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The entries made in pencil on the margin in the volume were made with the help of the papers in the bundle at the time of the weeding and reconstruction of Records.

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16. The following Extract is taken from a private Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Extract of a Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron to Lord Hobart dated 31st December 1797

From Brigadier General De Meuron enclosing a further examination of the Captains of the Ship Susanna Amelia detained at Point de Galle and a protest of Captain Moller against her detention declaring her to be the Property of Mr. Pringle

"I have the honor to enclose two papers respecting the Ship at Galle which is called Danish property - one a new declaration of the Captains - the other their protest - the delay in forwarding these papers proceeds most probably from the confusion occasioned by the two Europe Ships laying at Galle."

A true Extract

Signed George Barry
Substy

Further Questions to Captain Moller and Captain Detlaan respecting the Danish Ship formerly called the Greo. Schimelma now the Susanna Amelia

To Captain Detlaan

Questions

As Super Cargo, you no doubt have some papers respecting your former Cargo, will you produce them, and will you shew your Books with the Sales &c of that Cargo —

Answer

I have no Book, but that which you have seen, and all the papers respecting the Cargo were left with Mr. Monerva at the Mauritius —

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Question 2d

In your Onkost Book I perceive the Sum of Sp.a D.rs 500 charged Voorpapier what paper was this?

Answer

Writing paper.

Question 3d

500 D.rs was a great deal of Money to be paid for writing paper for the Ships use. Pray is there much of it still on board?

Answer

It was not for the Ships use, it was made

Question 4th

After having had so large a Cargo intrusted to your Care, it is very astonishing that so small an Article should alone have been entered, and that in a Book where surely it had no Business.

Answer

The Onkost Book alluded to, is only a Memorandum Book for my private Speculations and does not Concern the Ship. The paper was my private property.

Question 5th

It appears somewhat Contradictory that a Book should be Headed the Onkost Book for the Ship, Greo Schimelma, and wherein all charges respecting the Ship such as Pilotage &c. &c. are regularly inserted and still this Book you call a private Memorandum Book.

Answer

It is only a Memorandum Book wherein I write every thing that occurs

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Question 6th

By Captain Moller's papers it appear that you sold, and that he brought the Ship on the 11th. September and still in your Memorandum or Outhost Book I see on the 17th. a Sum entered as Pilotage paid for tatling the Ship out of the Harbour —

Now as a Passenger how did this find it's way into your private Memoran=dum Book —

Answer

Captain Moller paid the Money / and I only entered it in my Book merely as a Memorandum in case of my going back again

Question 7th

Do you Captain Dellaan and Moller declare that you have no Books or Papers on Board but what you have Produced —

Answer

by Mr. Dellaan I do declare I have none

by Captain Moller I declare I have none

We do hereby acknowledge the above to be our Answers to the several Questions put by order of Colonel Croker Commanding Galle —

As Witness our Hands this Second day of December 1797

Signed G. J. Dellaan
" Mills Moller

Witness
Signed W. C. Gibson
John Franchell
Witness and Interpeter

On

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On this Day the 2d December 1797

Appeared before me Johannes Hendrick Braakman

Notary in this place in the presence of the hereafter

mentioned Witnesses

Niels Moller Captain of the Ship

Susanna Amelia at present laying at Anchor in this

Bay who declared that he departed from the Mauritius

with the abovementioned ship belonging to Mr. Johan

Christian Pingel Factor of the Danish Company at

Tranquebar, and being bound for the above Danish

Government had put into this Bay on account of

contrary Currents and want of Provisions. that —

having provided himself here with what was necessary

and being ready to sail out of this Bay to day to

proceed on his Voyage to Tranquebar, the Ship under

his Command was yesterday afternoon detained by

the order of Robert Brooke Esqr. Lieutenant Colonel

and Commandant of this place, and he was ordered

not to depart that as by this detention of the

Ship under his Command the owner Mr. Pingel

must sustain great loss he protests against it leaving

all

16th all Expences and Loss which may be occasioned thereby to the Account of those by whom his Voyage is prevented —

Thus protested in the Town of Galle on the day abovementioned and in the presence of etKolas Baetharas Kleyn, and Elias M'Kolas Bernarders — Baptist as witnesses —

The original of this is properly signed and written on a Seal of 12 Stuivers —

Which Witnesseth
Signed J. H. Brickman
Notary

A true translation
Signd H. Hall
Dutch Translator

Received the following Letters —

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Major French complaining of the insufficient accommodations allotted to the Officers of the 71st Regiment ordered on board the Lord Hawkesbury —

Enclosed I have the Honor to send you a Letter directed to me from the Officers of the 71st Regiment as their Commanding Officer, stating the improper accommodations Captain Price has allotted them, as also me, as Commanding Officer on Board. In consequence

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consequence of which. I wrote to Captain Price. and I now beg leave to forward to you his reply to my Note —

I beg leave to say, that Captain Price has sold half of the Great Cabin since his — arrival here. besides taking several Passengers from hence. tho He must have known, he was to receive several officers from hence on board. The situation he has allotted to us. is nearly opposite the Main Mast on the Starboard Side. and my own Cabin which is close to that. has not even a Port in it. Had Captain Price even shewn a desire of being accommodating neither I. or the rest of the officers would have troubled you on this subject. but as the matter now stands. I have to request. you will have the goodness to procure us every accommodation we are entitled to. agreable to the Regulations of the Honorable East India Company. for the reception of Kings officers on board of East Indiamen —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. French

Major 77th Regt.

Camp Island
February 16th 1798.

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To Josiah Webbe Esq

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the agent for Transports composing the first Fleet which sailed on the Manilla Expedition enclosing Bills for his Salary and extra Disbursements.

I have the Honor to forward you a Bill, with sundry vouchers &c for expences incurred by me, on account of the late Expedition to the Eastward. I hope you will find the Bill correct and have the Honor to request, you will order it's being discharged.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Henry Hall

Fort St. George
31st of January 1798

Extract of a Letter from the Military Board, to Mr. Henry Hall agent for Transports. Dated 27th July 1797

We shall recommend your being allowed one Conicopoly for each ship during the time such ship is receiving stores and Provisions and one Native writer to assist in making up the daily accounts the actual expence incurred for Stationary will no doubt be admitted.

Signed G. Ross
" W. Stydenham for themselves & the Comtee

A true Extract
Signed H. Hall

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay - enclosing Intelligence received from Bussorah of the Conclusion of Peace between the Emperor and the French and of the Victory gained by Admiral Duncan over the Dutch Fleet

I have the Honor to enclose for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council an Extract of a letter from the Resident at Bussora dated the 16th ultimo with copy extracts from such parts of its references as are of an interesting nature

Bombay Castle
31st January 1798.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Sign'd John Morris
Secy

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Manesty dated Bussora the 16th December 1797

I have also the Honor to transmit a Continuation of my Correspondence with His Majesty's Ministers abroad containing Copies of my letters to His Excellency Sir Morton Eden K.B. His Excellency William Wickham and John Spencer Smith Esq. of the 9th Instant and Copies of Letters

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16th letters to my address from his Excellency William Wickham and from John Spencer Smith Esq.r of the 1st and 13th November received by the Express Messengers — before mentioned. The Copies of the Letters received are accompanied by the several enclosures mentioned in the originals and to the whole I beg leave respectfully to refer Government. for very interesting information, particularly that which relates to the final Conclusion of Peace between the Emperor and the French Republic, and that which advices the Glorious Naval Victory — gained over the Dutch Grand Fleet by admiral — Duncan on the 11th October —

True Copy

Signed F. Warden

Secy

Extract of a Letter from William Wickham Esq.r dated Berne the 3d October 1797 to the Resident at Bussora.

Enclosed I have the honor to send you a new declaration of the French Directory dated the 4th. Complementaire / answering to the 20th ultimo / from which you will collect that the Negociations at Lisle are broken off. Copied with Sr Charles Malets Letter in Diary to consult 23d January.

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of. and that there is every appearance of war being
Carried on with vigor. By communication from England
Viâ Calais I learn that Lord Malmesbury reached
London the 20th ultimo this Declaration of the Directory
has been preceded by the arrestation of several of the
leading Members of the two Councils and by other acts
of Violence/ of which you will find a detailed account
in the enclosed printed Papers/ as well as by the recall
of all the persons originally employed in the Negociation.
I am not accurately informed of the nature of the
terms offered by the new Negociation. but it may be
Collected even from the French accounts that they were such
as neither the Honor and dignity of His Majesty nor
the safety of his dominions could permit him to accept
It appears however from the same Account. that they
did not even give time to Lord Malmesbury to transmit
them, such as they were, to his Court but that upon
his saying that he was not authorized to decide
them. His Lordship received immediate orders to quit
the Country

Extract of a letter from John Spencer Smith Esqr. to
Ditto. Ditto. dated Constantinople 13th. November 1797

I avail myself of the passage of an
express

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16th expresst to transmit you the Copy of a Gazette Extraordinary I have received by this occasion and to congratulate yourself and your Superiors in India on its glorious Contents The Dutch acknowledge the loss of 9 Ships of the line, and expresst uneasiness about the Fate of some others —

The Court of Vienna has at length Concluded its pacific arrangements with the French — republick. The Definitive Treaty was signed at General Bounaparties Head Quarters near Udene on the 17th. last It is not of a nature to give satisfaction to any lovers of their Country, or to furnish matter of Compliment from One Austrian to another —

True Copy Extracts

Sign'd F. Warden

Secr.y

Received also two letters from Mr.

Letters from the Subsecretary at Bengal. Sub Secretary Stracey, entered in Mr B: Nos 70 and 71, the former requesting Information respecting the pension payable to Mr Binette. and the latter enclosing a Letter for the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort St. George.

17th Sent the following Letters. To

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To Major General Ross.

President &c. Board of officers

Gentlemen

To the Board of officers appointed to inquire into the late Mutiny at the Mount - expressing the acknowledgements of Government for their Services - and the satisfaction with which they have noticed the favorable Testimony borne to the Talents and attention of their Secretary Captain Malcolm -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th Instant and to convey to you the very great satisfaction of the Right Honorable the President in Council at the able, minute, and perspicuous manner, in which your proceedings have been conducted, and which has fully answered the intentions of Government in bringing the enquiry before your Board -

His Lordship in Council has also great pleasure in noticing the testimony which you bear to the talents and attention of Captain Malcolm, — which cannot fail of recommending him to the favor of his Superiors

Fort St. George
17th February 1798.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signd J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen.

To the Military Board's
their Proceedings in the
Equipment of the
Manilla Expedition
highly approved.

We have received your letters of the 8th and 14th Instant

having considered the proceedings of your Board and of the committee appointed by you to superintend the preparations for the late intended expedition against Manilla, we have felt great pleasure in recording our entire approbation of the measures which were adopted upon that occasion: the promptitude and effect of those measures, while they evince in the strongest manner the Zeal of your Board generally and individually for the public service, have also established on your proceedings a valuable record, which cannot fail of being extremely useful on future occasions of a similar nature.

The usual certificates will be transmitted to England for the adjustment of the Salt provisions, received from the Navy Contractor.

We are
Gentlemen
Your faithful Servants
Signed Hobart
H. Cornwall
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To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

To Lieut.t Col. Close
bearing testimony to
his peculiar merit.
and stating, the Circum-
stances which have
prevented the Board
from coming to an
immediate decision on
his claim for an Increase
of Salary—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 9.th Instant and to inclose for your information copy of a minute of the Right Honorable the President. this paper explains the circumstances under which his Lordship in Council has judged it adviseable to decline complying with your application. but 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 subjects of putting the principal staff of this army upon a more adequate footing. it is the intention of the President in Council to reconsider your situation—

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17.th February 1798

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed J. Webbe
Lieut.t Col.t

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To Captain Madden

of his Majesty's 52d Regiment

Sir,

To Captain Madden of the 52d Regiment relative to the 8% Cent Bond of Government in his Possession—

In answer to your letter of the 12th Inst. I am directed to acquaint you that under the present circumstances of the bonded debt at this Presidency it is impossible for the Right Honorable the President in Council to discharge your bond; but in consideration of the peculiar case you have stated his Lordship will recommend it to the favorable notice of the Court of Directors. In this event it will be necessary for you to lodge the bond in the Company's treasury, from which your attorneys may receive the interest as it falls due, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known—

I am &c &c

Fort St George
16th February 1798.

Signed J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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

Sent also letter to Mr Barlow Captain Kirkpatrick and Mr Ukthoff/ entered in M B No 72/ enclosing

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enclosing Mysore Intelligence

From the Commander of the Lord Hawkesbury

Received a letter from Captain Price entered in M.B. No 73 requesting that a proper person may be sent on board his Ship to examine and report upon the accommodations prepared for the officers of the 71st Regiment under orders to embark for England on his Ship.

To the Master Attendant

Sent a letter to Mr Tasmell entered in M.B. No 74 desiring him to make the necessary Survey and report on the above Subject

Received the following letters

J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

Report of the Master Attendant on the accommodations prepared for the Kings officers ordered to embark on the Lord Hawkesbury -

I agreeably to the Orders received in your letter of this date. I have proceeded on board of the Lord Hawkesbury, and have examined the accommodations allotted by Captain Price, to the officers of his Majesty's Corps, ordered to proceed on his Ship to England. and beg leave to inform you that they appear to me both in space and situation on the Deck to be proper and comfortable accommodations, with every convenience that can be expected to be provided,

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the situations and Dimensions of which, with the number of Officers allotted to each respectively are as follows—

Cabins Dimensions	Situations	Officers	Corps
1 9 Feet 11 Inches by 7 Feet 8 Inches	Steerage	Captn Madden Ensign Madden	52d Regiment
		Ensign Marden	72d ditto
1 8 Feet 9½ Inches by 8 Feet 3 Inches	Ditto	Captn Obrien	72d D°
1 9 Feet by 7 Feet	Ditto	Major French Captain More Lt Marreen Lt Hall Lt Mackenzie	77th D°
1 11 Feet 10½ Inches by 11 Feet 10½ Inches	Ditto		

The Great Cabin is occupied by Captn Reding, of His Majestys 72d Regiment, his Lady, and a Lady from Bengal

I am,
&c &c
(Signd) G. Haswell
Mast attendt

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council
of Fort St. George

Report of the Military Auditor General of the period to which the Commissioned and non Commissioned officers of His Majestys regiments about to embark for Europe have received their pay and allowances—

My Lord,

I have the Hono to report to your Lordship in Council, for the information of the Honble

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17th the Court of Directors, that Subsistence for the Commissioned
non Commissioned Officers and Private of His Majestys
52d 71st and 72d Regiments about to embark for
Europe, has been advanced to them to the 24th of June
1798. inclusive that Companys allowances will be
paid to them to the day of their Embarkation, and that
the rates of passage money, as stated in Mr Secretary
Webbe's Letter of the 9th instant, has been authorized to
the Commanders of the Ships under dispatch for the
accommodation of the Officers —

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
W. Lydenham
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Military Auditor Generals'
Office Fort St George
17th February 1798

18th Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
entered in MB Nos 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84.
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To the Secretary of
Bengal —

To Mr Barlow requesting that Mr
Brissette may receive his pension of twenty Pagodas &c
Month at that Presidency from the 1st Instant —

To the Military Paymr
General

To Mr Roebuck — enclosing Copy of the
Auditor's Report on the additional Estimate which
accompanied his letter of the 14th Instant, and acquainting
him

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To Him that the Sum of Pags 11,592.-19.-69. will be
issued to Him on application at the General Treasury

To the Military Board — To the Military Board desiring that
Captain Murray of His Majesty's Ship Heroine may be
permitted to exchange some of his Gunpowder which
is unfit for present use —

To Capt.n Keith Young — To Captain Young appointing him
to act during the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Hart
as Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops serving
under this Presidency —

To Lieut.t Col.l Beresford — To Lieutenant Colonel Beresford
accepting his resignation of the office of Deputy Paymaster
to the Kings Troops serving under this Presidency and
desiring him to deliver over charge of the accounts
Balance of Cash &c. to Captain Young —

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly — To Major General Floyd informing
him that his application in favor of Quarter Master
Payne late of the 19.th Dragoons cannot be complied with

To the Quarter Master General of the Army — To Lieutenant Colonel Richardson —
acquainting him that Government think it unnecessary
to make any further addition to his allowances or
Office Establishment —

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To the Military Auditor General—

To Major General Sydenham informing him that the Board consent to remit to Mr Johnston the Sum of Pags 723. 3. 40. on account of Sascars Batta on his making the proposed affidavit — and desiring him to furnish a Statement of the whole Sum remitted to Mr Johnston in consequence of the late revision of his accounts —

To the Board of Revenue—

To the Board of Revenue referring for their consideration an improved plan suggested by Lieutenant Evans for the permanent establishment of a Breeding Stud — and a Letter from the Jaghiredar of Arnee respecting Rents payable to him by some of his Relations —

To Lieut Evans

To Lieutenant Evans informing him that his improved Plan for the permanent Establishment of a Nursery for Breeding Horses has been submitted to the consideration of the Military Board —

To the Commanders of the Ship Lord Macartney and General Goddard

To Captains Kay and Graham informing them that Captains Mackenzie and Banbury have been allowed to exchange accommodations in their respective Ships —

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart
Governor President
Lieutenant General Harris
Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Falloſield } Esquires

Tuesday 19th February.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved-

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob. entered also in C C No. 18.

Translation from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George. Dated 19th February 1798 Received Do. Do.

From the Nabob enclosing a Letter addressed to the Honorable Court of Directors which he requests may be forwarded on one of the Ships now under Dispatch-

Your Lordship some time ago forwarded me a letter from my Friends the Court of Directors. Having written a reply thereto. I send it to your Lordship, and request that you will be pleased to transmit it to the Honble Court -

What more need I add

A true translation
(Signed) A. Falconar Pers.

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Minute thereon

As his Highness has omitted to inclose a copy of his address to the Court of Directors, the President is requested to inform the Nabob that it will be necessary to furnish a copy of his letter for the information of this Government previous to its transmission to England—

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore

The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council

From the Resident at Tanjore advising the Death of the Reverend Mr. Swartz—

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I feel the deepest Concern in announcing to your Lordship the Death of the Reverend Mr. Swartz who expired this afternoon about five o'clock—

Tanjore
13th February 1798.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Alex. Macleod
Resd.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the death of Mr. Swartz be reported to the Court of Directors

The President delivers in the following Minute which he requests may be published in general Orders—

Lord

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Lord Hobart's Minute in Council

the 19th February 1798.

Lord Hobart's Minute expressive of the high sense he entertains of the Zeal Gallantry and good conduct of the Coast Army during the period of his administration —

In expressing to the Coast Army my gratitude for the Services they have performed during the period of my administration, I endeavour to acquit myself of a debt, which I am apprehensive it is not fully in my power to discharge.

Animated by a Zeal for the Interests of the British Empire that cannot be surpassed, all descriptions of the Military have been distinguished by the most honorable and active exertions - and have witnessed with peculiar satisfaction the alacrity with which the Native Troops have embarked on Foreign and distant Expeditions —

Under the impression of sentiments as grateful as they are just, I offer my most sincere and cordial acknowledgements to the Army upon this Establishment, and beg leave to assure them, that in whatever situation I may be placed, I can never cease to be actuated by the strongest —— disposition, to do ample justice to their merits and Services, and to confirm in the manner which may

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may appear most conducive to their honor and
advantage. Those repeated testimonies of approbation
of their conduct with which the public records of my
Government are embellished

Signed Hobart

The foregoing Minute to be published in General Orders—

Ordered accordingly

" Geo: Harris

" Con Saunders

" C.K. Tollesfield

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Fullerton Sec

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Received from the publick —

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Department the following Copy of Lord Hobarts Minute relative to his Resignation of the Government —

Lord Hobarts Minute in Council 19th February 1798

Lord Hobarts Minute on his resignation of the government expressing his acknowledgements to his Colleagues in the Government for the support they have afforded him and to rear Admiral Rainier for his Zealous cooperation in the advancement of the publick Interests — Records the high sense he entertains of the Talents and Integrity of Mr Smith Writer the Secretary, and his approbation of the Conduct of Messrs George Parry and C. Falconar the Sub Secretaries in the discharge of their respective Duties — notices in favorable Terms the Conduct of Mr Sullivan the Attorney General Mr Rinderday the superintendent of the Court of Cutcherry and Mr Adderley his private Secretary — lays before the Board affidavits of himself and his Private Secretary that they have not directly or indirectly received presents from any of the Country Princes or Native Inhabitants —

The superseession of my appointment to the Supreme Government by the Nomination of the Earl of Mornington to that situation accompanied by the provisional appointment of Sir Alured Clarke in the event of Sir John Shore's departure from India previous to the arrivae of the Earl of Mornington with the provisional appointment of Lieutenant General Harris to this Government upon its becoming Vacant would leave no doubt upon my Mind had I not even received express intimation of it from Mr Dundas, that the Court of Directors had considered my Return to Europe expedient for their Interests —

Perhaps

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Perhaps being apprized as I am of the Reasons upon which the opinion of the Court of Directors was founded, it might be satisfactory to discuss them with a view to my own Justification and for the purpose of avoiding the temporary humiliation which must attach upon an unexplained supercession but as the discussion at this time might be productive of injurious effects to the Companys affairs at the close of my Government, I shall not act upon a principle directly the reverse of that by which I have invariably shaped my conduct during its Continuance I shall therefore sacrifice my own feelings to the more important Consideration of public duty -

A Recapitulation of the Measures pursued during the Period of my Government would be superfluous they are already or will be before the Court of Directors in such shape as to enable them to form an accurate opinion with the Arguments upon which they have been founded -

Harris

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Having always met and explicitly
stated the pecuniary Embarassments under which
this Government from various and unavoidable
causes has laboured I shall not be silent upon
that Subject at present at the same time
I can confidently assert, that amongst those —
Causes neither a strict regard to Economy nor
a minute attention to so essential an object
has been wanting on my part. External Conquests
cannot be made without extraordinary expence
and the increase of the Military Establishment
with an extended Investment will be found
to have occasioned that pressure upon the —
Treasury against which I have had to contend —
The Records will bear testimony to the —
perseverance and Diligence with which the
Revenues have been attended to In some —
instances they have considerably and I trust
permanently encreased in others where there
may have been a temporary failure the
Cause of it has been sufficiently manifest to
shew that it has arisen from Circumstances —
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In times of peculiar turbulency and agitation all over the World the Government of Madras has been remarkable for the due respect which has been paid to its authority some merit may be allowed to those by whom it has been conducted —

If the very timid and dangerous situation in which the British Empire in India is now placed, be attributable to the Exertions of this Government I may be permitted to congratulate those with whom I have had the honor to act upon a Circumstance so creditable to our Administration

It would ill become me also upon this subject to be unmindful of those services and of that Cooperation for which this Government has so repeatedly had occasion to be grateful to admiral Rainier whose Zeal for the public Good has been conspicuous at

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If the resistance I have made to the destructive system of lending money to the natives upon usurious loans and in particularly to the Nabob of the carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore, has laid the foundation of abolishing a Practice so injurious to the Government and to the People, I shall never regret any personal Enmity I always foresaw and which I should not have been so improvident as to have hazarded, had I not been impelled to it by a deep sense of the magnitude of the Evil -

I should wish to pass entirely unnoticed if Consistency would permit it the differences that have taken place between the Supreme Government and me -

I trust however it must be evident that they were differences into which I was led by the necessary defence of my own measures the principal objects of public in which they turned were the

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I trust however it must be evident that they were differences into which I was led by the necessary defence of my own measures the principal Objects of public Importance on which they turned were the proposition of Major Kirkpatrick for stocking

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19 stocking the Nizams army with British Officers. The Execution of the orders from Europe respecting the Dutch settlements Viz. the steps previous to the attack of Trincomalee the Candean Embassy and the Eastern Expe-dition. upon these Points I do not assume more than the public Records will justify, when I assert that the measures of this Govern-ment have been approved by the Court of Directors.

Upon the discussions respecting the Nabob of the Carnatic and the Rajah of Tanjore unable to speak from positive Official authority I shall only express my conviction that Experience will shew the futility of those Hopes that rest upon the expectation of carrying any essential object with them by persuasion alone, and that Humanity, sound Policy, and Justice, will im-press the necessity of a more effectual in-terference.

I cannot forego so grateful a part of my Duty upon relinquishing my Government as

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19. as that of thanking my Colleagues for the support which they have invariably given to the Public service during the time I have had the honor and satisfaction to sit with them at this Board -

Having proposed a new arrangement respecting the Secretary's Office by which the Duties of it have been regulated upon the same principle as in Bengal, and Bombay, I am happy in being able not only to record my conviction of the utility of the arrangement but to perform an act of Justice to Mr. Josiah Webbe the secretary, by stating that the high opinion I entertained of his Talents and which had induced me to consider him in every respect qualified for so arduous a situation, has been fully confirmed by the manner in which he has conducted the Business of his Office, a highly cultivated mind with an uncommon promptitude and Independence of sentiment enables Mr. J. Webbe to be a most useful servant

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to the Company and cannot too strongly express the advantage I have derived from his able and zealous assistance -

The Deputy secretaries Messrs Parry and Falconar are also entitled to my acknowledgements for their deligence and assiduity in their respective situations -

To the several Boards and Heads of Offices my Gratitude is due for the active and dutiful execution of their official functions -

In Consequence of the various matters which have occurred in the Course of this Government that have made it necessary to resort to the legal opinions and aid of the attorney General Mr Sullivan, I feel myself called upon on this occasion to convey my sense of his professional abilities and attachment to the Company's Interests and to express my earnest hope, both upon public and personal Grounds that he may have been considered by the Court of Directors in the arrangement

that

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19th That is said to have been made for the admi-
=nistration of Justice at this Presidency -
- Nor can I omit, in touching upon that subject
to declare my Concurrence in that universal
applause which is given to the superintendent
of the Cutcherry Mr. Hindersley for the ability,
firmness, and Impartiality, with which he
has presided in that Court -

The Court of Directors having
approved the Conduct of Sir Charles Oakeley
my immediate Predecessor in Causing an
Oath to be administered to him upon =
quitting his Government, I consider it =
incumbent on me upon that account =
to follow his Example, and as a great part
of the intercourse I have had with the
Nabob and the Natives, has been carried
on through my private Secretary, Mr. Addenley,
I shall call upon him to subscribe a similar
affidavit - and should state my sentiments
both with respect to his abilities and =
Integrity were I not apprehensive that
such

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such an act of Justice from me might be
attributed to personal Considerations —

(Signed) Hobart

(A true Copy)

(Signed) A. Falconar
Sub Secy

Robert Lord Hobart, President

and Governor of Fort St. George, Maketh
Oath and saith, that on his appointment
to that Station, he entered into certain
Articles of Covenant or Indenture with the
Honorable the Court of Directors of the
United East India Company bearing date
on, or about the 2d Day of January in the
year of our Lord 1794 and that pursuant
in the engagements therein contained, he
hath not directly or indirectly by himself
or by any other person or persons, for his use
or behalf, or for the use or behalf of any
other person or persons whatsoever save and
except the said Company carried on any dealings
or

or transactions by way of traffic or commerce in Money or Goods of any Kind whatsoever - That he hath not lent any Money to any of the Country Powers or to any person or persons holding any Commission or Commissions under or employed by them directly or indirectly or any Mortgages on Land or Revenues, or in any other manner whatsoever - That he hath not directly or indirectly by himself or by any other person or persons, for his use or on his behalf taken or accepted of or from any Nabob Raja, Zemeendar, Polygar, Renter, Ryot, or any other person paying or liable to pay any Subsidy tribute Rent or tax to or for the use of the said Company, any Sum of Money or other valuable thing by way of Gift Present, or otherwise - That he hath not directly or indirectly by himself or by any other person or persons or his behalf, made any remittances of Money or Goods through the Channel of foreign Companies or agents or appointed such foreign Companies or agents in

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their traffic in any manner whatsoever -
and lastly that he hath not directly or
indirectly by himself or by any other person
or persons for his use or on his behalf
taken or accepted any sum of Money or
other valuable thing by way of Salary fee
perquisite or emolument of Office, other than
and except the following that is to say. The
Salary granted to him by the said Company
with such fees as are expressly authorized
by covenants or otherwise to be taken in his
public situation, and the accommodation
of the said Company's houses, with the
Servants, plate and other articles of
establishment, usually charged in the Civil
Paymaster's Accounts -

Sworn before me in (Signed) Hobart
Fort St George this Nineteenth
Day of February 1798.

(Signed) Geo. Harris
Justice

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I declare upon my oath to that

I have never directly or indirectly lent money

to any of the Country powers or to any person

or persons holding any Commission under or

employed by them or any Mortgages or o

Land or Revenue or in any other manner

whatsoever - I also declare, that I have not

directly or indirectly by myself or any other

person taken any sum of money or any

other Valuable thing by way of Gift, present,

or otherwise, from the Nabob of the Carnatic

or any other Country power, or Native of India

or Resident European -

Sworn before me (signed) Edwd. Hale Atherley

19th Day of February 1798

(signed) Geo Harris

Justice

(True Copies)

(signed) A Falconar

Sub Secy

Received also the following -

Letter from the Military Auditor General

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The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President and Governor in Council

I Fort St. George

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordship's Commands, signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 17th instant, I have required and obtained from Mr. Samuel Johnston, the affidavit of which an exact copy was forwarded with my Letter of the 7th instant, respecting his charge for Lascars Batta, and have in consequence to report, that the total amount remitted to him is as follows -

From the Secretary under Genl. stating the total amount remitted to Mr. Samuel Johnston on the late revision of his accounts -

	L. S. D.
Batta to Lascars	733. 2. 10.
Amount of various charges admitted by Government on a former reference and communicated to the Office of Audit	734. 2. 72.
Total remitted by Government	667. 6. 32

I have the honor to be with,

Yr. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Lord

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George.
19th February 1798

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Substance of a letter to the Nabob — Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 19. requesting he will according to custom furnish a Copy of his address to the Court of Directors previous to its being forwarded

Substance of a letter from Said ud Dowlah — Received also a Letter from Said ud Dowlah The Nizam's agent entered in C. C. No. 20. requesting permission to wait upon the president previous to his Embarkation

Received from Captain Walker + the Governor of the Naval Hospital the following List of Invalids whom he + has prevailed on the Commanders of the Ships to take on the customary + Charter party allowance, in addition — to those already ordered on board —

Return

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Returns of Naval Invalids to embark on the Pitt Lushington Goddard and Friendship in addition to the Number already accommodated —

Return of Naval Invalids permitted on the 20th February to Embark on the

Pitt

Richd Cownie
Edward Prentice
James Berry
James Miller
William Somerson

5

Lushington

Alexr Paterson
Jas Taylor
Jno Crane
Jas Clayton
John Bullock
Thos Lushman
John Wace

7

Goddard

Christopher Milford
John Pender
Edward Dougharty
John Taylor
Edward Wallace

5

Friendship

John Reynolds
William Blythe
William Stewart
Robt Weeks
Willm Drake
Willm Douglass
Barnabus Green
Jeremiah Hopper
John Adams
John Byrne

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Total 27.

Received from the Deputy adjutant General to The King's Troops the following Returns of Troops to embark on the Ships under Dispatch

Return

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Return of Officers Non-commissioned Officers Invalids &c.c to Embark for Europe on the undermentioned Ships —

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Ships	Lieut Colonels	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Cornets	Surgeons	Assistant Surgeons	Total Men Women & Children
Lushington	1	1	2					36
Hawksburry		1	4	5				63
Lord Macartney			3	5	1		1	63
General Goddard		1	3	5		1		38
Total	1	3	10	17	1	1	1	220

Return of Officers Non-commissioned Officers Invalids &c.c to Embark for Europe on the undermentioned Ships —

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Ships

Lushington

Hawksburry

Lord Macartney

General Goddard

Total

Turnover

No 4

Lists

List of Officers Corresponding

Lushington Hawksburry Lord Macartney General Goddard

Lieut Col Fraser			Major Tennoch			Major Monson	
Major Robertson	72d foot		Capt Mercer			Capt Masters	
Lieut Campbell			Lieut Mannion	75th foot	Capt Mackenzie	" Rowan	
Lieut P. A. Power	71st foot		" Lt Mackinzie		" Wardrobe	" Banbury	
			" Hall		Lieut Redwood	Lieut B.M. Adams	52nd foot
Capt O Brien			Capt O Brien		" Herries	" Downes	
" Rudding	72nd foot		" Rudding	72nd foot	" M Connigal	" Mc Combe	
Ens Madden			Ens Madden		Asst Surg Barrows	Rose	
					Captain Ross	71st foot	Mahony
Capt Madden			Capt Madden		Lieut Sutherland		
Ens M. Madden	57th foot		Ens M. Madden		" Tucker	72nd foot	
					Chaplain Rd D. Mackay		Dr Mr Butler

Received 5th February 1778

(signed) Alx Robertson
Dy Mjr General

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Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mr B.. N.os 86.. 87..

From Major General Lyden:

From the Military Auditor General

- Same - stating that Captain Borough late Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops on Ceylon has paid over the Balance of Cash in his Hands, and furnished Security for - discharging any Sums that may be retrenched on final Audit of his Accounts -

From Colonel Champagne -

From Commandant at Trincomale.

entreceding in behalf of four pay Sergeants of the 80.th Regiment who have suffered consider= -ably by the Capture of the Brish Tender on Board which articles had been embarked for the cloathing &c.. of their respective Companies -

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Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mr B N.os 88.. 89 -

To the Commanders of the

To the Commanders of the Ships Pitt Sir Stephen Lushington - Bridewell Ship and Edward Goddard -

Ships noted in the Margin - enclosing - returns

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20th returns of the commissioned non commissioned Officers and Invalids of the King's Regiments ordered to embark for England on their respective Ships -

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

To the Commanders of the Ships noted in the Margin permitting them to receive certain Naval Invalids on board on the regulated Charter party allowance -

Substance of a letter from the Commander of the Ship Sir Stephen Lushington

Received a Letter from Capt: Gooch / the Letter not said / representing that he has not received in Bengal an Official authority for taking on board his Ship ten Men and a Woman of the 33rd Regiment as Charter Party Passengers and requesting to be furnished with the requisite order from this Government -

Do. Do. Do.

Sent a Letter in consequence to Capt: Gooch / entered in MB No. 90) ordering him to receive the people on board -

The packets to the Court of Directors from the Military and Political Departments containing the General Letters dated 19th Inst closed and forwarded P Macartney -

The General Letters to the Court of Directors from the Military and Political Departments to go P Macartney having been signed the packets were closed this Day -

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Lord

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Lord Hobarts resignation of the Government, and Lieutenant General Harris's succession on the 21st. February recorded on the Publick Department

Lord Hobart resigns the Government and is succeeded by Lieutenant General Harris -

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutenant Genl. Harris

Governor President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falkofield } Esquires

Wednesday
21st. February 1798

The Minutes of last consultation

read and approved -

The President acquaints the

Captain Malcolm appointed Town Major of Fort St. George vice Allan permitted to resign -

Board that Major Allan has requested the permission to resign the Office of Town Major of Fort St. George. He therefore proposes that Major Allan's resignation be accepted, and that Captain John Malcolm be appointed Town Major -

Major Gardiner appointed Military Secretary to the Commander in Chief vice Malcolm.

General Harris informs the

Board that he has appointed Major

Gardiner his Military Secretary vice

Malcolm

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Mr. J R Lushington appointed private Secretary to the Governor

Malcolm - and Mr. J Lushington to be his private Secretary as provisional Governor -

Mr. Lushington takes the oath of Secrecy -

Mr. Lushington is accordingly called in and the oath of Secrecy administered to him -

Secretary's communication to the Board relative to the following Letter.

The Secretary informs the Board that in consequence of the delay on the part of his Highness to furnish a Copy of his Letter to the Court of Directors the following letter had been dispatched yesterday evening at the particular request of Lord Hobart -

To W Ramsay Esqr
Secretary at the
India House

To Mr. Secretary Ramsay on the subject of the Nabobs Letter to the Court of Directors forwarded on the Lord Macartney -

Sir,

Yesterday the enclosed Letter from his Highness the Nabob

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of the carnatic to the Honorable
the Court of Directors, was received
from his Highness, but as he omitted
to furnish a copy of the letter for the
information of this Government
according to established usage and the
reason of the thing his Highness was
informed by the Right Honorable
President that it was necessary a
copy of the letter should be fur=
nished before its transmission to
England -

His Highness has not
complied with this request and the
letter under any other circumstances
than the present would not
have been transmitted to the
Honorable Court, but adverting to
the possibility of his Highness

having

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Sir

Having entered into discussions upon the subject of the measures which have been taken by this Govern: -ment, Lord Hobart has made it his particular request that it should be forwarded by this dispatch

This has been the more readily done because if the Nabob should have arraigned any part of his Lordships conduct in Council he will be able to give the Honorable Court such personal explanations as may be required -

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I am,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J Webbe
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Commander in Chiefs notifications to the Board of his Reasons to Depute — Major General — Braithwaite on a review of the Troops in the Center Division

The Commander in Chief acquaints the Board that being prevented from proceeding on his intended review of the Troops and Garrisons in the Centre and Southern Divisions and in the cited Districts, it is his intention to direct the several General Officers on the Staff immediately to proceed in the Districts to which they stand appointed for the purpose of review and inspection of the several Corps of Infantry, and to submit the reports he may receive from them for the information of the Board

Minute of the Board)

The Commander in Chief is requested to give such orders as may appear necessary, on the foregoing Subject —

Major

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The Animal was a fine horse, which the Brigade Major bought about six weeks before at the price of Pagodas 450.—

Lieutenant Brabazon 19th Dragoons had his horse disarmed in the same manner, and being pronounced incurable by the Veterinary Surgeon, was shot the 29th December ultimo for the same reason, his case, as well as Brigade Major Strachan's is certified by the Surgeon, and I have no doubt of the truth of the Statement.—

The Regimental horse of Quarter Master Payne died of the same disorder 27th December ult.o also that of Quarter master Parker 6th February Instant.—

I beg leave to enclose these four Certificates that your pleasure may be notified on each.—

I am extremely aware of the necessity of guarding against abuses on occasions of this Nature, and I have taken in the 19th Dragoons every precaution— commanding Officers of Regiments who Countersign

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the Certificates are answerable for any abuse that might occur and perhaps a pointed order of Government reminding Commanding Officers of their responsibility might be advisable — not that I mean to charge any Corps with the abuse in question — Both the large proportion of Officers Horses that die of epedemick disorders, for which payment is claimed from Government is sufficient to warrant precaution

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

(Signed) J Floyd
Majr

Trichinopoly
February 16th 1798.

This is to Certify, that by General Floyd's desire, I have for some time past attended on Major of Brigade Strachan's Regimental horse, and am of opinion, that he labours under a disease, well known in this part of India, by the Name of the Salamedah distemper, which having on every occasion proved an infectious — To prevent the hazard of the Contagion spreading here, I do recommend that he be immediately Shot.

Cavalry Cantonment
near Trichinopoly
December 7th 1797.

(Signed) Wm Baird a/t Surgeon
& actg Veterinary Surgeon
H. M. 19th L.D.

Agreeably

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agreeably to the above Recommenda-
tion, and in Compliance with Major General
Floyd's orders, the above mentioned horse was
this day Shot — /Signed/ Alexr. Strachan M.D. Genl
" Wm. Beivil Asst. Surgeon

/Signed/ L. Lloyd Majr.

This is to Certify, that Lieutenant
Brabazon's Regimental horse, of H: M: 19th Dragoons,
was yesterday shot, by the desire of the Command-
-ing Officer, the horses disease, being reported by
me incurable, and having in a Number of
Trichinopoly Instances appeared contagious.
Plain 27th December 1797 /Signed/ Wm. Beivil Asst. Surgn. H: M: 19th
Dragoons & actg Veterinary
Surgeon

/Signed/ Chas. Blacow
Major Comdt.

This is to Certify that Quarter
Master Payne's Regimental Horse, of H: M:
19th Light Dragoons was yesterday Shot, by
the desire of the Commanding Officer, the
Horses disease being reported incurable, and
having in a number of Instances appeared
Contagious —

Trichinopoly
Plain 29th December
1797.

/Signed/ Wm. Beivil Asst. Surgeon
H: M: 19th Lt. Dragoons
/Signed/ Chas. Blacow & actg Veterinary Surgeon
Major Comdt.

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This is to Certify that Quarter Master Parker's Regimental Horse, of His M.s 19.th Light Dragoons died on the 5.th Instant of an epidemical distemper

Signed / Wm. Beird Asst. Surgn. H. M. 19.th Lt. Dr. and Act.g Veterinary Surgeon

Signed / Chas. Bladen Major Comm.g

Trichinopoly Main February 6.th 1798.

To the Right Honble the President in Council

My Lord,

From major General Floyd - the Sepoys at Trichinopoly in arrear of pay, occasioned by the difficulty of converting the Tanjore fanams into Pagodas - requisition required to the Bridges at Tanjore - Lieutenant Colonel Cotton appeals from a retrenchment made of full Batta drawn by him as Commandant at Warriore -

I have the inclosed address from Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, I beg to Submit to your Lordships favorable consideration. -

The Sepoys of this Garrison have lately been two Months in arrear, and some Companies of the 1.st Battalion 7.th Regiment have not yet received their pay for December. -

I find upon enquiry that this delay is principally occasioned by the difficulty of Converting the fanams received by the Collectors, for the payment of Trichinopoly, and Tanjore into Pagodas from the Scarcity of the latter coin in this part of the Country

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I think it necessary to report these circumstances in order that such measures may be adopted, as your Lordship sees fit, as they are likely to become more serious to the Troops.

I beg your Lordship's Instructions on the accompanying Estimate of Repairs to the Bridges of Tanjore, and Memorandum from Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud, which points out the immediate necessity of these Repairs.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) J. Lloyd M.G.

Tinchinopoly
February 11th 1798

To
Right Honble the President
in Council
My Lords,

A Retrenchment having been made by the Military Auditor General, against full Batta drawn by me, while in Command at Darrore, I have to represent to your Lordship, that the allowance of full Batta was granted to Lieutenant Colonel Baird H.M. 76th Regiment Major Child H.M. 19th L. Dragoons, and to

Major

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Major Borne H. M. 36th Regiment, whilst com-
=manding the above station, and I therefore
take the liberty to request your Lordship
will have the goodness to Sanction the Conti=
=nuance of the before mentioned allowance,
during the time I commanded at Warriore,
and in the event of my returning there
I have the honor to be,

Camp Trichinopoly
Main February 16th 1798.

W.a W.a
/ Signed / Hapleton Cotton Lt. Col
Comm.g H. M. 25th L. Dgs

To
The Right Honble the President
in Council

From Major General Floyd - Communicating Colonel Gowdie's explanation of the cause of the distress experienced by the Travancore Sepoys

My Lord,

In consequence of your Instructions dated 31st of January Ult.o to call upon Colonel Gowdie for an explanation why in the dis=
=tress of the Travancore Sepoys for pay, he
neither called upon the Paymaster of Madura,
who was authorized by Government to issue
pay to them, nor reported to Government -
I have the honor to state that Colonel Gowdie
declares he never knew, till the receipt of my
letter, a few days ago, that the Paymaster was
so instructed, but imagined every occasion of
want

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want required a fresh order from Government that he could not prevail upon the Commanding Officer to receive any assistance by way of pay, as the Commanding Officer, the Vakeel and the Lubasars had particular orders not to receive the Company's Pay.

Some money they did receive from Paymaster Hughes, was returned in a few days, and the best of the Lubasars was dismissed the service for having advised the receiving it- and now in their great distress they will not receive the proffered assistance, insisting upon waiting ten days more for money from Travancore offering in case it does not arrive in that time, to take money as a loan.

The Colonel expresses his apprehension, that if these men's arrears are not paid, he shall lose the two thousand Pagodas he has advanced them, without any interested motive whatever, and he adds his doubt that the Minister will not permit the letter you have been pleased to write, to come to the knowledge of the Rajah, his master

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The Colonel states, and it is perfectly correct, that he reported the distress to me at different times, but as the Colonel at the same time informed me, he had received the fairest promises, that Money should immediately be sent from Travancore, I left the matter lay over, expecting the promised relief, which never arrived, altho I heard no more on the subject.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) T Hodges

Trichinopoly
February 12th 1798

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Comandant at Pondichery recommends that Lieutenant Colonel Sopet may be permitted to proceed to the Mauritius in consequence of the dangerous state of his health — Complaints preferred against the fine Damas by the Inhabitants of Pondichery of not having with held the payment of the Interest accruing from the funds in his possession — M[r] Burton applies for the Paymasters house — States the claims of some artificers lately discharged at Pondichery to arrears of pay

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship a letter addressed to you by Madame Sopet. I have enquired into the situation of her Husband, and am well assured that his health is impaired by his confinement, he was some months ago attacked with an Epilepsy, and the fits grow more frequent, he seldom now escapes twenty four hours without one, they last from half an hour to an hour, during which time he

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Lays quite senseless, he has no foreseeing whatever, nor is he when it is over has he the smallest knowledge of the situation he has been in; under these circumstances, undeserving of any attention as his conduct may have rendered him, for the sake of his Wife and Children, I am induced to Solicit your Lordship's attention to Madame Dosets request, and if your Lordship is pleased to acquiesce in it, I will take care that the engagement to be signed by him and the Gentlemen who are to be his Sureties shall bind him to proceed to Bourbon, where his family live, by the most direct means that may offer, and that he shall not return to India, or serve again on any pretence, during the war

I have also the honor to lay before your Lordship a Petition, which has been presented to me signed by many poor persons of this place, in consequence of which I have recommended it to the Curate to address your Lordship, and his letter accompanies the Petition, and I cannot help observing that however well judged it

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[illegible] it might have been at the time in the Pore Damas to secure the Parish funds by Conveying them to Madras, that I do not think he can be justified in not Remitting the Interest to this place, in order that it may be applied as heretofore to the Relief of the Poor; if your Lordship is pleased to think this address merits your attention and interference, upon receiving this information I shall direct the Curate to proceed himself to Madras, and shall give him a line of introduction to Mr. Secretary Webbe.

I have also the honor to enclose to your Lordship, the Copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Burlton the master attendant here, as he has desired that I would do so, in consequence of my having replied to it, that as the Honble he solicits, had been by Government appropriated to the Paymaster, it was entirely out of my power to dispose of it otherwise.

I beg leave also to recommend to your Lordship's consideration the

case

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case of some artificers employed in the arsenal here, By a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe addressed to the Military Auditor General the 9th of January they were directed to be discharged the Company's service, from the Military Auditor General this resolution was communicated to the Paymaster Mr. Shardon, and it did not reach this place 'till the 19th, and directs that those men are to be discharged, and to be struck off the rolls here the 1st of December, consequently no pay can be issued to them for the 19 days in January in which they have been constantly employed in the public Service, which does not appear to be altogether just. These men were all discharged, the very day the orders reached this place, namely, the 19th of January, and they appear to me to be justly entitled to pay for nineteen days in January, but as the order states that they must be struck off the roll from

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21st the 31st of December, the Paymaster will not pay to them any thing for the days they have been employed in January without your Lordship's authority, and as I think their case hard I am induced to give your Lordship this trouble.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) H. Brathwaite

Pondicherry
February 1st 1798

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

My Lords.

Oppressed with the severest affliction on account of the unhappy state of my Husband's health which grows daily worse and affords reason to apprehend, the most calamitous consequences to myself and family, I appeal to your Lordship's generosity and confidently prefer my Request that my Husband may be permitted to return to his Native Country, where he may find an asylum from his Sufferings and render the care of his Relations to derive relief from the oppressive Recollection

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of his late situation. - I engage my Lord in his Name that he will neither bear arms nor return to this Country during the present war - that he will relinquish his claim to subsistence from the British Government and even to any allowance on account of his passage if this sacrifice is demanded, tho' this assistance would be very acceptable - My Uncles Mr. Delarche Senr. and Mr. Johannes Senior will be securities for his performances of those conditions - relying on your Lordship's Humanity and Benevolence, I flatter myself that my application will be favorably Recieved. -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ Warren Isaac
attest Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
French Translator

Pondichery
3d January 1798

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To Major General Brathwaite

Commandant at Pondicherry

Sir,

We undermentioned four Inhabitants of Pondicherry as well on their own account as on behalf of a great Number of fellow sufferers beg leave to represent to you that the Reverend Father Benoit Vice Prelate and Curate of the Parish notwithstanding his good Intentions towards us is unable to carry his beneficience to the extent he could wish, and that it has come to our knowledge that the Father Dumas has carried away with him all the Parish Funds, omitting even to remit the Interest to this place which in our present distress would afford us material Relief.—

These situated we request you will prevail upon the Right Honble Lord Hobart to issue orders to the said Father Dumas to remit the Interest of the said Fund to Pondicherry in order to

its

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it being distributed by the Father Benoit

Signed by twenty one poor Inhabitants

I do hereby Certify that this application
has been delivered to me by one hundred
and forty poor people exclusive of those
whose Signatures are hereunto annexed
in order to its being handed to Major
General Brathwaite.

/Signed/ F. P. Benoit
Capuchin Vice Prelate & Curate

A true Translation
/Signed/ George Parry
French Translator

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

My Lord,

I take the Liberty of representing
to your Lordship that prior to the Siege
of this City, the Reverend Father
Damas now residing at Madras carried
away with him a considerable Sum
of

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of Money belonging to the Parish Funds of Pondicherry, which he has lent out to different people, and received the Interest— that I have frequently represented to the said Father Damas, that the principal as well as the Interest derived from it belongs to the poor, and the parish Clergy &c. who are now very Numerous and suffering under peculiar distress— that the Relief afforded to the above persons by the Madras Government is but Scanty, and that it was therefore incumbent on the said Father Dames to remit on Account of the poor at least the Interest arising from the fund which of right belongs to them, if not the Capital itself.— without any just ground the Father Dames has always withheld a Compliance with my applications, altho

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...aethis it must be well known to him, that according to the Institutes of our order all the property of the Clergy above what may be required for their ... comfortable maintenance belongs to the poor

Under these circumstances I request your Lordship will cause the said Reverend Father Dames to appear before the Bishop of St Thome, to render an Account of the poors funds, and the Revenues appertaining to the House at Pondicherry and the poor of the Parish - so that they may receive the Relief they stand so much in need of, for which act of humanity the poor concerned as well as myself will as in duty bound offer up our constant prayers for the prolongation of your Lordship's life

/ Signed / the Revd Father Benoit
Capuchin Vic Apostolical
Prelate & Curate of the parish

A true translation
/ Signed / George Parry
French Translr

Major

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Major General Brathwaite
Commanding the City &c. and Troops at
Pondicherry

Sir,

I must request your permission to occupy the house of the former Sirkeedar of Pondicherry, and now under the charge of the Paymaster, who, residing at Velore, cannot have any occasion for so large a dwelling house, and, as an Office, I can appropriate, a room for the purpose, where the Conicoply, and Writers, may make up their Accounts.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
Obedt. Servt.
/Signed/ J. P. Burlton
Master Attendant

Pondicherry
24th January 1798

True Copy
/Signed/ Wm. Wilson A.D.C.

The

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President & Governor in Council

From the Military Auditor General – submitting appeal from Captains Monteith and St. Leger from Retrenchment made against them of charges for maistry horsekeepers and Grass Cutters for Remount horses.

My Lord,

Fort St. George

I have the honor to submit to your Lordships decision at the desire of the parties Concerned, a* Retrenchment made from Captains Monteith and St. Leger of the Pay and Batta of Mastry horsekeepers and Grass Cutters so employed by them with Remount Horses received from Lieutenant Montgomery for the Cavalry Regiments from January to October 1796 inclusive, together with the replies and Explanations which they have offered in Support of this charge

I have the honor to be

&c &c

/ Signed / Wm. Sydenham

Milty Aud.r Genl.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
9th February 1798

* The Decision of Government annexed to the Retrenchment and communicated to the auditor General on the 28th February

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To
J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I beg you will inform the Right Honble the President in Council that I shall the day after tomorrow dispatch a Det of 140 horses to Trichinopoly, and that another of 100 will follow in the course of eight days - the remainder of my Commission I do not expect here for nearly two Months - this delay is occasioned by my not getting the order for purchase ten days sooner, - a letter which I sent to one of the people formerly in my employ not reaching him till he had taken money in advance from Tippoo's Agent at Mangalore. -

This circumstance I did not know till my arrival here however Subsequent measures which I have adopted will prevent a disappointment and there is not the smallest doubt but the full number will arrive at the time I have mention=d. -

From Lieutenant Montgomery at Cochin - means to send off 240 Horses by the 23d January - draws a Bill on the Military Paymaster General for 10,000 Pagodas. -

Having

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Having occasion for a further advance of Cash I have taken up Rupees here at the rate of 362 p.r. ₹ 100 Pagodas and have drawn on the Military Paymaster General for the amount being Star Pagodas 10,000

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obed.t Hble Servt
(Signed) R. C. Montgomery
Agent for Horses

Cochin
15th January 1798.

To J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal - permission granted there to Lieutenant John Stuart of the Madras Establishment, to proceed to England for the recovery of his health.

I am directed to request you will acquaint the Right Honble the President in Council that, in consequence of an application from Lieutenant John Stuart of the Madras Establishment, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, accompanied by the prescribed Certificate of sickness from the Hospital Board, and an affidavit respecting the amount of his property, the Vice President in Council has been induced to permit Lieutenant Stuart to proceed to Europe on furlough for the recovery of his health from hence without waiting the result of an application to Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most
Obed.t Hble Servt
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt

Fort William
the 2d February 1798.

Colonel

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Fort St George 25th February 1798

Colonel T. W. Kelsey
Commanding at the Presidency

Sir,

I beg leave to state to you, that in the month of November last, I arrived at this Presidency, with leave of absence from Madras, which I was induced, to solicit in the hope that a change of climate would restore me to good health — of which I have now been deprived for near a twelve month past, and my Constitution is at present so much impaired, that a Voyage to Europe is deemed absolutely necessary for my Recovery as specified in the enclosed Certificate from Doctor Dick — countersigned by the Medical Board

I am recommended to embark with all expedition, and the H: C: Ships of Royal admiral Captain Fellowes being expected to sail for England about the 10th Prox: it is my wish to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by this Ship, such her expected early despatch will preclude my procuring the regular permission from the Madras Government and am therefore so induced

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induced to think the Honble Board here under these circumstances will be indulgent enough to grant me permission to proceed from this direct, which I have to request you will be so good as take the necessary steps to obtain.—

By the enclosed affidavit I believe I am entitled to the customary passage money, to which I trust there will be no objection to granting me, as without such aid I shall be unable to procure a passage— and altho' I have no Certificate of the last allowance paid on my Account at Madras up to the 1st. Inst., yet I hope on the indemnification of Responsible Gentlemen here, who are willing to become answerable for me until the prescribed Certificate is received, for which I have already written to Madras, Government will be pleased to allow me the six months advance of pay, the Regulations grant to Officers returning to Europe on any situation.—

I have the Honor, to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Lt. John Stuart
2d B.n 3d Regt. N. I.
Madras Establishment

Calcutta
January 29th
1798.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Geo. Barlow
Secy. to the Govt.

Lieutenant

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To

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c.

Sir,

From Major General Bridges - enclosing a memorial from the Officers stationed at Masulipatam complaining of the inconveniences and loss they experience from the duties collected by Mr. Oakes on the Necessaries of life of different descriptions -

I have the honor of transmitting to you an address from the Officers residing in the 4th Division of this district, respecting certain assessments, which, should you not disapprove, they request that you will do them the honor to caiese to be laid before Government.

These duties which in their operation tend to enhance the Value of any of the Necessaries of life, is, most certainly to the Military, and particularly to the Subaltern Officer, of much real importance.

The vigorous means in practice for the Security of so inconsiderable a portion of this branch of Revenue, I understand, has been, on some occasions, represented, with circumstances of unusual Vexation - and the non Collection of Similar Duties in the other Divisions of the district, and in other districts, joins, to the loss and inconvenience, an appearance of Singularity

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/Signed/ Thos. Bridges
Major

Masulipatam
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Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

Sir,

We the undermentioned Officers of the Army in Garrison and Cantonments at Masulipatam beg that you will have the Goodness to forward the accompanying address to the Commander in Chief— and to request he will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of laying it before the Right Honble the President in Council and honor us with his Support.

As the subject of our address is of a peculiar nature which materially affects our situation in life, and from your distinguished liberality and Candour to promote the welfare of all Officers and Men placed under your Command— we have to hope that in obtaining a Redress of our Complaints as stated therein, to this measure you will afford a liberal

Support

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We have the honor to lie &c. &c.

(Signed) G. Mahab Lt. Col. 2d Regt.
" Ropsdang Capt. 2d D. Regt
" Alex. Macleod Capt.
" Tho. Green Capt.
" A. Anderson Surgeon
" Wm. Harris Lieutenant
" Leonard Lt.
" Tho. Palk Lt.
" Jas. Lawes Lt.
" John Randall Ens.
" Henry Blake Ens.
" W. Clapham Ens.
" Nicol Meiss Head Surgeon
" T. Taylor Capt.
" W. Ogg Capt.
" Montague Cosby a. d. c.
" Wm. Shaw Lieut.
" M. Beauman Lt.
" S. Moore Capt.
" L. M. Comment Capt.
" Don. McDonab Lt. B. 76th Regt N.I.
" J. Grant Lt.
" Ar. Connell Asst. Surgeon
" M. Egan Lt.
" Archd. Campbell Lieut. Lt.
" John Vieq Lt.
" Ino. Whiten Lt.
" Robt. Bryant Lt.

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The Right Honble Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

Fort St George

We the undermentioned officers of the army in Garrison and Cantonments at Masulipatam respectfully represent that we feel ourselves much aggrieved by a late measure adopted by Mr Oakes Collector in this District, in laying a duty on all Articles for the Convenience of life which we receive from the Presidency and all other parts of the Country.—

We do not wish to trespass on your Lordships time, but beg leave to state in general terms the inconveniences we suffer on that Account.—

That since Mr Oakes arrival here, taxes have been levied without exception on every Europe Article, which

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2d to the best of our knowledge is unprece-
=dented under the Company's Government,
that our private property in passing thro the
district is also taxed — likewise, that the price
of most Bazar articles has arisen considerably
dearer than they were two Months ago —
add to this, the vexatious methods taken
in collecting these taxes which are so
undefined, at the different inland Ch
Choki's through which our Supplies
must pass; by which means they are
often liable to be lost or spoiled. —

We therefore, beg leave to
Submit these our grievances to your
Lordship's consideration, and respectfully
to solicit you will be pleased to or
grant us such redress as the subject
of our Complaints may merit. —

We have the honor to be,
Hon Hon
Sir Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
/Signed/ G. Wahab Lt. Col.
2d Regt.
" Rob Lacy Capt. 2d. Regt.
aid. de.

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/ Signed / Alex.r Macleod Capt.n
" Thos.s Green Capt.n
" A: Anderson Surgeon
" W.m Hawes Lt.
" J Stonard Lt.
" Thos.s Pelh Lt.
" Jos.h James Lt.
" John Blanden Ens.n
" Henry Blake Ens.n
" W.m Clapham Ens.n
" Neal Meiss Hd Surgeon
" J Taylor Capt.n
" J.s M.c Ogg Capt.n
" Montague Cosby a.d.c.
" Wm.s Hawe Lieut.t
" W.m Beaumont Lt.
" T. Moore Capt.n
" T. M.c Convenent Capt.n
" Dons.s M.c Donald Lt.
" J Grant Lieut.t
" Jos.s Connell a.t Surgeon
" M.r Egan Do.
" Archd Campbell Jun.r Lt.
" John Vug Lt.
" John White Lt.
" Rob.t Bryant Do.

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To

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Government having granted an allowance for a Riding Establishment in the Corps of Native Cavalry I beg leave to represent the necessity of some thing of the same kind being settled for the detachment under my Command.

From Lieutenant Montgomery — requesting that a Riding master and two rough riders may be attached to the Cavalry detail under his Command

I should hope to be allowed a Riding Master and two Rough Riders although the Riding Master will not have so much to do in the time of peace as in a Regiment, he might in the time of War be most usefully employed in training Recruits and Remount horses for the Corps in the field on which consideration I trust the Honble Board will think this trifling allowance likely to be productive of great benefit to the Service.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most
obedt Servt
(Signed) H. C. Montgomery
Lt. Comdg the Govrs Body Guard

Madras
12th February 1798.

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28th Fort St. George 11 February 1798.

The undermentioned Letters are entered in M: B: Nos. 91. 92. 93. 94. having also been kept apart for the Reason in before stated are now Noted.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck forwarding a Letter from Surgeon Thackeray in which he requests that payment of his Bond for 100 Guineas dated 3rd January 1796 or may not be enforced until it may be ascertained whether the arrears due to him for 1795 will be paid in England or in India.

From Lieutenant Colonel Munro Lieutenant Colonel Munro - Recommending that two Men of his Regiment whose terms of Service is expired may have permission to return to Ceylon with their families.

From Lieutenant Colonel Munro at Vellore

From Commandant at Ganjam

From Captain Webber Representing that the publick buildings in the fort of Ganjam are much in want of Repair

From

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From Captain Ridge - requesting that assistant Surgeon Mackay may be authorized to draw the regulated allowance for his attendance on the detail of the 11th Regiment doing duty at Rampore.

From Ditto at Rampore

Previous to Lord Hobart's Departure he delivered to the Board the following letters entered also in

C. C. Nos 21. 22.

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and General of India &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

From Sir Joseph to Lord Hobart - expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the attention received during his Lordship's administration - setting forth the distress he and his mother experience from the want of their allowance and requesting his Lordship will recommend him to Lord Mornington's favor

It has given me and my honored mother unspeakable joy to hear that your Lordship is appointed Governor General of India, and I sincerely pray that your Lordships administration may be attended with success, and prosperity, that your Lordships fame may become more and more illustrious, and the happiness of Millions and among the rest that of me may be promoted and established

Having

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Having learned that it is your Lordships intention to pass through the Tanjore Country in your Lordships return to the Presidency, I embrace this opportunity to pay my humble respects and my grateful acknowledgements for all the condescension and generosity, of which I have had the happiness to experience from your Lordship ever since your accession to the Government of Madras I should have been very happy of doing it in person, if the present circumstances would admit of it.

I beg leave to assure your Lordship that I endeavor to pay that respect and obedience to your Lordships instructions which a Son ought to pay to the Instructions of his Parent, and I hope that I shall always continue to do the same

I cannot conclude this my humble address before I state to your Lordship some particulars relating to my circumstances.

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2d circumstances. I and my honored Mother who is living at Trivicar are in good health by the Mercy of God, but we are much distressed on account of the delay which the Rajah makes in paying the arrears of the allowance for the years 1796 and 1797 which with the quarterly allowance of the present year amounts to 10,240 Pagodas, I and my Mother have therefore been Reduced to the necessity of borrowing Money for our own and our Relations subsistence. our Creditors press us for the payment of their due, and our Servants to whom we are four Months in arrears, have threatned to put a Stop to their business, if their Wages be not paid, we have represented our distresses to Mr. Macleod, the Resident, and he has repeatedly desired the Rajah in the strictest terms to pay what was due to us, but all to no Effect.

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I beg therefore your Lordship will kindly direct such measures to be taken, which will remove the distress we at present suffer.

The Reverend Mr. Swartz has been lately so dangerously ill, that I was very much afraid of loosing him. He is now by the Mercy of God a good deal recovered, I go frequently to see him and according to your Lordship's instruction I shall do my best to act always, according to the good advice he has given me.

To conclude I beg your Lordship to continue to favor us with your Lordship's protection and support and to recommend us to Lord Mornington your Lordship's Successor, so as to endure his Lordships favour and friendship.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient

Most humble Servant

/Signed/ Serfojee

Tanjore

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor General of India &c: &c: &c:

The Widow of the late Tulja maha Rajah Matoshri Rajas Boasaheb sends her respectful Salam.—

Zuan Mato Luxi Rajasbahi Saheb to Lord Hobart— communicating her desire that Serfoji might connect himself in marriage and that in her decease he may be permitted to conduct her funeral ceremonies and representing her distress from the want of the regular receipt of her monthly Salary

On learning that your Lordship is appointed Governor General of India I rejoiced greatly, being fully persuaded from the justice and benevolence I have experienced during your Lordship's administration, that the high power and authority with which your Lordship is invested will enable your Lordship to protect us effectually from the evil designs of our enemies and to grant us every help and support which our helpless condition may require. give me leave my Lord to congratulate your Lordship on this occasion, and to assure your Lordship of my most ardent Prayers to the almighty to bless your Lordship with long life and prosperity and make you a blessed instrument of making many thousands and millions happy.—

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My Lord

As your Lordship has condescended to act the part of a generous friend to my Son Serfoje, and as I wish to be directed by your Lordship's wisdom in every affair relating to him, I beg leave to acquaint your Lordship that he is now arrived to the years of Manhood being 21 years of age, I wish very much that he might enter into the state of Matrimony, and I should be happy to obtain your Lordship's approbation and leave for consummating his Marriage, I humbly beg your Lordship will condescend to favour me with your Lordship's advice on this head

That I may not be tedious to your Lordship, I shall at present not mention the distress I and my Son are suffering on account of the delay made by the Rajah in paying the arrears of our allowance and a variety of vexations caused by him against all the Remonstrances

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of the Resident, who will give your
Lordship a full account of the same,
I humbly beg your Lordship will be
pleased to send strict orders to desist us
from those persecutions which makes our
situation very uncomfortable, amongst
all the causes of uneasiness, none affects
me so much as the report which is
prevail in the Palace, of the Rajah's
intention to appropriate to himself
the right of performing the funeral
Ceremonies on my demise.—

Sir Charles Oakeley unacquainted
with the decisions of the Shaster permitted the
Rajah to perform the last hours to my husbands
mother and to Lutchmana Boisaheb, such as
the Rajah is no way related to us, and as the
plain declarations of the Shaster, and the
judgement of every unprejudiced, candid person
give this point in favour of Serfoje, I hope
that Government will not suffer him to be
deprived of his just rights.

To conclude, I humbly beg your
Lordship to accept of my Sincere thanks for
the generous protection and support, I and my

Lon

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I am sorry to have experienced during your Lordship's administration and I humbly beg your Lordship to continue in favouring us with your Lordship's friendship and protection

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 95. 96.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Babuck — enclosing an additional Estimate for Pagodas 5,869. 15. 60 required by the Presidency Paymaster for the Current month.

To Major General Sydenham referring the above Estimate for examination

From the Military Auditor General

Received the following letter

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Commanding Officer in the Vizagapatam district — reporting the Seizure of the chief of the plundering Peons and 25 of his adherents, by the Golgondah Zemindar Seggaty this being employed in Irons on the public road — notices the good conduct of Subadar John Richards.

Sir,

With reference to my letter under date the 9th Instant, I have now the Honor to acquaint you that, the cooperation of the Detachments of Regular and Revenue Troops there mentioned to have marched from Vizianagrum and Cosimcottah in pursuit of the plundering hill peons, had, from the celerity of their Seperate movements in the Woodaddy purgunnah, thereby constraining those

those Banditti to take a Southern Direction, has been attended with the happy effect of thirty five of them including their chief, being apprehended by the Golgundah Zemindar, in whose Country they attempted to take refuge, and delivered by him to Subadar John Richards, in Command of the Revenue party sent from Cosseincottah by Mr. Collector Brown, who I hope will adopt such measures in regard to the prisoners, they having thus fallen into his hands and being out of my Department, as may conduce to future tranquillity, I beg to be allowed the remark here, that the example which by authority from Government, I made of the insurgent Jeons taken in the end of 1795, by employing them on the public Roads at Vizagapatam where they have ever since worked on Irons, has, I have every Reason to believe, been attended with the most salutary Consequences.

Subadar John Richards formerly served the Vizianagrum family, is well

acquainted

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acquainted with the interior Zemindaries, and appears to have had merit in this affair, both from activity in the pursuit, and facilitating the Surrender of the Prisoners.

The party of Regulars dispatched from Vizianagrum, rejoined them on the 14th Instant.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ Geo: Stuart
Lieut. Col: Comm.g

Vizagapatam District Head Quarters at Chicacole 16th February 1798.

To Joshua Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government

Fort St George

Sir,

By order of the Honble the Governor General I have the pleasure to transmit a letter from him to His Highness the Nabob of Arcot with copies in English and Persian for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
/Signed/ B Edmonstone
P.S.

From the Persian translator in Bengal with a letter from the Governor General to the Nabob in reply to a desire expressed by his Highness in a letter addressed to the King - that Sir John Shore might be permitted to accept of an annuity for his life, or an acknowledgment of his Highness's obligation to him

Lucknow
5th February 1798

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To the Nabob of Arcot

Written 5th February 1798

I have had the honor to receive your Highness's letter recapitulate that I received the 3rd February and lose no time in replying to it.

It has ever been a Source of great gratification to me to reflect upon the friendship so happily established and so long subsisting between the family of your Highness, yourself and the English Nation, and I am no less gratified with the acknowledgements of your Highness of my efforts to promote a continuance of it in conformity to my inclination and my publick duty. These Sentiments I shall always preserve, but whilst I am happy to observe the friendly Sentiments entertained by your Highness for me, I cannot hesitate a moment to express my great Concern at the mode you have adopted to

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evince them, and earnestly to entreat that the proposed application to his Majesty the King of Great Britain in my favour be erased from your letter. I cannot afford you a greater proof of the anxiety which I feel on this subject than by a declaration that even the Royal Command of his Majesty, which on every other occasion would be a law to me, could not in this instance induce me to accept the favour which you propose to bestow upon me.

It is probable, but not certain, that I may return to Europe this Season, in whatever situation I may be placed, I shall ever be happy to preserve the friendship of your Highness, and afford you proofs of mine, on condition that it be not liable to an imputation of being interested on my part.

A true Copy

(Signed) A.B. Edmonstone Sec.

Recieved

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Received and Sent the

undermentioned letters entered in M.

B. No. 97.98.99.100.101.102.103.—

From Mr. Roebuck—

From Military Paymaster General enclosing his General Estimate of

Cash for the ensuing Month.—

To Major General Lysenhaun

To the Military Auditor General referring the above estimate for his

examination.—

To Ditto— desiring him

to authorize an advance of 744 Pagodas

To Ditto Ditto to the Grain Agent of the 2d.

Regiment of Native Cavalry for the

purchase of twelve additional

Garce of Grain for that

Regiment.—

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To Mr. Secretary Barlow—

To the Secretary at Bengal

enclosing copy of Admiral Rainier's letter of the 7th Instant, recorded in the proceedings of the 26th—

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From the Military Board—

From the Military Board

stating that the Stock of Salt in Provisions in store will only admit of Sending two Months Supply for the Troops at Trincomalee and requesting Instructions as to Completing the deficiency

From Captains Meadows

From the Commander of the Ship Earl of Mycomb.—

enclosing a Journal of proceedings relative to the Military embarked in England onboard his Ship—and requesting to be know how he is to be reimbursed

the

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the Expence of a Cask of Beer

furnished for their use.—

From the Military Paymaster General

I have &c. &c. &c.

enclosing an additional Indent

for Pagodas 13,404.—

The Resolution of the

Captain Lieutenant Pittman of Engineers suspended the Service for abuse of Trust and neglect of duty

Board for Suspending Captain Lieutenant Pittman from the Service, and the Proceedings relative thereto are recorded in the Revenue Department. The Resolution is dated the 23d and the General Order announcing this Suspension the 24th Instant.—

Sent

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Fort St. George 24th February 1798.

Sent the following Letter to Bengal.

To Peter Speke Esqr.

Vice President in Council

Fort William,

Sir,

To Bengal with copy of the report of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the late mutiny at the Mount and the Resolutions of the Board thereon also copies of the King's Warrant and Instructions to the Auditor General regarding the Increase of Subsistence to be granted to the European troops Serving under this Presidency

Having apprized you in our Letter of the 17th Ult.o of our intention to cause enquiry to be made into the causes, which had produced the late Mutiny at the Mount and to take such further measures as circumstances might render expedient, we now do ourselves the honor to enclose for your information copy of our instructions to a most respectable Board

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Board of Ficers, copies of their report, and of our Resolutions founded upon their proceedings which have accordingly been carried into execution.

We have thought it unnecessary to trouble you with the proceedings at large, which are Voluminous; but if you should deem them necessary, we shall order them to be transmitted immediately.

In consequence of our Minutes of the 16th Ultimo for increasing the Subsistence of the European Infantry on this Establishment, we have furnished the Military Auditor General with instructions upon the subject copy of which we enclose for your information.

We beg leave to enclose for your information copy of his Majesty's Warrants as received by the Paymaster of the 36th Regiment from the Agent in England, which came into our possession only this day

We have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) George Hanis
&c Council
George

For St. George
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George Rex

Whereas we have taken into our consideration the various pecuniary & allowances, as well permanent as incidental & temporal, which have been granted to & our Troops at Home, have thought fit to & substitute in lieu of the said allowances, one fixed at a daily rate, and to encrease the same by a nett addition of three pence per diem to each Serjeant, two pence half penny per diem to each Corporal, and two pence per Diem to each Trumpeter, Drummer, Fifer and Private Man, and whereas we are graciously pleased to extend the said Regulation, and to grant the like nett addition to the pay of our forces serving out of & Great Britain; our will and pleasure therefore is that from the 25th day of May last, the daily pay and fixed allowance of our Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, wheresoever Serving abroad, or on Board Ship, shall be borne on the Establishment as follows.

Dragoons

Copy of the King's Warrant 5th July 1797. granting an increase of pay to the Cavalry and Infantry from the 25th May 1797 as recieved from the Paymaster of the 36th Regiment.

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Dragoons			Infantry		
	℔	₰		℔	₰
of a Serjeant	—	2	of a Serjeant	—	6 3/4
of a Corporal	—	1 1/2	of a Corporal	—	2 1/4
of a Trumpeter	—	1	of a Drummer or Fifer	—	1 3/4
of a Private Man	—	3	of a Private	—	—

And with respect to the application of the said daily Pay and fixed allowance, Our Will and Pleasure is that in situations where the Troops find their provisions at their own expence, in like manner as at Home, they Shall receive their pay according to the Rates above Specified, without deduction; but on Stations where they do not themselves defray the charge of the provisions, such deductions shall be made therefrom, as to leave the exact nett addition of one three pence, two pence halfpenny, and two pence, to the pay of the respective Ranks, over and above what they received, at the former rates of pay and allowances, agreeably to the Schedule hereunto annexed, and We do hereby declare it to be our intention that whenever our Soldiers from whom the aforesaid deductions are herein directed to be

made

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24th made on account of provisions shall be removed to other stations, where they are to supply themselves with provisions, they shall immediately thereupon be entitled to receive the full pay without deduction according to the Establishment.

Lastly, our Will and Pleasure, is that our Land forces when employed as Marines on board our Ships of War, shall not be liable to any deduction of pay for provisions supplied to them at the public Charge.

Given at our Court at St. James's this 5th Day of July 1797, in the 37th Year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command

/Signed/ W. Windham

Sent

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Sent letters to the Nabob, the Peshwa, the Nizam, Tippoo Sultaun and the Rajah of Tanjore as entered in C.C. No 231 advising them of Lieutenant General Harris having succeeded to the Charge of the Government in consequence of Lord Hobart's embarkation for England.

Substance of letters to the Nabob the Peshwa the Nizam, Tippoo Sultaun, and the Rajah of Tanjore

Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.C. No.s 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112.

To Captain Kirkpatrick and Mess.rs Ushthoff and Macleod — enclosing the abovementioned letters for the Nizam the Peishwa and Rajah of Tanjore.

To the assistant Residents at Hydrabad and Poonah and resident at Tanjore

To Major Doveton — enclosing the letter for Tippoo Sultaun abovementioned

To the commandant at Ryacottah

To Mr. James Brodie — enclosing copy of the regulations lately established for his Gov.t and ordered to have effect on the 1st October 1797 and desiring him to ship provisions and water for Seven Mon.s of 19.s Regiment of foot ordered to embark on the Indian for Columbo

To the Garrison Storekeeper

To

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To the Revd Mr. Ball -

To the Revd Mr. Ball

informing him that in consequence of his appointment as Youngest Chaplain on the Establishment the Board have been pleased to station him at Trichinopoly

To Captain Lewis - desiring him to convey to Columbo three Serjts and Seven Men of the 19th Regt now in Bengal acquainting him that he will receive at the rate of one Pagoda per day for the diet of the former, and that provisions and Water for the latter will be sent on board by the Garrison Storekeeper.

To the Commander of the extra Ship Lion -

To Major General Lyndenham referring for examination Mr. Roebuck's additional estimate of Cash abovementioned

To the Military Auditor General

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board

enclosing Copy of the Regulations so lately established for the Garrison Storekeeper's Office. -

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To Lieutenant Crump - desiring
To the Commandant at Mariel — that the Count de Narberg may be permitted to proceed to the Pearl Fishery at Manaar —

To Captain Meadows —
To the Commander of the Ship Earl of Mycombe — informing him that his demand for the Value of Beer furnished for the use of the Troops onboard his Ship must be made to the Court of Directors —

Received the following letter from the Military Auditor General

The Honble Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council of Fort St. George

Military Auditor General's Reports on the two additional Estimates of each lately sent in by the Military Paymaster General

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 21st instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency for the Current Month, I have the honor to report, that the Amount Viz. five Thousand Eight

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24th Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine Pagodas Fifteen Fanams and Sixty Cash / Pagodas 5,869.15.60 / is unobjectionable, and may be issued from the Treasury, being required for the payment of Passage Money to the Commanders of the Goddard and Lushington for the Officers who proceeded on those Ships to Europe, and to discharge the abstract of Company's allowance to his Majesty's 52d Regiment up to the day of their embarkation.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
/ Signed / Wm Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

Military Auditor General's Office
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To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council of
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter

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Letter of Yesterday's date, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month, Amounting to thirteen thousand, four hundred and four Pagodas / Pagodas 13,404 / upon which I have the honor to report as follows. The additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency, comprised in the foregoing Sum, and Amounting to twelve thousand, Six hundred and Sixty Pagodas / Pagodas 12,660 — / does not appear objectionable, being required to discharge the pay and allowance of the 2d Battalion of the 2d Regiment of Native Infantry for the present Month, which had been Omitted in his Estimate for February — The Companys Allowances due to the Officers and Men of his Majestys 72d. Regiment to the day of their Embarkation on the Ships Lately dispatched to Europe — For the Arrears of Salary to the Garrison Storekeeper and his Office Establishment, from 1st. October 1797, to 31st. January 1798, and for

wages

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Wages of Servants allowed to the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores, from 1st May last to the 31st ultimo, which I joined on referring to the Estimate of Mr. Paymaster Cochrane for those periods, had not been included — the Expence of 100 new Doolies ordered by the Military Board agreeably to the order of Government, and to pay the hire of Public followers entertained for His Majesty's 12th Regiment lately ordered to Cuddalore, and for the followers attached to his Majesty's 73d and 74th Regiments on their having been directed to March, the former to the Presidency and the latter to Vellajahbad

The Military Paymaster General's additional Estimate, amounting to Seven hundred and forty four Pagodas / Pagodas 744/ being the advance ordered in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 22d instant, to be made to the Agent of the 2d Regiment of Native Cavalry for the purchase of Grain, is likewise admissible, and payable, as well as the amount of Mr. Cochrane's Estimate, from the Treasury at the Presidency

I have the honor to be &c &c

/ Signed / Wm. Aldenham
Mil. Gen. Com.

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The following Draft of an order of Council having been sent in Circulation and approved was forwarded to the Treasury Office.—

Ordered that the Sum of Nineteen thousand two hundred, and Seventy three Pagodas, fifteen Fanams, and Sixty Cash / Pagodas 19,273.15.60/ be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimates which accompanied his letters of the 20th and 22d Instant.—

Further advance of Cash ordered from the Treasury on account of two additional Estimates sent in by the Military Paymaster General

Sent a letter to Mr. Roebuck entered in Mr. B. No 113/ enclosing copies of the Auditor's Reports and informing him that the Sum abovementioned will be issued to him from the General Treasury on his application.—

To the Military Paymaster General

25th

Sent and Received the following Letters

To Major John Gardiner

Sir,

To Major Gardiner authorizing him to receive charge from Lieutenant General Harris of the accounts Papers and effects of Lieutenant Colonel Harte Estate.—

In consequence of a Communication from Lieutenant General Harris

to

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to the Board that you are willing to accept the charge of Lieutenant-Colonel Hart's affairs, untill some person should be legally authorized to administer them, I am directed to desire that you will send receive from the General the Accounts papers and effects belonging to the estate in this Country. —

I am, &c &c &c

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25th February 1798.

/ Signed / J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

To J. Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major Gardiner
receives charge of
Lieutenant Colonel
Harts Estate.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and have to request you will inform the Board that in obedience to their directions I

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I have received from Lieutenant General Harris the Accounts papers and effects belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Hart in this Country, and have taken upon myself the charge of his affairs until some person shall be legally authorized to administer to them.

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Sam. Fs. Geo
/ Signed / Jno. Gardeiner

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Received the following Letter.

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President and Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honble Sir,

I have the Military Paymaster of Fort Saint George having referred to me the enclosed Bills from

Lieutenant

From the Military Auditor General — Lieutenant Colonel Macfoy claims pay in that Rank from the date of his embarkation for India. —

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Lieutenant Colonel Maffey with the accompanying Letters / A and B / in which he claims the subsistence of his present Rank from the period of his embarkation for India which he states to be the 8th July 1797. I beg leave to solicit your instructions whether the orders of the Honble Court of Directors under date the 27th July 1796 which direct that all Officers who left India in any former Season can only be allowed while in Europe, the pay of the Ranks they held at the time they were promoted to Full Rank, or Furlough, shall be construed to extend to the date of their arrival in India, or only to the date of their leaving England - Lieutenant Colonel Maffey being in the Predicament above

Dated

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The 11th stated has drawn an inference from the orders of the Court of Directors which he hopes will be found deserving of attention. Viz.t that having embarked for India he could not be considered in the situation of an Officer in England on leave, but to every intent and purpose a Lieutenant Colonel on his way to join the Corps to which he stood appointed, from which he concludes that he was thereby admitted, to all the advantages which the regulations of the Service allow to Officers of the same Rank returning to their duty in this country - Your Honble Board can alone determine whether the Spirit of the orders before quoted will admit of this Construction, or whether he can be considered as having entered upon the Rank to which he was promoted by the new Arrangements before his actual Arrival in India

I have the honor to be,
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Lydenham
Milty Aud.r Genl.

Military auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
26th. February 1798

Honble

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To

The Honble Basil Cochrane

Military Paymaster

Fort St. George

Sir,

Herewith I beg leave to hand you bills for my arrears of pay as Captain on Furlough at home from the 26th December 1796 - according to the accompanying Certificate, to the 7th July 1797 - Amounting to Pagodas 242. 21.. and for my pay as Lieutenant Colonel from the 8th July 1797, the date of my Certificate of leaving home to return to my duty, agreeably to the new Regulations to the 28th February 1798 amounting to Pagodas 590 Total 5 Bills amounting to Pagodas 832. 21..

It may be proper to observe that my claim to the subsistence of the Rank I actually hold Viz: that of Lieutenant Colonel from the 8th July 1797 - is founded upon the principal that having on embarked for India I could not longer be considered in the situation of an

Agent

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Officer at Home on leave — beat to every intent and purpose a Lieutenant Colonel on my way to join the Corps I stand appointed to in India, my leave of absence in England having then ceased, and I further beg to suggest that the Ship I had embarked on might have been Captured during the passage to this Country, in which event I no doubtless would have been allowed the Substitence of the rank my Commission gives me, these circumstances will I hope fully evince the justice of my claim. —

I am &c &c

(Signed) G: Massey
Lt Col.

To
Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you a letter with bills received from Lieutenant Colonel Massey for arrears due Him, and as he has charged pay as Lieutenant Colonel from

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26th from the 8th July 1797 the date of the
Certificate of the India House, as also of
his quitting home for India, I am to
request you will inform me if it is to
be admitted as the Order of the 17th February
1797 says that "all Officers who left India in
"any former Season can only be allowed
"While in England the pay of the Rank
"they held at the time they were permitted
"to go home on furlough and that this
"Rule is to extend to Officers who may be
"eligible by Seniority to the Command of
"Corps or Regiments under the new Arrang-
=ment untill those Return to such
"Commands the emoluments annexed
"thereto but not the advanced pay as
"to be received by the Officers next in
"Succession who are present and doing
Fort St. George "duty with the Corps."
15th February 1798

I have the Honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Basil Cochrane

True Copies Mily Sec. Fort St. George
(Signed) L. Brenton Dy M. A. G.

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To
The Right Honble the Governor
in Council

My Lords,

From Major General Floyd - repairs wanting to the Floor of the Magazine in Laboratory - the Nabob's Servants to Commence the repairs wanting to the Bridge at the Warriore Gateway.

The Floor of the principal Magazine in this fort, being of Stone, and thought Dangerous, as well as admitting the white ants which have destroyed many Powder Barrels, I directed the Senior Engineer to examine, and state what was wanting, accompanied by an Estimate, as which I have now the honor to enclose, together with his Remarks.

In like manner also, a Gateway in Preston's Battery, where ammunition is made up, being part of the Laboratory, the Senior Engineer's Report and Estimate of this object is also laid before your Lordships; that I may have the honor of your Commands on both occasions.

I had the honor of forwarding to Government, on the 24th Ult.o a report of the Bridge at the Warriore Gateway of this fort, accompanyd by an Estimate.

Since

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Received the Nabob's Managers have
expressly desired to repair the Bridge in
question, on the Circars account having
received no Commands on the subject; and
the immediate repair being absolutely
necessary, I consented to their urgent
application, which I hope will meet
your Lordships approbation

I have the honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) J Floyd Majr Genl

Mechinopoly
February 24th 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary at Fort St George

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to
acquaint you that they have accepted
another Bill in favor of Lieutenant
Montgomery of your Establishment
for Rupees 30,000, and instructed the
acting Resident at Poonah to negociate
Drafts to the same amount on the
Madras Government. The Board desire
me to express a wish to be advised
in

Learn the Secretary at Bombay accepts another draft of Lieutenant Montgomery for 30,000 rupees - requests the Govt may be advised in future when it is intended to depute their agent to that quarter

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26th in future of similar Agents coming to this Coast under the orders of the Right Honble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Bombay Castle
9: February 1798

/ Signed / John Morris Secy

J Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honble the President in Council, Translate of my latest Intelligence from Gootie, &c and to be.

&c &c

/ Signed / J. A. Kirkpatrick
Agt

Hydrabad
the 18: Feby 1798.

From Captain Kirkpatrick - a detachment of Tippoo Troops arrives at Gootie which induces the Nizam Nabob to encamp with a considerable force the arrival of a Body of Maratta Troops near Gurjundalghur occasions the movement of a Body of the Nizam's Troops to Aneshet - Mr Perron said to have marched towards Rachore

Translate

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Translate of Intelligence from Gooty, procured by a Hircarrah belonging to the Resident, who arrived at Hyderabad the 15th February 1798.

Agreeably to your Captain Kirkpatrick's orders, I set out from Gooty with another Hircarrah on the 21st January, and reached Gooty on the 31st, upon our arrival there, we heard of a Body of fifteen hundred Regular Infantry, and five hundred Silledar Horse, having arrived at Hundy-Anantpoor which is twelve Cos from Gooty - on the 22 February, the said force reached Gooty, and encamped to the North S.E. close to the new Pettah. We went into the Camp Soon after it was pitched, and the Number of Troops appeared to answer to the Accounts we had received upon our first arrival the Cavalry part of this detachment is Commanded by Sunny nowapo, Ras. Bakshy -

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The Infantry, by Mahommed aly Lulluk Sepadar, the Commander of the whole is named Shere Beg. this Detachment has no Guns with it, nor even a Bazar, but the report in the Camp was, that a large Body of Troops was soon to follow them from Seringapatam under the Command of Meer Kummer ood dien Khan.—

We learned at Goatie, that the Sultaun is busily employed, in comp=plating the fortifications of his Capital; and that he had Sent a considerable Detachment to the Westward to Chastize the refractory Naicmars and other Tribes, who had of late Committed great depre=dations.—

While we were at Goatie, a Mustaun Lahel, the Aumil of that District, was celebrating the Weddings of his Son, and Daughter, and upon this occasion, not only invited Shere Beg, Mahomed aly, and Savvy Nwaf Das, together with the other principal Sirdars, of this Detachment, but also, feasted the whole of the Detachment one day

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on the 4th we left Gootie, on our Return hither, but my Companion being taken Sick on the Road, I was obliged to leave him behind me at Paytoon.

While at Paytoon I learned, that Munsoor ud Dowlah, and Mons.r Perron having settled Affairs in the Gudwaul district, had marched away to Rachore, from whence it was supposed they would proceed on an Expedition either to Shorapoor, or to Meidhul. The Marattah Commanders, Gokhlah and Panshah, were said to be in the district of Gujjur=der Ghur,* at the head of five thousand Horse and foot. I likewise heard while at Paytoor, that Luffdar Lung Rachore, who has been many years employd in those parts, lately received letters from Azim ul Omrah, and Intiaz ud Dowlah, directing him to proceed with a force to Meidhul, to repel the Encroachments of the Gokhlah in that Quarter.

* part of the district depending on this place, belongs to the Nizam

At

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at Peyton also I heard, that Mahommed alif Khan, the Nabob of Kurnool, had encamped at some distance from that place, at the head of three thousand horse and foot, upon hearing of the arrival of a fresh Body of Sepoys & Troops at Gooty.

a True translation

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Sec.

Sent the following letter

To Mr. Robert Woolf

Accountant General

Sir,

I am directed to transmit for your information the enclosed extract of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 20th June 1797, and to desire that the Sums therein mentioned may be written off to the proper heads in the Books of this Presidency.

In

To the Accountant General with Extract of the letter from the Court of Directors notifying the arrangement made by them for the purchase of the Stores taken in the Lauriston and Vryheid and the payment made to certain Naval Officers on account of arrears of batta and desiring that the necessary adjustment may be made in the Books.

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In consequence of a Resolution of the Honble Court of Directors to purchase from the Captain the whole of the Stores taken on the Ships Lauriston and Vryheid and deposited in Store here in the years 1782 & 1783 the Valuation of the total Amount was fixed at £ 8,435. 17. 7½ but deducting from this the Sum of £ 621. 15 for Guns burst in proving and the expence of proving the ordnance the Honble Court have discharged the Balance amounting to £ 7,814. 2. 7½ to the Executors of Mr. Cuthbert.

In conformity with this resolution the Military Board have been instructed to bring the whole Value of these Stores upon the Books of their Department & instead of a proportion only according to former orders; and the Governor in Council directs that the necessary adjustments may accordingly be made in the General books of this Presidency

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Sam. Lyon & Co

/ Signed / J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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To Benjamin Sulivan Esqr

Attorney General

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that in consequence of orders from the Honble the Court of Directors the Governor in Council has resolved to submit to your Consideration the whole of the proceedings of this Government in Regard to the late Contract with Messrs Roebuck and Abbott for Buildings and Repairs with a view to ascertain whether there are grounds to Maintain a Suit at Law against those Gentlemen for breach of engagement.—

as these proceedings are too Voluminous to be Readily transcribed the Governor in Council desires that you will examine them at the Secretary's Office; after which Copies of such of them, as are most Material, will be furnished according to your

Suggestion

Re the Attorney General with Instructions in Consequence of the Orders lately received from the Court of Directors for instituting eventually a Suit against Messrs Roebuck and Abbott late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs.—

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Suggestion and upon Mature consideration of the case the Governor in Council desires that you will report your opinion for his information. —

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25th. February 1798.

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

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

Gentlemen,

I am directed to furnish for your information and Guidance the enclosed extracts of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 30th June last upon the Subject of defective shot, Cavalry Accoutrements, Godowns allotted to Naval Stores, Surplus clothing delivered in 1789. and 1790, Leather Accoutrements & Military Stores and Accoutrements. —

Deeming it expedient that the Sentiments of Honble Court upon the Conduct

To the Military Board with Extracts of a Letter from the Court of Directors regarding defective Shot, Cavalry &c. Accoutrements Godowns &c. to Naval Stores and Surplus Clothing for 1789 - also extract of the same letter respecting the conduct of the Contractors for Buildings and Repairs and the Superintending Engineers - orders on the Subject and for erecting Colonel Monkhouse's Monument — arrangement made by the Court respecting Stores taken in the Lowestoft and Vryheid and orders in consequence. —

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conduct of Captain Bong and of the late Contractors Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott should be recorded on the proceedings of your Board, the Honble the Governor in Council direct me to furnish you with the enclosed extract of the same letter & for that purpose, he farther desires that particular attention may be paid to the directions contained in the 85th Paragraph in regard to the execution of Public Works, and that you will be particularly Vigilant in watching the Conduct of the Superintending Engineers, to whose connivance and neglect he imputes most of the abuses which have prevailed in this department of the Service.—

The Governor in Council desires that the necessary measures may be taken under the direction and Superintendance of your Board for erecting the Monument lately

Received

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26th Received from the Court of Directors to the Memory of that most Gallant and distinguished Officer Lieutenant & Colonel Moorhouse.

The Honble the Court of Directors having taken into consider= =tion the claim of the Executors to the late Mr Cuthbert to be paid the value of Stores taken on the Ships Lauriston and Vryheid and lodged in Store in the years 1782 and 1783 have con= =sented to pay for the whole at a Valuation amounting to £ 8,435.17.7½ deducting from this the Sum of Pagodas 1,554.17.12 or £ 621.15.— for Gunk Burst in proving and the expence of proving the ordnance / to which the terms the Executors have agreed / the Honble Court have discharged the Remaining Balance amounting to £ 7,814.2.7½.—

Instead

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Instead therefore of adhering to
the directions formerly transmitted to
you for throwing on the hands of the
Agent to the Contractors a proportion of the
Stores captured on those ships, it will be
necessary for you to bring the whole to
account to them upon the Military
Books, and the Accountant General has
accordingly been instructed to make the
necessary adjustments in the General books
in consequence of this Resolution of the
Honble Court. — I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to enclose for your
information copy of a Memorial from
certain Staff Officers who were Captured
during the War with Hyder Ally together
with the Resolutions of the Honble
Court of Directors for paying their Staff
allowances during the period of their
Captivity;

To the Military Auditor General — Orders Regarding arrears of Staff allowances to be paid to Officers Captured by Hyder Ally — Extract of the Court of Directors order respecting the promotion of the Captains Brunton and Read in the Auditor's Office — Six Months batta to be paid to Comet Worrend — Stoppages to be made from Lieutenant Boardman for Money advanced him in England — Certificates of pay drawn by Officers in England enclosed. —

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Captivity; the Governor in Council desires in consequence that you will ascertain the amount due to them respectively, and pass their demands for payment in 8 per cent bonds of this Government.

The Governor in Council has much pleasure in communicating to you the inclosed extract of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated 30th June, which he desires may be made known to Captains Brenton and Bruce.

In consequence of the observations of the Honble Court upon an application of Cornet Werend for a compensation for extraordinary Services performed by him while in Command of a party of dis= mounted Cavalry at Tripatoor during the late War, I am directed to desire you will authorize the payment of Six Months batta to the attendant of that Officer.

I am further directed to acquaint you that the Honble Court of Directors have

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26th " Have been pleased to approve a Resolution of this Government against any advances of pay in India to Officers going home on furlough. — I enclose Extract of a letter from the Court of Directors respecting Cash advanced to Lieutenant Boardman and Lundey Certificates of pay drawn in England by Officers on Furlough. — I have the honor to be &c.a &c.a

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/Signed/ J. Webbe Lieut. to Gov.r

To Lieutenant General Harris

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

To the Commander in chief — requesting his Sentiments on the Court of Directors Suggestions regarding Sibbendy Corps, the mode of recruiting the Native Corps and the Expediency of erecting a Fort near Changamah for the protection of the Carnatic. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Board to furnish you with the enclosed Extracts of a letter from the Honble Court of Directors, and the Resolutions of Government upon the Subject of the Sibbendy corps under this Presidency, the means of obtaining recruits for the Coast Army, and the expediency of erecting a fort in between

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26th between the Changamah and Pallicode Passes for the protection of the Carnatic, and to request that you will favor them with your Sentiments on these important questions.

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

Recieved and Sent the under=
=mentioned Letters entered in Mr: B: No.
114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124=

From Mr Wilson assistant Surgeon of the Bengal Establishment

From Mr. Wilson - requesting an Advance of pay

From Mr. Stanton Cadet on ditto.

From Mr. Stanton - to the same effect.

From the Commandant at Pondamalle

From Lieutenant Colonel A. Campbell - requesting that the oldest Subaltern Officer doing duty at Pondamalle may be considered in charge of the Detachments of Corps there - and that Mr. P. Mien may be placed in charge of the Garrison Staff Invalides and Detach=
=ments from Corps and permitted to draw the regular Medical allowances.

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To the Commander of the extra Ships &c

To Captain Lever, permitting him to receive Ensign Bainbridge of the 19.th foot onboard his Ship as passenger for Columbo.—

To the Paymaster at Columbo

To Mr. McDouall - desiring that Captain Lever may draw at the rate of one Pagoda p day for the subsistence of the Offrs of the 19.th foot ordered onboard his Ship.—

To Mr. Benjamin Roebuck & Mr. a Blackader & Lieutenant Bose

To Mr. Roebuck - Lieutenant Bose and Mr. A. Blackader - enclosing Extracts of the Court of Directors letter 26.th June 1797 on the subject relating to them Para 32 to 35 - 114 and 84.—

To the agent for the late Bullock & Contractors.—

To Mr. T. Cockburn - enclosing copy of the 22.d Paragraph of the letter from the Court of Directors dated 26.th June 1797 and desiring him to explain whether the account delivered in by him on oath is an account of Sums advanced for the Contractors or for the public service by the Contractors acting as Agents.—

To

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To the Medical Board - enclosing copies of the 14th 15th and 64th Paragraphs of the letter from the Court of Directors dated 28th June 1797. —

To the Medical Board

To Major A: Allan - enclosing copies of the 9. 10. and 11th Paragraphs of the above letter in answer to his application for the Majority in the Corps of Guides. —

To Major A: Allan formerly of the Corps of Guides

To Officers holding Staff appoint= ments when Captured by Hyder ally= informing them that the Court of Directors have been pleased to = Comply with their application for payment of arrears of Staff allow= =ances for the period of their = Confinement. —

To Lieutenant Colonels Muat & Campbell, Dalrymple and Read Majors Cameron and Coke - Captains Brunton and Graham and Mr. Richard Chase

To the Military Auditor General - desiring him to authorize an advance of fifty Pagodas each to Messrs Wilson and Stanton a Cadet and Assistant Surgeon on the Bengal Establishment. —

To the Military Auditor General

Received

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Recieved the undermentioned

Letter entered in Mr. B. No. 125. 126.

From Brigadier General

From the Offic. Commanding the Troops on Ceylon

De Meuron - advising of a part of the China Fleet bound for Bombay having passed Point de Galle.

From Mr. J. Polack - requesting

From Mr. J. Polack

a farther advance of 50 Pagodas to enable him to defray the expences of Miss Smiths Marriage - and that Government will urge the Nabob to make a farther payment on account of the Balance due to the Estate of the late Captain Smith. -

The Resolution of the Board for removing Mr. Macleod from the Office of Resident at Tanjore recorded in the public Department. -

Resolutions of the Board recorded in the public Department the following letter was Dispatched to Mr. -

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Fort St. George, February 1798.

To Benjamin Torin Esq.

Sir,

To Mr. Torin - appointing him to the office of Resident at Tanjore and desiring him to repair thither as expeditiously as possible.

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor in Council having found it indispensably necessary to remove Mr. Alexander Macleod from his Situation as Resident at Tanjore, has been pleased to appoint you to succeed him in that Station.

You will in consequence be furnished with Separate Instructions for your information and Guidance, Mean while you are directed to be as expeditious as possible in Repairing to Tanjore, in order to receive charge of the public Papers and documents.

For Fort St. George
27th February 1798.

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

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At a consultation

Present.

Lieutenant General Harris

Governor President

Tuesday 27th February 1798

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

In consequence of the Resolution in the public Department of this date for Removing Mr. Macleod from Tanjore, the President proposes that Mr. Benjamin Swain be appointed to succeed him

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Read the following Letters from Tanjore Mahomed Khaie Saheb and Serfoges entered also in C. C. No. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33.

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Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 8th January 1798

From the Rajah of Tanjore - complaining of injustice being shewn him in the mode of stating his account with the Company particularly for the period from January to September 1796, while his Country was under the Company's management, and during which a Balance is stated against him of Pr. 179,610: 8: 70: claims the Surplus Revenue collected by the Company for the period that the Country remained in their hands Subsequent to the date of the Treaty of 1792. —

The letter, which your Excellency did me the favor of writing to me under date 29th November last has been delivered to me by the Resident - acceding to the Statement, which your Excellency had transmitted, of the Sists to be paid by me in the Current year, I have written instructions to my Agents for paying the Money into the Company's Treasury; and they will continue to make the payments in conformity with that Statement, By the Accounts transmitted with your Excellency's letter above mentioned a Supposed Balance of Pagodas 1,79,610.. 8.. 70 is stated against me on account of the third year, and I am unable to express the Surprize & Concern which the consideration of the Statement has excited in my Mind. &

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On the 12th September 1795 your Excellency transmitted to me a Kistbundy, according to which you called upon me to pay the Sum of Pagodas 5,74,285 per annum, according to that Statement I paid my first for the Months of November December, and January, into the Company's Treasury; and, although I was ready to continue my subsequent payments according to that Kistbundy, yet your Excellency was pleased to send troops to my Gate, and to take forcible possession of my three Soubahs, at that time I made good my payments for three months, as long as the Country remained under my authority without the smallest deviation from the Kistbundy, In consequence of the assumption of my Country by your Excellency, I stated to the Resident that it was no longer incumbent upon me to observe the Stipulated periods of payment, and, as he acquiesced in this opinion, I wrote to inform your Excellency of

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this communication, on the 26th January
1796, having acquiesced in this Sentiment
your Excellency after the expiration of
two years has contrary to your own
dignity and the justice of the English
Nation charged me with an Account
of balance, besides this, when the
Country was restored to me at the
close of the year July 1205, the
balances which remained for that
year during the Company's Assumption were added together, and
agreement was taken from me for
the discharge of the Amount, my
Security was even thought insuffici-
-ent; but Mortgages and other
Securities were taken, according to
which the money was punctually
paid to the Company, under these
circumstances what justice is it to
charge me with a balance. If it
should at all appear to your Ex-

Excellency

1205 For H. George 2d. 5 February 1798

Excellency that I am responsible for the
Balance of July 1205. what reason could
there be for taking from me Security
and Mortgage for the Balance which
the Ryots had no means of paying,
but which were said to be due for
Repairs and advances at the time of
Restoring the Country your Excellency
ought to have stated the Amount of
my Accts and the Amount collected from
the three Soubahs, and from thence the
balance which still remained against
me, but without doing any thing of
this kind, your Excellency's orders for
Restoring the Soubahs to me were not
Complied with for a Month by the
Resident, who demanded Security and
Mortgage for the balance, offered me
indignity, and at length having adjusted
the dispute delivered the Country over
to me, - under these circumstances

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1206 Fort St. George 2d. February 1798.

it is Surprizing that your Excellency should unjustly thus charge me with a balance. The Supposed Balance of Fanly 1205. a. which you have mentioned, it in no way incumbent upon me, not permitting me to pay the Company's Money for the last year according to my engagement, but creating much confusion in my affairs, your Excellency has assumed two Loubahs, if during this assumption the Collectors should not conduct the Management properly but injure the Country, your Excellency will, it appears to me, call upon me when the two Loubahs are Restored for the payment of the Money, which will not have been forthcoming. if my affairs are thus Ruined, and your Excellency con= =tinues to the end unjustly to charge me with balances, how can my Government be prosperous? for these Reasons,

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reasons, the Balances of Fasly 1205, and the balances which may hereafter be settled on the assumed Soubahs, are not in any way incumbent on me. I now continue to make my payments in proportion to the Soubahs, which yet remain with me, in the same manner the Collectors of the two Soubahs ought to pay into the Company's Treasury at the Stipulated periods - If they without attending to the Management injure the Country, and allow the accumulation of balances, the enquiry will rest with your Excellency, but there can be no reference to me, I request your Excellency to have this in your recollection - There is a pisk Account, which I shall now state - I paid three lacs to the Company on Account of Fasly 1205. upon its Comparing my receipts from the Country that year exclusive of

charges

1208 For Ft. St. George 27th February 1798

Charges Collections with the amount of those payments, Ought to have credit for the excess of my payments over my Receipts besides this, - it is stipulated in the treaty Signed by Sir Charles Oakeley in the time of Lord Cornwallis that for the 5,74,285 Pagodas the Soubah of my Country are to be answerable in the following proportion, Manargoody 2,45,198 Pagodas Trivady 1,49,609 Pagodas - Mayauram 1,64,668 Pagodas - altogether 5,59,475 For the remaining difference of Pagodas 14,810 the Soubah of Pattiestah stated at Pagodas 27,638 Remained with me, It therefore follows that it is just I should pay the proportion of this Balance of Pagodas 14,810 which may appear to be due from the month of February after deducting the three payments previously made by me on account of Fusly 1205. This is the only just principle, upon which to Settle Accounts between me and your

Excellency,

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Excellency. If any just and disinterested person should take into consideration what I have stated, he would unquestionably pronounce that the Account ought to be settled in the manner I have pointed out. Besides this, as the Company retained the management of my Country during the first year of the treaty, the Accounts of that year ought to be adjusted, the Company should receive the amount of the Nists stipulated by Treaty, and the Surplus should according to justice be paid to me; but if injustice be once indulged, there can be neither limits nor Accounts, if the Accounts between me and the Company were settled according to justice, they should pay me to the Amount of four Lacks of Pagodas during your Lordships administration I have suffered such distress and indignity, as I never before sustained as I have also been exposed to much

loss.

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cos: I now pray to God that for the future your Excellency may be favorable to me, that you will dismiss from your mind the aversion which it has hitherto so presumed, and that you will enable me to live in Comfort happiness and Confidence under the cool shade of the Company's. Believe me always your sincere frind. To a friend why should I write more.

A true translation
/Signed/ J Webbe Mr.J.

Translation of a letter from the Rojah of Tanjour to the Right Honble Mr. Lord Hobart Governor &.a &.a &.a &.c dated 26.th January 1798.

From the Rojah of Tanjore Complaining of the Injury his Country Suffers owing to the Inhabitants of the Arabbs Country planting long Grasses injudiciously on the Banks of the Vonnor River and Removing the Grass from Beds of the Banks of the Cauvery where its growth should be encouraged

The letter, which I did myself the honor of addressing to your Excellency on the 2.d Instant, will have been delivered by my Vakeel. The Inhabitants of Vagoor, Mongoor, Yetanamputty, and Arshengoody four Villages of Trichinopoly are now planting Grass on the South bank of

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of the Venar River in front of the Villa Colley
boundary. If the dere is allowed to attain
strength, there will be much injury to
the South bank of the Venar, and to the
annacut, and consequently to the whole
of my Country, it has therefore been
uncessal for the people of Trichinopoly
to plant dere in that place, as they
have now done it Contrary to all usage,
my amils went to endeavour to prevent; as
but the Trichinopoly people without
attending to them continue to plant the
dere. I request your Excellency will do me
the favor of obtaining from his Highness
the Nabob orders to prevent the people of
Trichinopoly from planting dere in this
place. besides this they are planting
dere on the Banks of the Cavery to
the North of Villa Colley, by which the
South Bank of that River is much
weakened. I also request an order from
his Highness the Nabob to his amils
upon this Subject. —

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This is unusual but so in the original. –

The people of Aloor are planting dab on the annacut in the Southern bank of the Cavery, by which the flow of the river is directed against the annacut to the Eastward of the undermentioned Cavery at the Village of Malloor the people allow the dab to be eaten away, which is productive of injury to the annacut. I request therefore that your Excellency will represent these circumstances to his Highness the Nabob and obtain that Orders may be sent for the people of those Villages conducting themselves according to invariable custom, otherwise I shall sustain much loss. I entreat that there may be no delay in obtaining these orders, Believe me always your Sincere friend. To a friend why Should I write more. –

True Translation
(Signed) J. Webbe
M: F.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 20th January 1798

Rahmeat Khan had obtained from certain Soucars of my Country some jewels for his family: after the death of the Khan all his possessions and effects remained with his brother Alif Khan; and in conse=quence the Soucars and Guzrat people went to demand that he should satisfy them for the debt due by his brother on account of the jewels above mentioned, in stead however of paying this money the Khan availed himself of the assistance of Captain Innes, and by the help of his Sepoys drove off the Soucars, one year has elapsed since this happened, besides this, I have made frequent representation to Mr. Macleod, but he has yet made no enquiry: under these circumstances the Soucar people seized the Khan and brought him into the front of my palace, thither Mr. Butler came, past the Soucars under

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complaint against
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a guard, and took away the Khan with him, Rahmut Khan was my Servant, and his Son is now in my Service. If therefore any body had cause to complain, it was for me to enquire. it was improper for Mr. Boddam to act in this manner, I have addressed a Letter to Mr. Macleod upon this subject, but if the Gentlemen of the Company's Service act in this manner, towards my Servants, what remains of respect are they towards me. The Soucars who have been now punished having been Separated from my authority, refuse to Supply my palace with articles. they demand that enquiry may be made, and that their Money may be Restored to them, otherwise they threaten to destroy themselves, I request therefore that your Excellency will do me the favor of Sending Instructions to Mr. Macleod to prevent any person from committing such Violences. Believe me always your Excellency's Sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more. —

True translation

/ Signed / J. Webbe Mr. P.

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor &c. &c. &c. dated 1st. February 1798.

From the Rajah of Tanjore - complaining of an Indignity offered by a Sowcar to one of his Agents, residing at Madras - and requesting that his Servants may be exempted from the prosecution in the Mayor's Court or Court of Cutcherry.

On the 25th June last I addressed a letter to inform your Excellency that my Vakeel Trioumbuck Sambajee, my Sirkeel Sheverow, and Shenkarow and Nagojee Row had borrowed certain Sums of Money on account of my Circar; and Requested that the Mayor's Court might be prevented from offering them any molestations. To this I have received no answer. - one Iyaram Doss has lately stopped my Servant Nagojee Row in the Street and offered him great indignity. This has given me the greatest concern, as Grain has for several years been extremely cheap in my Country. I have been exposed to many difficulties, and have been prevented from paying my Creditors. if by the favor of heaven I should be enabled by the increase

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of price, to collect money, I shall indeavour by degrees to satisfy my Creditors. Under these circumstances it is not proper that my Servants should Suffer such insults. I request therefore that your Excellency will publish orders, that the Mayors Court, the Justices, or Mr Kindersley may not interfere with my Servants. For fifty years past my Vakeel have resided in great respect at Madras, the Governors and Councils have shewn them in every respect great Kindness, favor, and attention, as Iyaram Dosa has now offered this insult I request he may be reprehended and that he may be cautioned in future against interfering with my Servants. I request your Excellency will grant me the Satisfaction of an answer to my letter, I have no freind or protector but your Excellency Believe me always your Sincere friend. To a freind why Should I write more.

True translation

/ Signed / J Webbe
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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor &c &c &c dated 1st February 1798.

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Having an earnest desire to Visit your Lordship, I sent my Sirkeel Iswan Row to wait upon you, but at your Excellency informed him with great kindness that it would not be possible on the present occasion for you to embrace me, which was reported to me by the above mentioned Row, I have felt much concern at being disappointed of this Visit, as your Excellency is a Sardar of exalted Rank my earnestness to see you was great, but your Excellency's favor did not extend this advantage to me, the Communication, which passed from your Lordship to my Sirkeel Iswan Row at the Choultry of Sree Shatoo Bava, upon the Subject of my Sherfoji's affairs, was accordingly made known

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known to me, the Surprize and Concern, which this has given me I am unable to express. I have already addressed your Excellency at length under date 23d. July 1797. upon the Conferences which passed between the Resident and myself on the subject of allotting apartments for L'Herforge, after this, is it right that your Excellency should send me this Message by Lieut. Row. I can not never consent to allot a place to M. Herforge. while there is no Connexion between me and L'Herforge, it does not appear right that your Excellency should so repeatedly write to me upon this Subject, when L'Herforge was taken out of my palace Mr. Ram and Mr. Lewartz requested Apartments for a few days, after which it was their intention they said to provide a separate place for him. — To this I then assented. what occasion there is there now for

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for appropriating to him apartments which have been prepared by me at a great expence. To this proposal I can never consent, as your Excellency is just, I request you will continue to favor me.—
Belive me always your Sincere friend.
To a friend why Should I write more.

True translation
(Signed) J Webbe M.S.T.

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart Dated 27th February 1798

From the Rajah of Tanjore – complaining of a very serious interference of Some Sepoys of Captain Innes's Battalion in the Grain Bazaar and requesting he may be relieved from similar Embarassments by the effectual interposition of his Government.

Your Lordship will have received and understood the Contents of two letters dated the 1st of February which I Sent through my Vackeel. In consequence of the Scarcity of Rain this year, and the Small quantity of Water in the Rivers, the fields have been dried up and the price of Paddy is Risen considerably. This being the case the Sepoys of Major Innes's Battalion

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Battalion went into the place where Paddy is Sold, and having been very troublesome plundered some Grain and went away. I wrote to the Resident Mr. Macleod to acquaint him of the Circumstance, but he gave no directions in consequence, To day, while the Circars Kircarrah was present and the Sale of Paddy was going on, a Guard of Sepoys arrived and forbidding the Sale to & Continued directed the Monigar to & plaw all the heaps of Grain under their charge,- the Monigar refused to measure the heaps and deliver them into the charge of the guard, and demanded their reason for thus Stopping the Sale of the Circars Grain, telling them that if they were determined to use force he could not oppose them. In answer

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to this they forbade him to sell the
Grain, and prevented him from conti-
=nuing. From the Scarcity of Rain in
the present year the price of Paddy
is every where raised, at this time in
Trichinopoly Paddy is sold by the Ve-
Cuican. I also shall do the same here,
but if I am exposed to these disorders,
and to be troubled in this manner
how are my Resources to be preserved.
The Company's people in my Town &
desiring to injure and ruin me &
throw all possible obstructions in
my way, and whatever Representations
I make to Mr. Macleod upon this
Subject he gives no directions in &
consequence, I have therefore written
to your Lordship, as your Lordship
is a just man, I hope you will give
strong Injunctions to the Resident
to prevent any one from interfering
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in my business, and particularly in the Sale of Grain. In this matter if any Delay should take place, great inconvenience and loss will ensue. I entreat your Lordship therefore to be favorable to me and send the necessary Injunctions without any delay

I am always your faithful friend

To a friend what can I say more?

True Translation

(Signed) J. Webbe

Mr. T.

Translation of a letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Dated the 10th February 1798

From the Rajah of Tanjore - complaining of the unjust decision as passed with Regard to the Villages of Mostoopet and Tuljahpatam

I wrote to your Lordship on the 29th December 1797 Concerning Mostoopet and Tulgapatam; and to the Resident Mr. Macleod also. Yesterday

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Yesterday the President wrote to me that the Board had determined that I was not entitled to the possession of Mootoopet and Tulgapatnam. This has given me more Surprize and concern than I can express. The above named Seaports never formed any part of the Soubah of Manargoody, you must therefore, send orders for them to be put in my possession. and I ought also to have Credit for what may have been collected from them from the date of their assumption, your Lordship, I hope, will confide in what I have stated, and send the necessary Orders.

To a friend what can I say more

A true Translation

(Signed) J Mellis

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From Mohunnah Bie Saheb

to the Right Honble Lord Hobart.—

dated 16th February 1798

From the Widow Mohonah Bhaie Saheb—Complaining of the vexatious conduct of the Resident in preventing her Relations &c. from Visiting her in her apartments.—

I wrote to your Lordship Requesting the Removal of the Company's Sentry who was placed at the entrance of my House: to which I have not yet received an answer. Mr. Macleod has now given orders to the Sentry at my door to permit no one to go into my house or out of it, I immediately acquainted his Excellency Ameer Sing Maha Rajah of this, and he wrote to the Resident: But the Resident paid no Attention to his Representations, and for three days past no one has been Suffered to go into or leave the house, not even the Cows &c. I cannot express the Sense I ful of the Residents' in Injustice. He is Contineually giveing me trouble, and injuring my Dignity,

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1225 Fort St George 7th February 1798

He has no right to give me trouble at my Door in this manner as your Lordship is a just man, you will be pleased to order the Sentry to be removed from my door, and prevent the Resident from acting in this manner in future.

To a friend what can I say more.

A true translation

/Signed/ J. Webbe Mr. T.

Translation of a letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Right Honble Lord Hobart dated 11th February 1798

From the Rajah of Tanjore - relative to Mr. Macleod's harsh treatment of the Widow Mohonna Bhaie Saheb his interference in Revenue Concerns - and his subsequent punishment of some Brahmins Inhabitants of the Vestnapoor, Copies of his Correspondence with Mr. Macleod on those Subjects enclosed

A Company's Sepoy had been placed at the door of Mohonna Bie Saheb's House, as a Sentry; Mr. Macleod, the Resident, gave him positive orders to allow none of the Bie Saheb's people to go into or out of the House In consequence the Sentry prevented them from going in or out, upon which I wrote a letter to the Resident, and Received an answer from him,

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him, which gave me great concern, I wrote another letter to him in reply, and today he came to my Durbar, and not seeing me, placed a Hircarah and a Chubdar at the Entrance of the Bie Saheb's house, and having directed them to permit no one to go in or out, he went away, from that time to this, they have not allowed either Ingress or Egress, and since yesterday the Cows of the Bie Saheb have been without provender. In this manner the above named Gentleman commits injustice, and harrasses me beyond measure, there is no reason why a Company's Sentry should be placed at the Entrance of the Bie Saheb's House, nor is there any cause to justify the Resident for placing there a Harcarah and a Chubdar, my dignity is very much injured by this continual conduct of the Resident, and in consequence of the Bie Saheb's Cattle being deprived of

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their provender, the Bie Sahib herself must be in want of food, so strict is the restraint imposed that they do not even suffer the Cows to be driven out to pasture. I entreat your Lordship, therefore, to write to the Resident, and enjoin him to conduct himself in future, in every thing that may relate to the Bie Sahib or to me, with Reason and justice.

One Ayen Chetty of Pondicherry had advanced some Money for Waracum to the Ryotts of Vistnapoor Mr. Macleod took this upon himself, and desired me to collect the Money and send it to him, upon which I sent for the principal people of the Village, who were Braamins and enquired into the Matter. They ascribed the delay that had taken place to the very low price of Grain, and said they could pay a part of the debt in the present

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present year. I communicated this to the Resident, who said he was in want of the money, and if it was paid immediately, it would be well, if not, he desired that the above mentioned Braminis should be delivered up to him, I acquainted the Braminis of this, they said they were unable to pay the whole immediately, and proposed that part of it should be paid this year, and the Remainder the next, when I gave this Information to Mr. Macleod, he desired me to deliver the Braminis up to him, and after requesting him to make use of such and proper means to Recover the Money from them, they were delivered up to him, notwithstanding which, on the day before yesterday they were flogged here, and put upon Asses; a treatment highly improper for Braminis, and

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a Disgrace to which my Country was never before exposed, so shocking an act was never before Committed by any one, althó equal to Hyder in wickedness. — This the above named Gentleman has done, the disgrace which has fallen upon my Country in consequence, and upon the Company, who being just and Sincere in have professed to treat every one agreeably to his Cast but which Character as well as every principle of Justice and Equity has been violated by Mr. Macleod, could not be described by a Thousand Tongues. —

as your Lordship is of high rank and a just man, it is equally as injurious to your Dignity and Reputation, and to the justice of the Honble Company to have placed a Resident here, committing acts of such injustice — I have enclosed in this letter Copies of the Letters which passed between me and Mr. Macleod

Relating

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Relating to the two subjects of this
Letter, when they have been translated,
your Lordship will understand them,
and I hope you will strongly enjoin the
Resident to abstain from all such Violence
and Injustice: but as long as he remains
here, he will continue in his unjust
practices, I have one favor to request of
your Lordship, which is that you will
be pleased, after perusing this Letter, and
the Copies of letters enclosed in it, to
send them all to the Honble Sir John
Shore the Governor General, at Calcutta,
May your Lordship, ever attentive to
Justice, be favorable to me and consider
me always as your faithful friend.

To a friend what can I say more.

A true Translation
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govr

Translation

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Translation of the Copy of a Letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident Mr. Macleod dated the 8th February 1798 and enclosed in his Excellency's Letter to the Right Honble Lord Hobart of the 11th February 1798.

Yesterday your Dubash came and desired to Speak to me, I sent to him to enquire upon what business he wished to Speak to me, and he said it was on Account of Serfoge's Money which was much wanted and which he requested might be paid immediately. I sent word to him that it should be paid in three or four days and desired him to have patience until that time, your Dubash then went away. Now that I am in the Course of making the payments of my bills to the Company, without waiting three or four days for this

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Money, and without sending to acquaint
me of your Intentions, you came to my
Durbar, and after saying that the money
was absolutely necessary, went out, and
gave orders to the Company's Sentry
at the Entrance of Mohummah Bee
Sahibs' house to prevent every one
from going into or out of the house,
In consequence of which, every one,
and even the people with Grain &c.,
have been prevented from entering,
Since that time the Bee Sahib has
remained fasting. all the Cattle also
are Starving, if you were in great
want of this money, it was proper to
apply to me upon the Subject, but by
what Rule of right have you ordered
the Guard at Mohummah Bee Sahibs'
door to permit no one to enter or
quit the House, you have acted
very improperly. as soon as you

Shall

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shall have seen this letter, therefore, to
without a moment's delay, send orders to
the Guard no longer to prevent any one
from entering or going out of the house.
you have not yet sent receipts for some
money which I paid, I have sent a
Memorandum of the dates of the pay-
-ments, agreeably to which you will
send the receipts.

To a friend what can I say more

From the Resident Mr. Macleod to his
Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Dated 9th February 1798

I received your Excellency's letter
of Yesterday's date, you write that the
Sepoy Sentry at the entrance of Mohun-
-rah Bai Sahibs' house prevents every
one from going in or out, and desire
me to send an order to him to stop no
one either entering or going out. I passed
by the Entrance of the Bai Sahibs. you

meet

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must enquire particularly and learn who were stopped or admitted, and as this is a Matter of consequence to me, I will come to the palace and settle it after a full Investigation.—

I wrote to the Board upon the Subject of Mootoopet and the other Seaports, to which the Board have replied, and directed me not to put your Excellency in possession of the said ports, as they conceive you are not entitled to them, They have written very fully upon this Subject, which I am desirous to communicate to your Excellency, and will wait upon you for that purpose

To a Friend what can I say more.

From His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident Mr. Macleod

Dated 9th February 1798

I have received and understand your letter of this date. you have written to desire me to find out who have been stopped at Mohammah Bin Sahibs house.

by

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by the Company's Sentry as I wrote to you, and that you will come to the palace to enquire into the matter, to this moment nothing has been permitted to enter the House and the Cattle are all starving. In consequence of this the Bie Saheb is also fasting, you write as if you were ignorant of this, which Surprizes me much, the Sepoy Centry who was posted there, said that he had orders from you to admit no one to go into or out of the house, what can I say to this difference in your words and actions, if you do not immediately direct the Centry to prevent no one from going into or out of the house, I must write to the Board upon this Subject, there is no necessity now for a Sentry at the Entrance of Mohun= =mah Bie Saheb's House, on which account I wrote to the Board as well as to you desiring that he might be taken off. If there was any Reason for it, or if it was desired, a Sentry might be placed but as this is not the case, he ought to be removed.

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I am very much Surprized to hear that the Board have written to you that I am not entitled to Mootoopet and Tulgapet, upon which subject you propose to wait upon me, Mootoopet and Tulgapet were never included in the Manargudy Loubah; I cannot therefore acquiesce in this decision, The above ports must be restored to me, and Credit allowed me for the Revenues collected from the time of their assumption.—

Your Hircarrah is very pressing for the Money, and it shall be paid as soon as I get the Receipts agreeably to the Memorandums I sent to you Yesterday

You have written upon the Subject of the Guzer and Soubah Chitty, upon which I formerly communicated with you, you must now enquire into the matter yourself, and as the Soucars are yours I trust you will collect the money from them with Justice and Moderation

What can I say more.—

Yours

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From the Resident Mr Macleod to his
Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore
Dated the 9th February 1798

Some time since your Excellency
wrote to me concerning some Guzer's They
presented a petition to Lord Hobart, after which
his Lordship directed me to enquire into the
Justice of your Excellency's proceedings, as well
as into that of Individuals. whatever claim
they may have, may be prosecuted agreably
to the Dewn Shaster and the justice of the
Hindoo's, under your Excellency's Directions, as
you understand the Dewn Shaster and the
Rules of Justice amongst the Hindoos.

Your Excellency wrote concerning
the mortgage of Shenevas Row's house &
which had been received by Soora Loobey
Chetty. no Impediment shall be thrown
by me in the Way of what your Excellency
may determine agreably to the principles
of Justice, your Excellency is the prince of
this Country.

To a freind what can I say more

From

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From the Resident Mr. Macleod to his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

Dated the 16th of February 1798.

I have received your Excellency's Letter, in which you have informed me, that the Company's Sepoy has stopped the people of Mohunnah Bie Saheb — and desire me to forbid him. To day when I went there the Bie Saheb's people were passing and repassing. — Nevertheless I removed the Centry

To attend what can I say more?

From his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident Mr. Macleod.

Dated the 16th February 1798

In consequence of the Message I sent to you yesterday, you came to day and Removed the Sentry but placed a Harcarrah and a Chubdar at the Entrance of Mohunnah Bie Saheb's house with orders to permit no one to go in or out, during that time they have

Remained

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remained there and permitted no one to enter or quit the house, It is Surprizing to me that you should continually act in this manner, If any discussion relative to Serfoguis Money be necessary, you may Speak to me, but instead of that you have Stopped the Bie Sahibs people, which is highly unjust, The Bie Sahibs Cattle are still Starving. you must, therefore, send away the Chubdar and the Harcarah.

What can I Say more?

From his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Resident Mr. Macleod

Dated the 16th February 1798

The Brahmins of Vistnapoor whom I sent to you that you might press them for the Money they owed, instead of which the disgrace of depriving a Brahmin of his Cast which never before fell upon

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upon my Country has, in these days, been inflicted by you upon my Country and myself, it is absolutely necessary for me to write to the Board in conse=quence of my Country and myself being thus dishonored, you ought not to have acted in this manner, after this Conduct the debt cannot be recovered. Having Seated the Brahmins upon ashes, it is now become necessary according to the Rules of our Shaster to perform the dupenoyn and praish=chest and other Ceremonies to enable them to recover their lost Cast, and as these Brahmins have no property, you must Supply the necessary expences and set them at liberty. There is no alternative, my Surprize is extreme that you, a just man should have done this, I shall never cease to lament that in my Country, which

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is the favored Country of the Gods, and the Brahmins, Brahmins should be thus defiled, and I am concerned at the necessity I am under of complaining of you to the Board on this Account.

What can I say more?

From his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the President Mr. Macleod

Dated the 10th February 1798

The Brahmins of Vistnapoor whom I consented that you should threaten to induce them to discharge their debt you have put upon a Sect, and obliged me to hear a Report which ought never to have reached my Ears. These men having been beaten also and wounded came to my Durbar and appear not likely to recover. It is highly unjust in you to commit such Violence upon a Brahmins, it is not extraordinary that for the Recovery of Ayen Chetty's debt

You

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you should use such Severity and so endanger the lives of Bramins. If that debt it will be impossible to collect any part hereafter, of this you may be assured, by what right or authority do you interfere in so Causes between my people, and so Commit improprieties which so Bramins ought not to exposed to, and even endanger their lives – if you put in Execution any further oppression against these Bramins who have been beaten and are so Reduced to a State of extreme so Weakness, you will be disgraced send away the Bramins, therefore, and when they pay their other Creditors, they Shall arrange also for the payment of Ayen Chittys Claim, it cannot be paid before

To a friend what can I say more

A true translation

/ Signed / J. Webbe

M. L.

Translation

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Translation of a letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour to the Right Honble Lord Hobart.

Dated Tanjour 14th February 1798

From the Rajah of Tanjore stating the particulars of Mr. Macleod's conduct towards the Bramins of Vistnapoor by which they have sustained indelible disgrace and requesting that Mr. Macleod may be removed.

Your Lordship will have received the letter which I sent through my Vackeel on the 6th Instant the principal people of Vistnapoor, who owed money to Ayen Chetty which demand Mr. Macleod has taken upon himself have been confined and kept fasting five days they were also flogged here, and seated upon asses, at this I sent to Mr. Macleod, and desired the Bramins might be given up to me, promising that I would examine the Chetty's claim, and their Accounts, and make an equitable arrangement for the gradual payment of what might be done, he has not yet sent them to me, To day one of those Bramins fainted away, and it is uncertain whether he will live or die, Mr. Macleod interferes

in

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in the differences between my Subjects,
takes their claims upon himself, sizes,
imprisons, and punishes at his pleasure.
formerly, in the times of Mr. Ram and
other Residents, it was the Custom for
them, when any disputes or differences arose,
to send the parties to me, to enquire
into and settle the matter, now, from
the Conduct of Mr. Macleod, my dignity
has been much injured, The people both
of the Town and in the Country and
even my Servants disregard and slight
me. In consequence also of Mr. Macleod's
having flogged and disgraced Brahmins
in this Manner, the Ryotts of Combco-
=nem have all abandoned their habita-
=tions. when the Company's business requires
it, it is proper for Mr. Macleod to nego-
=ciate with me, but he, by Violence and
Injustice seized upon my Country in
the year 1795. and has now begun to
Repeat the same Violences, if he continues
to Reside here, my affairs must fall into
disorder

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disorder and Ruin; you are attentive to the Welfare of the Honble Company, under whose cool Shade I have so long governed my Country in happiness and peace, and will continue to treat me in the same manner, if not, and Mr. Macleod should remain here, the Company's Credit will be lost, and the Princes of India and others accustomed to confide in them will lose that confidence for the future, which would be a great disgrace to the Company. Your Lordship therefore, must consider the Various misconduct of Mr. Macleod, and remove him quickly from this place, which alone can enable me to live happily under the Company's protection I earnestly entreat your Lordship to Send a Copy of this letter to the Honble Sir John Shore the Governor General at Calcutta - considers me always as your faithful friend

to a friend what can I say more.

A true Translation

/ Signed / J. Webbe

Mr. to

The

1246 Fort St. George 27.th February 1798

The President lays before the Board draft of a letter, which he proposes should be sent to his Excellency the Rajah in answer to the foregoing letters.—

To His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore

I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that I have judged it expedient to remove Mr. Macleod from Tanjore, and have appointed Mr. Benjamin Torin to succeed him as Resident at your Durbar

as it is my intention to furnish this Gentleman with particular instructions for his guidance I request that your Excellency will pay attention to the representations which he may in consequence make.—

This change will in a great measure render it unnecessary for me to reply in a detailed manner to the several letters, which have been received from your Excellency since the 8.th January last; but as

To the Rajah of Tanjore advising him of Mr. Macleod's removal and Mr. Torin's appointment to succeed him in the Residency replying to the objections made by him to the mode of stating his account with the Company — and informing him that Mr. Torin will receive instructions on the different points contained in his late letters.—

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as in your letter of that date you have doubted the correctness of the accounts transmitted to you, and have complained of the perplexity introduced into your affairs by the steps, which the System of your Excellency's Government had compelled me to take, I shall beg leave to remind you that repeated warning has been given you of the distructive System which your Excellency's Ministers were pursuing,- that those measures have ended in the impoverishment of your Excellency's Country, of which the failure in your engagements I cannot but observe is a melancholy and strong proof, and that this failure in the payment of your Stipulated Rists has been followed by the assumption of two Soubahs according to the Specific terms of the treaty of 1792.—

Thus

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Thus far your Excellency can
have as little reason to be dissatisfied
with the friendly motives, which dictated
that warning, as you have to complain
of the consequences which have followed
your total disregard of that wholesome
advice or of the treaty of 1792.

In regard to the objections
which your Excellency has urged against
the mode I have adopted in stating the
account of balance, I shall wave any
abstract consideration of the principles
which you have laid down, and shall
beg leave to refer you to a specific
article of the treaty of 1792, which
provides that your Excellency shall be
chargeable for whatever balances may
not be collected from the districts, which
a violation of your engagements may have
brought under the Company's management,
in the following words - "a balance account
"shall be opened.... in which the said Rajah
shall

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"in his above stipulated payments, and
"also for the amount deducted as above
"from the nine heads, and shall be cre=
="dited for the nett Revenues collected from
"the said districts, the said Company
"continuing to exercise authority therein
"and to make collections from the same
"untill..... the said balance account
"shall be equal on the debit and
"Credit side, and nothing shall remain
"due to the said Company &c. &c."

Whatever might have
been the force of your Excellency's
arguments unconnected with the
treaty, a bare reference to the Seventh
article will be sufficient to shew
that they do not bear upon the
question under existing circumstances.

I have written to his Highness
the Nabob upon the Subject of the
amount

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annacut and have no doubt that orders will be dispatched against any improper interference on the part of the people of Trichinopoly with this most essential work.—

I shall hereafter make it known to your Excellency my Sentiments in regard to the exemption of your Agents or Vakeels from the jurisdiction of the court here.—

What can I say more

/ Signed / George Harris

Fort St. George
1st. March 1798

Agreed to and ordered accordingly that it be dispatched

Read the following letter from Sherfoge / entered also in C. C. No. 35. /.—

Josiah

1251 Fort St. George 27th February 1798

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government &c.

Fort St. George

From Serfoge enclosing a letter from his mother Mato Shru Rajes bai Saheb - complaining of Mr Macleod having withheld the payment of advances made to him by the Rajah on account of the allowances of herself Serfoje &c. explaining the sincere distress so experienced in consequence by the family - requesting that she may be allowed to reside at Madras and that some proper person may replace Mr Macleod in the Residency

Sir,

The enclosed letter is a private Communication from my mother Rajes Boi Saheb to Lord Hobart; but should his Lordship be already embarked for England, I request of you to deliver it to the acting Governor

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Tanjore
27th February 1798.

Signed Serfojee

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor and President &c: &c: &c

The Widow of the late Tulgamaha Rajah mostri Rajes Bai Saheb sends her respectful Salam. —

The Balance of our allowance due to us for the last year 1797, was 6,115 Star Pagodas. on the 12th January last

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Last we ought to have received 4.125 Star Pagodas, the allowance of one quarter Viz.t from 12th January to 11th April, making together with the Balance of last year 10,240. of this Sum Mr. Macleod the Resident has received 9,162 from the Rajah, but he has not paid it to us, By his not paying to us the money received by him, my Son Serfoge and myself suffer more than we can express. we cannot give our Servants their pay, and our poor Relations, whom we have to maintain, have these Six months had no allowance from us, reduced to this state, we have been obliged to borrow here and there to procure the necessaries of life, and begin to be troubled and ill. treated by our Creditors.

Before

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Before our friend and Guardian
of my Son, the Reverend Mr. Swartz, fell Sick,
we found by the accounts of the Rajah's
Treasurer, that Mr. Macleod had received
for us from the Rajah 4000 Star Pagodas,
we sent a copy of that account to Mr.
Swartz, who sent it to Mr. Macleod,
and desired him to pay these Sums
to us, Mr. Macleod answered Mr. Swartz,
that he had received no money from
the Rajah for us, and that whenever
the Rajah should pay it, he would
give it to us, but to a certain man
he sent a message saying, that he had
received some money for us, and that he
would pay it in two or three months.
To my Son Serfoji he Sent his Writer
with the same message, and afterwards
both Mr. Macleod and his Dubash
Rayaloo came to my Son and desired
to have a little patience, and that he
would pay very soon, but what was

promised

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promised has not been performed, when a-
after that I sent our head Servant to remind
Mr. Macleod of his promise, he said, I will
pay you soon, why do you speak of these things
to Mr. Swartz.

after that I begged of Mr. Macleod,
that he would however get for us the
Balance which the Rajah had still to pay,
that in the mean while, we might have
some money for our Subsistence. Mr. &
Macleod said again and again that the
Rajah had not paid any part of the
Balance still due to us. but speaking
to the Treasurer of the Rajah, we &
learned, that some money had been
paid to Mr. Macleod out of this &
Balance, and friend of ours procured us
an Account of the Sums that had &
been paid at different times, of which
I beg leave to enclose a copy

I need not mention, what
myself and my Son, our Servants and

Relations

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Relations suffer by these proceedings, In the last year my son had written several times to the Reverend Mr. Gericke, and begged of him to speak to your Lordship on this Subject, and make a representation of our distress, but he wrote him for answer, that no representation of our sufferings could be made to your Lordship by him, but must be made through the Resident, but if the Resident himself dealt so with us as he had done, in withholding our subsistence from us, what will become of us, or who can blame us for addressing your Lordship without a Mediator, having no friend in that can help us besides your Lordship. our grief is now very great. when the Reverend Mr. Swartz was alive and in health, I trusted that his fatherly interference would save us from in want. he was the Guardian of my son,

and

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and

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and through his intercession we have so
escaped many dangers; but whom have
we now that can intercede for us with
Government and represent our grievances.
your Lordship has granted us Protection,
and we are thankful for it, and hope
your Lordship will be pleased to
continue that protection to us, and
will not suffer us to be put to dis=
=tress by those who should help us out
of it, but will enquire into the truth,
of our Compliant, and help us in those
things in which want help, and cannot
help ourselves, nor ask it any where
but with your Lordship.

When your Lordship sent
us from Madras to Tanjore we were
told that your Lordship had said, that,
if we should find it too troublesome
to live at Tanjore, we might come back
to madras, this indulgence was then

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a great Comfort to us, and we gladly want,
what can we now wish more, than that
your Lordship will be pleased to take
us again under your protection at Madras,
we were happy there and found a freind
in Mr. Gericke, who did for us what my
Son's Guardian would have done had he
remained with us at Madras.

We have many times addressed
Mr. Macleod both on account of our
want of subsistence, and other troubles
and Vexations we labour under/concerning
which we beg leave to enclose two Copies
of letters, which we have written to Mr.
Macleod/but our applications have
been of no effect, our sole confidence is
in your Lordship, we heard of your
Lordship's appointment to the Supreme
Government of Bengal, and we rejoiced,
but now we are told that your
Lordship intends to Return to England,

and

and we are troubled, If this last for me and my Son a melancholy event it is to take place, we beg that your Lordship will be pleased previous to that event to give the necessary orders with regard to our safety, subsistence, and Comfort, and that your Lordship will further be pleased to appoint a good man in the Room of the late Mr. Swartz, to advice us in all difficulties, and to instruct my Son in what is good, which we hope Mr. Gericke will do in the same manner as he did when we formerly were at Madras.

If this removal cannot take place and we must remain at Tanjore, my Son and myself beg that your Lordship will give orders, that we may recieve our allowance in money and Paddy from the Honble Company's Paymaster, but we would much rather be under your Lordship's immediate protection

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also be of use to my son as he would
then have the advice and instruction
of Mr. Gericke, whom the late Father Swartz
recommended, and whose good will towards
us, we have already acquainted.

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truth of what I have advanced as the chief
cause of our Compliant, we beg that your
Lordship will be pleased to order the
Vakeel to procure the Account of the
Payments made to the Resident from
the Treasurer of the Rajah.

I am exceedingly sorry that our ne-
cessity obliges me to address your
Lordship on this delicate Subject, my
Son and myself wish not that the Re-
sident should experience any inconve-
=nience or trouble from the Representation
necessity has obliged me to make of
our distress, but how can I avoid so
making known to your Lordship our
wants

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wants and extreme distresses, as you alone can relieve them by your authority.

Tanjore 20th February 1798

What can I say more?

Your Hon.ble Mast.

Balance due to us until 1796 ... 60

To the years of ... 1797 ... 20,000

To the first quarter of 1798 Viz.t from 10th January to 11th april } 4,125 — 24,185

Cash received

1797 10th april ... 2,728

" 22d May ... 3,000

" 4th June ... 2,077

" 24th October ... 1,000

" 6th & 9th November ... 1,000

1798 11th January ... 638

Total ... 10,643

Cash paid by the Rajah to the young Queen the Sum of } 3,500

Cash received together with the said Total Sum } 13,943

Balance due to us ... 10,242

An

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An Account of the Cash that Mr. Macleod
Received from the Rajah in our allowance

		Star Pags	Fanams
1797	11th July	997	8¼
	15th Do	2,105	6¼
	6th August	1,061	"
	8th & 12th December	1,000	"
	19th Ditto	500	
	29th Ditto	500	
1798	2d January	500	
	8th February	500	
	10th Ditto	1,000	
	12th Ditto	1,000	
	Total	9,163	14½

To Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

The Widow of the late Tulgamaha Rajah
Matostrie Raja Boisabeb sendeth Greet Salem
as I hear you intend to meet
the Governor I take the liberty to recall
to your Memory the various vexations
caused

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caused by the Rajah, and intreat you to be so kind as to acquaint his Lordship with the same, and to use your kind interest that I may be made free from his persecutions.

Notwithstanding the express orders of Government to carry into execution the decision made by the Company's adalet in regard to the Village of Avikary belonging to my Servant, the Rajah has opposed the order, and refused to deliver the Sasanem

You have desired the Rajah to deliver up my Paddy Godown but he has hitherto not done it.

Government has twice sent strict orders to deliver up our apartments in the Palace, but the Rajah has peremptorily refused to comply with those orders, in consequence of which Serfojee is much at a loss where to lay up his Paddy

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I have acquainted you with the daring insults done to me by the Rajah's Havalgar, by throwing stones on the house I am living in and by beating my Servants without cause, you have had the goodness to represent it to the Rajah but he has not called him to an account.

The Rajah has now for the space of three months confined two persons as relates to a Silver Smith in my service, for no other reason, but that he has made some ornaments for my Palankeen. These poor people are obliged to pay four fanams every day to the Sepoys who guard them if people are persecuted for serving me, none will in future be prevailed upon to do any business for me.

You have sent every day your Harcarah to demand the payment of our arrears, but the Rajah has hitherto delayed the payment of it.

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all these unjust proceedings of the Rajah have rendered my present situation very uncomfortable, and if the Rajah does not desist from vexing and troubling me, I should be very happy if Government would order me and my son to return to Madras.—

Inclosed are copies of two letters addressed to his Lordship one from me and one from Serfoje, after perusal of which he pleased to deliver the Sealed letters containing the originals of those two copies to his Lordship to whom, I beg you will be so kind as to give a full account of our Sufferings, and to procure us effectual relief—may you always be happy

Tanjore
23rd January 1798.

What can I say more

My

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My Dear Sir,

I am ashamed to address you on the subject of this letter, but my circumstances oblige me to do it. my allowance for the last eight months is not yet paid, my Creditors and my Servants are troubling me, my distress is very great, I shall therefore be exceedingly obliged to you, if you will order the payment of the 6,663 Star Pagodas you have received on account of my allowance, and to oblige the Rajah to pay the 3,577 Star Pagodas which is still due from him, be so kind as to favour me by an answer to this.

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
Your
/Signed/ Serfojee

Tanjore
27th February 1798

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Minutes on the foregoing Representation

A charge of so offensive a Nature, as that imputed to Mr. Macleod, requires the fullest enquiry; and means will be taken by the Board for that purpose. Mean while Resolved that Mr. Macleod be furnished with an extract of Serfojee's Representation, in order that he may be prepared to justify himself from the imputation.

Read the following Letter from Mr. Macleod.—

Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

From Mr. Macleod with Copies of Correspondence with the Senior Officers of the Garrison relative to the distress experienced by the Troops owing to the artificial scarcity and high price of Grain in the Bazars—cause thereof explained—and Instructions requested.—

Sir,

Enclosed I beg leave to send copy of a Correspondence on the Subject of a Scarcity of Grain at this place arising from his Excellency's order that no Grain but his own should be exposed for Sale.—

Notwithstanding

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Notwithstanding what I have stated to the Rajah the price is still kept up to the very high rate of 4 3/4 Measures p Tanjore Fanam, the discontent among the Sepoys on this account seems to be running very high. I conversed yesterday with some Merchants who have in the Pettah about 2000 Candies of Paddy and as according to their Estimate, the rates, if a free sale were allowed, would be 5 7/8 Measures p T. Fanam for the Circar, for inferior Paddy, and 5 1/2 for the Seroomanny or better sort.—

The same Merchants are not to be found here this day having been driven away, as I am informed, by the machinations of some of the people about the Rajah, I have this evening written another letter, to him requesting an Interview on the subject of the Grain but despair of obtaining it.—

I shall

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Should the present state of Matters continue and seem likely to threaten serious discontents, I shall think it my duty to pursue such measures as may prevent any bad Consequences, till orders on the subject can arrive from Madras.—

Accounts both from the North and South of the Tanjore Country speak of the great failure of Paddy Crops— it is probable therefore that advantage will in future be taken of that circumstance, and the price of Paddy at Tanjore be artificially raised—

In order therefore to remedy the present abuses in the Sale of Grain, and to guard against similar practices in future, by which the Troops may suffer— I take the liberty of Requesting that I may be furnished with

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with such Instructions as the right Honble the President in Council may deem it advisable to issue. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Tanjore
7th February 1798

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod
P.S.

Rt.

This moment I receive a message from his Excellency declining my proposed Visit. —

A. Macleod Esqr
&c &c &c

Sir,

Having just received a second Complaint with respect to Paddy from Major Innes, I take the liberty of enclosing you his letter, at the same time requesting you will have the goodness to interest yourself to obtain the relief required for the Sepoys with as little delay as possible. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c

Tanjore
February 1st 1798

/Signed/ G. McGrey
Major Comm.g

a true copy
/Signed/ A Macleod
Asst.

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To the Honble Major Delgrey
Commanding
Sir, Tanjore

I was in hopes from your representation to the President in consequence of my complaint some days ago, on the subject of the difficulty of the Native Officers and men of the 36th Battalion procuring paddy for their own and family use, that the grievance would have been removed, but so far from it's being the case, their difficulties have been aggravated, as will appear, from the following circumstances, which I think it my indispensable duty to lay before you, and for which purpose I have personally taken means to inform myself.—

Till within fifteen days past Paddy has been selling at 8 and 9/2 Measures for the Tanjore Fenam,

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Fanam, since which it decreased by
degrees to 6/p 6/4 and 6 measures and at
that rate where the Merchants selling
it yesterday morning, this under considera=
-ble constraint and in small quantities
having a Guard over them at the
Paddy Market, near the North Gate
to prevent it's being sold by them
otherwise, and only at particular
times when the Sepoys could not
attend - In the forenoon the Battalion
received one month's pay out of two
due, and at 12 o'clock the Paddy was
reduced to 4 3/4 Meas.s to the fanam,
and strict orders given from the Rajah
to the said Guard and his Kircarahs attending,
in no account to suffer any Paddy to be
sold, but what belonged to himself, and
that only in small portions; which is
enforced.

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enforced. The Sepoys cannot even at this price get above one or two fanams worth at a time which will not answer their purpose, and leaves them entirely at the mercy of the Rajah, or what is worse, his people who may tomorrow make the Paddy still dearer, and reduce the men to the greatest distress, as it is not in my power on account of the heavy duties required from the Battalion, to permit the men to go into the Country to purchase Grain at a cheap rate, more particularly as the restriction above complained of extends to a considerable distance from hence. It is not for me to state the clamour this Transaction makes, it is Sufficient that I confine myself to what relates the men under my Command, and to request you will be pleased to take such Steps as may appear to you best,

to

to obtain immediate redress; and if it
cannot be done here, that you will
have the goodness to lay the business
before Government, with as little delay
as possible where the Sepoy is always
sure to obtain it, and in which they
place the fullest confidence - altho one
of the Sepoys of the Battalion was
yesterday severely beaten when endea-
=vouring to purchase some Paddy, I
have the pleasure to say, the whole
have conducted themselves with the
utmost moderation and propriety - and
I may do them the justice to add, that
if what is complained of arose from a
Scarcity of Grain or public Calamity,
they would labour under the inconveni
=ence without a Murmur, but the
Contrary is the case, they and the whole
Town see and feel it proceeds from a
shameful

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Shameful Monopoly in the Hands of Power

Tanjore
27th February 1798
3 Enclo:

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ James Innes
Major Comm: 36th B: N. I.

a true Copy
/Signed/ alex: Macleod Sect.

Alexander Macleod Esqr.

&c &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an extract from a letter I have received from Major Innes this morn: at the same time trusting from the letter you did me the favor to send last night, that every thing will be done on your power to remedy the grievances complained of.

Tanjore
February 2d 1798.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ G Lee Grey
Major Comm.g

a true Copy
/Signed/ Alex: Macleod
Sect.

Extract

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Fort St. George 27th Febrcary 1798

Extract of Letter from Major Innes to the Honble Major Delgrey dated 2d Febrcary 1798

"I am convinced the Resident will do all he can "to remedy the Grievance complained of, but I fear his advice "alone, will not have that weight it ought with the "Rajah, at least if I am to judge from the effect of his "former representations to the Rajah, which appears by the "Residents letter, as well as mine to you,- I find the "Paddy yesterday evening was cheapened 3/4 of a Measure more to the fanam (Tanjore) that is, it was ordered to be sold at 5 1/2 instead of 4 3/4 Measures the fanam; but under the same restrictions as before - this is ~~doing~~ nothing; for was a free Sale of Paddy permitted to the Merchants and Inhabitants who bring their Grain to Market, the current price would produce from 7 to 8 Measures the fanam - If the Residents authority does not extend to remove the shameful

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Shameful Monopoly in the Hands of Power

Tanjore
1st February 1798
3 Enclo:

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/Signed/ James Innes
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a true Copy
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Fort St. George 27. February 1798

Shameful Monopoly so prejudicial to the Sepoy, in the course of this day, I must again in justice to the Corps under my Command, request you will have the goodness to lay the business before Government in the manner you may judge best to obtain speedy redress" —

a true Extract
/ Signed / G. DeGrey
Major Comm.t

a true Copy
/ Signed / Alex.r Macleod
Aid.t

To
The Honble Major DeGrey
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir,

I am just now favored with your letter of this date enclosing me from Major Innis regarding the hardship felt in the purchase of Paddy —

In consequence of your first — mentioning to me that the Paddy was only sold at the hour when Major Innis's Battalion

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Battalion was at Parade, I took the ne-
cessary steps with his Excellency the Rajah,
and he assured me that on the small guard
being sent to preserve order at the place
of selling the Paddy, all difficulties would
immediately cease; the small guard being
sent I know not, till now, of any further
cause of complaint.

I have heard, and I believe it to
be true, that the Rajah has stopped
the Sale of all Grain but his own;
there certainly can be no Scarcity except
what may arise from conjest and frau-
dulent practices; my Remonstrances
however in the name of the Honble
Company, have in almost all instances
been disregarded.

The present case is a matter
of such consequence to the Community,
that I shall feel myself warranted in
proceeding to such steps as the Exigency
of

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that I shall feel myself warranted in
proceeding to such Steps as the Exigency
of

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of the case may require, provided effectual
relief be not speedily afforded

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

Tanjore
27. February 1798
C. P. No:

/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod Resr

a true Copy
/Signed/ Alex.r Macleod Resr

To His Excellency Amersing
Rajah of Tanjore

I have just now received a
Complaint, thro' the Commanding Officer
of Tanjore, that the same difficulties &
which I before represented, still exist
in the Sale of Paddy the principal
Complaints are that the price of Paddy
is Suddenly raised to 4 3/4 Measures p.r
Tanjore Fanam - and that no Paddy but
the Circars is allowed to be sold, and
the sale is confined to one particular
place; - one of the Company's Serv.ts
also

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also have been Severely beaten, near the place where the grain is sold. —

In the name of the Honble Company, I feel myself obliged to require from your Excellency an immediate Remedy of these evils. — I request you will be pleased to see me without delay, that I may lay before you every thing you ought to know on this occasion ÷ and I have the fullest reliance that you will give such immediate orders as may procure a ready and equitable Sale of Paddy by to morrow noon. —

What need I say more?

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Resr.

Tanjore
1st. February 1798
6 P.M.

Translation

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Translation of Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Macleod dated 1st. February 1798

I am very much surprized to read the letter which you sent me to day respecting the Sale of Paddy. what doubt is there of Paddy being Scarce when there is neither Rain nor water in the Rivers. do not you know that at Trichinopoly they first sell the Circar's Paddy. and they stop the others from selling till their own Paddy is sold - it is Totally unreasonable to prevent us from our own profit. You have also written that there is no Paddy Selling at the Paddy market, which you must know proceeds only from disturbances by Company's Sepoys who Plunder the Merchants Paddy

on

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on the other hand the Company's
Guard which was placed before in the
Paddy Market has been removed, this
Guard I request you will by writing
to the Commanding Officer replace at
the said Market.

If you will take these measures
so that no man may create any
disturbance for the future, I will give orders
that they may sell the Paddy without
any Dissicultty

1st February 1798

The Honble Major DeGrey
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir,

In consequence of your letter
of yesterday respecting the Sale of Paddy-
I stated the matter in the strongest
terms to his Excellency, and desired an
immediate Interview that I might explain
and enforce the points most necessary
toward

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terms to his Excellency, and desired an
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and enforce the points most necessary
toward

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toward an equitable arrangement in the sale.—

Enclosed is Translation of his reply - wherein you will perceive he takes no notice whatever of my proposal of an Interview.—

Notwithstanding the Terms of his letter, I hope he will take effectual Steps to reduce the price of the Grain, and regulate the sale of it in the course of this day. - should he not do so I shall by tomorrow's post state the whole of the subject to Government with such observations as may tend to procure ample Stores.—

Tanjore
28th February 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c
(Signed) A Macleod Resr

To

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To The Honble Major DeGrey
Commanding
Tanjore

Sir,

I have received the letter you have had the goodness to send for my perusal, and find, notwithstanding it was announced, as stated in my letter of yesterday, that the Paddy was reduced to 5/2 Measures, to the Tanjore fanam none was allowed to be sold at that rate but in very small quantities; and the little that has, from necessity, been purchased was mostly, at 4 3/4 Measures the fanam; which was the rate yesterday afternoon and, all this morning, till noon, when the sale stopped altogether. - I have done in all my power to ascertain the cause of the Sudden rise in the price of Grain, considering it my duty so to do, and from the information I have received can safely assert, it does not proceed from the least necessity, but from the

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the Rajahs determination to supply his own Pocket at the expence of the Public – The new Paddy / Peshanum / was yesterday evening selling at Lumpet, Rajahgerry, and the Countries in that neighbourhood, about 7 Miles from hence 7¾ Measures the Fanam, consequently there cannot be a Scarcity – The Paddy of the one and inferior Crop is cheaper – it is notoriously known the Circar is wholly the cause of the heavy Mischief complained of and where has the Sepoy to look for redress.? – he must feel every hour of delay, especi= =ally those who, from duty cannot go into the Country.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/ Signed / Jas Innes
Major Comm.g 36.e B.N.I.

Tanjore
27th February 1798.
4 P.M.

A true Copy
/ Signed / Alex.r Macleod
Sec.t

Josiah

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To
Josias Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

I am instructed with Copy of a letter addressed him by the Rajah on the Subject of the prosecution instituted against his Vackeel at Madras in the Court of Exchequer

I send copy of a letter I received from the Rajah on the Subject of his Vackeel at Madras having been apprehended by Mr. Kindersley

I apprized his Excellency of the letter from Madras in the year 1796 by which it appeared that the Vaqeel of that time was no longer to be received in that Capacity - and that I had never heard of any other being since acknowledged as such.

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Alex. Macleod
Resr.

Tanjore
5th February 1798

Translation

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Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to Mr. Alexander Macleod Resident dated 2d February 1798

I have this day received 2 letters from my Vackeel at Madras: by those I am informed that a person named Lyaram Dos having lodged a complaint with Mr. Kindersley against Nagoque Row had brought Tailiars and stopped him in the Road and insulted him. - I before addressed a letter to you dated 9th July 1797 requesting that no person might be permitted to throw my Servants into Court: but since Lyaram Dos has now offered this insult to my servant I beg you will address the Honble Board and procure an order to be published to the Honble the Mayors Court and Mr. Kindersley prohibiting them from offering insults to any of my Servants - unless this is done, I shall suffer much humiliation; I have therefore addressed myself to you. —

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I have inclosed in this letter a Memorandum respecting the Village of Nursingpoor in the Loubah of Manar-goody which is contiguous to Puttacottah, and I request you will transmit it to Mr. Dalmain with directions to make an adjustment according to justice & a friend why should I write more.

True translation
(Signed) J. Webbe Mr.

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

My Lords,

On the records of this Office I have discovered direct assertions made by the Rajah that Sir A. Campbell's Treaty was forced upon him.—

From Mr Macleod enclosing Copy of a letter from the Rajah to the Governor in 1789 on which he declares that he was compelled to execute the Treaty with Sir A Campbell in 1787.

One of these contained in Translation of a† letter from his Excellency to Governor Holland I have the honor to enclose

I have the honor to remain
&c &c &c
(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resd.t

Tanjore
6.th February 1798

† dated 3.d July 1789 and entered in Consult.n 16.th July

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Fort St. George 17th February 1798

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council Fort St. George

From Mr. Macleod with Copy of another letter from the Rajah to Governor Williams to the above purport

My Lord,

Enclosed I have the honor to send Copy of a+ letter which I have found on the Records of this Office from the Rajah to Governor Williams in which his Excellency states that the Treaty between the Company and him in Sir Archibald Campbell's time was concluded without his free consent.

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Tanjore
17th February 1798

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod

Resd.

+ dated 17th August 1790 and entered in Consultation 3rd September 1790.

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

From Mr. Macleod - respecting the insufficient accommodations allotted by the Rajah to Serfoge and the Bhaiu Saheb -

Sir,

I beg you will represent to the Right Honble the President in Council that Sherfoge still suffers the greatest inconveniences both from the want of his Arrears of allowances and of a place for his Grain - the Rajah still persisting in his refusal of allowing even the Small place marked I in the plan formerly transmitted, to be repaired - this the Repair would not cost 30 Pagodas, and Sherfoge is willing to repair the Building at his own Expence. -

I have forborne to trouble Government with the frequent Complaints

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complaints made to me by Serfoyee and
the Elder Queen - it is now absolutely necessary
that some steps should be adopted regarding
the Grain for a part of the public
Granary here, where Serfojis Paddy is
kept under charge of the Storekeeper
has fallen in, cannot be repaired, and
I am informed by the Storekeeper that
there is great risque of the Paddy being
Spoilt -. Grain in good condition must
of course be delivered by the Company
to Sherfoyee consequently any loss that
may accrue from the ruinous state of
the Granary will fall upon the Company

I stated the above refusal of
his Excellency to the Right Honble
the Governor during his late Journey,
and his Lordship was pleased to
send a Message to the Rajah,
by the Linhail, expressing his desire
that

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that the place should be prepared for the
reception of the Grain.—
to this message however the
Rajah has not paid the least attention—
There is no place in the whole
Town of Tanjore which will answer the
purpose of a Granary for Serfoje and the
queen— The building I have already spoken
of marked K is in fact a strong shed
raised against a high wall in one of
the Court yards of the apartments to
which Serfoje is certainly entitled; and
his Excellency's refusal to admit the
Grain there has the appearance of
studied Design to mortify and distress
Sherfoje— the place is entirely seperate
and unconnected with any other
part of the palace to which the
Rajahs people resort— these apart=
=ments and the Court yards are
encumbered

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cumbered with things put into them
by the Numerous adherents of the
Younger Widow of the late Rajah and
the habitable Rooms falling fast to
decay

Sherfojee is obliged to live
at present in the Company's house
in the large fort, but in the event
of War it would be absolutely necessary
that he should remove into his
apartments in the Palace, and the
Elder Queen, from Trivicar, where she
now resides, into her own apartments,
yet from the present dilapidating
condition of Serfojee's and, I believe,
of the Queen's apartments also, they
would be no place fit for their
reception - it is likewise reasonable that
Sherfojee ought to remove into his
apartments

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apartments in the event of his marriage - he continually claims the apartments as his right conferred on him at the time when he was released from his Prison and received under the Company's immediate protection. They were given up to him by the Rajah, assigned over as his dwelling place, and remained under his Seal and in charge of his own Servants during the Term of his Residence at Madras, on his return hither he was put in possession of them his Seals taken off in the presence of Mr. Swartz, and myself, and the Rajah, a Short time previous to Sherfojee's arrival here refused to send his own people to have the Court yards swept out, alledging that he had

nothing

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nothing to do with the apartments
and consequently that Sherfoje's
Servants and the Queen's should do
what was necessary in preparing the
apartments for their reception

I have thought it expedient to
mention the inconveniences which
Sherfoje may eventually be put to
in the hope that some arrangement
may be made to guard against them

The present disposition, however,
of his Excellency regarding the Place
for the Grain, call for some
immediate orders that may indeed
seem to allow of the repairs, and
the removal of the Grain out of
the Company Granary

Tanjore
9th February 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Alex: Macleod
Resd.
The

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The President lays before the Board a draft of instructions which he proposes should be sent to Mr. Torin

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at Tanjore

Sir,

To Mr. Torin - pointing out the general objects aimed at in the appointment of a Resident at Tanjore, which are of course to be particularly attended to - the following points also recommended to his immediate attention - the treatment and accommodation of Sherfoje and the late rajah's Family - and the regular payment of their monthly Stipend - the regulation of the course of Exchange and price of Grain at Tanjore, and the operation of the former on the currency of Trichinopoly - a particular enquiry to be made into the merits of a Complaint preferred by the late Rajah's family against Mr. Macleod of having withheld from them the payment of money advanced on their account by the Rajah -

In pointing out the line of conduct, which it will be necessary for you to observe, I am directed to inform you that the principal object with the Court of Directors, when they reviewed the appointment of a Resident at Tanjour, was to arrest, by his means, if possible, the destructive system of management which had been established by the Rajah and his ministers: this system went to a complete subversion of his Excellency's authority, by transferring his influence,

Country,

Country, and inhabitants, to the merciless rapacity of usurers and extortioners: these spoilers of the public Revenue under=taking to make good the payments of the stipulated hists at the Presidency, received as security for their advances mortgages upon those Districts already pledged by the Treaty of 1792 as Security for the Rajahs engagements to the Company, as the tenure of sus men under this description must be precarious, and consequently the necessity of reimbursing themselves immediate, the Country delivered up to their controul is not only bereft of that fostering assistance and care, which it is the duty and interest of established authority to bestow as the Basis of permanent prosperity, but suffers the instant consequences of confusing usurey, in exacting a Revenue to the uttermost mite.—

This.

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This is the System which you are now called upon to oppose from motives of humanity towards the wretched inhabitants - from motives of justice towards Sherfoge, whose claims upon his hereditary territories are acknowledged, and from motives of National policy, which requires that the fundamental Security pledged for the public demands upon the Revenues of Tanjore should not be sapped by fraudulent collusion or clandestine spoliation

The means of opposing your=
=self to this mischief is pointed out in the original instructions to your predecessor dated 20th November 1795, to which you are particularly referred; and the Governor in Council con=
=tinues to annex such importance to the full and faithfull discharge of

Your

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your duty, that though he dispensed with your taking under existing circumstance the oath subscribed to by your Predecessor, he yet encloses a copy for your information and expects that you will be guided by the Spirit of it in your situation as Resident at Tanjour.

For the manner in which that Gentleman has acquitted himself, and for his Excellency's determined opposition to all the attempts, which have been made to meliorate his Government you are referred to the Records at Tanjour, and though the assumption of Mayaveram and Manargoody precludes the operation of the civil in those districts, yet their condition as represented by the Collectors points out the necessity of your continued vigilance and attention to prevent the Remaining provinces

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provinces being exposed to the pestiferious
effects of extravagance and extortion

Having prescribed these
general grounds for the regulation of
your conduct, I am directed to enclose
copies of several letters, which have been
lately received from the Rajah together
with the answer, which you will
present to his Excellency, though there
is much reason to ascribe the indis-
=position, which he has shown towards
Mr. Macleod, to the attempts of that
Gentleman to introduce the objects
prescribed to his attention, yet as that
indisposition may also have been
connected with personal considerations,
the Governor in Council is sanguine
that your present interposition will
be Sufficient to accomplish some objects
of less immediate consequence: I am
therefore directed to point out to your
particular

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particular notice the treatment and accommodation of Sherfoje and the family of the late Rajah together with the regular payment of the Stipend allotted for their expences. — another object of your immediate attention will be to regulate the price of Grain and the course of exchange at Tanjour, upon both subjects recent Complaints have been received in behalf of the Troops: for the former you will refer to the Correspondence of your Predecessor; and endeavour to remove the causes by which an artificial enhancement of the price is said to have been established in Tanjore: if this evil should not have been already remedied, you will communicate with the Commanding Officer, that grain may be issued from the public Stores, for the use of the Garrison, at the regulated price.

&c

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In regard to the exchange, Major General Floyd has represented that since the Revenues of Mayaveram and Mainargoody have been remitted to the Paymaster, much inconvenience has been felt in regard to the rate at which to convert the Tanjore fanams into Star Pagodas: the Governor in Council therefore desires you will Reflect upon this subject; & and as he promises himself considerable assistance from your former experience of similar fluctuations in the Southern provinces, he directs you to submit your ideas to his consideration.

The Governor in Council has considerable mortification in charging you with an enquiry, which however is indispensable: by the enclosed copy of an address from Sherfogu you will observe that a

Considerable

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considerable sum of money is stated to have been received by Mr. Macleod from the Rajah on account of the allowance granted for the maintenance of the late Rajah's family, such that it has been withheld from them to the great inconvenience of the family.

The readiest means of ascertaining the fact is a reference to the Accounts of the palace, and the original receipts of Mr. Macleod: this you will accordingly make; and transmit the result of your Investigation, which is to be full and explicit, to the Governor in Council.—

As Mr. Macleod has already been furnished with an extract of Mr. Serfoge's address and called upon for an explanation of the assertions contained in it,

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I, any communication between you and that Gentleman will be unnecessary

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
1st March 1798.

approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following letters from Poonah

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

From the Assistant Resident at Poonah - Baboolna angria seizes the person of Soy Angria and the Infant Son of the late Rajaje angria and obtains possession of the principal part of the Colabba District - the Peishwa without the assent of Scindeah confers important trusts on Chimna appa and the Infant Son of Emrut Row - some Skirmishes take place between the Troops of Sippra and other refractory Chiefs on the Coast

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 12th Instant, and to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Extracts of my two last addresses to the Governor General with Copy of a letter from the Resident at Fort Victoria

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/Signed/ J. Ashburner
Extract

Poona
29th January 1798

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Extract of a letter from Mr. Lushington to the Governor General, dated Pomah 26th January 1798.—

By some of my people just arrived from Colabba, I learn, that on the 22d. Instant a capitulation of arms having taken place, Ley Sing Angria, with Monnajee, the Infant Son of the late Rugoje Angria, proceeded from the Fort of Colabba to Severndroog and interviewed with the Commanding Officer on the part of Baboo Row, when Ley Sing was seized and confined; and that the whole district of Colabba, with the exception of the hill fort of Monnickgher, and the Small Island of Underyr Khendery, is now in the Possession of Baboo Row Angria.—

Extract of another letter from the same to the Same, dated Pomah 29th January 1798

On the 27th instant, exclusive

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of some inferior grants, the Subadarry of Guzerat, vacant by the arrest of abba Lokhen, was conferred, by the Peshwa, on his Brother Chinna Appa; and the for Subadarry of the Kohum, vacant by the arrest of Dada Gupta, on Venaik Row, the infant son of Emrect Row. Heyaro Punt Dattaeer was, at the same time, appointed Naib, or Deputy, to Chinna Appa, and Vamnajee Hurry to Venaik Row, these two Deputies were adherents of the late Ragoba. I understand, that these appointments have taken place without the assent of Dowlut Row Scindia.

True Extracts

(Signed) J. Malthouse

For

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To Joshua Uhthoff Esqr.

Acting Resident at Poona,

Sir,

The Boat which I dispatched hence to Goa as mentioned to you in a private letter, and which sailed on the 11th instant in the morning, has just returned from thence, with a letter to me, from my Correspondent Mr. Goethalls dated the 18th in which is the following paragraph of interesting intelligence.

Twelve days ago Ingey Stack had an engagement with Tippoo's troops, wherein he lost 200 men, and two of his best chiefs: he is at present encamped between Alias and Soopeen; and it is probable that this new King will be defeated, if he does not receive some assistance, He was very near taking the

fort

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fort of Canwar, if the army of the Colapoor had joined him, which was 8,000 Strong, and had reached the frontiers of Goa, taking possession of all the small forts belonging to the Marattas on his way; but fortunately, the Maratta, on the imprisonment of Nanna, who was a great friend and Protector of the Kolapoor, sent an Army, which obliged him to return, and secure his own Country, &c.

From Mangalore, the only intelligence received, is, that the privateer sailed for the Mauritius on the 21st December, and Tippoo has sent two Moormen, who speak French, to go by Vessel to the isle of France, and further negociations are kept in great &c.

Secret.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/Signed/ C: Watkins

Fort Victoria
22d January 1798.

P.S: I purpose dispatching boats to Goa in future regularly once a Fortnight.

True Copy
/Signed/ J: Athill Sy.

To

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Seventeen thousand nine hundred sixty one Rupees and sixty six Reas /17,961-66/ for eighteen thousand five hundred /18,500/ Rupees, received from Mumordass & Dewarkadass, at the rate of 103 at Bombay for 100 at Madras, for the use of the Bombay Government, on account of agent for horse purchases, as per your letter of credit, of 3rd July 1795, on the Bombay Government, in favor of Lieutenant W.C. Montgomery.—

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

Poona
5th February 1798.

True Copies
(Signed) J Webbe

Extract of a Letter from Wm Lushington Webbe to the Governor General, dated Poona 28th February 1798.—

On the 31st Ultimo I was advised by Colonel Palmer, under date 15th from Ludowra, of his expecting to reach Seronje on the 18th, and to cross the Nerbudda in

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in the course of the month of January, or
if not delayed by the Mahratta Escorts.

For some time past I have
heard that the Raja of Kolapore or
Pannella, the Head of the Malwans,
was creating disturbances in the
quarter of Meritch, Tasgaum, Darwaer,
and Shahnoor, it is now very confidently
reported, that the Raja of Sattara, the
Nominal head of the Mahratta Empire,
has seized and confined the principal
persons placed over him by Nanna
Furnavee, that he is in complete
possession of the fort of Sattara, and
that forming a connexion with the
Raja of Kolapore, who is also of the
ancient Bhonsla family, He is raising
Troops, Sewram Punt Tatta mad
nominated by the Peshwa a few
days ago to the Superintendance of
affairs at Sattara, but it is said that

the

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the Raja will not admit him into the Place. Rasta was yesterday appointed to proceed with a force of about 2000 men, ostensibly for the Settlement of affairs in the Sattara Quarter.

The only two of Nanna's adherents in this quarter of any consequence, that made their escape on his arrest, were, Bapoo, the Brother of Abba Lelokur, and Dondo Pundit Nistoork, the Killadar of Loghur, the former is confidently said to have taken protection with the Rajah of Kolapore, and the latter is putting his fort in a state of defence, and making depredations in the Surrounding Country, supposed by some to have formed a connexion with the Rajas of Sattara and Kolapore, amend Row, who visited me this morning, Says that he understands the force collecting under Rasta is chiefly with a View to act eventually, in favor of

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of the Peshwa's Party, against Scindia

True Extract

/Signed/ Ikthoff

Extract of a letter from Mr. Ikthoff to the Governor General, dated Poona 5th February 1798

Bapoo Chitnavees informs me, in confidence, that it is settled, to cede to Dowlut Row Scindia the districts so lately in the possession of Nanda Furnavees and Pursaram Bhow, with one fort, & that the Peshwa's party have been compelled to acquiesce in an Expedition against Nizam ally Khan, toward which, Govind Rishen has been instrumental, this is corroborated by general appearance, and persuasion in this Quarter, with the addition, that the force collecting here, ostensibly to act against the Rajas of Sattara and Kolapore, is

really

really intended to be employed against Nizam ally Khan, and that Dowlut Rao has sent for reinforcements from Hindostan, has ordered a Body of Troops to watch the motions of Nizam ally Khan and Ragoje Bhonsla in the Bapaul quarter, and is making extensive Levies.

I am just advised by Colonel Palmer, of his being at Phiilsa the 24th Ult.

True Extract

(Signed) J Webbe

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Sub Secretary Parry's two Letters of the 24th Ultimo, and to enclose, for your Lordship's information, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Bombay Government.

I was yesterday officially announced to me by the Peshwa, that at his Meeting

From the assistant Resident at Poonah. the Peshwa cedes to Scindia a district valued at 12 Lacks of Rupees annual Revenue, and a fort. the Expedition against the Nizam still remains Ground on which it is adopted by plaintiff - shows an amicable Consent of his negociation of the 50,000 Rupees raised by his Bills on Madras and to Reimbursed the Bombay Government.

meeting of the preceding day with Dowlut
Row Sindia, it had been settled to cede to
the latter a district yielding twelve lacks
of Rupees, annual Revenue, and one fort;
and that an expedition had been re-
determined on by them against the
Nizam for the Recovery of the Country
which had been ceded by the conven-
tion of Kurdlah, and Subsequently restored
to His Highness: that Country being re-
considered as the Peshwa's property
since his Highness had not executed
his part of the Engagements by which
that Country was to be restored to
him, and that, besides, there were
some pecuniary claims against his
Highness, and some claims on the
part of the King of Dehly.—

Amidst the Iniquity re-
Inconsistency

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Inconsistency and Folly, that pervade
the conduct of the Peshwahs and Scindean parties the former having neither the power nor principle to withstand the latter, I will not presume to Vouch for the Sincerity of the former in their communication to me of the Settlement with Dowlut Row, and the projected Expedition against the Nizam, though it is somewhat corroborated by general appearance and persuasion here. Possibly, they may be themselves deceived therein by the Scendean party

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

Poona
9th February 1798.

To

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To the Honble Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
President and Governor in Council
Bombay.

Honble Sir,

Towards the end of December last Sir Charles Warre Malet, then in charge of the Government of Bombay, during the absence of your Honorable President in the province of Mallabar, intimated to me, that fifty thousand /50,000/ Rupees would be very acceptable to you, if raised on terms not worse than par, by bills on the Madras Government, on account of Agent for horse purchases, as per letter of credit from the Madras Government on you, dated 3d July 1795, in

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Sir

I have now the honor to enclose an Account Current of the pecuniary negociation above mentioned, by which, it will be perceived that upwards of two thirds of the amount have been remitted to you at 5 P. Cent above par, in the Honorable Company's favor, and the Balance at 3 P cent above par, the Bills in your favor have been payable at 8 days sight, and my bills on the Madras Government at fifteen, agreeably to the precedent of some former pecuniary negociations, in which I was engaged in about the Middle of the year 1795, on Account of the Madras Horse Agent, stationed at Hyderabad

For

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For the further elucidation of the subject, I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the first bill that I drew on the Madras Government, on your Account, with which all the rest exactly corresponded.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your
/ Signed / J. Ukthoff

Poona
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True Copy
/ Signed / J. Ukthoff

Bombay

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Dr. Bombay Government

A/c Jr Acct

1797.
Decemr 28. To the Amount of a bill of exchange drawn by Munoodas Dewarkadas at Poona, on his house at Bombay, at 8 days Sight ..... 10,500 " "

29th To ditto ditto drawn by Vinzulabas Dolubdas at Poona, on Ragnauthdas Anupdas at Bombay at 8 days Sight ..... 5,100 " "

1798
January 18th To ditto ditto drawn by Dyaram Atmanand at Poona on Devoorchund Atmanam at Bombay at 8 days Sight ..... 250 " "

To ditto ditto 4 bills at 8 days Sight Viz:
1 Bill, drawn by Munoodas Dewarkadas at Poona, on his house at Bombay .. 7750 ——
1 ditto, by Kittoo Tolubhai at Poona on Monbas Sumbodas at Bombay .. 3,000 ——
1 ditto ditto ditto ..... 2,600 ——
1 ditto ditto ditto ..... 2,400 —— 15,750 " "

Febry 5th To ditto ditto 3 bills at 8 days Sight Viz:
1 Bill drawn by Munoodas Dewarkadas at Poona, on his house at Bombay .. 15,500 ——
1 ditto by Manecharam Naribaram at Poona on Khandas Purshotumdas at Bombay ..... 2,000 ——
1 ditto ditto ditto on Morbas Sumbadas at Bombay ..... 1000 —— 18500 " "

N.B. The above bills of Exchange were remitted to the Bombay Government by Mr. Lodwick Wilkinson in charge of the Poona Residency

Rupees 50,000 " "

Poona 9th Errors
Excepted
Signed

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Madras Government — Cr

and Account with — Rupees Pagodas

1797
December 28th By the amount of a bill of Exchange on the
Right Honble the Governor in Council at Madras,
at 15 days Sight, in favor of Gopaulsas Visnechund
at the rate of 105 Rupees at Bombay for 100 at
Madras, received from Mucundas Duarkadas — 10,000 " "

29th By ditto — ditto — ditto at 15 days Sight in
favor of Mahomed Hussein Levanjee, at the
rate of 105 Rupees at Bombay for 100 at
Madras, received from Hyderbhoy — 5,000 " "

1798
January 9th By ditto — ditto — ditto at 15 days Sight, in
favor of Gopaulsas Visnechund, at the rate
of 105 Rupees at Bombay for 100 at Madras — 15,000 " "

February 5th By ditto — ditto — ditto at 15 days Sight in
favor of Gopaulsas Visnechund, at the rate of
103 Rupees at Bombay, for 100 at Madras — 17,961 " 66

47,961 " 66

By Profit and Loss, being the amount gained by the
Honble Company on this Negociation — 2,038 3 3/4

Rupees 50,000 " "

N.B. The above bills of exchange
were drawn by Mr. Joshua Watthoff,
in charge of the Poona Residency, on
account of agent for Horse purchases,
as for the letter of Credit from the Madras
Government on the Bombay Government
dated 3rd July 1795 in favor of Lieutenant
H. B. Montgomery

February 1798
Excepted
Watthoff

Read

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Read the following letters from
His Highness the Nizam, Ajeem ul Omrah,
and Meer Alleum, entered also in C. C. Nº
Nº 36.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob Nizam ud Dowlah Buhadur, To the Nº Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Without date
Received 11th February 1798

From the Nizam-ajeem ul omrah, and Meer Aalem on the subject of Sup ud Doulah Nº mission to Madras to purchase Military Stores.

Induced by the friendship Nº which subsists between this illustrious Nº Sirkar and the Honorable Company's Govern-ment, and consistently with the service of Captain Kirkpatrick, we addressed your Lordship some time ago upon the subject of purchasing Firelocks and Guns which are required for the service of this Sirkar, and deputed Saed ud Doulah Bahadar for the purpose of making the purchases.

We have to hope therefore Nº that, in consideration of our mutual friendship, permission may be given for the

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the free purchase of these articles to the
extent required, and for the speedy return
of the abovementioned Bahadur to our &
splendid presence.

Continue to consider us desirous
to receive Accounts of your Welfare, and &
contribute to our Satisfaction by writing
to us occasionally

The same, mutatis mutandis,
from the Nabob Aristoo Jah Bahadur
and
from the Nabob Meer Alum Bahadur

A true Translation
/Signed/ A. Falconar
P.S. to Gov.

The President is requested to
Minute thereon Return answers to the foregoing Letters
conformable to the Communications which
have already been made to Captain &
Kirkpatrick.—

The President is also requested
to give a written answer to Saad Oodolah,
his Highness's Agent, in regard to the purchase
of Military Stores.—

The

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The President proposes the publication of the following

The President proposes that the following advertisement may be immediately published

Advertisement

advertizement prohibiting the resort of Europeans to the Nabob's Durbar

The Honble the Governor in Council is sorry that he should have found it necessary immediately upon the late change in the Government to republish the determination of the Board against the resort of Europeans to the Durbar of His Highness the Nabob. He had hoped that the Resolution of Government on this subject formally and frequently announced to the public would have made such an impression, as to render unnecessary the repetition of orders against this disrespectfull conduct; that since it has become indispensable the Governor in Council gives serious warning of his steadfast determination to enforce those orders, by instantly punishing any person who may offend against them

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By order of the Honble the Governor in Council

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secy to Govt.

agreed

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the President's suggestion adopted

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

Read the following letter from

Bombay

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Bombay respecting the payments of the Expences of the Travancore Battalion stationed at Madura and Palamcotah

My Lords,

1st According to the terms of the Treaty that has, since the 21st of July last, been in force, between the Honble Company and the Rajah of Travancore, he is entitled to be, from that date, reimbursed, the amount of the pay and allowances for any of his Troops that may, at the Company's requisition, be serving within their limits, which we understand to be the case with one of his Battalions doing duty at Palamcotta.

2. With this introductory explanation, we have the honor to forward Copies of the Correspondence between the Raja and our President respecting this right, and to Remain &c &c

Bombay Castle
6th February 1795.

/ Signed / Jon.a Duncan
" J. Stuart
" Lam.l Rivett
" William Page
Translate

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Translate of a letter from the Ram Raja, to the Honble Governor, dated the 9.th of Rejib 1212 Higree, or 29.th December 1797. and received at Bombay January 19.th 1798

N.B.

One of your friendly Battalions agreable to your wishes has, for some time, been stationed at the Forts of Palamcotta and Madura, which circumstance you are well acquainted with.

Honble Sir,

In conformity to the perpetual treaty of alliance which is now established between the Honorable English Company and me, the 4 pence of the abovementioned Battalion is to be supported by the Honble Company, therefore in the manner of friendship, I trouble you with this letter, requesting that you will write to Lord Hobart, the Governor of Madras, desiring he will cause the aforesaid Battalion to be paid, as agreable to the account which I have forwarded,

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forwarded, during the period of that —
Battalion being stationed in those —
Garrisons. — I hope, considering me at all
times as your friend and well wisher, —
you will frequently oblige me with send
Communications of your welfare —

True Copy

/Signed/ Frat. Warden
Head Asst.

The Governor of Bombay to the Rajah of Travancore

I have been favored with your
letter of the 9th of Rejib 1212 Hejiree answering
to the 29th December 1797, and this Government
has accordingly written to that of Fort St. George
to defray the charge of your Battalion whilst
it Remains, at their requisition, on duty within
their limits from the 9th of Aree 973 Malabar
Style, or 21st of July 1797 of the English Æra, being
the date of the commencement of the perma-
-nent Treaty, and of the elapse of the
terms of the one that was only temporary,
Dated the 6th February 1797. — P.H.

1328.

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By you mention having forwarded the Account of the expence of the Battalion, last as I have not received it, I suppose it has been transmitted to Madras; if not be so good as to send it thither

True Copy
(Signed) Fort. Warden
Secy

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform the Bombay Government that money has been tendered to and refused by the Travancore Battalion except as a loan

The Travancore Battalion stationed at Madura and Palamcottah to be returned to their own Country

as the Board think there is no further occasion for the Battalion Resolved that orders be issued for its return to Travancore, and that no money be advanced on account

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 de meuron - requesting the instructions of Government relative to an order which he has recived from the Right Honorable Henry Dundas to remit £92,000, out of the Revenues of Ceylon to the Company's Treasury at Madras. —

Enclosed I have the honor to transmit copies of a letter and Enclosures which I yesterday received from the Right Honble Henry Dundas His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department. — I have addressed to Lieutenant General Harris a copy of these papers that measures may be adopted for carrying his Majesty's orders into effect. — I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
Colombo 18th February 1798.

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) P. L. de Meuron
B. G.

To

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Fort St. George 27. February 1798.

To Major General Doyle

or the Officer Commanding his Majesty's Troops

in the Island of Ceylon

Sir,

I herewith transmit to you a List of Bills to the Amount of £ 32,000 drawn at Fort St. George on account of the Regiment commanded by the Count de Meuron, and Extracts of a Letter from the Presidency of Madras upon this subject,- and also Copy of my Correspondence with the Court of Directors of the East India Company relative to the mode to be adopted for the payment thereof. You will perceive by the correspondence that it has been determined that for the present, the money advanced at Madras for the discharge of these Bills should be replaced in the Treasury of that Presidency, out of the Revenue

of

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of the Island of Ceylon, the Statement of which for the present year, as laid before Parliament, far exceeds this sum, as you will perceive by my letter to the Chairman of the East India Company of the 16th Instant.

Agreeably to this arrangement it is his Majesty's pleasure, that on the Receipt of this letter, you should, in concert with the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's and the Company's forces at Madras, pay into the Treasury of that Presidency, the sum abovementioned out of the proceeds of the public Revenue at Ceylon, and in case any part of that Revenue should already have been paid in the Company's Treasury on account, you will authorize the proper Officers thereof to take credit thereupon to the amount of the said Bills, and of such thereof as

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as may have since been drawn on the Account of the Regiment of Meuron, keeping a regular Account of the same and of the Revenue of the Island, which you will transmit to me at proper opportunities, as documents that will hereafter be necessary for adjusting the relative claims of the Public and the East India Company in consequence of the Expedition undertaken in the Indian Seas during the present War, whenever circumstances will admit of their being finally settled.

Parliament
Street 26th August 1797.

I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Henry Dundas

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds
Secretary

The

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The following Bills drawn at Fort St. George at 3/ per Pagoda, and payable 12 Months after Sight.

Date	Pagoda	£	
	250	100	
	300	120	
	350	140	
	375	150	
	400	160	
	450	180	
	500	200	
	1,000	400	
	1,250	500	
	1,375	550	
	1,500	600	
	1,625	650	
	1,750	700	
	1,875	750	
1st Novr.	2,000	800	
1796.	2,125	850	
	2,250	900	
	2,375	950	
	2,500	1,000	
	2,625	1,050	
	2,750	1,100	
	2,875	1,150	
	3,000	1,200	
	3,250	1,300	
	3,500	1,400	
	3,750	1,500	
	4,000	1,600	
		£ 2,000	

Payable to the Count de Meuron Colonel Proprietaire of the Swiss Regiment de meuron.—

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I am &c.
/Signed/ Henry Dundas

Parliament
Street 26th August 1797

A true Copy
/Signed/ L. Reynolds
Secretary

The

1333 Fort St. George 27th February 1793

The following Bills drawn at Fort St. George at 8/ per Pagoda, and payable 12 months after Sight.

Date	Pagoda	£	
	250	100	
	300	120	
	350	140	
	375	150	
	400	160	
	450	180	
	500	200	
	1,000	400	
	1,250	500	
	1,375	550	
	1,500	600	
	1,625	650	
	1,750	700	
	1,875	750	
1st Novr.	2,000	800	
1796.	2,125	850	
	2,250	900	
	2,375	950	
	2,500	1,000	
	2,625	1,050	
	2,750	1,100	
	2,875	1,150	
	3,000	1,200	
	3,250	1,300	
	3,500	1,400	
	3,750	1,500	
	4,000	1,600	
		£ 2,000	

Payable to the Count de Meuron Colonel Proprietaire of the Swiss Regiment de meuron.—

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at 8/ pr. Pagoda and 12 Months sight without Interest, or at 24 Months Sight with Interest for the last 12 Months. —

Date	Pagodas	£	
	Brought forward	20,000	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
	250	100	
3d of January 1797.	250	100	payable to the Count de Meuron Colonel Proprietaire of the Swiss Regiment de Meuron
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	275	110	
	300	120	
	300	120	
	300	120	
	300	120	
	300	120	
	300	120	

Carried forward £ 24,080 —

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		Bot. forward	24,080
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			120
300			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
325			130
350			140
350			140
350			140

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Date		Pagodas
	Pagodas brought forward	30,050
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
3rd January 1797	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	375	150
	£	32,000

Sample to the Court de Meuron & Colonel Crosfarlain's Corps de Meuron Regiment

A true Copy

Signed J. Reynolds Secy.

Extracts of Madras Secret Letter

dated 20th January 1797.

33 As the Statement brought forward by our President did not admit that any of the demands advanced by the Regiment de Meuron could be adjusted in this Country, except with Regard to the payment on

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on Ceylon, in Indian instead of Dutch Value,
and some investigation relative to the
Amount would be necessary before it could
be finally settled, and as the Colonel had
privately acquainted the President that he
must inevitably be involved in the most
serious Embarassments, unless he should
immediately receive fifty thousand Pagodas
or Bills in London for twenty thousand
Pounds Sterling, we have at his Lordship's
Recommendation furnished Bills to that
Amount in favor of the Count De Meuron
on account of the Claims of the Regiment
and have taken a Receipt in Triplicate
from the Count and his Brother, making
themselves responsible for the Amount,
which we have for the present directed
to be carried to the Head of Expedition
against the Dutch Settlements in
India, The original Receipt is herewith
forwarded

Since

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36 Since writing the above we have received a letter from the Count de Meuron, stating that he is in actual want of 20 twenty Six thousand Pounds, to enable him to quit India, with honor to himself, to discharge his engagements and the debts he has contracted, and to depart without any apprehension in his mind, for the consequence of discontents that might prevail in the Regiment, In this letter the Count laments that we did not feel ourselves authorized to adjust his claims in this Country and thereby have relieved him from those painful Embarrassments under which he labours and which he had not looked to, having left Switzerland upon the faith of a treaty that had been already ratified by his Majesty

37 We came to the Resolution in Consequence of the Count de Meuron's pressing demand, of making him an advance of twelve thousand Pounds sterling

on

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on this account, intimating to him at the
same time that he would receive no more
in this Country. We refer you to the Letter
and Answer which are recorded as per
Margin. The Count's Receipt for the
above Sum is forwarded in the Packet.

a true Copy
/ Signed / J. Reynolds Sec.y

Right Honble Henry Dundas
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

In consequence of the permission
given by the Right Honble the Commissio-
=ners for the affairs of India, the Secret
Committee had laid before a Secret Court
of Directors the papers relative to the
Levis Regiment de Meuron, and as it
appears, by the Capitulation made
with the Count de Meuron that the
Regiment was to be taken into his
Majesty's Service, and which has ~~is~~
subsequently

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subsequently been done, they are therefore of opinion, that the Bills to the amount of £32,000 drawn by the Government of Madras on the Court of Directors should be discharged by Government, and not by the Indian Company, we are therefore to request you will have the goodness to inform us, to whom these bills are to be presented for acceptance and at payment.

We have the honor to be,
Sir &c.

East India House
13th June 1797

[Signed] Hugh Inglis
" Jacob Bosanquet
" John Manship

a true Copy
[Signed] J. Reynolds
Secy

Chairman and Deputy Chairman
of the Court of Directors of the East India
Company

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of

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of the 13th Instant stating that "in consequence
"of the permission given by the Commissioners
"for the affairs of India, the Secret Committee
"had laid before a Secret Court of Directors
"the papers relative to the Swiss Regiment
"De Meuron, and that as it appears by the
"Capitulation, made with the Count de
"Meuron that the Regiment was to be
"taken into his Majesty's service, and
"which has subsequently been done they
"were of opinion that the Bills to the
"amount of £32,000 drawn by the
"Government of Madras on the Court
"of Directors should be discharged
"by Government and not by the India
"Company, and requesting me to inform
"you to whom these Bills are to be
"presented for acceptance and payment"
In answer to which I can have no
hesitation in stating to you my opinion,
that

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that the Bills drawn on account of the Regiment de Meuron ought to be accepted and paid by the East India Company not having the Bills before me, nor any explanation of the motive for or which they were drawn I cannot give any precise opinion as to the Several items separately, but I see no difficulty in pointing out the principle, which ought to regulate the final arrangement of the sums expended on account of that Regiment. In securing the Regiment of Meuron by withdrawing it from the service of the Dutch Government at the time it was accomplished, a most essential object to the Interests of the Company was certainly attained, and it can make no difference in the substantial view of the case, what the terms

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Terms of the capitulation were, or in what particular mode it was executed. It was a Secret transaction entered into for Indian purposes, and with the view to the immediate and ultimate Security of India. The original Sums paid or to be paid for the obtaining the service of that Regiment, must at Remain to be finally settled with the other sums expended on Account of East India Expeditions and the Current pay and allowances of the Regiment now serving at Madras, must be paid in the same manner as the other Military force serving in India

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c &c
(Signed) Henry Dundas

Parliament Street
30th June 1797.

a true Copy
(Signed) Reynolds Secy

The

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The Right Honble Henry Dundas

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the Court of Directors to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th June last, and to inform you they cannot agree in opinion that the Bills drawn on Account of the 4th Regiment de Meuron, ought to be accepted and paid by the East India Company.—

By the Capitulation made for this Regiment and the dispatches which have arrived from India, it appears that the Regiment has been taken into the service of his Majesty, has been chiefly employed in obtaining and Securing conquests in India made exclusively in his Majesty's Name, and liable to be Restored in any Negotiation for peace at the pleasure of his Majesty, without any

Compensation

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Compensation being due to the East India
Company, save, what it shall appear to have
been advanced to Government in India, towards
defraying the expences of such expeditions, or
for the use of any of their Troops that may
have been employed therein. —

Under these circumstances the
Court of Directors deem it impossible to
authorize the payment of the Bills in
question on the Company's Account; but
as it is their desire, at all times to
contribute to the convenience of the public
in any way within their power, notwithstand-
-ing their present pecuniary difficulties, we
they will accept and pay the Bills on
Account of Government; but the Court
wish to have it clearly understood, that
they shall have a Right to call upon the
public for the Reimbursement of the Amount
of the Bills now in question. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
/Signed/ Hugh Inglis
Hugh

East India
House 16th August
1797.

a true Copy
/Signed/ J Reynolds
Secy

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Hugh Inglis Esqr.

Sir, Yrs. Yrs. Yrs.

I have your letter of the 10th Instant, stating the reasons why the Court of Directors deem it impossible to authorize the payment of bills drawn for the Regiment de Meuron on the Company's Account; but that, notwithstanding their present pecuniary difficulties, they will accept and pay the Bills on Account of Government, but wishing to have it clearly understood that they shall have a right to call upon the public for the reimbursement of the said Bills.

I take it for granted, it will be readily admitted, by every person at all informed of the transaction, that the withdrawing the Regiment of Meuron from the Dutch service was one of the most essential circumstances which

Contributed

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contributed to the conquest of Ceylon; I am
at a loss to distinguish between the
money now in question, and any other
of the Expences respecting our Indian
Conquests, the Accounts of which remain
unsettled - But I have no difficulty on
writing immediately a letter to the
Governor of Madras, and likewise to the
person exercising the chief authority at
Ceylon, that the money now advanced
by the Company for discharging the
Bills which are the subject of our
correspondence, should be immediately
repaid to them at Madras - There can
be no doubt of this resource being
perfectly adequate to the purpose, for
on looking into the Accounts recently
laid before Parliament, you will perceive
that the Sums estimated to be received
from the Island of Ceylon, previous to

the

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the first day of May last, amount to above one hundred and fifty thousand Pounds Sterling. — I have the honor to be

Sir Your

Whitehall
16th August 1797

/ Signed / Henry Dundas

a true Copy

/ Signed / L. Reynolds
Sec.y

Minute in the foregoing letter from the Brigadier General de Meuron. —

Resolved, to acquaint the Officer Commanding on Ceylon that as the situation of affairs on the island does not appear to have been fully understood, in how the directions abovementioned were transmitted by his Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the War Department it is unnecessary to take any measures in consequence of them for the remittance of Money from Columbo to the Presidency

The President lays before the Board draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the Supreme Government upon the Subject of Ceylon. —

Sir,

6th/3.