Europe Hogshead
Lord Hawkesbury	23	31
General Goddard	18	11
Sir Stephen Lushington	6	7
Lord Macartney	16	18
Total	63	67

N.B. The Salt Beef Europe per Hogshead contains sixty six (66) double Pieces of 8 lbs each.

The Salt Pork Europe per Hogshead contains one hundred and twenty (120) double Pieces of 4 lbs Each.

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy My. Bd.

Ordered.

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the Statement of Salt provisions be forwarded to the Court of Directors; and that the usual Certificates be granted for an adjustment of the amount in England.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

From the Military Auditor General with Statements of expences incurred on account of Dutch and French Military and Marine prisoners of War from the 1st May to the 31st July 1797

My Lord,

Agreeably to the Orders of Government under date the 19th November 1795, I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable Court of Directors, Accounts in continuation of Money issued to French and Dutch Officers and Men Military and Marine Prisoners of War from the 1st of May to the 31st July 1797 being a period of 3 Months the former amounting to the Sum of Pagodas 13,127 " 16 " 71 and the latter to the Sum of Pagodas 26,245 " 39 . 56 " —

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

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
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Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the accounts above mentioned be forwarded for the information of the Court of Directors.

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

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From the Military Auditor General advising that Captn Darley has adjusted his Accounts as Paymaster Commissary of Grain and Provisions and Bullock Agent at Angola and its dependencies.

My Lord,

1 I have the honor to report to your Lordship in Council, that Captain Darley late Acting Paymaster &c. of Angola previous to obtaining leave to return to Europe, has finally closed and adjusted his Retrenchment Accounts amounting in the Pay Department to Pagodas 261.23.70. and in the Grain and Bullock Department to Pagodas 147.29.14. and has besides lodged Security with the Military Paymaster General to be answerable for any demands that may hereafter appear against him.

2 In justice to Captain Darley I do think it incumbent on me to state, that in discharging the duties of those Departments, he has manifested a degree of punctuality and attention, that reflects great Credit on himself, and has afforded me entire satisfaction

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
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Ordered that the attention of the Court of Directors be drawn to the mention which the auditor has made of Captain Darley's attention to his late Office

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Presidt and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the Vouchers produced by the Prize Agents for the Capture of Jaffnapatam &c. in support of their demands on Government. Letter from Mr. Johnston respecting his charge of Arrears of Batta to Lascars submitted.

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In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter under date the 20th of December last referring to my Examination and report Copy of a letter with original papers enclosed from the Prize Agents at Columbo I have the honor to state that the account of Captured property amounting to three hundred and sixty four pagodas twenty six fanams and Ten Cash (Pags 364 26.10) is supported by regular Vouchers and includes a charge for paddy expended by Captain Parkison whilst Commanding at Batacola in issues to the Troops &c. at that Station by orders of Major General Stuart, which had been objected to in the report which I had the honor to make on the Prize Agents Accounts under date the 10th October last because the necessary Documents in support thereof had not then been transmitted the other charge comprised in the

foregoing

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foregoing Account is for Copper Coin delivered to the Military Paymaster at Trincomalee whose receipts appears for the amount, and for which he acknowledges to have debited himself in his Account Current for November last, as however his accounts for that Month have not yet been received in my Office, I shall not fail when they come under audit to ascertain that the Company has due Credit for the Sum stated to have been received Viz.t Pagodas 32.36..

2 The suggestion contained in my letter before alluded to, respecting the valuation of Nine Elephants, Three Sloops and a small Boat captured property having been refered to Brigadier General De Meuron who states that altho' the price at which they are rated is higher than the tariff fixed for the valuation of the Company's Elephants they are nevertheless lower than what they usually produced at the public Sales at Jaffnapatam under this explanation I presume your Lordship will admit the charge made by the prize Agents on the foregoing account amounting to Three thousand and Ninety eight Pagodas Nine fanams and forty three Cash (Pag.s 3,098.9.43.) but as they were purchased as

Decoy

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Decoy Elephants for the use of the Company, and placed under the Superintendant of the Revenue, the above Sum should therefore I conceive be considered as a charge applicable to the Revenue Branch of the Service to which it seems to belong, and not to the Military.

3 With regard to the claim of the Prize Agents for payment of 23 Garce, 206 Mercals and 11 Seers of Rice stated to have been issued to the Troops at and passing Manar from November 1795 to February 1796, and amounting to One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty three Pagodas twenty eight Fanams and Ten Cash (Pags. 1763. 28. 10.) I have the Honor to report that as it appears upon reference to Lieutenant Colonel Bawser's Accounts for purchase of Rice and Sundry other Articles at Manar for the use of the Army (which accounts were transmitted for audit with Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 15th November last) that he received from the Prize Agents on Ceylon 22 Garce and 28 Mercals of Rice for which he will of course be held accountable I am of opinion that the Prize Agents are entitled to

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to payment for that Quantity, which at the rate sanctioned by Major General Stuart Viz.t 75 Pagodas per Garee will amount to One thousand Seven hundred and two Pagodas and twenty one fanams (Pagodas 1,702.21.) which Sum may I presume be included in the Amount which appears due to them from the Honorable Company, and it will be my duty to see that Lieutenant & Colonel Dawson has properly Accounted for the application of the foregoing Grain when his Accounts are finally adjusted in this Office.

4 Having Communicated to Mr. Samuel Johnston the final Decision of Government on the charges referred to me as expressed in Mr. Sub Secretary Barry's letter of the 31st Ultimo, I have in consequence received a letter and Enclosure from him which I have now the Honor to lay before your Lordship in Council and request your further Instructions both respect to the Charge for Lascar's Batta, and to his claim for Interest to be allowed to him on the Sums which may be ultimately admitted, in part of what he states

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to have refunded by his Attornies on the 29th of August 1793.

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I have the Honor to be with great Respect
Y.s &c.
(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

£ Pag.s 331.35.10. Amount of the first charge in Account No.3 enclosed in the letter from the Attorneys to the Prize Agents intered in Consult 26th September 1796
32.36. part of the 2d. Charge in the same Account
5 ---------- Bill No.2 enclosed in the letter abovementioned
0 ---------- 2nd. and only unadjusted Article in Account No.4 in Ditto

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the Honor to enclose the form of an Oath, which, since an Oath is required, I will take,

The Amount of the Batta to Lascars is ---------- 723.3.40.
of Retrenchments remitted ---------- 723.40.62.
1446.44.22.

Interest thereon from the 29th. August 1793. to the 29th. February 1798 is 4½ Years at 8 per Cent p.r Annum ---------- 517. . .

Pags das 1963.44.22.

On the 29th. August 1793 Mess.rs Boucher and Co. paid to Government

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Government on my Account 19,516.31.16: it is now
acknowledged that Pags. 1446.44.22. was over paid
and I therefore conceive myself entitled to Interest from
the date of the over payment to this period;

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Saml. Johnston

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As it is eight Years since I paid Pags.
723.3.40. for Batta to Lascars employed in the Transport
of Stores from Negapatam I have only a general
Recollection of the Disbursements which was brought
to Account like others of the same nature; An Abstract
of the Service done accompanied my Accounts. —
I shall not at this distance of time take upon me
positively to assert the Amount was disbursed, but
upon the evidence of my Accounts, and the Abstract,
I feel myself warranted to declare, that, to the
best of my knowledge and belief, the Sum
charged was paid

(Signed) Samuel Johnston

Madras 15th February 1798

Minutes thereon

Resolved that the Sum of Pags. 723.
3:40: be remitted on Mr. Johnston's delivering to
the

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the Auditor-General an affidavit according to the proposed form.

As the Board are not authorized to admit Mr. Johnston's claim to interest without the authority from the Honorable Court of Directors,—

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be called upon to furnish a statement of the total Sum remitted to Mr. Johnston in consequence of the late revision of his accounts in order that his claim to interest may be referred home by the present despatch.

Read the following letter from the adjutant General of the Army.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

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

From Lieutenant Col. Close requesting that Government will make an increase to the allowances of the Asjutant General upon the principle on which an increase has been granted to the Quarter Master General.

My Lord,

I have recently had occasion to learn that Government has been pleased to place the Quarter Master General on full Batta and Tentallowance, in consequence of his having represented, that the general System of arrangements lately established for the Service had increased the duties of his Station and

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and subjected him to additional expences, and that notwithstanding these Circumstances the Pay and allowances of the Quarter Master General of His Majesty's Troops at Bengal, as far exceeded those of the Quarter Master General of this Establishment as the duties of the latter exceeded those of the former.

As in forwarding Lieutenant Colonel Richardson's application to your Lordship in Council on this subject, the Commander in Chief had the goodness to acquaint me that he thought the occasion was such as he could not suffer to pass without noticing the situation of the Adjutant General of the Army, whom he had always considered as filling a very laborious and difficult Office, & cherished the hope that while Government attended to the Claims of the Quarter Master General's appointment the express Sentiments of the Commander in Chief touching the pretensions of the Office I have so long had the Honor to

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hold would have attracted the favorable notice of my Superiors.

Without going into any examination of distinctions - I may be allowed to say, that were the duties performed by the Adjutant General to be limited to those only which would arise from a strict consideration of the nature of his Office, he would soon be relieved from a variety of concerns which for the convenience of the Service it has been usual for him to attend to and adjust - and that circumstanced as the Adjutant Generals are, he must be ever in a state of equipment for the Field

I further beg permission of your Lordship to observe, that the Adjutant General's Office has never been considered as inferior to that of the Quarter Master General either in consequence or precedency, and that as the footing on which an Office is placed in point of allowances, is almost necessarily used as a Standard by which to determine its relative importance - Since Government passed the measure alluded to,

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the Adjutant General's Office has been degraded from a level which till then it had little difficulty to preserve.

These particulars I have thought it necessary to submit to your Lordship in Council in support of my Official situation, doubting not but they will meet with that consideration from my Superiors which they may appear to deserve.

I have the honor to be with Respect,

&c. &c.

(Signed) By Close

asst. Genl. of the Army

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The President delivers in the following

Minute.

Lord Hobart's Minute in Council
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Lord Hobart's Minute relative to the inadequate allowances drawn by the Adjutant General on the Coast on comparison with those enjoyed by the Adjutant General in Bengal records the very high opinion he entertains of Lieutenant Colonel Close's Merits and the grounds on which he declines an immediate acquiescence in his application.

Had the additional Allowances which the Quarter Master General has recently been permitted to draw, been granted upon the principle of increase of business at the Presidency, the observation of the Adjutant General respecting the Inferiority which thereby would attach upon his Office might

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might be perfectly just - but as the principle upon which they have been authorized applies to additional duties to be performed at a distance from the Presidency and which according to the Customs of the Service would be drawn by any Officer so employed I cannot agree with the Adjutant General in the justice of his claim upon that Ground

I must however offer it as my decided opinion that the Adjutant and Quarter Master General upon the Coast ought to be put upon a footing similar to Officers holding the same Appointments in Bengal. The Army to which they are attached is as numerous, their duties as extensive, their situations as responsible and I must expressly state that experience has fully convinced me that the Offices of Adjutant and Quarter Master General ought in point of Emolument, (as indeed they are in respectability) to be made an object of real consequence to the first Characters in the Service

Were I not apprized, from the Military

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Military letter received within these few days from the Court of Directors that a separate Despatch was preparing upon the subject of the new arrangements and confident from the Representations that have been made by this Government, and the irresistible justice of the Claims of the Coast Army, that the principle of Uniformity, avowed and published in those Arrangements will be fairly established, I should certainly propose a reconsideration of the situation of the Adjutant General: but as the expected Orders must undoubtedly advert to the Subject I am inclined to think it ought to be postponed untill their arrival.

Were I to act under the impression of personal feelings, my proposition upon this occasion would be of a very different nature. The opinion expressed in public Orders by the Commander in Chief in India with respect to Lieutenant Colonel Close, conveyed so just an encomium upon him and from an authority to a Military Man of so much more importance than mine that I shall

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refer to it, merely for the purpose of declaring my perfect concurrence in Lieutenant General Clarke's Sentiments and add, as an unquestionable proof of the Estimation in which I hold him that the Political information possessed by Lieutenant Colonel Close, his knowledge of the Language Customs and Dispositions of the Natives, the firmness of his Character and that honest Zeal for the advancement of the public Service, which I have invariably observed in his conduct, had induced me some weeks ago (upon a Communication from Sir John Shore of his intention to go to Europe in the Britannia) to prevail upon Lieutenant Colonel Close to consent to accompany me to Bengal, and I must candidly acknowledge that the assistance I expected from him had enabled me to look at the execution of the arduous Duties of Governor General with less diffidence than I should otherwise have experienced

(Signed) Hobart

Head

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Head Quarters Choultry Plain 14th March 1797

G. O. By the Commander in Chief

The Right Honorable the President in Council having been pleased to sanction Lieutenant General Clarke's proceeding to Bengal to take upon himself the Chief Command of the Army in India (become vacant by the Resignation of Sir Robert Abercromby) agreeable to the Appointments he has received from his Majesty and the Honorable Court of Directors; he cannot leave that part of it with which he has had the honor to serve for more than a year without calling to his recollection the favorable impression he entertained and expressed of its merits on entering upon the Command and declaring which he does with the greatest satisfaction that it fell infinitely short of what he now from experience knows it to have deserved.

Had the Situation of public affairs called the Army into the Field while he

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he was so fortunate as to be immediately at its head
he has no doubt the Gallantry for which it is
famed would have redounded highly to his honor
and he can with certainty aver that the cheerfulness
and alacrity which has been shewn by such parts
of it as were required for foreign Service does the
greatest Credit to the whole.

The progress that has been made
in the discipline of it likewise claims the Commander
in Chiefs most favorable notice and he is happy
to observe that the anxious desire which prevails
amongst the Officers in general to attend to this
material part of their duty, furnishes the best
founded hope that a short period will make
the Army to which they belong inferior to none
in this most essential point.

The pleasing intercourse which
the General has had with the Officers of all
Ranks and descriptions in every branch of the
Service, affords him the truest satisfaction, and
he begs leave to offer his best thanks to all
those of the Staff whose situations put it more

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in their power to render him Service for the every
attentive manner in which they executed the duties
of their several trusts - but particularly Lieutenant
Colonel Close, the Adjutant General of the Army
from whom he has received the most cheerful
and able assistance in transacting the various
duties connected with his Office, which became
more extensive and difficult from the Critical
period of the Command, and carrying the liberal
arrangements which the Honorable Company have
been pleased to make in favor of their Army into
execution. The General cannot express too strongly
the sense he entertains of the assiduity and talents
of this Officer, whom he has found uniformly
disposed to promote the discipline and honor of the
Army in general, and the Comfort and Welfare of
every Individual.

The Commander in Chief begs to
take leave of the Army of the Coast by once more
offering his tribute of praise and thanks of the
whole, and assuring them that he shall always
feel ambitious of being at the head of Troops
whose

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whose conduct he has so much reason to approve, and be desirous, on all occasions, to render them every service in his power.

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject

As the Board entirely concur in the Sentiments of the President, Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Close be furnished with a Copy of his Lordship's Minute which explains the Circumstances under which they have declined complying with his application.

Resolved at the same time to acquaint Colonel Close that if the separate letter expected from the Honorable Court of Directors should not advert to the representation which has been made to them upon the subject of putting the principal Staff of this Army upon a more adequate footing, the Board will certainly go into a reconsideration of his Claim.

Read the following letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army

To

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c Fort St George

My Lord,

From the Quarter Master General of the Army, requesting an increase of his Office Establishment of Writers, and an Allowance for Office Tents

I have to request of your Lordship in Council to accept my acknowledgments for the attention paid to my letter of the 24th June and to observe that however adequate the additional allowances granted me may be towards defraying the expences that must arise in the execution of a particular part of the duty given to my Department by the new Regulations, I believe your Lordship has not adverted to the increase of business that has occured in consequence at the Presidency and how very unequal the old Office allowance of 40 Pagodas pr Month for Writers is to the performance of it. — Under this idea I have taken the liberty of enclosing a Statement of the duties in my Department at Fort St George with remarks, and what I conceive the lowest possible Office establishment for conducting the business with accuracy

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accuracy and effect and to produce those savings and advantages to the Service that ought to be expected from the adoption of the new Regulations

I likewise beg leave to represent to your Lordship that the proceedings of the Committee at which I am directed to preside at the principal Stations, on Military Quarters, Barracks, Camp Equipage, &c &c will be very extensive, and as the Military Board will expect particular, and accurate information on the subject, it will be absolutely necessary that a certain proportion of Writers should accompany me in the circuit, I therefore trust your Lordship will not think I presume in soliciting the allowance that has ever made a part of my Field establishment of 21 Pagodas P.r Month for Office Rents.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jn.o Richardson
2.d M.r Gen.l of the Army

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N.B. The present regulations allow a set of Office Rents with Carriage and Lascars complete to the Quarter Masters General in the Field. ——

A Statement of the business in the Quarter Master General's Office, at the Presidency, as directed by the New — for Regulations investing him with the general charge of all Military Quarters, Barracks, and Camp Equipage, on the Coast of Coromandel.

	Business in the Quarter Master General's Office	Remarks
1st	A Quarterly Report of all Quarters, Guard Rooms, Barracks, and Barrack furniture to be made to the Military Board, specifying their particular state and Condition — Noting and Accounting for any changes or Casualties since the preceding Returns, and accompanyed by such remarks and observations as will afford the fullest information to the Military Board	These Quarterly Reports will be very extensive
2nd	A similar Quarterly Report of the Camp Equipage	
3d	A General Register of all Military Quarters Guard Rooms, and Barracks to be kept in the Quarter Master General's Office to be referred to when necessary	Very extensive work, will require constant corrections from the Monthly Returns from the several Stations and to be renewed at least once a Quarter.
4th	A similar Register of Camp Equipage —	
5th	A Book containing the Quarterly Boards of Survey on Cotts.	
6th	Quarterly Returns of Cotts to be laid before the Military Board —	
7th	The Proceedings of all Committees of Inspection on Camp Equipage to be referred to the Quarter Master General for his examination and report to the Military Board	These Committees are very extensive in their proceedings and amount in numbers on an average to twenty four each Quarter. A careful examination is of great consequence and as it is the only check on imposition since it saves from the Rents, as well as a considerable expenditure of Public Money, a good Accountant is absolutely necessary, and a Person in whose abilities a Confidence can be placed —
8th	The Proceedings of the Committees of which the Quarter Master General is to be a President at all the principal Stations on Military Quarters, Guard Rooms, Barracks, Barrack Cotts and furniture Camp Equipage and Sent Lascars. —	The Reports of these Committees will be very particular and Voluminous
9th	Besides the above the Monthly Returns must be entered in a General Return Book and a considerable Quantity of Copying and examinations of Papers, with a variety of Correspondence and other Circumstances must of course occur in rendering the new Regulations efficient and advantageous to the Service.	

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Proposed Establishment

			Rupees
One Head European Writer, who should understand Accounts to have the particular examination of the Committees of Inspection, and general charge of the others Papers in the Office		pr Month	30 —
Two Native Writers	@	15	30 —
Two Do Do	@	10	20 —
Two Do Do	@	5	10 —
One Moochee	@	3	3
Two Office Peons	@	2	4 —
Present Office Establishment			27
			46
Office Tents	additional		5
			21
Total additional			78

(Signed)
Jr Richardson
Dy M. G. of the Army

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Resolved to acquaint the Quarter Master General that the Board deem it unnecessary to make any further addition to his allowances or establishment in consequence of the additional duties expected from him in carrying into execution the late Regulations for the department of Military Stores.

Read the following letter from the Assistant at Hydrabad.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government Fort St George

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad obtains the concurrence of the Durbar to the recall of Major Grants Detachment from Cummamait to Hydrabad.

Sir,

I herewith inclose for the notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copies of my Correspondence (in continuation) with Major Grant by which his Lordship will perceive that I have at length effected the object recommended to me in your letter of the 27th December last.

Hydrabad
6th February 1798

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Copy

Captain J. A Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at Hydrabad

Sir,

I do myself the pleasure to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Instant.

In consequence of the Report
of the Surgeon who has represented to me that
a scarcity of Water begins to be experienced at
Seerpoonum and that the Camp is also becoming
offensive, I order'd the sick to join me at
Cookrendy, and I have the pleasure to inform
you of their safe arrival here this Morning
where it is my intention to give them a day
or two of rest, and then change ground
to Nehal Condapilly about two Cos from
this, and which place I have examined and
find well accommodated with good well
water, and excellent Tope capable of shading
the whole Detachment from the Sun
and

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and a Nullah at a small distance from the intended ground of Encampment

Camp Cookrendy
3rd February 1798

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

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

Copy

Major Ludk Grant
Commanding the Kummummait Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant, and approve the Motives which induced you to move to Nekal Condapilly, - the place recommended by Zimulabdeen Khan in his letter to the Minister, Mandate of which I duly transmitted to you. I have now however great pleasure in informing you, that

I have

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I have at length obtained his Highness the Nizam's acquiescence to the recall of the Detachment under your Command to Hyderabad, and you will therefore be pleased to Commence your March for this Quarter, as soon as you can conveniently do so, after the receipt of this.

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

Hyderabad
5th February 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Minute thereon } Resolved that the Court of Directors be advised of the Detachment having been withdrawn from Commanet.

Read the following letter from the Civil Paymaster General.

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From the Civil Paymaster General enclosing Statements of Disbursements appearing in his Books on account of Dutch and French Subjects from 31st July to 31st October 1797

Agreeably to the instruction in Mr. Secretary Jackson's letter dated 19th November 1795 I have the honor to transmit to you in order to their being forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors, a Statement of Disbursements appearing in the Books of my Office, on account of French Subjects on the Coast of Coromandel from the 31st July to 31st October 1797 — Pags F 6 5,374. 25. 47

And a similar Statement of Disbursements on account of Dutch Subjects for the same period Amounting to } 2,083. 2. 42.

The Amount of Payments on Account of French Subjects from the Month of September 1793 to 31st July 1797 as per Statement Comprized in my Predecessors letter of the 16th October 1797 — } 23,072. 19. 13.

Amount from 31st July to 31st October 1797 as per Accompanying Statement — } 5,374. 25. 47.

J. B.

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	P. S. C.
Total Payments on account of French Subjects from September 1793 to 31st October 1797	88447. 2. 60.
The Amount of payments on Account of Dutch Subjects from the Month of August 1795 to 31st July 1797 as per Statement comprized in my Predecessors letter of the 16th October 1797	15,704. 20. 24
Amount from 31st July to 31st October 1797 as per Accompanying Statement	2,083. 2. 42.
Total Disbursements on Account of Dutch Subjects from the Month of August 1795 to the 31st October 1797	17,787. 22. 66.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Walter Balfour
C.P.

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13th February 1798

Minute thereon

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded a number in the Packet

Read the following letter from
Lieutenant Colonel Beresford.

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

From Lieutenant Colonel Beresford requesting permission to resign the Office of Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops —

My Lord,
I have the honor to address your Lordship and request permission to proceed to Europe

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Europe and resign the Office of Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops serving under this Presidency.

I have the honor to remain with the greatest Respect &c &c

Madras
the 13th February 1798

(Signed) Marcus Beresford

Lieutenant Colonel Beresford's resignation accepted and Captain Keith Young of his Majesty's 12th Regiment appointed to succeed him.

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Beresford's resignation be accepted and that Capt.n Keith Young of his Majesty's 12th. Regiment be appointed to succeed him upon executing the necessary Securities

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From Major General Floyd requesting that a passage to England, at the publick Expence, may be provided for Quarter Master Payne late of the 19th Dragoons.

Read the following letter from Major General Floyd.

Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief

Sir,

No provision has hitherto been made for the passage home of Quarter Masters of his Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons Warrant Officers.

A case occurs now in his Majesty's 19th. Dragoons which I beg leave to recommend to your consideration; and that you will be pleased to state such

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such steps with Government as you may think proper
as a General Measure.

Quarter Master Payne came
from England with this Regiment, then the
23d. Dragoons having already served some
Years in the 21st. Dragoons - He is now
worn out, and infirm, and has obtained my
consent to sell his Warrant for Pagodas 600 -
his whole fortune, and future Dependance.

I humbly conceive this class of
men have a just claim to an adequate provision
on their return home especially when they are
fairly exhausted in the Service, as in the present
instance.

Perhaps some allowance of passage
Money proportioned on their Batta might
be considered as reasonable - or perhaps half
the

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the Sum allowed to Subaltern Officers.

I beg leave to offer these suggestions with great deference, merely by way of scale, relying entirely on your better judgement and the justice of Government.

I have the honor to be

Yr. &c.

(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

Trichinopoly
January 30th. 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved that the foregoing application cannot be complied with, as it is unusual to grant passage Money to any person who may have quelled the Service.

Resolved also that the application be pointed out to the Court of Directors as being a new case -

Read

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Read the following letter from Captain

Madden of the 52d Regiment

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Captain Madden of the 52d Regiment requesting that an Order be on his possession due on the 13th Instant may be discharged or that he may receive a fresh Bond at the present current Interest of 12 ℘c.

I trust this application will be countenanced by your Lordship when I with candour declare my little property is totally invested in one of the Honorable Companys 8 ℘ Cent Bonds dated the 13th February 1796, for 5000 Star Pagodas which they promise to pay in one year or at their option in two years. The Bond becomes due tomorrow, may I request that an order may be given to discharge it, or that I may be granted a new Bond bearing Interest at 12 ℘ Cent—

The sole inducement that leads me to apply to your Lordship in this case, is in consequence of my large family Mrs Madden and Eight Children, and having received orders to proceed

to

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to Europe. A Family of this discription no doubt requires many necessary comforts for so long a Voyage, besides the great expence of their passage and as the bond in Question is the Economy of fifteen years Service, in this Country, and the only means I have to provide such comforts I under those circumstances commit it to your Lordships consideration –

But if I am so unfortunate that neither of my requests can be complied with may I beg that my application may be forwarded in a separate number in your packet to the Honble Court of Directors, whom I trust will accede to my proposition –

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

Fort St. George
12th. February 1793.

Signed/ Wm. Molesworth Madden
Capt. 52d Regt.

Minute thereon

Resolved that under the present Circumstances of the bonded debt at this Presidency it is impossible for the Board to discharge Captain Madden's

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Maddens bond; but that in consideration of the peculiar circumstances he has stated, his case be recommended to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors—

Read the following letter from the Board of Revenue—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council,

My Lord,

On the 10th. of October 1796 we had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your —"— Lordships' orders of the 10th. August preceding with Extract of a General letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 17th. February 1796 relative to the Establishment of a Nursery in the Carnatic for the supply of Horses for the Native Cavalry and the papers thereon referred to—

From the Board of Revenue reporting favorably on Lieutenant Evans's plan for breeding Horses—

To enable us to form a comparative Judgement between the plans for this purpose which had been proposed by Lieutenant Evans,

and

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and Fund and recommended in our Letter of the 4th
July 1795, and what has been established in Bengal
as well as that we might benefit by the experience
which the Superintendant there might have requir'd
in forming his arrangements we requested you
would be pleased to apply to the Governor General in
Council for such Extracts from the proceedings of the
Supreme Government relative to the Plan for introducing
a Breed of Horses fit for mounting their Cavalry as
should afford us clear information of the establish-
ment actually formed there, and the success which
had attended the experiments made together with
any remarks which appeared upon their records on
the subject that they conceived might prove useful
in following up a similar Plan on this Coast, —
should it be eventually resolved on —

The papers received in consequence from
Bengal and transmitted with your Lordships Letter of
the 27th April last do not contain the full information
we had expected only general instructions and —

Plans

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Plans of buildings but so far as we are able to Judge of the Plan adopted there, we have no hesitation in recommending the prosecution, in preference of that proposed by Lieutenant Evans which we are happy to understand has been hitherto followed with success, and as we observed in our letter of the 4th. July seems well calculated for the attainment of the end proposed Viz.t. to introduce a good breed of Horses on the Coast, and ultimately to make it the Interest of the Inhabitants to rear them —

The Plan of Lieutenant Evans is not only well adapted to this Coast, but comparatively attended with a small expence as it appears not less than Two Lacks of Rupees were assigned by the Supreme Government for the 1st year and a considerable part of that Sum must have been sunk in Buildings —

We have the honor to be,

Hon.ble Sirs

Your most obedient

Fort St George

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/signed/ Chas. S. White

" Tho.s Cockburn

" Will.m Warrington

Read also the following letter from Lieutenant Evans —

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Lieutenant Evans enclosing an improved Plan for the permanent Establishment of a nursery for the Breed of Horses with his opinion of the present State and Statement of his own expences on the purchase of Mares and Stallions exclusive of 30 of the former supplied by the Company's Agents in Bengal and on the Coast with a Statement of his disbursements for their Carriage when called for —

I have the honor to enclose a proposal for breeding Horses in the Ganjam District, which I anxiously hope will meet with the approbation of the Honorable Board: your Lordship will observe it differs in a trifling degree from a Plan I had before the honor to submit: this difference arises solely from the manner now proposed of keeping the Stud more together, from which many serious advantages are to be expected —

I have carried the trial of the Plan I have now the honor to propose to as great an extent, as my own private means will admit: and the result of the experiment has been highly satisfactory. It enables me now to state with confidence, that I have not a doubt of the completest success attending the Plan if adopted by Government. —

So much has already been said of the

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the necessity of breeding Horses in the Company's Territories that I consider it superfluous for me to enlarge on the — subject — were it even to be attended with more expence than making purchases from distant quarters to mount our own Cavalry — good policy would perhaps — dictate the measure but I trust I have shewn by the enclosed Statement that Horses will not only be given to the Company cheaper, than they are now procured — if my plan is adopted but also that they will be of very Superior quality —

Solely anxious for the success of a Plan in which I consider both my character and fortune involved, I have been studious to make my proposals at a Standard which though moderate will I am convinced not be exceeded in actual expence —

It is my wish to undertake and conduct this plan if accepted by Government without any advantage whatever but that which they may think proper to allow me afterward for my exertions. I shall therefore be most happy in rendering strict and regular accounts to such officers as Government may Judge proper to appoint to inspect into or

report

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report upon my conduct in Superintending ste—
execution—

I have the honor to be with
great respect
&c &c
(signed) H Evans
Lieut.

Madras
9th February 1798—

Proposals for Breeding Horses / for the Cavalry /

in the Ganjam District by Lieutenant Henry Evans—
Allowing the Stud in every Stage abundance of food
and the most liberal treatment, and the natives
in the different Departments of the business
the established allowance of the district— The
expence will be as hereafter stated—

Stallions, must be highly fed, and be in good
condition to ensure success; Horsekeeper, Grasscutter
Straw, Gram, Masaul, Medicine, Shoes, Horseclothe,
Bridle, Cavison, and rope; Head and Heel rope
and Leathers, Gram bags, Curry combs, Brushes &c &c
I provide for each at three and a half madras
Pagodas, or fourteen Rupees P month—

Brood

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Brood Mares, from experience I find it will be a more certain mode of ensuring success to the Stud to keep them in such situations as to be under the immediate care of the Superintendant, and this more particularly, as keeping many together, I find is attended with little more expence than calculated in my former plan for keeping them out in the villages in the Masulipatam District, from which this Country differs materially the climate being more favorable, and the vast tracts of Waste and uncultivated land in the Ganjam District become an important Consideration in an establishment of this nature—

I provide the mares in all respects as above stated, for Stallions, in such proportions as are proper to keep them in perfect and good condition, at one and a half Madras Pagodas /1½ M.Ps/ or six Rupees /6 R. each ℔ month—

A Foal should be allowed to suck its Dam for four months, during which time he must be nourished with Cows Milk, and Butter, which promotes his growth and continued to be given, with the addition of Flour of Green Gram and Jonnalee, in larger

proportions

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proportions after he is weaned for the first twelve Months— This mode prevents injury to the mare, or the foal she carries taking the suck early— + from a foal makes him hardy, and it is believed he is the more likely to prove a beautiful and vigorous Horse—

The expence will be one Pagoda /1P/ or four Rupees /4 Rs/ P^r month for the first year for each Colt or Filly—

Colts the second year must be — + separated from the Stud, fed and attended with watt care and attention to promote their growth— To find them in all respects as stated for the Stallions in the necessary proportions food &c. &c. the expence will be /2¼ Ps/ Two and a quarter Pagodas, or Nine Rupees each P^r month, for the second year, and two and a half Madras Pagodas /2½ M.Ps/ or Ten + Rupees /10 Rs/ P^r month for the third year, at which period they should be delivered over to the Cavalry—

Fillies the second and third years will be fed and attended in the same manner as

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as the Brood Mares, and the expence will be the same, when they are three years old, they will be sufficiently grown to be covered, and at four, will produce a good Foal—

When it is considered that these mares produced on the Stud are got by arabs on country mares of the best selection and highest blood with size and bone in proportion we must surely—— expect them to produce a Superior Horse for the purpose required /a charger/ to any brought even from arabia as the Spirit and size of the country mare on—— which the Cross has been made, will rectify what is found defective in the high Blood Arab— and render the Horse more valuable in all respects— and the mare will stand Government but sixty six Pagodas /66 M.P/ when covered—

In the commencement of a Plan such as I now propose it is necessary to bring every expence into one point of view at the same time I conceive the importance of the object to be established is such as to render any trifling matter that may be saved as unworthy attention when compared to the

advantage

advantage derived by establishing every accommodation necessary for the Stud, at first, on a permanent, and proper footing, to avoid contingent Expences and after charges — from this consideration I am — induced to recommend the building permanent and proper Stables for the Stud —

Stalls of fourteen feet by twelve, built on Pillars of Stone laid in Chanam, the wall — between the Pillars with Stone laid in clay, one foot at the top, brick laid in chanam, the roof to be of the best Country wood and bamboos, bamboo Matts Nails &c. &c. to be covered with Tiles — Chanam borders &c. the building of which I — shall Superintend, or if preferred I shall contract to build at Nineteen Madras Pagodas / 19 M.P./ or 76 Rup.s Seventy six Rupees p. Stall and deliver it over in perfect repair free of all expence to the Company in ten years from this period — Having already about forty Mares, and their complement of Arab Stallions, with Stabling for fifty Mares it is my wish at present to have the plan — made out only for one hundred and fifty Mares with

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mares with their complement of Stallions, including the
Mares and Horses I already have — The whole of
which I think I shall be able to accomplish by
my own attention to the purchases, and building
for Ten thousand Madras Pagodas /10,000 Pag.s/
with which Sum I hope to complete the whole with
Arab Stallions, Mares, and Stables, to the number
I mentioned exclusive of the Stables I have erected
and the Stud I now have —

A particular account of the money
I have expended already accompanies this Statement
and for which Government can reimburse me by
a Bond or otherwise as they see most proper — The
prices charged will I trust when circumstances
are considered not be deemed immoderate — —
Several of the Mares were purchased at a —
dearer rate than for what I can now procure
them, but I am ready to attest none of the
Mares are charged a Rupee more than they
cost me — The Stated Sum of 10,000 Pag.s —
can be furnished by the Collector at Ganjam
with much ease from time to time as I may
require

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require it, to make the necessary purchases or to carry on the building and the money should not be drawn from him but in such sums as may immediately be wanted for the above purposes which should then be stated to him and reported to Government—

The Stud should be mustered by the Muster Master of the Station and reported in the usual manner—

Statement of Expence

Expence of the mare for the first year at 6 k. p. mo. 12 — 72 Rup.
The foal for the first year — — at 4 — — 12 — 48 —
The Colt the second Year — — at 9 — — 27 — 108 —
The Colt the third year — — — at 10 — — 30 — 120 —
Total expence of a Horse when delivered over to the Cavalry — } Am.t Pg. 348 — or 348 Rup.

A further expence at a distant period to keep up the Stud will no doubt be incurred but it may fairly be calculated that the Stables, if originally built on the plan proposed will not require any serious repair for at least fifteen years —

Jy

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It will not be necessary to replace the Stallions now purchased in less than Twelve or Thirteen years, as I calculate if I purchase them at the ages of seven or eight they will cover till they are near twenty years old—

The mares will produce Foals till they are 16 Years old and they may be replaced by mares bred in the Stud, which I have before Stated will only stand the Company 66 Pagodas each—

Of the Casualities that may happen in the Stud experience alone can enable me to Judge— If I was to give an opinion from what has already come to my Knowledge, they would be few as the climate is most favorable—

Madras
9th February 1798

/signed/ W. Evans—
Lieutenant

Description

Discription Roll of the Brood Mares in the Stud at Ilchapoor

By whom purchased	Number	Color	Age Years	Hands	Inches	Marks	Remarks
Lieut. Evans	1	Light Grey	7	14	2	near hind Hoof white no other Mark	
	2	Chesnut	4	15	2½	Star large reach & Snip near fore & near hind Leg white	Received and Continues in a sickly bad State
	3	Dun	6	14	3	Star both fore pasterns white	
	4	Chesnut	3½	14	2	a large Star light colored Pasterns Silver tail	
	5	Bay	3	14	2½	a large Blaze under Lip white, near fore pasterns and off hind Legs white	
	6	Dun	5	15	3	Blaze light colored Pasterns Flaxen Mane & Tail	
	7	Bay	6	14	2½	Reach & Snip both hind Feet white	
	8	Dun	6½	14	3½	Blaze light Colr Pasterns fine on withers & off	
	9	Bay	6½	14	3	Blaze all fours white, fine on offside of the neck	
	10	Dun	6	14	2½	Bald face all fours White	
	11	Light Grey	6½	14	2	Hoofs Black, no other mark	

	Names	Caste
12	Bay — — 6 15 . Lyon Ramp't. Noor Jehan	Tazie
13	Bay roan 4 14 3 Do — — acber abadee	Do.
14	Dun 6 14 2½ Do — — mohamd abadee	Do
15	Chesnut 6 15 1½ Do — — Shah Jehan abadee	Do
16	Do 6 15 1½ Do — — Lullisporee	Do.
17	Do — 6 14 3 Do — — Chandoo	Do.
18	Do 7 15 . Do — — Begum	Do
19	Iron Grey 3 14 3½ Do Mamd abadee	Do
20	mulmulGrey 7 15 1½ Do Mamood abadee	Do.
21	Roan 7 15 1½ Do azeem abadee	Do.
22	Dark Grey 5 14 3 Mane, Legs & Hoofs Black	
23	Light Grey 10 14 2 Black Hoofs & Mane on the point of the off Shoulder	
24	Dark Grey 4½ 14 3 Legs, Mane & Tail Black	
25	Grey — 7 14 1 Point on the near hind Fetlock, Mane & Tail Black	
26	Do 6 14 1 Knees Hocks Fetlocks Mane & Tail Black	
27	Dun 5 14 1½ Legs Hoofs Mane & Tail Black	

Slipped her Foal & died a few hours after

Lieut. Wm. Evans Superintendant of the Company's Stud in Bengal

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28	Bright Bay	7	14	3/4	Star mane Tail & legs black	
29	Golden Dun	8	14	1/2	legs Mane & Tail black	
30	Bay	6	14	1	Blaze near fore & off hind legs white	Died from the Heat of the Land Winds in the Rajamundry District the 27th May 1796
31	Roan	10	14	3	Both hind Legs white	
32	Dark Bay	8	14	2	Black legs Mane & Tail Black	
33	Light Grey	7	14	2	No Mark	
34	Light Chesnut	16	14	1/2	all fours white Light Colored Mane & Tail	
35	Bright Dun	14	14	3	Blend of the near Eye	
36	Bright Bay	3/4	14	2 1/2	Star, both hind Fetlocks a little White	
37	Chesnut	3	14	1/2	Blaze, near Hind Fetlock White	
38	Do	3/4	14	3	Star, no other mark	
39	Dark Bay	3	14	1/2	Blaze near Hind [illegible]	
40	Black	3	14	-	Do — Do	
41	Roan	9	14	2 1/2	Bald face fine Leg	
42	Dark Grey	33/4 mark	14	1	Black Mane, Tail	

Produced in the Stud

N B There are Eleven Foals in the Stud and I believe all the Mares to be with Foal

[signed] H. Evans

Lt Colonel Commanding 19th Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel

Mark Fetlock white — white Tail & Legs

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The Honble Company Dr.

To Lieutenant Henry Evans for the purchase of Brood Mares and Stallions now on their Stud in the Nellapore District & for the Expence of Feeding them

		Pags	Rupees	Fs.	P.
No 1	To a Grey Mare	125	500	"	"
22	To a Dark Bay Mare	75	300	"	"
23	To a light Grey Mare	75	300	"	"
24	To a Dark Grey Mare	72½	288	"	"
25	To a Light Grey Mare	50	200	"	"
26	To a Grey Mare	50	200	"	"
27	To a Dun Mare	75	300	"	"
28	To a Bright Bay Mare	100	400	"	"
29	To a Goulden Dun Mare	75	300	"	"
30	To a Bay Mare	70	280	"	"
31	To a Roan Mare	50	200	"	"
32	To a Dark Bay mare	80	320	"	"
33	To a Light Grey mare	50	200	"	"
34	To a Light Chesnut Mare	35	140	"	"
35	To a Bright Dun Mare	40	160	"	"
36	To a Bright Bay Mare	55	220	"	"
37	To a Chesnut Mare	50	200	"	"
38	To a Chesnut Mare	52½	210	"	"
39	To a Dark Bay Mare	45	180	"	"
40	To a Black Mare	47½	190	"	"
41	To a Roan Mare	37½	150	"	"
	Expence purchase of Brood Mares		1309½	5238	"

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Mares

No 1	To a Dark Bay Arab Stallion 14.3.	250	1000	"	"
2	To a Bright Bay Arab. do 14.2.	200	800	"	"
3	To a Dark Grey Arab do 14.2½.	250	1000	"	"
4	To a Ratany Grey Arab 14.2½.	250	1000	"	"
	Expence purchase of the Stallions		950	3800	"
	Total Expence of the Mares & Stallions		2259½	9038	"

NB The charges for fetching the above Stud made out agreeably to the Rules as the Proposed Rate will be sent into Government when called for as well as the charge for the Stables already entered

Signed H Evans

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To 2970 Stones at 6 Rupees ℔ 100 including charges of Bricklayers Coolies & Cart hire &c for Building Pillers — — — — — } 5036. . . .
To 24½ Parrahs of chunam for above at 5 Parrahs ℔ Rupee — 14 6 .
To 247½ Seers of Jagery @ 15 Seer ℔ Rupee — — — — — 4 30 .
To 120 Parrahs of Sand @ 64 Parrahs ℔ Rupee — — — — — . 22 40
To Ropes — — — — — — — — — — — — . 12 .
To large Bamboos — — — — — — — — — . 12 .
To Cotts — — — — — — — — — — — — . 12 .
To Baskets — — — — — — — — — — — . 12 .
To 50000 Raw Bricks for wall — — — — — — 4 36 .
A To 3 Bricklayers for one Month at 5 Rs each — — 4 12 .
To 150 Coolies at 60 Cash each ℔ day — — — — 2 29 40
To 4200 Small Bricks for top the wall — — — 8 25 70
To 200 Parrahs of Chunam @ 5 Parrahs ℔ Rupee — 11 18 .
To 200 Seers of Jagary at 15 Seers ℔ Rupee — — 3 33 75
To ½ Bricklayers — — — — — — — . 8 .
To 24 Coolies @ 60 Cash each ℔ day — — — — — . 8 . 10 73 85

To 31 Beams at 2 Rs each — — — — — 17 30 .
To 15 Timbers for Roofs — — — — — — 8 24 .
To 10 0 for Bar of Inboard — — — — — 5 30 .
To 7000 Bamboos for Reapers at 5½ Rs ℔ Thousand 11 . .
To 20 Coolies for Splitting the Bamboos — — . 15 .
To 3 Maund of Nails — — — — — — 2 36 .
To 3 Carpenters for one Month at 5 Rs each — 4 12 .
B To 115000 Tiles at 4 Rs ℔ Thousand — — — 46 3 .
To 2 Bricklayers for one Month at 5 Rs each 2 36 .
To 240 Coolies for Tiles work @ 60 Cash each ℔ day — 4 12 .
To 2 Maund of Coir Ropes — — — — — . 36 . .
To Sawyer work — — — — — — — 3 . .
To Gravel — — — — — — — — 1 . . 103 24 .

Paid — — — 211 20 65

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Before the Board pass any final decision upon a nursery for the breed of Horses under this Presidency,

Minutes on the foregoing letters from the Revenue Board & Lieut Evans.

Resolved that the foregoing improved plan towards which they feel a very favorable disposition, be submitted to the examination of the Board of Revenue—

Ordered that Lieutenant Evans be informed of the foregoing resolution—

Read the following Letter from Poonah—

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor of

My Lord, Fort St. George

From the assistant Resident at Poonah Gopala Gopee nephew of Raggoba Bhonsla gains Naugpore on his march towards Poonah but returns at the instance of his Uncle Gopaul Rhow about to march from Buckanpore towards Poonah the Subadar of Jumna possess himself on hearing of the arrest of his relation Nanka Furnavese.

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships information extract of my address of this date to the Governor General—

Serious dissentions are said to subsist between the Peshwahs and Scindian Parties originating chiefly in the imperious insatiable Spirit of the latter, which affords some prospect of security to their neighbours as a check on the licentious predatory Principles habits and designs of the Scindian Party

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Party which would probably have been very soon
directed against the Nizam had their ascendency
been established and maintained over the Peishwah
without any opposition on the part of the latter -
Still however the Peishwah is kept in considerable
thraldom by the Sindian Party which is much to
be lamented though not at present threatening any
prejudicial or materially embarrassing consequences
to us -

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
&c &c &c
(signed) P Uhthoff

Poonah
19th January 1798

Extract of a Letter from Mr Pothuna Uhthoff
to the Governor General dated Poonah 19th January 1798 -

Having some days ago dispatched
Hircarrahs to proceed by the way of Sakkamwarree
Ghaut to Burhaunpore, for Intelligence respecting
the movements of Colonel Palmar and Gajaba
Gujer, the nephew of Ragojee Bhonsla I have the
honor to Submit to you the report they have
just delivered to me. That Gajaba Gujer having
quitted

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quitted Naugpore in disgust, had advanced to Lakkunwarree ghaut, within about 100 cose of Poonah, where he had been prevailed upon by Sullaubut Khan, to relinquish his design of coming hither and that a deputation was expected to wait upon him from Rugoje Bhonsla to conduct him back to Naugpore That at Burhaunpore no authentic Intelligence could be collected respecting Colonel Palmer. the country between that place and Jaunsi being much infested by the Grasias that Gopaul Bhaw the Brother of Abba and Kishne Chitnavees was in the neighbourhood of Burhaunpore, on his Journey to Poona with about 2000 men that Burhaunpore is about 300 miles from Poona and that they quitted it Ten days ago coming by the way Cajarbarag Ghaut, Toomnuck, Nasuck and Juneer That Toomnuck is about 70 Cose from Poona, and that on leaving it four days ago Moraba Furnavees was there encamped

the

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the charge of Doondo Pundet, with about 1000 of the Peshwa's and 200 of Sendea's People and that it was daily expected that he would be Summoned to Poona — That the Subadar of Guneer, on hearing of the arrest of his relation Nanna Furnavees had put a period to his existence by poison — The verity of the above report is generally corroborated by the Intelligence of this Quarter —

True Extract

(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Read the following Letter from

His Highness the Nabob —

Translation of a Letter —

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c &c &c &c &c

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

Dated 10th February 1798

Received 20 Do

I send with this Letter a Setto of Bills for Star Pagodas Three thousand seven Hundred

From the Nabob encloses a Set of Bills on England for the amount of Lady Campbell's pension for 1798 which he requests may be forwarded to the Court of Directors —

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hundred and fifty, making one thousand and
five hundred Pounds Sterling the amount of
Lady Campbells' Salary for the present year 1798-

Your Lordship will be pleased
to invite the Court of Directors to pay the
said Sum to her Ladyship and furnish me
with a receipt for the Bill-

What can I write more

A true Translation

/signed/ A Falconar
Persn to Govt.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Bills be forwarded
to the Honorable Court of Directors-

The President lays before the Board
a letter some time since received from his
Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore upon
the subject of the application made to him
by order of the Court of Directors for the
liquidation of a debt due by his brother
to Major General Brathwait-

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore dated 8th Jany 1797 on the Subject of Major General Brathwaits Claim on his Excellency encloses a letter from his Vackeel who declares that the Bond was given to the general in part Payment of a present extorted from the late Rajah

While I was making enquiry into the Subject of the Letter of your Lordship of the 7th December 1796 Mr. Macleod presented me to hasten my Reply in consequence on the 31st of December, I wrote and dispatched a Letter which you will have received. I directed my Vackeel to acquaint me of every thing that he might know relating to Colonel Brathwaits' claim - upon which the Vackeel wrote to me what he recollected upon the Subject. A Copy of his Letter I enclose - It will enable your Lordship to understand the nature of Colonel Brathwaits Claim of fifteen thousand Pagodas. I have enquired also of the writers of Butchenahs time, now remaining and directed an Examination to be made of all the accounts of those Days and if any Light should be thrown upon the matter in consequence I will acquaint your Lordship of it - all this.

Your

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your Lordship will understand - That which my elder Brother consented to give as a present I do not now wish to reject, and for the — Satisfaction of your Lordship and the — Honorable Court of Directors I am willing to pay the above mentioned principal sum of fifteen thousand Pagodas in the period of ten years but your Lordship must be — favorable to me and excuse me from the — payment of the Interest - I remain always your faithful Friend - To a Friend what can I say more -?

8th January 1797

Translation of a Letter from Vackeel Trumbeck Sambaje to his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore dated from Madras 6th January 1797 and enclosed in the above -

Respecting the news of this place I have to acquaint your Excellency of the arrival yesterday of three or four Ships in Consequence of which Salutes were fired from

the

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the Fort I understand that the Ships came from Cochin. There is no other news here and I have written this for your Excellency's Information

I received your Excellency's Letter of the 1st of January directing me to inform you whether the Circar had borrowed Money from Colonel Brathwaite and of all the particulars relating to the Circumstance which I might be able to recollect. This letter accompanied by one from your Excellency to the Lord Behauder and a copy of it arrived at eight oClock in the morning yesterday and I understood the Contents. Being much indisposed in Health, I sent the Letter addressed to the Lord Behauder to the Fort by Jewan Row but he had no opportunity to present it. I will present it to day and acquaint your Excellency, I was surprized when I read the Copy of the letter to the Lord Behauder and will inform your Excellency of all that I recollect regarding the fifteen thousand due

From

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from the Circar to Colonel Braithwaite during the
War with Hyder Ally Khaun the above mentioned
Colonel gave much trouble to the Circar because
he had not received any present from them and
at length he refused to allow either the circar
or Individuals to take water from the little Fort
In consequence of this a great disturbance arose
and he permitted a certain Number of pots to be
filled every Day for the use of the Circar only-
The other Inhabitants were not permitted to
receive any- From this Cause many people fell
sick and died In this manner he caused
much Distress, and paying no attention to the
various Messages from the Circar, he declared
he would not listen to them unless a present
was made to him when he would become
the Circar's Friend- Upon this in order to
satisfy him the Circar consented to make
him a present of twenty thousand Pagodas, of
which five thousand were paid in ready money
and a Bond with Interest at the rate of one

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$\frac{1}{2}$ Cent $\frac{1}{2}$ annum was given him for the —"—
remaining fifteen thousand — The above named
Colonel never advanced any Money to the —"—
Circar and received a Bond for it — If he had
at any time advanced Money to the Circar —
in this manner, it would have been regularly
entered in the accounts of the Circar — But this
not being the case and the money given as
a present it does not appear in the Circar —"—
accounts — I have acquainted your Excellency
of what I recollect upon this Subject — are —"—
thing suggests itself to me, the possibility that
some Memorandums of this Transaction
may have been preserved in the private —"—
accounts of Butchenah punt — If your Excellency
shall give orders that they be examined it will
be known — Exclusive of which the Vackeels and
people who served under Butchenah punt may
be acquainted with it, and will discover what
they know — This I have written for your Excellency's —"—
Information —

True Translations
/signed/ P. Webbe
M.S.

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His Lordship also lays before the Board copy of a letter from the resident at Tanjore upon the same subject.

To
Josias Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Fort S.t George

Sir.

From the Resident at Tanjore bearing testimony to the justness of Major General Brathwaite's claim on the Rajah of Tanjore.

I request that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the President in Council the following results of my Information and Inquiries on the Subject of the Debt due from his Excellency the Rajah to General Brathwaite—

His Excellency, in his letters to the Right Honble the President dated the 31.st December 1796 and 8.th January 1797 disclaims all Knowledge of the above Debt. This is very extraordinary, because while I was at this place in the years 1787 and 1788 I frequently mentioned the Subject to his Excellency, this the interpretation of the of the Reverend M.r Swartz, and he then acknowledged the Debt to be perfectly just, and

Stated

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stated his inability to pay, as the only reason for not discharging it. Mr Swartz knew the subject from the Beginning; had translated the Bond for the amount given by the late Rajah and, stated that it had been regularly registered in the Palace accounts.— I never either during my former, or present Residence here, heard a word of what his Excellency asserts in his Correspondence, relative to Stoppage of the Water / for the purpose of obtaining the bond / in the Shevagunga or little fort, till he mentioned the Circumstance — Since his mention of it many months, (nearly thirteen) are elapsed, during this period I have made frequent enquiries of Mr Swartz and others but can find no trace of the Truth of the Rajah's insinuation —

I have always understood from the latter Gentleman, who was in Tanjore at the time, that General Braithwaite's Claim arose from actual advances of Cash at different Times to enable the Rajah to make good the payment of the Troops and

other

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other necessary expences of the Tanjore Garrison —
From every account I sincerely believe this to be the
true State of the Case —

This seems to derive additional
Strength from the correspondence between the
late Rajah and the Committee deputed hither by Lord
Macartney, consisting of Mssrs. Dawson and
Jourdan — They arrived in the early part of
the year 1781 and were in negotiation with
the Rajah from the month of March in that
year, the very period of the Date of General
Brathwaite's Bond — It appears from several
parts of the above Correspondence, particularly
in the Letters dated the 10th and the 17th July
and the 10th August 1781. that the Garrison had
been in great want of money and that Money
had actually been advanced by Europeans and
others at different periods to defray the necessary
Expences — The above evinces a strong
presumptive proof that the General opinion
concerning the origin of General Brathwaite's

Claim

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claim is perfectly well founded -

I clearly remember that the late Vaequeel while I was here formerly joined with the Rajah in admitting in the — most unreserved manner the justice of the Bond - Lieutenant Blackburne, then — acting as Marratta Translator must I dare say recollect that the Vacqueel at different times made such acknowledgement -

The Rajah in his letter of the 31st December 1796 alledges that "there are "none now remaining who were at that time "in the administration" - from the Context it is evident that this alludes to the time of the Bond being granted yet in contradiction to this assertion I beg leave to observe that Gopaul Row, sometime acting as Sirkail affixed his Signature to the bond, and Gopaul Row is still living in Tanjore; surely therefore if the bond had been given Gratuitously and not for money actually advanced his Excellency

would

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would have produced in the course of a year some satisfactory proof to relieve himself from the claim.

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16th February 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resdt.

Minutes of the Board on the subject of major General Braithwaite's claim on the Rajah of Tanjore

Resolved that under the difficulties which seem to oppose the discharge of this debt, it is advisable to submit the whole case to the Court of Directors; and, as the Board despair of prevailing upon his Excellency by any further means of persuasion, agreed to state the circumstance for their information and to request their directions for the guidance of this Government.

Read the following letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee.

From the Jaghiredar of Arnee advising of the celebration of his marriage and requesting the Interposition of Government towards obtaining payment of Tribute due to him by his relations Ragonaut Row and Sham Row.

Translation of an Arzdacht from the Jaghiredar of Arnee. To the Right Honble Lord Hobart &c. &c. &c.

I cannot express the sorrow with which

which I have heard of your Lordships intended Return to England - In future no one I fear, will treat me with so much distinction and kindness as your Lordship attentive to your own great fame, has done - Nevertheless as your Lordship is so favorable to me you will do whatever may be necessary to shield me also from all oppression hereafter -

My marriage took place on the 4th February 1798 and the Commandant Major D. Thomas Cole acted agreeably to the Custom in these Matters -

After the death of my Father Shenevas Row, your Lordship made yourself acquainted with all the particulars of my Empire and determined that I ought to be put in possession of the property and throne and during that time I have been happy in your protection -

My Cousin Ragonath Row and the illegitimate Shamrow ought to pay to me a Yearly

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Yearly Peshcush, but for seven years past they have refused it. While I am paying Peshcush to the Company, if my Cousin and others refuse to make their payments to me how shall I be able to go on — be your Lordship therefore favorable to me, and according to the Stipulation enjoin them to pay the balance that may be due after deducting the former payments, and to continue the same without any opposition. This will redound greatly to your Lordships honor and Reputation — If any Delay takes place in this matter, they will make no more payments hereafter — as your Lordship is my only support and protection — I have communicated this to you —

True Translation

(signed) P. Webbe
M. P.

Minute thereon

Ordered that Extract of the foregoing letter be referred for the examination of the Board of Revenue —

Read

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Read the following letter from
Mr. Frank Day with its enclosures—

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

My Lord,

From Mr. Frank Day on the subject of his claim on the Rajah of Tanjore to the Extent of about 4,50,000 Pagodas—

The situation to which I am reduced from the conduct of the Rajah of Tanjore whose creditor I stand for pecuniary assistance afforded him in the Year 94/5 to enable him to effect during that period the payment of his Kists to the Honble Company in the amount of a sum a little short of Pags. 4,5,000— has urged me to this Representation to your Lordship and humbly to solicit should the circumstance I am about to state appear worthy your attention, that such mention may be made of my case to the Honorable Court as will under their protection procure me that Relief I may seem entitled to—

It will perhaps be within the recollection of the Honble Board that at the period above alluded to the Superabundance of Money exceeded

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all means of employing it, The Honble Company had been enabled by the successful Issue of the War to discharge their bonded debt: Individuals were glad to lay out their property at any rate of Interest they could procure and six ℘ Cent was then the highest known; Circumstances added to the great Risk with which trade was carried on in this country owing to the little protection afforded it for some time after the commencement of the present Hostilities) that frequently among mercantile people occasions large Sums of money to be lying un-employed, and consequently incurring a loss from the Interest running on against them - At this period it was that I became induced to comply with an application to me on the part of the Rajah of Tanjore for undertaking his monthly payments to the Honble Company by sending into their Treasury at Fort St. George the amount in Star Pagodas as the stipulated Sums became due, and receiving it back in Bills

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Bills and various coins when collected in the country - This Transaction was undertaken by me as any other might have been in the way of business on the Mercantile line, but on terms inferior to the common rates which are — charged by Houses of Agency and consequently with a prospect of gain much more moderate than is looked for, in General from commercial concerns for the utmost benefit than — could has resulted to me scarcely exceeded one and half ℔ Cent ℔ month, which exclusive of the legal interest of 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum afforded only half ℔ Cent as a Commission or Brokerage for providing the money and transacting the business; This added to the want of punctuality which soon shewed itself on the — Rajah's part in reimbursing me for the payments made on his account induced me very shortly to decline a continuance of them, but having — unfortunately commenced I found myself under the necessity of following up the monthly advances as the only means by which the Rajah was to be

prevailed

prevailed upon to liquidate the preceeding Payments
or by which I had any prospect of ultimately recovering
myself, and so long as these advances were made
without interfering in the least with those destricts
eventually mortgaged or assigned over to the Honble
Company by the treaty entered into by Sir Charles Oakeley
with the Rajah in the year 1792 and afterwards
approved of by Lord Cornwallis I did not conceive
that such a mode of Employing the Spare funds
which the circumstance before alluded to, and
the line of business I am engaged in enabled
me to furnish could be deemed or considered
exceptionable or as militating against any orders
of the Honble Company in existance Respecting
loans of Money to Natives, especially as this
transaction was far from contributing to any
unnecessary or lavish expenditure of the Rajahs
Revenues or being prejudicial or oppressive to
his countries, - But although I have ever felt
conscious that my claim to your Lordship
on the Rajah of Tanjore must from its
Nature be received in a light very different
from

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from those which lye under the importation of being usurious and illegal transactions and that the mode in which it originated as well as the purposes for which the money was intended and — actually applied place it on Grounds totally seperate and distinct from debts of that discription I no longer considered myself at liberty after the publication of the different orders and advertisements issued on the part of the Honble Company under date the 17th December 1796 to adopt those means — with which I was purposely empowered by the Rajah for repayment of my demand. But — I immediately relinquished that security I was possessed of altho' in no wise connected with or included in those Districts over which the Honble Company have an eventual claim — willing to consider myself perfectly secure in the honor and Justice of the Rajah, and the sense with which I felt confident he must be — impressed of the obligation he was under for the essential assistance I had afforded him, to perform those engagements and assurances he

had

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had solemnly pledged himself for—

It is however with considerable pain and reluctance I state to your Lordship that they remain totally disregarded; and that notwithstanding the repeated solicitation and representations from me wherein I have in the strongest point of view, pointed out the ruinous situation to which I as well as others to whom I am indebted have been reduced by the magnitude of this Debt, and the embarrassments it has brought upon me, and although as your Lordship will perceive by the perusal of the accompanying papers the Rajah has readily and voluntarily admitted the Justness of my demand acquiesced in the Preference it is deserving of, I remain without the smallest relief not even to lessen the accumulating load of Interest of his Bond, which of itself has reached an enormous amount and is become a very heavy burden; and the only terms on which he has ever held out a promise of liquidating my demand was

upon

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upon further advance being made by me which after the publication of the orders of the Government, before alluded to, I resolved not to do whatever might be the consequence —

Under the pressure of these severe circumstances it is that I have ventured to lay my case before your Lordship and request a copy may be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors and having understood that Government has been pleased to recommend to the notice of the Honble Court certain claims of Individuals who came under the discription of real and Bonafide Creditors of His Highness the Nabob further to encourage a hope that your Lordship may please to extend the same Indulgence towards me and that through a favorable mention made of the nature of my demand on the Rajah to the Honble Court, they may be graciously disposed to take into consideration and by their interference and protection I may be enabled to procure that satisfaction and relief I have so long hitherto been soliciting from him in vain —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Frank Day —

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To His Excellency. Amer Sing

Mahaurajah &c. &c. &c.

Tanjore

May it please your Excellency.

I take the liberty to address your Excellency on the Subject of my claim upon You, and to call your attention to the Ruinous Situation I am plaughed into by it's having encreased to its present Enormous amount without obtaining any Satisfaction on account thereon, or any Proposal being made by your Excellency to relieve me by even a Part payment of the debt.

It is unnecessary for me to remind your Excellency of the very large Sum for which I Stand your creditor or in whatmanner I became so to support your Honor and Dignity, and to prevent inconveniences to the Honble Company from your failure in payment of the Kists and I had hoped the essential Service rendered

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rendered both you and your Country by my coming forward at the time I did with the requisite advances for Payment of those Heirs to the Honble Company was not forgotten by your Excellency—

But it is with deep sorrow and concern I find it to be the case, and instead of the nature of my demand having secured me a Preference with your Excellency, that for these two years past it has been left totally unnoticed and disregarded— a circumstance that renders it necessary for me no longer to delay requesting to know what hopes I may entertain of my claim being still in your Excellency's recollection; and the mode you propose for its liquidation amounting to nearly four Lacks as per your Excellencys Bond dated with Interest and if I am not to expect present payment of it, what security your Excellency is disposed to afford me for the amount —?, whether in Jewels, Houses, or Lands?, either

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of which I am willing to take — Should your Excellency be inclined to afford the latter, I have no objection to receive it provided it is distinct from what the Honorable Company may have any Claims upon under their Treaty with you —

I trust your Excellency will be pleased to pay an early and serious attention to a matter of these great importance to me, that I may know what I have to expect your own honor my necessities require it and I have no hesitation in acquainting you, that unless I am placed in some situation of Security by your Excellency, I shall be driven to the necessity, and have taken the Resolution of making my case known to the Honorable Company and throwing myself upon their mercy and protection, a Step that may be considered dangerous and dispirate But when nothing else

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is left for me, and when I reflect that in
the transaction with your Excellency I have
neither constituted to a Lavish Expenditure
of your Revenues or oppressed your Countries
but on the contrary, by supplying the necessary
Payments of your Monthly Investments the
Honorable Company, and thereby preventing
a premature and forced Sale of their
produce I have enabled you to make the
most of that produce I venture to hope
I shall stand exculpated from any wilful
Breach of their orders which may have
been issued respecting loans made in your
Country for purposes and on terms far
different from these My advances were
applyed to, and it is on these Grounds I
have all along cherished an ardent hope
and still encourage it, that your Excellency
for the preservation of your own honor
and the support of your own credit will
give me that preference to other Creditors I
feel myself entitled to —

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I understand since death —
deprived your Excellency of the late Serewll
Sevarow that Bava has been entrusted with
the full Management of your Excellency's
affairs a circumstance which as I hear
from all quarters that he professes greater
ability and Intigrity them any other person
about your Excellency's Court I have very
much rejoiced to hear — I do not consider
it necessary to point out to your Excellency
whose understanding is good and whose
principles I have always understood are
upright how necessary it is and how —
indispensable for your own credit to be
just to those who have staked their fortunes
to serve you when upon the preservation
of that credit your safety and secure profession
of your country depend — what need I say more —

I have the honor to be with
great Respect —
&c.a &c.a

Signed/ Frank Day

Madras
June 28.th 1797

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Translation from the Marattah of a letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Frank Day—

The prefatory Compliments omitted—

I have received your letter of the 28th of June forwarded thro' the Medium of my Vackeel and Punderstand its contents— You desire to know whether I hold in my mind the discharge of your debt and whether I have any Valuables to offer as a security for it, if not, you tell me that you will make it known to Government and obtain on account of your demand some part of my Country not mortgaged to the Company— All this conveyed in a manner some what peremp-tory filled my mind with surpreze and — concern not to be described —

What I have to say with respect to the discharge of the debt is this: I hold perfectly in remembrance that, at the time of my distress you were the —

means

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means of preserving to me my Dignity-
But unfortunately for me it has so —
happened that last year the Company's —
people seized three of my Soobahs and when
they were restored the Collections became —
greatly diminished, owing to the reduced price
of Paddy great difficulties of consequence
arising in providing the Company's Lists
and Lord Hobart having confined my Servants
a failure of payment took place, and the
Soobah of Mayore was seized — all this you
know perfectly well —

Now the seizure of Mayore is
a great loss to me, do You then assistance to
get it back ~~thers~~ do you saved my dignity
on a former occasion, You will now retrieve
it, and I shall you remember the favour —

I am sensible that your debt is
different from all other debts and accordingly
it is my intention to discharge it in preference
to any of the rest — You are acquainted
with all the difficulties under which I

Labour

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labour and I trust you will prevent their encreasing
and so Conduce to my being enabled to pay you—
I have written on their subject to
my Vackeel Sumbahjee Trumbeck and to —
Nagogy Row who will communicate to you
what I have written—

Between friends what needs more—

Tanjore
3d July 1797.

Signed Shree Ram Pretauje

A true Copy

To His Excellency. Amer Sing
Maharauza &c &c &c
Tanjore

May it please your Excellency—

I have received your Excellency's
letter and it has afforded me some relief to
find my debt is still borne in your —
recollection, but I can not help expressing
my anxiety to be informed what security
your Excellency is able and disposed to offer
me for the amount until that period
shall arrive when I can look for the —
Payment

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Payment — For I must request your Excellency
to excuse the freedom of my telling you that
words and assurances although Satisfactory so
far as they convey a good will towards me
are of little avail towards relieving me from
Embarassments I feel in consequence of the
Extensive Advances I have made to you and
the heavy Balance now due to me —

Your Excellency calls upon
me for further assistance: But permit me
to ask whether it is reasonable to expect —
over-whelmed as I already am, that I should
plunge myself still deeper into difficulties
without any prospect or means held out
whereby I might be encouraged to hope for
a deliverance from those I at present labour
under —

As I place every dependance
on your Excellency Known Principles of Honor
and Justice, I deem it unnecessary to Employ
other means than the present to urge my
claim

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claim upon them, being well assured that laying my Situation before you in this direct manner will prove the readiest means of obtaineng that Satisfaction I escpect from your Excelleney— I therefore once more in the most Earnest manner intreat your attention to the magnitude of my Demand and that you will from the preference you have allowed to prosess to others afford me some Security for it, which I in my former address have urged your Excellency to, Either in Jewels Houses or Lands.— I leave it to your Excellency to make the indevidual Selection— And I trust you will agree to do so and should it fall on the latter I have only to repeat my former observation that it must be separate and distinct from any the Honble Company have any immediate or eventual claim to under such conditions, I can have no objections to take it as a Security and look for a full and proper authority from your

Excellency

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Excellency to derive from such security an amount
at least equal to the regular payment of —
Interest of my Claim at 12 ℔ Cent ℔ annum
and 20 ℔ Cent annually of the Principal until
you can form an arrangement for its final
Liquidation a Payment to this Extent on the
amount specified in my last letter to your
Excellency would lighten my present Difficulties
and I shall by that means sustain a less
loss in future than I am at present exposed to
by being obliged to pay more Interest for —
Money borrowed than I receive from your
Excellency — For I make no doubt it is well
known to your Excellency that no loan can be
effected in Madras for a longer period than
two or three months which occasions an —
Interest trebly compounded during the year
on a Sum for which I do not receive the common
simple Interest even from your Excellency; and
permit me to assure your Excellency that I am
at a loss for a language to paint the distress
to which you have reduced me nor can I for a
moment

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moment doubt you will in your Justice see the
necessity of complying with this my Reasonable
Request which your Excellency must be sensible
I have made in the manner least likely to —
prove distressing to you — Before I conclude
this address, I deem it necessary to advert to that
part of your Excellency's Letter wherein you
allude to my having with a Degree of —
Peremptoriness required Security for my Debt
for that otherwise "I should make it known
to Government and obtain on account of it
some part of your Country not mortgaged to the
Company" I beg leave to assure your Excellency
that such a construction of my intention is
totally foreign to that entertained or expressed
by me as will appear by a reference to my
letter which I request your Excellency to make;
wherein the only allusion made to my —
be-speaking the attention of the Company
to my Situation was in the event of my
being left destitute of that Satisfaction and
Relief by you which the magnitude of my

debt

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debt and the Embarrassment it has brought upon me has made it incumbent and indispensably requisite for me to use every Effort to obtain if possible elsewhere—

I have the honor to be with great Respect,—

&c &c.

Madras
22d July 1797.

A true Copy
(Signed) Frank Day.

To His Excellency Ameer Singh
Maharaujah &c &c &c
Tanjore

May it please your Excellency—

It is with regret I trouble your Excellency so often respecting the ruinous Situation I am thrown into by the load of Debt that bears me down and which I suppose in vain to look up to your Excellency to be relieved from, It is now nearly two months since I addressed you Soliciting some alleviation to my Embarrassments and &c

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I have still the mortification to find my — appeals to your honor and Justice remain unattended to, although I had hoped from the moderation of my demands, they would have been considered — worthy some notice from Excellency or that if trifling as they were, you considered them beyond the means in your power to grant you would have been pleased to have substituted some offer within the Extent of your ability by which at least the Interest of my money would have been secured to me, and this I still hope it is your Excellency's intention to comply with, that I may not be driven quite to dispair —

I do not wish to intrude upon your Excellency, by adding to the Remonstrances I have already made to you and shall therefore conclude my present address in the form hope and belief that your Excellency will not further encrease my sufferings by longer withholding a favorable reply to them, I think your Excellency owes this as much to yourself as to me —

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

Signed / Frank Day

Fort St. George
Octr. 1797

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Translation from the Marattah of a letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to Frank Day Esqr.

The two or three letters which you have written arrived in due course and I have considering them It was my intention to have answered them, as soon as some arrangement should be made for the raising of money to redeem the two Soobahs - But nothing has yet been settled and I am very anxious about the Payment of your demand I shall therefore pay some part of the Interest of it in the course of the present year - this you need entertain no doubt of - In the mean time if you can support me by paying the November Kists, it will be well otherwise Paupanadem will go with the other Soobahs - Should you then afford me this assistance I shall repay you what money you may advance and not suffer it to fall in arrear and that Kist paid, I have to request that you will

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will make a permanent arrangement for the Kists and relieve my two Soobahs and support my Honor—

I have none but you to apply to, you must therefore pay the November Kists, That done, you shall have the management of the whole— business and I will act agreable to your wishes In consideration of your prompt execution to relieve my two Soobahs I will discharge a part of your former Debt—

Out of favor for me, do as I have requested your compliance will redound to your honor —

To friends what needs more

3d November 1797

(signed) Shreeram Pretauph

• A true Copy-

To His Excellency • Ameer Sing

• Maharauza &c &c &c &c &c

Tanjore

• May it please your Excellency-

Although I reluctantly intrude upon your Excellency, My distresses will not admit

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admit of my being longer silent, when I find — notwithstanding the repeated assurances made by your Excellency to me that my demand remains wholly disregarded, and no Step taken by your Excellency to lessen or provide for even the arrears of Interest which are daily accumulating and are become of themselves a very heavy amount — I did conceive that your Excellency from the — frequent Remonstrances and applications made to you on my behalf from different quarters, added to the means you now possess of fulfilling your promises, would have shewn some disposition to allow me my sufferings by some arrangement or part payment of my Debt, which as well as the preference it deserves was so readily — admitted by you — It is needless here to observe that the ability your Excellency at present possesses to do Justice to me is well known to exceed any in a Considerable degree you have for a length of time commanded in Consequence of the arrangement with the Honorable Company for the fulfilment of this year's Lists — Therefore hope and trust your Excellency

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Excellency will not under the favorable circumstances
which at present occur still suffer me to solicit you
in vain, but convince the world by attending to
my necessitous demands that you have not steeled
yourself against them, and that there still
exists in your breast Considerations and —"—
inducements sufficiently binding and strong to
entitle me to look for speedy and effectual relief.
I beg to remind your excellency that hitherto
I have looked only to you to obtain that Justice
my Situation requires, and it is my earnest wish
not to be driven to seek it elsewhere — But
if by my appeals to you for it and your —"—
Excellency's frequent promises of granting it being
alike neglected, I find myself precluded from
all hope of success, no other alternative remains —
I am however unwilling to suppose
your Excellency will leave me to pursue a —"—
measure I should so repugnantly adopt, that
ere long I shall experience a convincing proof to
the Contrary by receiving the arrears of Interest already
incurred

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incurred on my Debt and the Security of the
Villages which your Excellency undoubtedly has
it in your Power to make over to me separate and
distinct from any the Honorable Company can lay
claim to, for the regular discharge of the same
in future until a further arrangement for the
final discharge of my debt can take place

What can I add more-

I have the honor to be with respect

&c &c &c

Fort St. George
December 23 1793.

A true Copy

Signed / Frank Day

/ Minute thereon

Resolved that copy of the foregoing
letter be submitted to the consideration of the
Court of Directors by the present Dispatch

Read the following letter from
Brigadier General De Meuron—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council.

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

My Lord

From Brigadier General D Meuron reporting the continuance of tranquility in the Corles and noticing the peculiar good Conduct of Captain Kenny and the Officers and Men employed in quelling the late insurrections — recommends that some Relief be afforded to the Family of a Man employed in procuring Intelligence and Killed by Signal Apoe applies for a reinforcement of Troops suggests the necessity of affording naval Protection to the Pearl Fishery the Victorious and Ships under convoy arrive observation on the relative exchange fixed by Government between the Arcot Rupee Star Pagoda & Copper Doddies — encloses a protest made by the nominal owner against the detention of the Sultanna Amelia at Point De Galle —

I had the honor to address your Lordship in Council on the 22d of December last, — since which time the Corles continue to be in a State of tranquillity, in the reestablishment of which Major Kenny has evinced those principles of Humanity and Firmness which do honor to a Gallant and able Officer, the punctuality with which his orders were obeyed by all the Officers under his Command reflects equal honor upon them, and the Troops employed on that Service, during which their steadiness and perseverance deserve particular commendation — I cannot leave this subject without noticing the Judicious disposition and activity of Lieutenant Young whereby he prevented the Rebels from entering and effecting the subversion of our authority

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authority in the Hina and Allaethoer carts—
and I derive great pleasure from having it
in my power to Report to your Lordship in
Council that the disturbances in the Country
have been quelled without the loss of a man
Killed, which can only be attributed to the
prudent and steady conduct of Major Kenny,
and the punctual obedience of his orders by
all the officers and men of the Detachments under
his Command—

Major Kenny has by his conduct
conciliated the affections and gained the confidence
of the Inhabitants who are all anxious to shew
their regard for him and their readiness in
meeting his wishes—

A man who had been employed
by Major Kenny as a spy was unfortunately
taken by Signo appoe who ordered him to be shot
he has left a family in great distress to
regret his untimely End, which induces me
request that your Lordship in Council will
allow

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allow that a Sum of fifty Pagodas be given to them by Major Kenny on the public Accounts to relieve their present wants, until a piece of ground can be given to them for their maintenance —

The Chief of the Riolers Signo Appoe is gone to Candy with about Twenty Persons — Mangi Mohandiram Chief of the Riolers of the Hewegam Corle having ventured back upon our Territory, was secured by his Brother in law, and his Relations who brought him to Colombo where he is now confined —

Signo Appoe made an attempt to return in the Hina Corle, and came to one of the dispense Villages, but finding that the inhabitants were not disposed to Join him, but that on the contrary they would readily seize him, he made the best of his way back to the Candian Country — On getting information of his movements I ordered some Troops to the Frontiers and I am of opinion that the Defsovance of Columbo is sufficiently covered

to

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to ensure the continuance of tranquillity

I got intelligence from Candy a few days ago of a less pleasing nature from which it would appear that the Court are making serious preparations, and that the Dissaves have been ordered to repair to their respective Provinces — a report was spread at Candy that a French Embassador had arrived at Arrasadee and that the Dissave of Awa had been dispatched to receive him and conduct him to the Court — I have not been able to discover where Arrasadee is situated but from circumstances am led to think it must be somewhere to the Southward of Battecaloa —

I do not conceive this news to be absolutely depended on although it is possible that it may be true, and am persuaded that the Candians will not undertake any thing against us as long as no Enemy's Squadron appears nevertheless I request

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request an increase of Troops for the Garrison of Columbo in order to reinforce the Detachments on the Frontiers and to replace the Bombay — " Grandiers whose return to their native Country has been repeatedly and earnestly requested by — " Lieutenant General Stuart —

The Protection of the Pearl Fishing being an object that merits the attention of — " Government, I propose sending two field Pieces — " with two Artillery men and some Gun Lascars in addition to the Guard requested for by the Renter — And as this Fishery has been publicly announced I beg leave to state to your Lordship in — " Council, how desireable it would be to have two small Frigates to cover it against any attempt that might be made by a Privateer, Should any of these appear, the Fishery would be stopped and in the event of the Candians being apprized of it, it would be an inducement to them to — " attempt to Plunder the Bazar which is always very valuable and the loss of which would be difficult to make up —

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I have received Mr. Secretary Webbs
letter of the 24th Ultimo with enclosures, and
have now the Satisfaction to inform your
Lordship of the safe arrival of the victorious
and the Ships under her Convoy — The
Northerly wind is so strong that it is with
much difficulty they can communicate with
the Shore — The Senior Naval Officer has
ordered the Troops to be transhipped from the
Princess Mary and Atlantic to the wooded
and Raymond and I have given orders to the
Master Attendant to make every possible exertion
to forward the Service required of him in order
to expedite the Ships that are to return to
Bengal.—

As none of the Master attendants
Boats could be sent on Board, Captain Clarke
had the goodness to send the Treasure on
Shore in those of the Victorious — With this
Supply the Paymaster will be enabled to
continue the Payments regularly from his
Office

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Office for some time — I am nevertheless greatly
embarrassed from the circumstance of your Lordships
continuing to fix the exchange at the rate of 350 —
arcot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas and as Government
have by their letter dated 26th April 1796 fixed, that
all Payments and Receipts in Copper Coin shall be
made at the rate of one Hundred and Eighty (180)
Copper Doodies or Stivers for one Star Pagoda, and
the English East India Company's copper Coin
(which by the same letter is estimated to be —
equal in value with the Dutch Copper Coin)
bearing a Stamp of Forty Eight to one Rupee —
which amounts to three and three Quarters for
one Pagoda I cannot take upon myself to order
them to be issued at that rate as it would occasion
too considerable a loss — I therefore beg
leave to represent to your Lordship in Council
that should any remonstrances be made on
account of the Exchange at the rate of 350, they
would in my opinion be well grounded, and as
this difficulty can be removed for this month

last

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but not for the following, by the quantity of Copper Coin now received, I earnestly request to be honored with the orders of your Lordship in Council on that Subject—

So soon as the Eliza Ann arrives, your Lordship's orders respecting her shall be particularly attended to—

I have also received Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 29th December, on the subject of the Vessel said to be Danish Property which has been detained at Galle, copy of which together with one of Mr. Sullivan's opinion have been transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Croker with directions to carry the orders therein transmitted into execution— I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the agents of Mr. Pringel, who calls himself the owner of the Vessel to Lieutenant Colonel Croker, protesting against the detention—

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

Head Quarters
Columbo 12 Jany 1798

(signed) P. D. Maitland
A. G.

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Colonel Croker

Commanding at Point de Galle.

Sir,

By a letter we have received from Captain Neils Moller Commanding the Ship — " — Susanna Amelia we are informed that you have arrested and Detained the Ship for what cause we know not — However to prevent disagreeable Consequences we take the liberty of informing You that Mr. John Christian Pingle late of this place but now at Serampore as the Royal — " — Danish asiatic Company's first factor did in the month of June last fit out the Brigantine Susanna Amelia and load her with a Cargo amounting to Star Pagodas 34743 which was " consigned to Messrs. J. Monneron & Co.y merchants at the Isle of France and by letters from those Gentlemen Dated august 25.th It appears the said Brigantine Susanna Amelia had arrived but with great part of her Cargo Damaged

and

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and the Vessel in so bad a State that she was found unfit to proceed on her voyage and would therefore be condemnd and sold — We therefore as attorneys to — Mr. Pringle take the liberty of acquainting you that the Ship called Susanna Amelia now at Point Delgalle is the property of Mr. Pringle and sent as a remittance for part of the proceeds of the Brigantine Susanna & Amelia and her Cargo and should you persist in detaining the said Ship we have ordered Captain Neils Moller to abandon both Ship and Cargo to you, who we shall hold responsible for all losses and Damages that our Constituent Mr. Pringle may sustain and as there is no Court of Law or Equity at Point Delgalle we shall institute a Suit at one of the English Presidencies for the recovery of all losses and Damages as aforesaid —

We are,
&c &c
Signed Roatth & Co —
attorneys to J C Pringle

Tranquebar
20th December 1797.

A true Copy
Signed / J. Welsh Secretary

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Brigadier General De Meuron stating that the Dutch paper currency found in publick Treasuries on Ceylon with the exception of a small sum at Trincomaly has been cancelled in the manner pointed out by the Advocate General in Bengal, appoints Lieut. Herr of the 72d Regiment to be Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops on Ceylon, vice Burough until the pleasure of Government shall be known —

In conformity to your Lordships orders contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter dated 22d November last, I have the honor to report to your Lordship in Council that the Dutch paper Currency which was deposited at Columbo has been regularly cancelled in the manner recommended by the Advocate General, and I have now the honor to enclose the Register's Certificate and a copy of the receipt granted by him to the Prize Agents for the Dutch paper Currency delivered to him for the purpose of being Cancelled —

I beg leave to observe to your Lordship that the Dutch paper found at Trincomaly not yet having arrived here, it is not included in the above immediately on its receipt, it shall be cancelled and the Register's Certificate for the Quantity there may be of it shall be transmitted

without

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without delay—

Captain R. Brough having signified to me his wish to be permitted to resign the Appointment of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops, I have this day by desire of the Right Honble Lord Hobart appointed Lieutenant Kerr of H.M. 76th Regiment to be Deputy Paymaster in his room until the pleasure of Government be known, and to this Nomination I beg the concurrence of your Lordship in Council—

I have the honor to be with Respect—

Head Quarters Columbo 18th Jany 1798

&c &c

Signed B. Dumaresq
B.G.C.

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I do hereby Certify that Dutch East India Company's Paper currency to the amount of three Hundred and Twenty one thousand, and Sixty Five Rix Dollars, has been received by me and cancelled according to the mode, laid down, by the advocate General signified to me in a Letter from Brigadier General Delmeuron dated the 12th December 1797 being as follows -

61	Credit Brieven of rd.	1000. each - rd.	61,000.
162	do	400	64,800.
923	do	100	92,300
841	do	50	42,050
747	do	25	18,675
844	do	10	8,440.
1,859	do	5	9,295
5437	Credit Brieven amounting to		rd. 296,560
1479	Kafs notes of rd. 1. each		rd. 1479
781	do	2	1,562
1350	do	3	4050
1336	do	4	5,344
492	do	5	2,460.
961	do	10	9,610.
6399.	Kafs notes amounting to		24,505

Total Rix Dollars - 321,065.

Columbo
17th Jany 1798.

Signed / Geo Gregory
Regr

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61	Credit Brieven of	Rd 1,000	each —	Rd 61,000
162	— — — do	— — — —	400 — — —	64,800
923	— — — do	— — — —	100 — — —	92,300
841	— — — do	— — — —	50 — — —	42,050
747	— — — do	— — — —	25 — — —	18,675
844	— — — do	— — — —	10 — — —	8,440
1859	— — — do	— — — —	5 — — —	9,295
5,437	Credit Brieven amounting to		— Rd —	296,560.
1479	Kast. Notes of	Rd 1	each — — Rd	1479
781	— — — — do	— — —	2 — — — —	1562
1350	— — — — do	— — —	3 — — — —	4050
1336	— — — — do	— — —	4 — — — —	5,344
492	— — — — do	— — —	5 — — — —	2460
961	— — — — do	— — —	10 — — — —	9610
6399	Kast. Notes amounting to		— — —	24505

Total Rix Dollars — — — 321065.

Columbo.
17th Jany 1798.

(signed) Geo. Gregory Regr

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Minute

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Minute

in Council 16th February 1798.

Lord Hobart's minute — communicating information derived from his Journey to Ceylon on various important points connected with the Company's political Revenue and Commercial Interests on the Island and suggesting the expediency of deferring the adoption of any of the measures pointed out until the Board may have received the report of the Committee laid before the Board Copy of a letter written by His Lordship to the King of Candia — during his Stay at Columbo —

I submitted to the Board — "

previous to my Journey to Ceylon, the Intelligence I had received from that Island; and added my reasons for supposing that my presence there, even for a short period, might be attended with beneficial effects —

The first object of my attention was the disposition of the King of Candia to our Government, which as had been represented to me previous to my leaving Madras, I found far from satisfactory —

That confidence and cooperation which he had manifested on our first landing upon the Island, had been changed into — " distrust and Disaffection; but I could trace no — " substantial ground for this alteration of — " sentiment — He certainly had been disappointed in the concession he had looked for upon our

taking

taking possession of the Dutch Settlements
but as those concessions were expressly stated
and were to be made so soon as the Treaty executed
at Madras should be ratified by him, he can
in fact have no real cause of complaint—
It appears however that Dutch and French
Emissaries, availing themselves of the Temper
of the Court of Candia, have taken infinite
pains to misrepresent our national
character, and to render that Court discontented
with its alliance with our Government—
Having produced that Impression, they had
persuaded the King of Candia to expect a
disembarkation of a body of French and
Dutch Troops and there was reason to
apprehend that he had been induced to prepare
for cooperating with them in hostile measures
against us—

Under a supposition of a descent
on Ceylon the alliance or Hostility of the
King of Candia become subjects of serious
importance.

Forts. Farage 16th February 1798

importance for such is the nature of the —
Country that an European force, if unassisted
by the Natives, would find it difficult, if not
altogether impracticable to procure supplies —
This consideration rendered all
disagreement with the King of Candia at this period
peculiarly Impolitic; and aware that a —
distrust of our intentions towards him, the
probability of an effectual foreign aid, and
our means of resistance were all circumstances
likely to have a decided operation upon his mind,
I addressed the annexed letter to him avoiding
the subject of the Treaty, because I was afraid
of producing embarrassment by receiving a
discussion which until further orders —
received from Europe upon the subject it might
be extremely difficult to bring to a satisfactory
conclusion — In the mean time I strongly
recommend that the most conciliatory measures
be pursued with respect to the King of Candia,
and that the Brigadier General De Meuron
be directed to endeavour to restore that cordiality

and

and friendly intercourse, from which we already have
and may again derive so much advantage —

The next object of my enquiry was —
the disaffection which has lately manifested —
itself amongst the Natives under our Government —
and this evidently in a great degree proceeded —
from a premature and in some instances an
impolitic alteration of the ancient System of
Revenue —

The Portuguese upon their arrival
on Ceylon discovered a System of Revenue and police
materially differing from that of the neighbouring
Nations — The Sovereign, as in other Eastern
Countries was absolute Proprietor of the Soil
from him proceeded landed property of every
denomination, and to him under certain
Circumstances it reverted — The land was devided
into different portions; each of which was
appropriated to the realization of one particular
object of Government, whether of religion, finance
Justice or defence — Personal Service, variously
modified according to this appropriation, thus
constituted

constituted the tenure upon which land was occupied and upon a failure of that Service. The King reasoned profession — No Individual was therefore taxed but in the object of his profession — The Soldier and Civilian in their respective Services, the Cultivator of the land in its produce; the workmen in his merchandize; and the daily labourers in certain portions of his labour — Such is the general outline of the ancient Government on Ceylon —

The Portuguese retained much of this feudal System of taxation, and upon their expulsion by the Dutch, the tenures of personal labour and official Service were continued in conformity with the prejudices and customs of the Inhabitants —

Upon our conquest of the Island we abolished those tenures, and endeavoured to introduce the Coast System of Revenue — The measure excited general discontent amongst those whom it affected, nor could they be induced to esteem it other than an arbitrary deprivation of that property which they had enjoyed under the —

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Dutch Portuguese and Dutch Governments—
I shall hereafter speak to the expediency of the
measure ——

The Inhabitants of Ceylon are like
those of India, divided into different Casts, whose
occupations are distinct from each other—
The same principle of subordination and respect
to the superior cast operates, and probably
with greater force on the Island than on the
Continent— From the first of these casts, viz.t
the Vellales certain individuals were selected
upon whom generally after a course of Service,
the honorary Title of Modeliars was conferred,
and from the Modeliars the principal Military
Officers were selected —

The Island was divided into
Dessaroonies, the Dessaroonies into corles and the
Corles into Paloes— Each corle had a Civilian
with assistants to collect certain of its taxes, —
between whom and the Modeliers disputes
soon arose— In consequence of them the
Dutch— Removed the Civilians and transferred
their

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their power to the Modiliars who upon the increase of authority, were put under the immediate controul of the Governor subject however to receive orders from the Dafsave or head Servant of the Defsaromie respecting the Collection of the Revenue and the Services due from the Lands—

To compensate to the modiliars for the Services thus imposed, Lands were granted them upon certain conditions differing in some respects from the other tenures upon the Poland and these were called Accomodefsants—

The authority thus vested in the modiliars had created an Influence, which the Superintendant of Revenue was apprehensive might in its operation not only prevent his obtaining a thorough acquaintance with the Resources of the Country, but be the means of entirely undermineing his own authority— It therefore became an object with him to diminish that Influence— Without discussing the Policy of the attempt, I can have no difficulty in condemning the principal measure resorted to

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to for its execution - Viz.t The employment of
Malabar Servants from the Coast - first -
because they were ignorant of the Customs,
language, and prejudices, of the people and
consequently liable even with the most contrary
disposition to offend them; and secondly -
because the transfer of authority from the -
Modeliars, whose cast and persons had always
been held in veneration to the Natives of a foreign
Country, was of itself a pregnant source of discontent
to an overlightened or prejudiced people -

It was not to be supposed that
the Modeliars alarmed by these measures for
their influence over the people, would be active
in suppressing a dissatisfaction which the -
assumption of the Service Lands and the -
introduction of the Coast System of Revenue had
generated - the intrigues of the Dutch, an -
expected French Force, and an injudicious
tax on the Cocoanut Tree increased the ferment
whose consequences we have seen in those
insurrections which the gallant conduct of our
Troops

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Troops and the temperate and vigourous exertions
of Major Kenney have completely suppressed—

In considering the subject two —
questions have engaged my attention—

First - the restoration of the —
Service lands, and; secondly, the employment
of the Modilias both of which appear expedient
for the following reasons—

The great Source of Revenue upon
the Coast differs essentially from that upon —
Ceylon — Upon the Coast Grain constituted the
primary Source of Revenue, in Ceylon it is —
secondary to almost every other article of Taxation—
So insignificant indeed is the Government share
of that produce, that if it were necessary for
the attainment of the public Tranquillity and
the easy collection of the other Taxes, I should
have little hesitation in advising its relinquish-
=ment altogether— Under an assumption of the
Service lands, this produce would certainly —
increase, but not in proportion to the expenditure
which must be then incurred for Official Servants

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and daily labourers—

Upon this ground therefore I recommend the Restoration of these Lands as immediately productive of Revenue— as an object of Political expediency I also deem it essential to the Company's interest— because from the habitual Indolence of the Natives and the cheapness of the necessaries of life upon Ceylon, there is no other effectual way of calling forth their labours because they themselves unanimously complain of the change of System as a grievance, because it would otherwise be impracticable to carry into execution the public works that are absolutely requisite and because it holds out the most practicable means of forming an excise, and thereby preventing clandestine Trade and collecting the Duties which it will be found advisable to impose—

By vesting the Modeliars with all the authority that may be deemed advisable to interest to the Superior Native Servants you confide power to Men who are remarkable for the value

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value they set upon their Situations; who have a thorough Knowledge of the dispositions prejudices, and customs of the people to whose authority the Inhabitants have been in the habit of submitting and whom ancient usage has taught them uniformly to respect.

After what I have already said it is scarcely necessary for me to add, that in my opinion the most positive and specific orders should be issued to prevent the employment of Natives, not resident Inhabitants of Ceylon, in any public Situation upon the Island.

These arrangements having taken place Viz.t. the restoration of the lands to the Chengalese on the Customary condition of personal Service; the abolition of the Cocoanut Tax, the Banishment of the Coast Native Servants from Public Stations: the reestablishment of the authority of the Modeliars with the mild and upright administration of a British Government it may rationally be expected that consequences will be produced so encouraging to the Inhabitants that Cultivation will encrease and the face of

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the Country be gradually so much improved that
in the course of a few years the land Revenue
may become an object of real value —

The Cinnamon trade is a matter
of too much importance to pass entirely unnoticed —
but I shall briefly observe that I am fully —
persuaded it ought to remain in the hands of
Government with that view the Gardens must
be constantly attended to, and the requisite Expens
made or the annual Supply will soon depend
upon the King of Candia — The advantages
which have arisen from the establishment
of these Gardens in the Districts belonging to
the Dutch have been too clearly manifested to
admit of a doubt of the necessity of avoiding
such an alternative —

The Monopoly of Salt upon
principles as similar as circumstances will
permit to those established in Bengal is
another subject of great moment —

It is certainly practicable in
Ceylon and in my mind ought to be —
introduced

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introduced - but it must be touched cautiously on account of the Candeans - The Treaty indeed provides for the cession of a situation to the King of Candia for the purpose of supplying his Country with that article but he has not yet ratified the treaty and the whole East still remains in our possession -

In contemplating the importance of the settlements upon Ceylon which have fallen by conquest into our Possession, no doubt can be entertained of every effort being made by his — Majesty's Ministers consistently with the various considerations which must operate upon the negotiations for Peace, to secure the Interest of the British Empire in India from the consequences to be apprehended from their Relinquishment - and I am persuaded that the vegilance of this Government will continue to be directed to their preservation during the war - Under that — impression I shall therefore apprize the Board that the Situation of Fort Ostenburgh demands immediate attention and altho' I do not advise the undertaking of expensive works at present, I —

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cannot withhold my opinion that temporary
repair is indispensably requisite at that place —
The permanent plan upon which
the Harbour that Fort Ostend burgh and —
Trincomali are intended to protect should be
fortified is a subject to which I wish to attract
the attention of Government — as these forts
have never been attacked without falling it is
to be presumed that the defences are defective —
and alth' I am aware that no essential —
alteration can be made during the war, should
they be retained by us at the Peace, it will —
undisputably be judged advisable to strengthen
them upon a permanent plan — with that view
and conscious that a variety of opinions will be
entertained respecting it, and to prevent an —
improvident expenditure of money, I would —
recommend that the best informed Naval and
Military Officers in this Country be consulted,
and particularly admiral Rainier, previous
to any final resolution being formed upon
the subject —

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" Under the pressure of some anxiety of mind, and a multiplicity of business which requires the immediate attention of Government, I have not been able to enter into any detail either of the actual Revenues or progressive Resources of Ceylon — The Suggestions which I have in this — Minute, submitted to the Board are therefore intended merely to direct their enquiry to those objects which appear to me of the most importance to the Interest of our Settlements upon that Island — It may be proper to Remark that they are offered with reference to the report expected from thence and to my former Minutes — In that Report and in those Minutes the Sources of Revenue are — particularized and the means of their — Realization pointed out —"

(signed) Hobart

Letter

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Letter from Lord Hobart to the King of Candia

Letter from Lord Hobart to the King of Candia relative to the protection afforded by persons in his Majesty's Court to the Rebel Seigne Apou— advising him of the arrival of a Squadron of King's Ships at Columbo and expressing anxiety to testify their [illegible] the Friendship subsisting between his Majesty and the East India Company.

After the Customary Titles & Compliments

The situation of affairs on the Island of Ceylon having rendered my presence necessary it was most earnestly my wish to have been able to prolong my residence here, sufficiently to have admitted of a more direct Communication with your Majesty — but Affairs of importance having compelled me to set out on tomorrow for Fort St. George I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of the high respect I entertain for your person and of the confidence with which you may rely on the Friendship and regard of the English Government —

Under the impression of that Sincerity which must at all times caracterize the Communications of powers connected by the ties of Interest as well as friendship, I cannot with hold from your Majesty the expression of that concern which I have felt on being

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made acquainted with the protection extended to
Signs ape by some persons in your Majesty's dominions
and the Injury which such a Measure is calculated
to produce in the Districts the Tranquillity of which
have been disturbed by that Rebel — a Measure
which as it is prejudicial to the interests of your
Majestys ally the British Government may —
eventually be highly detrimental to your own —
To a Prince of your enlightened understanding it
would be unnecessary to say more upon the Subject —

I consider it my duty to apprize
your Majesty that various accounts have reached
me of the movements and assembling of Troops
in the Candian Country and for which various Causes
have been assigned — Some of them indeed of a —
nature so extremely improbable, as they were
accompanied by suggestions of an indisposition
on the part of your Majesty towards the British
Government, that I will not wound your Majestys
mind by a Recapitulation of them it may be
a Satisfaction to your Majesty to be informed

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That a Squadron of Ships of war belonging to the King of Great Britain has arrived at Columbo for the protection of the Company's Trade and that a Body of Troops in the course of a few days will reach Manar from the Carnatic for the purpose of preserving the peace of the British Possessions

Permit me to assure your Majesty of my determination to maintain on the strictest manner that friendship which happily subsists between the British Government and your Majesty that I am desirous of cultivating the most amicable Intercourse with your Majesty's Dominions and shall exert my best endeavours to cement and perpetuate to our Alliance as essentially conducive to our Mutual Interests

Dated Columbo
18th January 1798.

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing Subject

The Board feel themselves much indebted to Lord Hobart for the pains he has taken to inform himself upon the several subjects mentioned in his Minute and for the trouble which

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which he has taken at this particular period to
assist their deliberations by so useful a record —

The Board have too much respect
for his Lordship's opinion not to wait the result
of the Committee's report according to his recommendation
before they issue any orders upon the important
question of the Government of Ceylon but they
have no doubt that the ideas which he has
communicated will be the surest guide to direct their
measures to the interest of the Nation on Ceylon —

Ordered that copy of Lord Hobart's
Minute be transmitted a number in the Packet —

Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General —

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Auditor Reports the Estimate of additional Cash required by the Presidency Paymaster for the Current Month.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report
on the additional Estimate of the Military
Paymaster at the Presidency for the current
month

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month which was forwarded with Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterday's date and to state that the amount Viz.d Eleven thousand five hundred and Ninety two Pagodas Nineteen fanams and Sixty nine Cash /Pag.s 11592. 19. 69./ does not appear objectionable this sum may therefore be advanced from the Treasury being required to discharge Bills for Sundry Repairs executed under the Superintendence of Colonel Kent of the Engineers, the Bills of the Surveyors of two Indiamen for the passage of Officers of the Drafted Regiments, and for making up Hammocks for the Non Commissioned Officers and Invalids of His Majestys 52.d & 72.d Regiments about to embark for Europe.

I have the honor to be, with great Respect, &c.a &c.a

(signed) W. Sydenham
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Ordered

Military Auditor Generals' Office
Fort St. George
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Ordered that the Sum of Eleven Thousand five hundred and Ninety two Pagodas Nineteen fanams and sixty Nine Cash / P. 11,592. 19. 69. / be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate which accompanied his letter of the 14th Instant—

Further advance ordered to be made to Mr. Roebuck on the above account—

In consequence of the minute of Council passed on the 16th Ultimo for granting the encrease of subsistence to the European Infantry from the 1st next month, the President proposes that the following letter be sent to the Military auditor General—

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Sir,

To the Military auditor General – desiring him to submit to the Board a Statement of the encreased Rates of Pay to be drawn by the European Troops – serving under the Presidency conformably to His Majesty's Warrant of the 5th July 1797.

I am directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to enclose for your information copy of a Minute of Council, which has been communicated by the Commander in Chief to the different Regiments of European Infantry

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serving at this Presidency and to inform you that as the period from which the increased rate of pay to the European Infantry is to commence is fast approaching his Lordship in Council is desirous of being furnished with a Statement of the whole increase to the Troops upon this establishment—

It is embarrassing that no official communication should have been received of the additions said to have been made by his Majesty's orders to the pay of his infantry in Europe, and all the assistance, which can be afforded you is the enclosed comparative Statement not drawn from any authenticated documents—the President in Council desires however that you will consult the Deputy Adjutant General of the Kings Troops who has been directed by the Commander in Chief to furnish you with all the information in his power

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It is necessary to explain that the whole of the European infantry, Kings' and Company's is to receive the encreased rate of pay from the 1st March and that if this addition should advance the pay of the Infantry beyond that of the artillery, the latter are to receive a proportionate increase to make their pay equal to that of the former — It is concluded that the pay of the Cavalry already exceeds what the pay of the infantry will amount to with the intended Addition —

The arrears which may be due up to the 1st March it is of course impossible to ascertain untill official communication shall be received of the date of his Majesty's order —

Finally it will be necessary for you to advert that the Batements to be drawn with a view to an order being founded on it and published to the Army —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

(signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Statement of Pay to the non Commissioned and Privates in his Majestys Service; Shewing the difference between the present allowances issued in India and the Nett Pay as now granted at Home

Statement of the Pay of the Non Commissioned Officers & Privates of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and the Pay of the same Ranks in the Regiments of Foot, as now established from 16th June 1812

	Nett Pay as now granted at Home per Diem			Present Pay & allowances issued in India per Diem					Difference between the Pay issued in India and that which is now allowed at Home				
				Subsistence		Pounds per Month from the Company			per Diem		£ months of 30 Days		
	£	D	Fract Cts	£	D	£	C	Fr Cts	£	C	D	£	C
Infantry													
Serjeant	1	6 1/2	8 16	1	.	.	15	6 6 3/4	1	21 1/2	.	37	11 1/2
Corporal	1	2 1/2	6 18 3/4	.	8	.	9	4 4 9/10	1	4 9/10	1	6	4 5
Drummer	1	1 1/2	6 13 1/4	.	8	.	9	4 4 9/10	1	1 4/10	.	35	35
Private	.	10 1/2	4 38 3/4	.	6	.	0 1/2	. 6 7	3	52 1/2	.	24	7 1/2

Agreed

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Agreed and ordered accordingly –

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell appointed to the Command of Pondamalle vice Fraser resigned –

The President proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Campbell be appointed to the Command of Pondamalle vice Fraser resigned –

Agreed and ordered accordingly –

Minute on the subject of bringing on the Military Records the proceedings hitherto kept in the Secret Department – & relative to the late – & Mutiny of the Artillery Corps at the Mount

The public manner in which the Proceedings of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the origin and progress of the late – & Mutiny at the Mount, have been conducted and the result of their enquiry, render it no longer necessary that the Proceedings of Government under dates the 16th and 18th January 1st and 6th February should be kept in the Secret Department and they are accordingly ordered to be inserted in the Military Records –

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At a Consultation

Present

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Vice President & Governor

Lieutenant General Harris

Ernst William Falloofield Esqr

The Right Honorable the President

absent on Ceylon

Tuesday
16th January 1798

Proceedings of Government from the 16th January to the 16th February exclusive respecting the late Mutiny of the Artillery corps at the Mount originally recorded in the Secret Department

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following narrative —

An account of the Mutiny of the artillery at the Mount and the measures taken in consequence. Submitted to Government by the Commander in Chief on the 16th January 1798

Narrative delivered into the Board by the Commander in Chief of the Mutiny of the Artillery at the Mount on the night of the 15th Morning of the 16th Instant and the Measures taken in Consequence —

Last night a report was made to the Commander in Chief at his Garden house / where a large Company was Assembled / that the Corps of Artillery at the Mount was in a state of disorder, Major General Gowdie being

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being in Company General Harris conversed with him on the event and in the course of the conversation expressed a conjecture that the Cause of the distur-=bance was owing to the encrease given to his Majestys Troops at home of which intelligence not Officially but through the channel of the public prints had been received, and added that should his conjecture prove just, General Goils might acquaint them, that although no orders had been received from England on this Subject — Yet that the Commander in Chief had prepared a paper for the Consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council / representing the propriety of the European Troops on the Coast being put upon an equal footing in respect to pay with his Majesty's Troops abroad in other Quarters of the Globe —

General Goils proceeded immediately to the Mount and on finding Matters pretty quiet he gave notice of such being the Case to the — Commander in Chief in a Private Note No 1. — which he received at a late hour that Night —

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Early next Morning Captain
Malcolm repaired to the Tennant by desire of the
Commander in Chief to ascertain how matters
stood he found that affairs were as stated in
Letter №2 which was given by General Geils
to him to deliver; conceiving from what he
observed that there was a necessity for taking
immediate Coercive Measures and that no time
ought to be lost he went direct to the acting
President Mr. Saunders / His house being on the
way to Head Quarters / and shewed him General
Geils's letter №2 and Communicated his own
Observations while at the Tennant Mr Saunders
immediately proceeded to the Commander in
Chief's Gardens and from that event in a
Carriage with him to the Fort. Mr Saunders
declared his intention of Authorizing the
Commander in Chief to act as he should see best
and it was the Opinion of both on their way
to the Fort that under Circumstances as they then
appeared the best line of conduct they could adopt
was to order the 7th Regiment to March from

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Sondamalie immediately so as to encamp in the course of the evening on the exercising ground of the Artillery, where the Commander in Chief with the 2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment of Native Infantry and such part of His Majesty's 12th as could be spared with safety to the Fort would join them, The Commander in Chief had at this period no doubt of the 12th. Regiment acting Notwithstanding some Reports in Circulation the evening before, of their being discontents in that Corps; to which however he gave little attention not supposing them of much Consequence as Colonel Alston with Lieutenant Colonel Robertson had been with him the Morning before and the former had made a Report in substance as follows—

"That he [Colonel Alston] had on
"Sunday the 11th instant on seeing Nine of his Men
"Coming up Stairs to speak to him and his observing
"about two hundred below, ordered the Corps under
"Arms; first confining the Nine Men who came
"forward so irregularly, That the Corps fell in with
"great alacrity, He then desired them to state if they
had any grievances adding that no Complaints could with propriety be made but through

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Through Commanding Officer of Company's. That the manner in which they had come to him although they might have no evil intentions was enough to impress others with "Ideas disgraceful to their Character, Colonel Aston then ordered the Officers to March the Men to "their Barracks and enquire if they has any Complaints they were askes ensividually but none were brought forware— Colonel Aston was informed afterwards by one of the men he had confined that they had been told the order for "their clearance was Countermanded and they had come to Know If he Colonel Aston has directed it "Colonel Aston told him that there was an order for the clearance being past in the orderly "Book, and none Countermanding it, that the Money would be paid the Moment the Rolls were Made out— Colonel Aston added he had been particular in mentioning these Circumstances as he Knew there were some idle reports in circulation"

The Commander in Chief the Moment he reached the Fort sent for Colonel Aston and after informing him of the State

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of the artillery asked him if any thing new had occurred in the 12th. In answer to which Colonel Acton states he has every reason to suppose there has been a communication between the artillery and his Regiment, and also that reports were current that the 73d and 74th were equally concerned in — whatever was / If there was any thing of which he had no positive proof / in agitation He said that though the Men appeared chearful there was certainly some thing, in their conduct for some days past for which he was at a loss to account and that one or two Men, had in a few Instances /which he mentioned/ shewn a troublesome Spirit — He also states having heard reports that originated in the Barracks, But which could be traced to no authority, that the Artillery depended on the 12th. to seize the Gates of Fort St. George, this he said with a hundred other Reports were flying about but to Judge from appearances the Men were certainly then in a perfect tranquil State, and added that he had at the Morning Parade / by permission of the Commander in Chief / intimated

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to them that it was in the contemplation of the Commander in Chief: to lay before Government, his wish that they should be indulged with the same increase of pay as had been granted to His Majestys' Regiments of Infantry serving abroad in other quarters of the Globe —

It appearing from Colonel Astons Communication, and several others, that there was every reason to believe the Artillery expected support from the other European Corps, It became a Subject of immediate and serious Consideration to secure the Fort from Risk, It was a most critical — Moment & difficulties occurred on every Side, but saving the Seat of Government from the possibility of danger, Appeared Paramount to all other — Objects —

Colonel Aston stated that he had no doubt of taking the Men off Duty to their Common Drill on the Esplanade and it was proposed he should do so in the evening that the Gates of the Garison should be secretly ready to shut, and that Lieutenant Colonel Bowers Battalion

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Battalion should be ordered into the Fort at the same time, and to march in at the North Gate, Colonel Stalon would have been, If this had taken place; desired to inforce his Men of the Mutinous Behaviour of the Artillery and of his having received orders to March the 12th to Marmalong to join other Corps that would also be sent to bring the Mutineers to a sense of their duty — If they had readily obeyed, Tents could have been sent after them, and such orders as were necessary given, on the Contrary had they by a Mutinous Spirit shewn they had a Secret understanding with the Artillery the gates of the Fort would have been instantly shut, and though they undoubtedly might have done most serious harm — It would have appeared trifling when balanced with the safety of the Fort on which the fate of the Country may be said to be depend —

The Commander in Chief had — given secret orders to Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, and was on the point of Stating the plan he had formed to the Acting President and Council

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The Commander in chief had given secret orders to Lieutenant Colonel Bowser and was on the point of stating the plan he had former to the acting President and Council when Cornet and Aid de Camp Geils came from the Mount with a report from General Geils that he had hopes all would be quietly settled and to request no Troops should be sent against them—

Captain Malcolm was again directed to proceed to the Mount to know & clearly how matters stood but was met on the Road by General Geils who came to report in person the termination of the Mutiny in the artillery—

The accompanying letter N°3 and the enclosure N°4 shew fully what occurred and the steps that were taken by General Geils This communication gave a new complexion to the whole affair and the former intention was of Course given up. and the Commander in Chief was induced from the Communication which has been made

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made to the artillery by General Gates to recommend to the acting President in Council that they should authorize him to give official information to the Commanding Officers of the Regiments of European Infantry on the Coast that their Regiments would be placed on an equal footing with respect to pay with the Infantry Regiments in his Majesty's Service — serving abroad in other Quarters from the first of March next — If no orders were previously received and they should receive the arrears due from the date of His Majesty's order —

The Commander in chief is aware that he has been led to a very frivolous detail of this unpleasant affair, but its importance demanded minuteness — His particular attention has been forcibly drawn to the disgraceful conduct of the artillery — He cannot on any information yet received deliver his opinion on that disgraceful occurrence but he means to make the fullest investigation and to take such measures as he judges best calculated to support the discipline

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of the Army and to secure the future tranquility
of Government —

Signed George Harris

My Dear General

I found every thing tolerably
quiet at the Mount on my arrival and do
not mean to go near the Barracks untill
morning — From what I can learn the
pay Serjeants of Companys have been loosing
Money to the Men, which has distressed them
so much that they require two or three of
the payments together — In the morning —
I shall see about it and have no doubt of every
thing being settled properly —

Yours
Sincerely
Signed Tho. Pitts

Mount
15th Midnight

A true Copy.

Signed John Malcolm
Secy.

A true Copy.

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My Dear General.

I went in front of our Barracks this morning and found about 100 of our Men with their Arms and 8 Guns drawn up in front of them for not a Man of the 2d Battalion appears to know any thing of the Matter, at least they have hitherto taken no part, I called to some of them by name to state their complaints assuring them they should have every redress in my power- they told me they required - a "free Bazar" / for they have been led to think from the late police they were to have provisions at half price / I told them the Bazar was already as free as air and if it were otherwise I should certainly make it so -

They would have their pay on the 1st of the month -

I told them it was impossible the pay did not arrive till late in the Month some times - and it must be managed to last till the next Month's Pay arrives -

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They would have their Dinners drawn
or issued in the Barracks. I told them it was
impossible. it should be issued at such place and
time as I and their Officers should determine upon —
That they did not want an undress
Jacket, and Straw hat and consequently ought
not to be stoped for them — I told them this
last was an arrangement of Colonel Smith and
Colonel Saxons which I had nothing to say to,
but upon a proper Representation to me, I would
take the Subject into Consideration and now —
Gentlemen, I added that you have made known
your Complaints and have heard what I have
to say on the Subject — I give you until —
8 o'clock this morning to consider of it and
if by that time you do not return to your
Duty like good Soldiers — I must and will
report your conduct to Head Quarters and you
and I must stand to the Consequence —
I am more than ever convinced
they have no real cause of Complaint; but that
the

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the whole has arisen from some of the non Commissioned
Officers buying up Many of the Men's pay some
say for 2 or 3 Months and they are now distressed
for the means of Discharging the Debt Colonel Saxon
Cancelled those Debts by an order the day before
yesterday, and directed all Payments should be
made in future by Captains Commanding Companies
themselves, and I think they have had address —
enough to Spirit up the Men to this Conduct in
hopes of recovering the Money due themselves —

I am

Sir &c &c

(signed) Thos. Pels.

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A true Copy

(signed) John Malcolm
Secy

Lieutenant General Harris
&c &c

Sir,

Since I had the pleasure of
Communicating to you this Morning by
Captain

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I had reason to view matters differently from other
Captain Malcolm & I had done as shortly after his
departure I had intelligence brought me that the
2d Battalion of Artillery had joined the 1st at their
Barracks had Detached a Company to the
top of the Mount and another to the 2d Battalion
Barracks drawing 3 or 4 more Guns and some
Tumbrils of ammunition to the front of them
Presently after this 3 Guns were fired from the
Mount and a white Pennants hoisted from
which I concluded an understanding was
established between the Artillery the Troops
at Poonamalle and Fort St George, and seizing
that moment of going upon the Parade to
Know their present Resolution, I found it necessary
to concede to them such Matters as they considered
Regimental Grievances, as the mode of distributing
the Arrack ordering the second Payment of the
present month to be issued dispensing with
their furnishing themselves an undress white
Jacket and Straw Hat, and lastly Regulating
the Bazar Articles of consumption on the
exact Prices Detailed in the new Police &

Regulations

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Regulations — In holding conversation with ~~to~~ several of the Men — I do not recollect any but one Man hinting at the smallness of their Pay which indeed was followed up by another noticing the encrease of the Officer's allowances though no attention has been given to that of the Poor Men — and it was then — I now recollect, I told this Man that although it was not any part of their — grievances as stated to me — I Knew it to be in contemplation with the Commander in Chief to prepare an Arrangement on this head for them — it could be no doubt, I said, but that it was meant to put all the Troops in this Country on the same footing with that announced from home —

It was not however until after much persuasion I had the pleasure to observe an inclination of returning to their Duty, and not without requiring an — assurance from me, that no man should suffer hereafter for what had now happened. I assured them there should not — they wished an assurance in writing which I said would be disgraceful to both me and them, but that I would pledge my

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my honor - they then sent a Party of about 20 of their Body to me to solicit the Release of Lieutenant Driscoll who has been ordered in arrest for what is needless to Notice here, as it has not been forwarded to Head Quarters. This I readily complied with and so soon as the Cantonment orders which I now Enclose were read to them, I had the pleasure to see the Guns brought down to the Park with my Flag which before had been struck flying on one of them and every thing else restored to order -

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your

Most

Obedt

Humble

Servt

/ signed / Thomas Gibbs

Mount
16th January 1798

A true Copy.

/ signed / John Malcolm Jr.

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The Commanding Officer
directs that the 1st & 2d Regiments be immediately
issued to the men, both Battalions that the
Arrack

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Barrack be in future drawn by orderlys of Companys and served to the Men in the Barracks –

He dispenses with the Men being provided with white Jackets, and Straw Hatts, as proposed by Officers Commanding Corps –

And positively directs that the – Madras Prices alone shall regulate those of the Articles of Consumption at the Mount –

(signed) Thomas Geils

Cantonment Orders
16th January 1798

A true Copy
(signed) John Malcolm
Secy.

Minute of the Board in Council 16th January 1798

Minutes of the Board on the foregoing Subject

In consequence of the foregoing narrative of this embarrassing affair by which it appears that Major General Geils has made a communication to the men of the Artillery, Steps for an arrangement of having been taken by the Commander in Chief for granting the European Troops an increase of pay,

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to write to the Officers Commanding European Corps informing them that intelligence not authentic but

though

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through the channel of the publick papers has been received of his Majesty's having been graciously pleased to grant an addition of pay to the Non Commissioned Officers and privates of the Infantry in his Army, and that it is the intention of this Government as soon as authentick information of his Majesty's pleasure shall be received to place the European Infantry upon the increased rate of pay from the period fixed by his Majesty's orders; but that should the arrival of this information be delayed by any chance it is the further intention of this Government to grant the augmentation from the 1st March next with such arrears as may have accumulated from the date of his Majesty's orders until the period above mentioned—

Upon mature consideration of the circumstances stated by the Commander in Chief and of the dangerous embarrassments which at present appear to attend the deliberations of this Government, Resolved that it is not expedient at present to take any other measure than that contained in the foregoing Resolution—

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At a Consultation.

Present

Edward Saunders Esqr.

Vice President and Governor.

Lieutenant General Harris and

Ernst William Talloficld Esqrs.

Thursday 18.th January.

The Right Honorable the

President absent on Ceylon

Minutes of last consultation

read and approved—

The vice President delivers in

the following minute—

In Council the 18.th January 1798

Mr. Saunders's Minute proposing that a Board of Officers be appointed to enquire into the origin and growth of the late Mutiny at the Mount and the means taken to check or repress it. that the communication at the Mount between and into the arsenal and the body of artillery divides—

In the uncertainty under which we acted on Thursday last in regard to the — Combination imputed to his Majesty's 12.th and 74.th Regiments, with the corps of Artillery, I am convinced of the prudence of our resolution recorded on that Day, but from the Circumstances which have since come to my Knowledge I think there is sufficient reason to doubt whether the combination ever existed to any alarming Extent, and I am satisfied

that

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that if any remains of it still exist, they are so feeble as not to afford a Serious Cause of apprehension to this Government under the great Responsibility — therefore which the absence of our President imposes on me, I feel it encumbent upon me to record my sentiments, that an enquiry into the causes which have led to the Mutiny of the artillery should be instituted with a view to the whole matter being laid open, and the proper remedies applied —

I therefore beg leave to propose in addition to the Commander in Chiefs communication of his intention to investigate this affair, that a Board of Officers be immediately appointed to enquire into the origin and Growth of this Mutiny, as well the Steps which may appear to have been taken to check or suppress it —

Under a further view of the — Circumstances of this case I also propose that the whole of the ammunition, at present at the Mount be remanded without delay into Store at the Arsenal and that the Body of artillery now at the Mount be devided by ordering one of the Battalions to some other

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other Stations -

(signed) Edw.d Saunders.

The Commander in chief delivers in the following Minute -

Commander in Chief's Minute concurring in the Vice President's Suggestion and proposing Officers to form the Board of Enquiry -

The Commander in chief having already expressed his intention of making the fullest investigation into the disgraceful Affair at the Mount, gives a ready acquiescence to the measure proposed by the acting President, and is happy at finding such a coincidence in Sentiment - The arguments adduced by the acting President in favor of immediately instituting an Enquiry by means of a Board of Officers appear to the Commander in Chief conclusive - the measure not only appearing to him as necessary to support the good order and discipline of the Army, but as a justice due to some of his Majesty's Regiments on the Coast, whose Reputation he must ever be tenacious

The Commander in Chief proposes to nominate - The following Officers as a Committee

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Committee for the interests and relegation –

Major General Ross - President
Lieut. Colonel Robertson
Lieut. Colonel Campbell
Lieut. Colonel Richardson
Lieut. Colonel Close
and Captain Malcolm as Secretary

January 15th 1797.

(signed) George Harris.

Minutes of the Board

Resolved accordingly that a Board of Officers be appointed according to the foregoing suggestions and recommendations and that the following instructions be sent to them –

To. Major General Ross
Lieutenant Colonel Richardson
Robertson
Campbell &
Close.

Instructions to the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the origin and growth of the Mutiny and the means taken to check or repress it –

Gentlemen,

Being desirous that a thorough enquiry should be made into the causes which have led to the late Mutiny of the Artillery at the Presidency

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Mount with a view to the whole matter being laid open and the proper remedies applied, the vice President in — Council has been pleased to appoint you a board of Officers for this purpose —

I am therefore directed to send you the enclosed extracts from Narrative of the circumstances relating to the Mutiny with the papers therein — referred to —

The objects of your enquiry will be first the origin and growth of this Mutiny, as well as the steps which may appear to have been taken to check or suppress it; and secondly to trace, if possible, to their source, the rumours which have been imputed to some of his — Majesty's regiments of a combination or rather an intended combination with the Artillery —

Captain Malcolm has been appointed to be your Secretary —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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Further Resolutions of the Board on the foregoing Subject—

Ordered That Major General Gillespie do give his own attendance if required and cause the attendance of such persons under his command as the Board of Officers may have occasion to call upon—

Resolved that the recommendation of the Vice President for remanding the ordnance and ammunition from the Mount into Store at the arsenal and for separating the body of artillery at that Cantonment be adopted—

Ordered that the necessary communication be in consequence made to the Military Board—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Shawe Commanding his Majesty's 74th Regiment—

Letter from the Commanding Officer of the 74th Regt containing the most pointed assurances of the loyalty and discipline of the Corps and of the men being wholly uncontaminated in the late Mutiny of the Artillery Corps

To

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

Sir,

In consequence of the groundless reports that have for a day or two been in circulation

circulation at Madras tending to disgrace the character and discipline of His Majestys 74th Regiment by naming it as concerned in carrying on a secret, irregular, and unmilitary correspondence with certain other corps. the — Privates of the different Companies immediately after Parade this morning deputed a few non Commissioned Officers to wait upon their respective Captains, and to deny in the solemnest manner their having any Knowledge or concern whatsoever in so unsoldierlike a conspiracy expressing the warmest indignation at so false and malicious an imputation and requesting that these their sentiments might be instantly communicated to me in order to be made public — upon this application the Captains and Officers Commanding Companies drew up and presented to me the letter which I have the honor to enclose under cover with this at the same time requesting that in vindication of the character of the Regiment it might be laid before the Governor and Council — on perusing the letter I — directed the adjutant to assemble the non Commissioned Officers

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Officers and Soldiers in the Barracks, and to read it to them and enquire if it expressed the sentiments that they wished to convey - to which question they unanimously replied that it did and retired after giving three Cheers -

I trust Sir that this testimony of the steadiness and good disposition of the Regiment I have the honor to Command, will convince you that in my letter yesterday morning, I did not pledge myself for more than the corps would have been ready without hesitation to perform.

I have the honor to be

Bondamallee
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&c &c &c
signed Robt Shaw
Lt Colo 72d

P.S.

I have not yet for certain reasons published the Extracts from the Minutes of Council perfectly convinced that with regard to us it is unnecessary it shall however be put in orders this afternoon - the Regiment marches at 4 past 4 to a Camp 3 Miles on the Madras Road and proceeds to morrow by the Mount towards Wallajahbad -

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To Lieutenant Colonel Shawe

Commanding His Majesty's 74th. Regiment

Sir,

The Non Commissioned Officers and privates of the Regiment having heard that a malicious report has been spread accusing them of being concerned in carrying on a Mutinous communication with other corps, have unanimously declared their detestation of such Conduct and the entire falsehood of the Report and have requested us the Officers Commanding the respective Companies to report the same to you their Commanding Officer and to request you will publickly contradict a Report so injurious to them—

We have the greatest satisfaction in laying the above before you. and have the honour to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Humble Servants

Samuel Swinton Capt.

Campbell Capt.

Ja Campbell Capt.

John Hughes Capt.

C. McKenzie Capt.

D Aytone Capt.

H. Dalrimple — Lieut.

J Farquhar .... Do.

" Robt. M'Leod Do.

John Maxwell Lieut.

Pondamallee

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/signed/

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Minutes thereon

The Board have infinite satisfaction in observing this unequivocal testimony of the loyalty and discipline of his Majesty's 74th Regiment—

The Vice President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be addressed to the Supreme Government upon this unpleasant subject—

The Vice President lays before the Board a Draft of a Letter which he proposes should be written to Bengal—

To Peter Speke Esqr.

Vice President in Council

Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal communicating the Circumstances attending the Mutiny of the Troops at the Mount their notices attended to the difference of Pay between the European Troops at this Presidency & Bengal and probability of demand for an increase of Pay to the Native Troops on this Establishment and their specific and early instructions required—

Para 1st — — — It is with the extreme concern we inform you that yesterday morning an open Mutiny broke out in the two battalions of European artillery stationed at the Mount the particulars of which are stated in the enclosed copy of a Narrative delivered in by the Commander in Chief—

2 Having serious reason to believe that the intercourse (as is explained in the narrative) has been completely established between the Mutineers at

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at St. Thomas's Mount the 12th. Regiment in Garrison in Fort St. George and the 74th. Regiment Stationed at Ponnamalle we were compelled to abandon our first —o— intention of exercing the Mutineers to a sense of duty and subordination —

3 Under the embarrassing apprehension of a concerted combination between the whole of the European Troops serving under this Presidency, and not doubting that the ultimate cause of discontent was the increase of Pay said to have been granted by his —o— Majesty to the non Commissioned Officers and privates of his army, we thought it advisable to come to the following Resolution —

"In consequence of the foregoing —o—

"Narrative of this embarrassing affair by which it "appears that Major General Gaile has made a —o— "communication to the Men of the Artillery, of Steps "for an arrangement having been taken by the —o— "Commander in Chief for granting to the European "Troops an increase of Pay, Resolved that the —o— "Commander in Chief be requested to write to the "Officers Commanding European Corps informing them

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at Penang, we think it our duty to suggest to You
whether the augmentation of the Men's subsistence
should not be made the means of abolishing
the half Batta on Bengal, or whether in the
event of Your deeming this measure unadviseable
we should not be authorized to extend a similar
indulgence to the Troops of the coast—

8 The necessity of establishing an —
equality of allowances to the Troops serving under
the different Presidencies is equal to the impossibility
of concealing any difference from the Knowledge
of the Men or of suppressing discontents at
distinctions which must be considered mortifying—

9 These ideas must attract your —
consideration to objects of the last importance—
the possibility of a similar demand for augmentation
on the pay of our Native Troops and the —
inadequacy of our resources to meet disbursements
of such extent—

10 Although there is not the —
smallest ground to impute any discontent

to

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our Native troops at present, yet it is not a probable calculation that they will see the whole of the European establishment Officers as well as men put upon enjoying large increase of allowances without repining at the distinction—

11 The State of our finances have been too fully and repeatedly discussed to make a repetition at present necessary and we shall conclude this unpleasant but important question by submitting the whole subject to your consideration and requesting that we may be honored with your sentiments and instructions for our guidance—

12 Since writing the foregoing Paragraphs we have had great satisfaction in receiving through the Commander in Chief copy of a Letter from the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 73d Regiment which we inclose for your information—

We have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Signed E. Hollond &c
in Council—

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approved and ordered to be transmitted by express to Bengal—

The foregoing letter approved & ordered to be dispatched by Express—

Diary

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January 19th

Diary.

At the meeting of Council in the Public Department this Day the Commander in Chief laid before the Board the following Letter from the Officer Commanding His Majesty's 73d Regiment—

Lieutenant General Harris.

Commander in Chief &c.

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Commanding Officer of the 73d Regt enclosing Declarations of the different Companies of his Regiment of their loyalty and Attachment and of their being wholly unconcerned in the late Mutiny of the Artillery—

It having reached me from good authority, tho' not officially, that the Honorable Company's Artillery at the mount have in some late irregular conduct in which they have been concerned, implicated his Majesty's 73d Regiment which I have the honor to Command: I have thought it a Duty I owe to the Service, to which I belong, and to the Corps in which I have now served near eighteen years, to give it an opportunity of disclaiming every species of connection or intelligence with the Mount Artillery in their late improper proceedings

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proceedings and to declare their detestation at such conduct in strong and pointed terms which you will find expressed in the * accompanying papers which I have the honor of laying before you —

I may venture to assert that the 73d has ever been known zealous in service, orderly and regular in every situation, and I am most sensible that if ever they had any grievance to complain of, any redress to ask or claim to prefer it will be through the regular medium of their own Officers, whom they have always found eager to contribute to their comfort and most desirous to do them justice and under this impression they request of me to solicit from you such redress as you may conceive the Corps entitles to, for the very cruel and unjust aspersion thrown out against it —

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
/signed/ J Spens Lt Col
Comg 73d Regt —

Wallajahbad
19th January 1798

A true Copy —
/signed/ John Malcolm
Secy

* Separate reports from the Officers Commanding Companies submitted to by the men returned to the Commander in Chief —

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At a consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor ——— President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Falkofield } Esqrs.

Thursday
1 February

Minutes of last Consultation
read and Approved —

The President laid before the
Board the following letter from the Board of
Officers appointed to enquire into the causes of
the Mutiny at the Mount —

My Lord

From the Board of Enquiry into the Causes &c of the late Mutiny sending out three persons whom they consider ringleaders of the Mutiny —

From the enquiries which we
have already made into the particulars of the
late Mutiny at the Mount, we are
enabled to report to your Lordship in Council
that

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that Gunner Stumbles of the 1st Battalion and Matrosses Clarke and Banks of the 2d, have taken a principal part in the Mutiny and may be considered as the Ring leaders — This Information we have thought it our duty to lay before Government, at the present stage of our proceedings, and the more so as from Circumstances which have come to our Knowledge the minds of the Men at the mount seem to be still in a state of agitation —

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Patrick Ross

Ja.s Robertson

A. Campbell

In. Richardson

B.y Close.

General Ross's Garden
Choultry Plain
January 31st 1798

/signed/

Deliberations of the Board as to the most advisable mode of securing the persons of the Ring Leaders —

Under the circumstances stated by the Board of Officers, there can be no doubt of the necessity for securing the persons of these Ring Leaders and it only remains to — consider which may be the best mode of effecting

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this purpose — A sufficient force could soon be assembled from Wallajahbad and the Presidency and Lord Hobart informs the Board that under this idea he has sent an express to halt his Majestys 12th Regiment untill further orders, but the Board are of opinion that it would be much more eligible to accomplish this object without having recourse to any other corps and by that means afford the Corps of artillery an opportunity of retrieving the Confidence which they have lost by their mutinous conduct — Resolved therefore that Major General Gills be examined as to the practicability of taking the Ring leaders prisoners without the presence of a force to over awe rest of the Corps —

Major General Gills is accordingly called in and the following Questions put to him —

Major General Gills called before the Board and questioned as to the practicability of securing the ringleaders by means of the Men of his Corps without the assistance of other Military force —

2 Do you conceive from the present state of the Corps of artillery that if Government should require three or four or ten men of either

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either battalion to be secured it would be in your power to carry orders for that purpose into effect and to march the Men so required prisoners to Madras?

A- I have no hesitation whatever in answering that I could march the men so required prisoners to Madras-

2 What are the grounds of this opinion-

A From the conduct of the men since the importunate period of the Mutiny having been apparently regular - Several of the Non Commissioned Officers have waited upon me and informed me that although there were several very bad men in the corps, they would stand by me on all occasions-

I am aware that a non Commissioned Officer has been Knocked down but this I attribute to inebriety in consequence of the issue of the bounty money to some of the Men-

2 Has any punishment taken place in consequence of irregularity in the corps since the Mutiny -

A I have heard that Colonel Smith

carried

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carried into effect the sentence of a Court Martial for corporally punishing a man of the 2d Battalion I have no official report of this circumstance — but Colonel Smith applied to me for permission to take out a Gun on the occasion and I — understand that no part of the sentence was — remitted —

Major General Gels in then desired to withdraw —

Resolution of the Board in consequence of the conference with Major General Gels —

Under the circumstances stated by Major General Gels the Board are decidedly of opinion that they are fully warranted in having recourse to the more eligible mode of attempting to secure the three Ring Leaders Clarke Stumbell and Banks by means of the Artillery themselves and it is accordingly Resolved that the following order be sent to Major General Gels —

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To Major General Gells

Commanding at St Thomas's Mount

Sir,

To major General Gells directing him to secure the persons of three Men considered Ring Leaders of the late Mutiny, and to send them under a sufficient Guard to the Presidency

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council having deemed it expedient that certain men of the corps of Artillery should be secured, directs me to desire, that you will in the course of this evening or tomorrow Morning as you may judge most convenient, secure the persons of Gunner Numbles of the 1st Battalion and Matrosses Clarke and Banks of the 2d Battalion and march them prisoners under a sufficient guard into madras where upon their arrival they are to be delivered over to the Town Major—

You are expressly to understand that the execution of this order is not to be incumbered by any conditions whatsoever—

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I am &c.
(signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor — President —

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Fadeglisso

} Esqrs.

Tuesday 6th. February

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute together with a letter from Major General Goels —

February 6th. 1798.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Major General Galls and requests to know their determinations — respecting the three Mutineers who have been secured by their orders —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board a letter from Major General Goels and requests to Know, after the Right Honorable the President in Council have considered its contents what their wishes are in — respect of the three Men apprehended by the order of the Board under date the first instant —

Lieutenants

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Lieutenant Colonel Close

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am honored with your letter of

From major General Gillespie to the Assistant Genl. with a list of Evidences considered necessary to appear on the trial of the Mutineers - submits a question how far it may be considered right that he should be concerned in any shape in their prosecution after the orders he — published at the time of the Mutiny —

the 2d Instant signifying the Commander in Chiefs commands that I would "ascertain from the officers of the "1st and 2d Battalion of Artillery the Persons who should "be called upon as Witnesses against the Mutineers "in question / by which I understand Gunner — "Bumbles of the 1st Battalion and Matross Laurences Matrosses Clarke and Banks of the 2d Battalion of Artillery B "and transmit a list of them to Head Quarters" — and in compliance with which I have the honor to forward the inclosed List furnished me by Colonel Saxon —

You are further pleased to inform me "the Commander in Chief expects that the "list will be formed not only from the information "you may procure as above but from your own "knowledge of Circumstances which have happened "connected with the Mutiny /"

I &c

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In regard to any circumstances
that may have occurred subsequent to 10 o'clock
on the morning of the 16th Instant so far as they
may apply to Gunner Nurnbles and matross
Clarke and Banks - I shall be glad to give the
Commander in Chief every information and
assistance in my power - but to any period prior
to this I humbly conceive from my Long assurances
to the men, on their returning to their duty that
every thing should be buried in oblivion altogether
precludes me - It was a great Stake I had to
preserve and I perceived its magnitude and
I submit to the Commander in Chief how
dreadfull might have been the case had my
reason been verified and I had acted otherwise
than I did the Mutiny was guided by the
line of Conduct I pursued, and I further
Submit that should any thing similar to
the Sedition from order in the Artillery
occur in any other Corps whether the Men
will have the smallest Reliance on or can
pay the least attention to the assurances of

their

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their officers if I should be obliged to break thro'— "
those that have been given by me: having thus
submitted myself, I with the utmost deference
intreat the Commander in Chief to take the— "
peculiar circumstances by which I am embarassed
into his consideration— " and then if he should
still order me to come forward I must as a— "
Soldier obey— I was in Command at the moment, and
I acted I trust with propriety and on the principle
the Commander in Chief is now proceeding— "
against those men namely the good of the
Service — and on looking back on every— "
Circumstance that happened I consider it as
fortunate that matters were brought to such a
conclusion and if I mistake not the Commander
in chief did the same, not Knowing the precise
disposition of His Majesty's Regiments in
our vicinity— and I believed as certainly as
I now write this that the 74th were on— "
their march to join, that 3 Guns has left
the Mount for their use and that it— "

Became

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became a matter of expediency if not —
necessity to prevent the possibility of their
having the Artillery to rally upon —
which in its Consequence might have
subverted even the Government itself such
were my Reasons —

and I have now the honor to be,

Sir,

Your very obedient Servt.

Signed Thomas Reid.

Memorandum

Signed George Harris

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Evidences

Lieutenant Stone
Serjt. Major Clarke
Serjt. Gostelow
Matross Smith Act. Jr. Corpl.
Gunner Richards
Gunner Stevenson
Matross Hamelton
Matross Redfern
Matross Payne
Matross Robinson -

} Matross Lawsone

Lieut. Charleton
Lieut. Fowler
Serjt. Major Clarke
Serjt. Gostelow
Matt. Smith Act. Jr. Corpl.
Matross M Grath. Act. Corpl.

} Matross Clarke

Captn. Tanner
Lieut. Charleton
Lieut. Stone
Serjt. Major Clarke
Serjt. Gostelow

} Matross Banks.

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Corporal Abbot
Corporal Bowler
Matross Hamilton
} Matross Banks

Matross Smith Actg Corpl. } Gunner Stumbles

Resolution of the Board on the foregoing Subject—

Resolved that it is expedient to wait the result of the enquiry before the Board of Officers, before any measures are taken in regard to the Ring Leaders of the Mutiny on the 16th & 17th Instt. at Allemo at the Mount—

" Geo: Hacon

" Cor Saunders

" E Fullerton

" Fullerton Esq