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To Peter Speke Esq.

Vice President in Council

Fort William

Sir,

In a letter of the 7.th January last we had the Honor to explain the reasons, which had induced Lord Hobart to Visit the island of Ceylon.

Soon after his return to the Presidency Lord Hobart delivered in a minute, in which he has taken a view of affairs as he found them upon his arrival at Columbo, and has stated an abstract of his ideas upon the Government, Revenue, commerce, specs, and fortifications of the island, and, though his Lordship has pointed out the principal measures, which should in consequence be adopted for the benefit of our possessions, he dissuaded us from any Steps for that purpose, untill we should receive the Reports of the Committee on Ceylon.

The

To Bengal - transmitting Summary papers relative to the Government, Revenues, Commerce and fortifications on Ceylon - and stating the considerations which have induced this Government to postpone the adoption of any material change of System till the arrival of Lord Mornington - copies of the papers received from Brigadier General de Meuron on the Subject of the orders from Mr. Dundas to remit £32,000 - to the Treasury of Fort St. George inclosed

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The intention of appointing this Committee was pointed out to you in a Minute of Lord Hobart transmitted to Bengal on the 9th September last, and we have since the return of Lord Hobart received their first Report.—

Though we look upon this report to be a Satisfactory proof of the ability of the Committee to execute the trust confided to them, and though we concur generally in the Sentiments expressed by them, yet adverting to the letter of 22d March last from the Court of Directors in the public Department, in which they inform us, "that they are "have under their consideration what "measures it may be necessary for "them to take in consequence of the "Material changes in the Commerce "of the East which must ensue from "our acquisition of the Dutch Settle= "ments in the Eastern Seas"— and to

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the consequent probability of the Honble
Courts having furnished the Earl of Mn
Mornington with their instructions
upon this important subject — We do not
think ourselves at liberty to come
to any decision upon the recommendations
of the Committee, in order that the
measures which may have been re-
solved by the Honorable Court and
the deliberations of the Supreme
Government may have free operation.
For this purpose we
inclose copies of all the material
papers in our Records, which relate
to the Government, Revenues and
Commerce of Ceylon.
At present we shall re-
only add that the Commanding
Officer on Ceylon has received direct
instructions

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Instructions from his Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the War Department to appropriate a part of the Revenues of Ceylon in Recompencing this Government the Amount of the Advances made to the Regiment de Meuron on the King's Account.

Copies of the papers received from the Brigadier General De Meuron are enclosed; from which it appears that the arrangements as made for the Government of Ceylon do not seem to have been perfectly understood at home.

Fort St George
1st March 1798.

We have the honor to be,

Sir

Your

(Signed) George Harris

&c. Council

Lieut

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No 1	Letter of this date	
2	Copy of Lord Hobart's Minute	9th June 1797.
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5	Ditto of a letter from the Committee at Columbo	8 Aug. Do
6	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 12 September Do
7	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 16th Do Do
8	Ditto Ditto	Ditto 23d Do Do
9	Ditto of a letter from the Commercial Resident at Columbo	6th January 1798
10	Ditto from the Committee at Columbo	6th February Do
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approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following letters from his Excellency the admiral

Right

1354 Fort St George 2d January 1798

Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Fort St George

Lieut Col Read Adjutant General of the Army having intimated to me your Lordships desire that the Ships of his Majesty's Squadron which may arrive from the Cape of Good Hope, and from China or Ceylon during the Suppression of the late Mutiny should receive from the Company's Stores, I have the honor to acquaint you that by the latest intelligence from Manas which is dated the 26th of December last his Majesty's Ships La Sybille, Jason, and Trident had arrived there, and no appearance of the Honble Company's, or the Bombay Ships being then to leave Manas, nor having at that time dropped down from Whampoa as the Commander of the Clifton Castle who left Manas early in that Month assured me they were all to leave Manas by the 10th or 15th of it; at farthest, it appears to me highly probable that it is determined, possibly from the nature of the intimation of the latter, and for the general Security of the former, they should all leave

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& hine together under the Convoy of His
Majesty's Ships, of consequence the period
of their appearance this way is become
extremely uncertain, and may not so
happen till the close of the present
Season; I shall therefore shortly stretch
over to the Malabar Coast, to inform
myself of the state of things there,
as far up as Tellicherry if necessary,
previously calling at Anjengo and
Cochin for Intelligence, and nothing
requiring my presence on that Coast
with his Majesty's Squadron return
to this Station in my way to
Trincomalle as by that time the
N.E. Monsoon will lie nearly at
an end, at which place as also at
Columbo your Lordship will please
to address any communication necessary
for my information. I shall advise General
de Meuron of my intended Movements
for his Guidance.

As

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As his Majesty's Ships when they arrive from the Eastward may want provisions, shall be obliged to your Lordship to direct the Commissaries of Grain and provisions to supply them with such provisions as they may have immediate occasion for, from Point de Galle or Columbo, which the Contractor for the Navy shall replace, or settle for, as your Lordship may require.—

I have to request your Lordship will have the goodness to forward this Account of my intended Motions, for the information of the Supreme Government.—

I have the honor to be, &c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier

Suffolk at Sea
February 7th 1798
Off Matura

Minute thereon

Resolved that orders be issued to the Officer Commanding on Ceylon in Compliance with his Excellency's Request.—

Right

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Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Rear admiral Rainier - Recommending to the favorable consideration of Government an application from Captain Maitland for some allowance for the period that he officiated as a Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions at Banda. —

I take the liberty to enclose for your Lordship's consideration a letter I have received very lately from Lieutenant William Maitland Major of Brigade on the Eastern Service, and as he always discharged his duty in those points in which he Solliciits my interference with your Lordship, much and every way to my satisfaction while I held the Government of Amboyna, and Banda, I can do no less than to recommend his interests with the utmost earnestness to your Lordship's favour and attention. —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/ Signed / Peter Rainier

Suffolk off Matura
February 5th 1798

His

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His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Sir,

Amidst the important avocations with which you are now engaged. I fear my Solicitations to you may come at an unseasonable time, but encouraged with the hope that every fair pretension will meet with Consideration from you, and will Thereby remove much of the unpleasant circumstance usually attached to importunity, I beg leave to state the purport of this address is to Solicit your Recommendation to Government that I may receive a Remuneration for the Civil duties I performed at Banda as Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions for 9 Months to the Garrison and for 6 Months to the Dutch Establishment during the time you had the administration of Affairs at the Molluccas Islands. These duties have occasioned me much uneasiness owing to the

period

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period which must elapse before my
Accounts can pass the Office of audit
and which cannot I am given to under=
=stand take place until accompanied by
the Vouchers; For which my personal
attendance will be required, unless
Government should please to direct
my Accounts to be examined by any
of their Civil Servants now to the
Eastward.—

Thus situated I solicit your recom=
=mendation to Government that they
will be pleased to allow such a per=
=centage to my Accounts as for a Salary
adequate to the trouble and Responsibi=
=lity I bear and which I do not expect to
receive until my Accounts may have met
with approbation and are passed to the
end that should any accident happen
to me, my relations may be enabled to
Receive whatever Government may please
to Consider a Sufficient Recompence for my
employ.—

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1360 Fort George 29 February 1798.

I consider it as a great misfortune that I had not the honor of seeing you before you left the Eastward, it would have relieved me from some uneasiness, for I had flattered myself with obtaining your approval to my endeavours

As an excuse for my present importunity, which it was my intentions to have left to your leisure and convenience as may have best suited any consideration you might have thought me entitled to without troubling you further on the subject, I have to offer an injunction of Government which I have been given to understand enjoins every claimant for the performance of civil duties to state their pretensions within three months after their employ may have ceased and which has been totally out of my power. The earliest application which your Excellency therefore may be pleased to make on my behalf will be of infinite importance to me and excite my most

grateful

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grateful acknowledgments, and at the same time beg
leave to tender for the honor them on
already received from your hands.—

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Wm Kirkland
acting Major of Brigade
Eastern Service

Fort Victoria
Amboyna 11th October 97.

Minute thereon

Resolved in compliance with his Excellency's recommendation of his Excellency that orders be issued for the payment of Captains &c additional pay to Brigade Major Kirkland during the time he acted as Paymaster and Commissary to the Troops at Banda.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor Genl.—

&c

1362 Fort St. George 24 February 1798

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President and Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir,

Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General reporting fully on the Increase of Pay to be granted to the different ranks in the European Cavalry and Infantry Corps on this Establishment in consequence of the advanced rates established by the King's warrant of the 6th July 1797 — proposes an Increase in the pay of the Drummer and Matross of artillery, to put them on a footing with the same ranks on the Infantry on the new Sysytem — desires to know whether any alteration is meant to be made in the Pay of the European Invalid Establishment and what retrospect is to be had in the increased Pay to the Company's European Troops. —

I.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 27th Instant, enclosing a Minute of Council under date the 16th Ultimo respecting the increase of pay which His Majesty appears by the public prints to have been graciously pleased to make to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Infantry in his Army, and Signifying the intention of Government to place the European Infantry serving under this Presidency on the same footing as from the first of March succeeding with the further intimation that as the period from which such increase of pay is to Commence is fast approaching, as Government are desirous of being furnished with a Statement of the whole increase to the Troops upon this Establishment. —

In

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2 In consequence of the above
directions I have the honor to state that
by a Warrant from his Majesty under
date 1st September 1795 for establishing and
Consolidating certain allowances which
has been made to his Troops serving
in Great Britain under the head of
Bread Money, allowances old and new for
necessaries, the allowance in lieu thereof
to each Serjeant, Corporal, Trumpeter and
Private of Cavalry, was 3¾ ₰ diem, to each
Serjeant, Corporal, and Drummer, of Infantry
2s and to each private of Infantry 2/0 ½d
Diem - and it was further established
by the said Warrant "that non Commissioned
"Officers and privates of Cavalry and non
"Commissioned Officers of Infantry in foreign
"Stations being supplied with provisions or
"having other local advantages shall not
"recieve the allowance" but "that privates
of Infantry on foreign Stations who have
"been used to recieve half yearly the old
"allowance for necessaries formerly called Poundage
shall

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shall receive in lieu thereof one half=
penny p Diem - It appearing therefore that
non Commissioned Officers and privates of
Infantry of his Majesty's Army serving in
India already received with the allowance
fixed by the Company to make them a
subsistence equal to the pay of their own
Troops more than the above Regulation
grants to the same Ranks in England,
it was consequently not considered as
applicable to this Country further than
as it respected the half penny p Day
in lieu of Poundage, which being especially
granted to privates of Infantry in foreign
Stations has regularly been passed and
admitted with the abstracts for Subsis=
=tence - The comparative Statement inclosed
in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter exhibits
the aggregate amount of the Pay which
His Majesty's Infantry in India have
hitherto received, including the difference
paid by the Company to put them on a
footing with their own Troops contrasted

with

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with the increase of pay lately made in
Europe and which I believe has been re-
stated from a paper inserted in the public
prints signed by the Adjutant General
of the Kings army Lieutenant General Sir
William Fawcett which recapitulates the
former allowances to the privates of the
Infantry as 8¼ ₱ diem and states the net
increase in future to be two pence ₱diem
making 10⅓ to each private, - and it is
likewise signified in the same paper
that "His Majesty is further pleased to
"order that the like net addition of two
"pence ₱ diem shall be made to all
"his Soldiers serving out of Great Britain."

3 Having formed a Statement on the
above principle of the difference of pay to
the European Infantry with the total
amount of increase to the whole, Kings
and Company's, including the Drummers
and Matrosses of artillery whose pay is at
present less than the Infantry will receive
under the new Regulation, I have been
prevented

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prevented from Submitting it to your
Honble Board having received on the 23d
Instant from the acting Deputy Paymaster
General of his Majesty's Troops a copy / for-
warded to him by the Paymaster of the 7th
Regiment / of his Majesty's Warrant under date
the 5th day of July 1797 establishing in lieu
of all former allowances a fixed rate of pay
daily to the non Commissioned Officers and
privates of dragoons and Infantry in his
Army, and expressly extending the same
rate to his Troops serving abroad. By
this Warrant / copy of which I have the
honor to enclose / the pay of the va-
different Ranks stands as follows.—

Dragoons		Infantry	
a Serjeant p day	2. 2	a Serjeant p day	1. 6 1/4
a Corporal	1. 7 1/2	a Corporal	1. 2 1/4
a Trumpeter	1. 7	a Drummer or Fifer	1. 1 3/4
a Private Dragoon	1. 3	a Private	1.

4 In order to explain the
principle upon which the Pay of the
Several Ranks in the Dragoons and
Infantry

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Infantry has progressively increased, to the
rate lately established, I have the Honor to
enclose a Statement A which particularly
details the periods of such increase and
shews that the enclosed Copy of the order
from the Adjutant General's Office signed by
Lieutenant General Sir William Faucett
which appeared in the public prints,
corresponds exactly with his Majesty's
warrant under date the 5th July 1797. the
net increase of two pence ₰ diem to the
Sd which the private Soldier before
received with the further addition of one
penny three farthings ₰ day paid by the
public for the extra price of Bread and
Meat, making the pay of each private of
Infantry whether in Europe or abroad
Amount to one Shilling ₰ day. the allow=
=ance hitherto granted to the non=
Commissioned Officers and private Dragoons
in India under the denomination of
Grass Money being included in the
Consolidated

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consolidated allowance before mentioned
is not therefore to be drawn in future:-
the same observation applies equally to
the half penny p.day paid to the private
of Infantry on foreign Stations in lieu
of what was formerly called Poundage,
which is consequently to be discontinued
5th

Enclosed you will also receive Tables
1 and 2 of the pay to each Rank according
to the new rates together with a Statement
B of the total annual increase to the
whole King's and Company's, including the
Drummers and Matrosses of Artillery as
before mentioned, and the Lascars &c
attached to Regiments of Native Cavalry,
amounting to Pagodas 1,29,263: 4: 3¾ ...

6th It now remains to be considered
whether the Sum of one penny three
farthings p.r day shall be included in
the pay of the non Commissioned Officers
and Soldiers in the field, or in Situations
when provided with provisions at the
public

public expense, upon the following words
in his Majesty's Warrant – "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 finds
"their provisions at their own expense,
"in like manner as at home, they shall
"receive their pay according to the rates
"above specified, without deduction, but
"in stations where they do not themselves
"defray the charge of the provisions, such
"deductions shall be made therefrom, as
"to leave the exact net addition of three
"pence, two penny half penny, 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 on account of
provisions

"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.—

7 Supposing the above Regulations to apply to the European troops in India, when on the allowance of full Batta, or receiving a quantity of provisions fully sufficient for the Soldiers daily Subsistance, the pay of the different Ranks under such allowance, with the net addition before stated will be as follows.—

Dragoons	Serjeant	2.	1/4
	Corporal	1.	5 3/4
	Trumpeter	1.	5/4
	Private Dragoon	1.	1/4
Infantry	Serjeant	1.	5
	Corporal	1.	1/2
	Drummer	1.	—
	Private		10/4

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8 The reasonableness of this occasional deduction seems to be established from the following considerations.—

Firstly That the net addition before mentioned is the only real increase made to the pay of the non Commissioned Officers and privates in Great Britain, the further sum of £3/4 being expressly granted to them as an equivalent for a charge formerly defrayed by Government on their account for the extra price of Bread and Meat, which clearly explains the regulation in his Majesty's Warrant above cited, by which it is provided that whenever Govern= =ment shall defray the charge of their provisions, the sum of £3/4 shall be deducted towards indemnifying the public for that expence, leaving the net addition before mentioned as the only increase.—

Secondly That altho' the regulation in his Majesty's Warrant which expresses that "his Land forces when employed as Marines on board his Ships of War shall not be liable

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"liable to any deduction from their pay
"for provisions Supplied to them at
"the public charge" yet it is found that
when onboard Transports or on foreign
Service the Soldier is Subject to a deduc-
tion from his pay on account of the
rations Supplied to him in such situations,
as will be particularly seen in Page
136 &c. of the Treatise on Military Finance
published in 1795.—

9 Thereby presumed that the Soldier
when on board a Transport, employed in
the field, or on full Batta in India,
receiving a clear pay of 10/4 ₹ day, must
be in possession of the real addition
made to him by the King's Warrant
and, inasmuch as his full Batta is
equal to his complete subsistence, he
must be more advantageously situated
than he would be at any other foreign
Station in time of Service under the

British

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British Dominions, and that during Peace
when not on full Batta, but receiving
a Shilling ₱ day and Supplying himself
with provisions, he meets under a
Comparative view of the prices of the
necessaries of life in this Country live
more Comfortable in all respects than
he could be at home.—

10 The enclosed Table No 3 will shew
the net pay that each non Commissioned
and private will receive under the
Regulation before mentioned.—

11. The increased pay to the
Invalids in his Majesty's Service is
likewise stated in the enclosed order
from the Adjutant General's Office in
England, but it is to be considered whether
the Invalids in the Company's Service
are to be put on the same footing or on
a fixed pay more than they at present
receive, but less in proportion to the
difference between the pay of the
Kings

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Kings Troops Effective and Invalids in England,
for as the Invalids in this Country are not
subject to the same expence, as the effective
Troops, it appears only necessary to make an
addition, to their present pay as
will make them perfectly comfortable, and
it may be further urged on public grounds,
that by placing the Invalids on nearly
the same footing as the effectives, a
temptation is thereby given to the latter
to endeavour to get admitted on the
Invalid list, which will be prevented
by their being on an inferior establish-
ment in point of allowances.

12 I have therefore not included them
for the present in the enclosed general
Statement of increased expence, and shall
wait the further instructions of your
Honble Board on the subject, in the mean
time I have inclosed a Separate Statement (C)
of the increase to the pay of the Invalids
Calculated at the same rates as allowed
by his Majesty to the Invalids in his

Service,

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Service, together with a Statement of the pay which the Invalids on the Coast at present receive, and that which I conceive would be an adequate addition under every Circumstance.

13 It may perhaps be advisable to notify in General orders with the publication of the new rates of pay to the European Troops that although no increase appears by the latest advices from Europe to have been made to the pay of his Majesty's Artillery, yet that should Accounts be hereafter received of any Regulation having been passed to such effect, every proper Consideration will be given thereto by Government.

Lastly 14 With respect to the arrears which may be due to the non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of his Majesty's Troops upon the increased rates of Pay from the 25th May 1797 the period expressed in the Warrant.

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Warrant, to the 1st of the ensuing month, your Honorable Board on determining this point will no doubt take into consideration whether the same Retrospection shall extend to the Company's Troops.

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) Wm Lyden[illegible]
Mily Aud: Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
27th February 1798.

Extract from the Madras Gazette of the 9th December 1797.

For the Infantry

Adjutant General's Office

Whereas, over and above the provision made for Cloathing, Chelsea Hospital, for Lodgings and for Medical Assistance; and likewise over and above the allowance of Fuel and other articles provided in Barracks and Quarters; and of Bread provided at a reduced rate in Camp, the private Soldiers of Infantry of the line, serving at home,

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Home, hereto fore received the pay of six pence
pr day, which together with the sum of two
pence farthing pr day granted to him by
his Majesty's Warrant, for establishing
and consolidating certain other allowances
lately given him, amounts to the sum of
eight pence farthing, His Majesty having
been graciously pleased to take the
same into consideration is pleased to
direct, that under the following Regula-
tions, there shall from the 25th of this
present Month of May, be paid to
each private Soldier of Infantry in
addition to the said Sum of eight pence
farthing, the further sum of three pence
three farthings making in the whole,
the Sum of one Shilling daily: out of this
advance of Pay, the Soldier is to pay the
extra price of Bread and Meat, now
paid by the public, which at present
amounts, upon an average, to the daily

Sum

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Sum of one penny three farthings; so that the net increase in future to each Soldier will be two pence Farthing.

With respect to the disbursement of this Shilling per day his Majesty has been pleased to order, that a Sum not exceeding four Shillings per week, shall be applied towards the expence of the Soldiers Mess including Vegetables &c. &c. unless he himself shall chuse to appropriate a further part of his pay to that purpose.

That a Sum not exceeding one Shilling & six pence a Week shall be attained for necessaries, to be accounted for as usual, Monthly.

That the remainder of his pay, amounting to one Shilling and six pence per week, shall be paid to the Soldier, subject to the accustomed deduction for Washing and articles for cleaning his Cloaths and appointments.

And

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And his Majesty, out of his Royal Bounty, is further pleased to order and direct for the benefit of the Soldier—

That in Camp, he shall receive the Sum of five pence farthing p.r Week, being the difference between the allowance and Value of Bread and Beer in quarters or Barracks, and the ordinary (increased) Supply of Bread in Camp.—

That if Meat of the quality proper to be provided for him, should exceed the price of Six pence p.r Pound, or Bread of the Household quality, the price of one penny half penny p.r Pound such extra price shall be allowed by the public, upon a quantity not exceeding three quarters of a Pound of Meat and one Pound of Bread p.r day for each man.—

That when any Soldier shall with the approbation of his Commanding

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That when any Soldier shall with the approbation of his Commanding

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Commanding Officer, provide himself with a
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And that the Serjeants, Drum-
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on the same footing respectively, as those
of the line.—

His Majesty is further pleased
to order, that the like net addition of
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all his Soldiers Serving out of great &
Britain.—

Field Marshal the Duke of
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gracious intention towards the whole &
of his army

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liberality of Parliament; and of his &
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British Soldiers, and that a continuance in Steady discipline and honorable conduct, will merit those Gracious favors that have been repeatedly shewn to them.

By Order / Signed / W. Fawcett
Adjutant General

A true Extract
/ Signed / Wm. Lydenham
Mily Audr Genl

George Rex,

Whereas we, having taken into our consideration the various pecuniary allowances, as well permanent as incidental or temporal, which have been granted to our Troops, at Home, have thought fit to substitute in lieu of the said allowances, an

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one fixed at a daily rate, and to encrease the same by a nett addition of three pence ₰ Diem, to each Serjeant, two pence half penny ₰ Diem to each Corporal, and two pence ₰ 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 additions to the Pay of our forces serving out of Great Britain; our Will and pleasure, therefore is as 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

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Table

Shewing the principle upon which the pay of the several Ranks of Non Commissioned Officers and Privates in His Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons and Infantry has progressively encreased to the rates established by the Kings Warrant bearing date the 7th July 1797.

		Old pay per day	Consolidated allowance by the Kings Warrant 1st September 1795	Net addition granted by the Kings Warrant 7th July 1797	addition of 1½d in lieu of the extra Price for bread and meat paid by Government	Total Pay as now issued at Home
		s d	d	d	d	£ s d per ann.
Dragoons	Serjeant	1. 6	3½	3	1½	" 2 2
	Corporal	1 "	3½	2½	1½	" 1 7½
	Trumpeter	1 "	3½	2	1½	" 1 7
	6 Dragoons	8	3½	2	1½	" 1 7
Infantry	Serjeant	1	2	3	1½	" 1 6½
	Corporal	" 8	2	2½	1½	" 1 2½
	Drummer	" 8	2	2	1½	" 1 1½
	Private	" 6	2¼	2	1½	" 1 1½

(Signed) Wm Sydenham

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Table

Table N.º 7 of Pay

to the Non commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons and Infantry serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George agreeably to the Establishment granted by the King's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797.

		1 Day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Dragoons	Serjeant	" 2 2	" 11 3	3 . 8	3 2 10	3 5 . 3 7 0
	Corporal	" 1 7½	" 9 4½	2 5 6	2 7 1½	2 8 9 2 10 4½
	Trumpeter	" 1 7	" 9 2 5	2 4 4	2 5 11	2 7 6 2 9 1
	Private	" 1 3	" 6 15	1 15 .	1 16 3	1 17 6 1 18 9
Infantry	Serjeant	" 1 6½	" 8 16½	2 3 9	2 5 3¾	2 6 10½ 2 8 5½
	Corporal	" 1 2¼	" 6 18¾	1 13 3	1 14 5½	1 15 7½ 1 16 9¾
	Drummer	" 1 1¾	" 6 14	1 12 1	1 13 2¾	1 14 4½ 1 15 6¼
	Private	" 1 "	" 5 10	1 8 "	1 9 "	1 10 " 1 11 "

Table

Table No. 2 Pay

to the Effective European Non commissioned officers and Privates of the Honble Company's Army under the Presidency of Fort St. George to place them on a footing with his Majesty's Troops equeably to the new rates granted by the Kings warrant under date the 5th July 1797.

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		1 Day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days	1 Month
		₰ ʃ ₰	₰ ʃ ₰	₰ ʃ ₰	₰ ʃ ₰	₰ ʃ ₰	ʃ ʃ ₰
Artillery	Serjeant	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	6 " "
	Corporal	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	5 " "
	Gunner	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	4 " "
	Drummer & Fifer	" 6 ¼	4 " 35	4 6 36½	4 12 37½	4 18 38¾	
	Matross	" 5 20	3 21 "	3 26 20	3 31 40	3 36 60	
European Infantry	Serjeant	" 8 16½	5 19 55	5 27 71¼	5 36 87½	6 2 23¾	
	Corporal	" 6 18¾	4 6 45	4 12 63¾	4 19 82½	4 25 21¼	
	Drummer or Fifer	" 6 1¼	4 " 35	4 6 36½	4 12 37½	4 18 38¾	
	Private	" 5 20	3 21 "	3 26 20	3 31 40	3 36 60	
Native Infantry	Serjeant	" 8 16½	5 19 55	5 27 71¼	5 36 87½	6 2 23¾	
Native Cavalry	Serjeant	" 11 30	7 26 40	7 35 70	8 5 20	8 16 50	

(Signed) J. M. Sydenham
Military Board
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B

A Statement of the additional expense that will be incurred under the Presidency of Fort St. George in consequence of the encreased rates of Pay granted by his Majesty's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797.

		Amount encreased one of each Rank Pr. Annum	Total encreased each Rank Pr. Annum	Total
		₰ ₹ ₲	₰ ₹ ₲	₰ ₹ ₲
		0 7 6	0 7 6	7 6
	Dragoons			
68	Serjeants	14 35 70	713 " "	
48	Corporals	14 5 72½	678 31 40	
12	Trumpeters	12 10 5	146 36 60	
728	Privates	11 1 35	8,032 38 40	
	Infantry			
326	Serjeants	11 12 11½	3,630 9 67½	
358	Corporals	14 7 43¾	4962 37 32½	
162	Drummers	12 11 56½	1989 5 72½	
5,041	Privates	13 30 32½	64,182 19 72½	89,386 11 65
	The Honble Company's Troops			
	Artillery			
40	Drummers	12 11 56¼	491 6 10	
700	Matrosses	9 26 20	6,737 21 "	
	Cavalry			
18	Serjeants	14 35 70	263 15 60	
	Infantry			
228	Serjeants	11 12 11¼	2,573 38 5	
109	Corporals	14 7 43¾	1,545 24 68¾	
76	Drummers	12 11 56¼	933 7 35	
3,749	Privates	15 26 20	27,328 5 20	39,876 34 18¾
	Total Encrease Pr. Annum		Pagodas	129,263 4 3¾

/Signed/ Wm. Lydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Table

Table of the Net pay to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates in his Majesty's and the Honble Company's Service on the Coast of Coromandel when they shall be on board Transports on full Batta or receiving an allowance of Provisions at the expence of Government. No 3

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		Old pay per Day	Consolidated allowance granted by the Kings warrant 1st September 1795	Net addition granted by the Kings warrant 1st July 1797	Pay p. Day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days
		£ s	d	d £ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Dragoons	Serjeant	1 6	3¼	3 " 2½	2 16 7	2 18 7½	3 0 7½	3 2 7½	
	Corporal	1 "	3¼	2½ " 1 5½	2 1 5	2 2 10½	2 4 6½	2 5 6½	
	Trumpeter	1 "	3¼	2 " 1 5½	2 " 3	2 1 8½	2 3 1½	2 4 6½	
	Dragoon	" 8	3¼	2 " 1 1½	1 10 11	1 12 ½	1 13 1½	1 14 2½	
Infantry	Serjeant	1 "	2	3 " 1 5	1 19 3	2 1 1	2 2 6	2 3 11	
	Corporal	" 8	2	2½ " 1 ½	1 9 2	1 10 2½	1 11 3	1 12 3½	
	Drummer	" 8	2	2 " 1 "	1 8 "	1 9 "	1 10 "	1 11 "	
	Private	" 6	2¼	2 " " 10½	1 3 11	1 4 9½	1 5 7½	1 6 5¾	
Artillery	Drummer	" "	"	" " 1 "	1 8 "	1 9 "	1 10 "	1 11 "	
	Matross	" "	"	" " " 10½	1 3 11	1 4 9½	1 5 7½	1 6 5¾	

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(Signed) Wm Lydenham
Mady and Jt Govrs

Statement

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Statement of the increase of pay to the Invalids in the Honble Company's Service calculated at the rates allowed by his Majesty's Service, shewing also the pay which the Invalids on the Coast at present receive and that which it is proposed to grant them in future.

		Pay granted by his Majesty Pr Day	Pr Month of 30 Days	Pay Pr month at present allowed by the Company	Proposed Pay Pr. month
Artillery	Serjeant			6 " "	6 " "
	Corporal			5 " "	5 " "
	Gunner			4 " "	4 " "
	Drummer			3 4 "	3 24 "
	Matross			3 " "	3 " "
Infantry	Serjeant	1 6/10	2 5 7½	5 29 62½	5 " "	5 24 "
	Corporal	1 1¾	1 14 6½	4 12 37½	3 14 "	3 31 60
	Drummer	1 1/4	1 13 1½	4 5 77½	3 14 "	3 24 "
	Private	" 11¼	1 8 1½	3 21 52½	2 24 "	3 " "

		Differences between the Kings new pay and the Company's present pay Pr Month	Differences between the Kings new Pay and the Company's proposed Pay Pr Month
Artillery	Drummer	1 " 6 "	1 " 6 "
Infantry	Serjeant	29 62½ 1066.10.40	" 8 62½ 302 10 40
	Corporal	40 37½ 300.26.20	" 22 77½ 170 26 20
	Drummer	33 72½ 222.36.10	" 26 72½ 176.36.10
	Private	1 " 57½ 706.16.40	" 21 57½ 866 10 40
		Total 3231 29 30	Total 1515 29 30

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(Signed) Wm Aydenham
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The President proposes that the following General order be immediately published, and that the following draft of a letter be sent to Bengal.—

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G. O: By Government.—

The Honorable the Governor in Council having received what appears to be an authentic, though not an Official Copy of his Majesty's Warrant under date 5th July 1797 for an increase of Pay to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of his army, has been pleased to resolve, that the following Rates agreeably thereto, are to be drawn for, and issued to, the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates

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The President proposes that the draft of a G. O. to be published and letter to be written to Bengal on the following Subject.—

General order establishing the increased Rates of Pay to the European Cavalry and Infantry Corps on this Establishment and to the Dismounted and Matrosses of Artillery; providing especially, that, as the documents on which the rates are formed have not been officially Communicated to Government, they are liable to such Correction as may appear necessary, on receipt of an authenticated Copy of his Majesty's Warrant—abstracts of Arrears due to the King's Regiments from 25th May 1797 to be sent to Government this the proper Office—

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of his Majesty's Dragoons, and to the Kings and Company's Infantry serving under this Presidency from the 1st day of March next, and as this addition will encrease the pay of the Drummer and Private of Infantry beyond the pay which the Drummer and Matross of Artillery at present receive an encrease is made to the latter, to make their pay equal to that of the former, according to the following Tables.—

Table

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Table of Pay

to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of his Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons and Infantry serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George agreeably to the Establishment granted by the King's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797.

			1 Days	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days
			£ D	£ D	£ D	£ D	£ D
Dragoons	Serjeant	22		3 - 8	3 7 10	3 5 -	3 7 2
	Corporal	17½		2 5 6	2 7 1½	2 8 9	2 10 4½
	Trumpeter	17		2 4 6	2 5 11	2 7 6	2 9 1
	Private	13		1 15 -	1 16 3	1 17 6	1 18 9
Infantry	Serjeant	16¾		2 3 9	2 5 3¾	2 6 10½	2 8 5¼
	Corporal	13¾		1 13 3	1 14 5¼	1 15 7½	1 16 9¾
	Drummer	13¾		1 12 1	1 13 2¾	1 14 4½	1 15 6¼
	Private	10		18 -	19 -	19 -	1 1 -

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Table

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to the Effective European Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Honble Company's Army under the Presidency of Fort St. George, to place them on a footing with his Majesty's Troops equitably to the Rates granted by the Kings Warrant under date the 5th July 1797.—

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		1 Day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days	12th month
		₰ ℥ ℈	₰ ℥ ℈	₰ ℥ ℈	₰ ℥ ℈	₰ ℥ ℈	₰ ℥ ℈
Artillery	Serjeant	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	6 " "
	Corporal	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	5 " "
	Gunner	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	" " "	4 " "
	Drummer or Fifer	" 6 1/4	4 " 35	4 6 36 1/4	4 12 37 1/2	4 18 38 3/4	
	Matross	" 5 20	3 21 "	3 26 20	3 31 40	3 36 60	
European Infantry	Serjeant	" 8 16 1/4	5 19 55	5 27 77 1/4	5 36 7 1/2	6 2 23 3/4	
	Corporal	" 6 18 3/4	4 6 45	4 12 62 1/4	4 19 2 1/2	4 25 21 1/4	
	Drummer or Fifer	" 6 1/4	4 " 35	4 6 36 1/4	4 12 37 1/2	4 18 38 3/4	
	Private	" 5 20	3 21 "	3 26 20	3 31 40	3 36 60	
Native Infantry Serjeant		" 8 16 1/4	5 19 55	5 27 77 1/4	5 36 7 1/2	6 2 23 3/4	
Native Cavalry Serjeant		" 11 30	7 24 40	7 35 70	8 5 20	8 16 50	

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The above rates of pay being considerably beyond the aggregate amount of what his Majesty's Dragoons and Infantry have hitherto recieved, including the difference paid by the Company, to enable their pay equal to that of their own troops, the whole allowances to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates are therefore consolidated, under the head of Subsistence, as expressed in the above Tables.

The allowance hitherto granted to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of Dragoons in India, under the denomination of Grass money, being included in the consolidated allowance, before mentioned, is not therefore to be drawn in future.

The same Regulation applies equally to the half penny per day hitherto paid to the privates of Infantry in foreign Stations, in lieu of what was formerly called Poundage, which is consequently to be discontinued

In conformity to his Majesty's Warrant which directs "and with respect to "the application of the said daily pay, and "said allowance, our Will and pleasure is that

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"that in situations where the Troops find
"their provisions at their own expence, in
"the 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 net addition of three pence
"two pence half penny, and two pence to the
"pay of their respective Ranks, over and above
"what they received at the former rates of pay
"and allowance, and We do hereby declare it to be
"our intention, that whenever our Soldiers,
from whom the aforesaid deductions are
ordered to be made, on account of provisions,
shall be removed to other Stations, where
they are to supply themselves with
Provisions, they shall immediately there-
upon, be entitled to receive their full
Pay, without deduction, according to the
Establishment;" The non commissioned
Officers and Soldiers on this Establishment,

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as well Kings as Company's, when on Full Batta, on board Transports or receiving a quantity of Provisions, equal to their daily subsistence, at the expence of Government, shall be paid agreeably to the following rates, which include the net addition of three pence, two & pence half penny, and two pence p. day aforementioned, leaving the additional sum of 1:3/4 p. day to be received by the Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, only, when they shall find their provisions at their own Expence, as the Warrant expressly directs.

Table

Table of the Net Pay to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates in His Majesty's and the Honble Company's service on the Coast of Coromandel, when they shall be on board a Transport, on full Batta, or receiving an allowance of Provisions at the Expence of Government.

		old pay P day	Consolidated allowance granted by the Kings warrant 5th September 1796	Net Pay, ten grants & Ditto Kings warrant 5th August 1797	Pay per day	28 Days	29 Days	30 Days	31 Days
		s d	d	d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Dragoons	Serjeant	1 6	3¼	3	2½	2 16 7	2 18 7¼	3 0 7½	3 2 7¾
	Corporal	1 "	5/4	2½	1 5¼	2 1 5	2 2 16¾	2 4 5½	2 5 16¼
	Trumpeter	1 "	3¼	2	1 5¼	2 0 3	2 1 8¼	2 3 1½	2 4 6¾
	Dragoon	" 8	3¼	2	1¼	1 16 11	1 18 1¼	1 19 1½	1 20 2¾
Infantry	Serjeant	1 "	2	3	1 5	1 19 8	2 1 1	2 2 6	2 3 11
	Corporal	" 8	2	2½	1½	1 9 2	1 10 2½	1 11 3	1 12 3½
	Drummer	" 8	2	2	1 4	1 8 "	1 9 "	1 10 "	1 11 "
	Private	" 6	2¼	2	1 0½	1 3 11	1 4 9¼	1 5 7½	1 6 5¾
Artillery	Drummer	" "	"	"	1 "	1 8 "	1 9 "	1 10 "	1 11 "
	Matross	" "	"	"	1 0½	1 3 11	1 4 9¼	1 5 7½	1 6 5¾

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The European Troops on the Island of Ceylon and to the Eastward, as being Supplied with provisions at the public charge, the aforesaid deduction of 3/4 or 6 1/4 Each pday, is accordingly to be made from the abstracts of their full pay, while so situated.

The Paymasters of his Majesty's Regiments are to transmit to the Deputy Paymaster General of the King's Troops at the Presidency an Account of the arrears which may be due, under the foregoing Regulations, to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of those Regiments, respectively, from the 25th day of May 1797- the period expressed in his Majesty's Warrant for the Commencement of the new rates- in order that these Statements may be Submitted to the Governor in Council.—

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as the foregoing regulations and Statements have been issued upon a Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, not as official, any inaccuracies or differences which may have been introduced will be corrected and adjusted upon the Receipts of the Warrant itself.

By Order &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe Lieut Colonel

To Peter Speke Esqr

Vice President in Council

Fort William

To Bengal with Copies of the foregoing Papers Relative to the increase of pay to the European Troops on this Establishment and requesting to be furnished with a Supply of money as early as possible

Sir,

In our Letter of the 24th Instant we had the honor to inform you of the measures which had been taken to carry into effect the resolutions which we had passed on the 16th January upon so important a Subject we could have wished

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wished to receive your Sentiments before we proceeded to act; but as the period is elapsed we have not deemed it advisable to postpone the publication of this measure in the hope of its receiving your answer, we therefore beg leave to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from our Military Auditor. General with Copy of a General order published this day to announce the increase of pay to the European troops under this Presidency

This heavy addition to our Military disbursement so obviously presses our attention to the state of our finances, that we cannot avoid reminding you of an application on this subject, and we beg leave to solicit the relief which you have given us to expect at as early a period as possible.—

We have the honor to be.
Hon.ble Sirs
Your most obed.t Servants
(Signed) George Harris
Wm Council
Approved

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28.th February 1798.

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approved and ordered accordingly

Read the following letters from the Military Board:

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
acting President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From the Military Board - the ammunition at the Mount returned into Store in the arsenal - Bills for works executed under the Superintendance of Lieutenant Colonel Gent recommended for payment - Barrels and Boxes of an improved Construction for the Carriage of musket shotted Ammunition proposed to be substituted instead of those hitherto in use - Bills for Commission due to Captain Lieutenant Mod on works executed under his Superintendence recommended for payment - Bill presented by Major Beton for Fire Wood supplied to a Detachment of the 12th Regiment and abstract and report on Contingent Bills for December submitted. -

1st Having in conformity to the directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 19th Instant, given the necessary instructions to Major General Gils for the immediate removal to the Fort of the whole of the Ammunition in the Cantonment at St. Thomas's Mount, We have the honor to report that the whole of the fixed Ammunition has been broken up, and the round and Grape Shot, with the small Stores, have been sent into the Arsenal.

Colonel

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2d

Colonel Gent having laid before us two Bills for Repairs executed under his superintendence to twenty three (23) Sentry Boxes in the Fort and at the Honble Company's Garden, as well as to the Rampart of the East face, of Fort St. George - that for the former amounting to Pagodas 67. 15. 70 2/4 2 that for the latter, to Pagodas 3,094. 26. 5. both of which bills being accompanied by the prescribed Certificates, we recommend that the payment thereof may be authorized

3d

In consequence of the damaged state in which a great part of the Musket shotted ammunition embarked for the late projected Expedition was returned into Store, evidently from the defective construction of the Barrels, having only Rattan Hoops, which the slightest removal, or motion in travelling, has been constantly found to derange, thereby subjecting the Ammunition to injury, and the Service to

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serious inconvenience, We judged it expedient
to direct the Commissary of Stores at the
arsenal to prepare, and submit to our
inspection, patterns of Boxes, and Barrels, of
a construction best calculated to
prevent a similar circumstance from
happening in future, which, having been
accordingly done, We have decided in favor
of a Barrel secured with Copper Hoops,
with Nails rivetted on the inside, which
we are of opinion is well ~~suited~~ in all
respects to the purpose intended, and
by being made to weigh when filled
with five hundred (500) shotted
Cartridges exactly 60 lbs, restricts the
load of a Bullock with two Barrels
of this kind to 120 lbs, which has been
found by long experience to be, as
much as the generality of Bullocks
on the Coast can possibly carry; and
being further confirmed in that
opinion by observing that the

Ammunition

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ammunition packed in Bengal Barrels, with copper Hoops, has been all redelivered in a perfectly serviceable condition, We beg leave to state to Government the great advantage that will result to the service from so Barrels being made in future of the construction now proposed, and to recommend it that the same may be accordingly authorized.

4.th

A pattern of a Box, submitted to our inspection at the same time with the Barrel, appearing to us to be particularly well adapted to the conveyance of Spotted musket Cartridges on Carts, and each Box being of the same weight, and containing the like number of Cartridges, as the Barrel, we beg leave to recommend to Government that, in cases when it may be found necessary to carry ammunition in this manner, Boxes of

that

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that construction, may be adopted, especially as they may also be carried occasionally on Bullocks.—

5th We do ourselves the Honor to enclose also a Bill from Captain Lieutenant Wood, amounting to Pagodas 238.. 23.. 39, being the Amount of per Centage due to him as Superintending Engineer upon the proportion of Work, (Viz: two thirds,) performed to one fields officers, and eight double, Quarters, at Arnee since the publication of the order of 6th October 1796, and to the Granaries & Godowns of the Cavalry Corps at Arcot; which bill, we recommend may be passed for payment.—

6th Having received a letter from Major Picton of his Majesty's 12th Regiment, (Copy whereof is enclosed) with a Bill, amounting to £ 9.. 7.. 3, for Tents bought by him of the Commander of the Cora Indiaman for the use of a Detachment of that Corps, during the passage

to

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to Prince of Wales's Island, We beg leave to submit whether, under the circumstances stated by that Officer, he may be reimbursed the Amount.

7th

The Military Auditor General having, in Conformity to the Regulations, laid before us a Register of Bills from the Paymaster of Extraordinaries for the Month of December last, We accordingly do ourselves the honor to forward the same, with our opinion on the charge contained therein

Fort St George
28th January 1798

We have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
/Signed/ George Harris
" Thos. Geils
" Wm Sydenham

The

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The Honble Company ——— Dr.

To my allowance, authorized by the
Government General orders of
the 6th October 1796, and Subsequently
by those of the 11th July 97. of 2½
P.t Cent, as Superintending Engineer
of Contract Works, carrying on at
Arnee, upon two thirds (⅔) of the
amount of one field officers, and
Eight Double Quarters, certified
the 10th of May last being Pags.
12738.9.63 at 2½ per Cent. —..... 212.12.61

To my allowance authorized at
above, upon amount of Repairs
made by me to the Gram
Godowns at Arcot being Pagodas
525:26:25: at 5 p.t Cent ——..... 26.10.38

Total Pagodas 238.23:39

Arnee 10th May 1797.

(Signed) S. Wood
Capt. of Engrs.

To

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To Fred: Pierce Esqr.
Secretary Military Board

Sir,

I shall be obliged if you will lay the enclosed Bill before the Military Board, the Amount being paid, by one for Fruit for the use of 12th Regiment, on its Road the Cures, there not being any to Shipped on board, as will appear from the Certificate on the Back of the Bill, and it not being possible for the Troops to use their allowance of Flour if without the fruit, was the reason of my procuring it for their use.

I am &c.
/Signed/ John Picton
Major 12th Regt Commg Dett.

Madras
25th January 1798

A true Copy
/Signed/ Fred: Pierce
Secy mil Bd.

Major Picton of H.M. 12th Regiment ... Dr.

1797
Sept. 9th To 2 Bots Smyrna Figs for the use of the 12th Regt N.I. 1:2:16 @ 114/ £9.7.3.-

Recieved the above
/Signed/ Geo: Stevens
Commy Ares

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I hereby certify that none of the
Articles charged for on the other side were
supplied by me or put on board the Cores
to my Knowledge at Madras.

/ Signed / J. Brodie
Garrison Storekr.

The Board acquiesce in the re-
commendation of the Military in
Minute on the ongoing letter Board for providing in future Barrels
with Copper Hoops and Boxes in
occasionally according to the con-
=struction they approve for the
conveyance of Musket Shot and
Ammunition: Resolved therefore
to order that as many may be
made up as are immediately
necessary in

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lords,

From the Military Board explain why the Indent from Bengal for artillery Fuzils cannot be complied with - Bills for work executed at Masulipatam, presented by the Executors of the late Lieutenant Colonel Prescott &c recommended for payment - further advances of cash proposed to be made to Captain Lieutenant Moss on account of Works carrying on at Ambour and to Lieutenant Charles Dallas on account of Gram Stores for the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's letter of the 14th ultimo, with enclosures, and to report to your Lordship in Council that, upon reference to the Quarterly Returns of the Arsenal, copy of which was transmitted to Bengal, and is alluded to in Mr. Sub Secretary Stracey's letter of the 5th Ultimo, it appears that the arms (Viz. 4,416) understood by the Military Board at that Presidency to be serviceable artillery Fuzils are "Musketry Spring Bayonets 1st Sort" and that there are only Sixteen (16) Fuzils in the Arsenal, from which deficiency, the greater part of the artillery upon the Coast are armed with Muskets, and that consequently the Indent for Fuzils as forwarded from Bengal cannot be complied with.

Mrs

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2d Mrs. Anne Prescott, Executrix of the late Lieutenant Colonel Prescott of Engineers, having transmitted to us four Bills for Repairs made under the Superintendence of that Officer to the temporary European Barracks - and Draw Bridges at Masulipatam, amounting to Pagodas 2753.13.63, and such Bills being accompanied by the necessary Voucher in Support of each, We accordingly do ourselves the Honor to forward them inclosed, and to recommend that they be passed for payment.

3 A Report of Committee of Survey held agreeably to the Regulations upon the Repairs under execution to the fortifications, and public Buildings at Amboor, having been received from Captain Lieutenant Wood of Engineers, with an application for a further advance of cash to be made to him on that Account, We beg leave to Recommend

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Recommend that payment to that Officer of Pagodas 679— equal to one third of the Estimate for such Repairs, may be accordingly authorized.—

4th The Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry having reported to us the delivery of the twenty eight / 28 / Garce of Gram required for the Consumption of that Corps till the 1st of april next being completed, We in consequence recommend the payment to Lieutenant Charles Dallas of Eight hundred and Seventy seven / 877 / Pagodas, the Remaining Moiety of the Cost of the said Gram.—

Fort St. George
5th February 1798.

We have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed Geo. Harris
" Thos. Speke
" Wm. Sydenham

For

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

From the Military Board - propose repairs to the Warriore Gate at Trichinopoly - cannot recommend any Compensation being made to the Malay Corps at Trincanale on account of the Hats they have rec'd - an advance of Cash recommended to be made to the agent for the Supply of Military Stores. —

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Government's Letters of the 17th and 21st Ultimo, of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letters of the 2d and 7th Instant, and of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the Latter date: with their respective Enclosures. —

2nd Under the circumstance stated by Major General Floyd relative to the Bridge at the Warriore Gate of Trichinopoly, the Repair thereof appearing to us as absolutely necessary, and the Estimate for that purpose being Moderate, We therefore Recommend that the same be authorized. —

3rd With respect to the Subject of Colonel Champagné's Letter to Government

Referred

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referred for our opinion as an allowance,
such as is therein stated to have been
usually made to Ships on the Coast,
has not been granted in any instance
within the knowledge of our Board; and
as the admission of a precedent of the
kind may involve Government in
very considerable expence, We beg leave
to report to your Lordship in Council
that, under such Considerations, We should
not conceive ourselves justified in re-
Recommending that the promised re-
Compensation be granted on the present
occasion.

4th Having in conformity to the
Regulations authorized the provision
by the Agent of Supply of articles for
the Service of the Arsenal at Fort St. George
during the ensuing Quarter, the amounts
whereof is estimated at about Pagodas
5,900 ... We accordingly Recommend
that

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that the usual advances of one third of such Sum at the prescribed period, may be made to Mr. William Webb on that account.—

We have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Geo: Harris
" Thos. Giels
" Wm. Lydenham

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13th February 1798.

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

From the Military Board recommending that an advance of Cash be made to Captain Lennox on account of further purchases of Gram for the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry— that some damaged Gram in the Stores of the 25th Dragoons be sold off and the Godown repaired— and that a bill for Water Casks furnished by the Commander of the Pitt be discharged—

My Lord,

1st The Agent for Cavalry Supplies to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry having reported to us that fifteen (15) Garce of Gram, in addition to the Supply lately authorized, will be required for that Regiments consumption in the month of March, and that such quantity can be procured in like manner as the last twenty Garce, and at the same Rate,

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Rate, Viz.t Sixty two Pagodas per Guree,
We accordingly recommended that an
immediate advance to Captain &
Leonard on that Account of Pagodas 465—
may be authorized, and an equal Sum
when the delivery of the Grain shall
have been completed.—

2d. Having received from Lieutenant
Colonel Cotton, Commanding his Majesty's
25th. Regiment Light Dragoons, Proceedings
of a Committee of Survey held in
Conformity to the Regulations upon
three hundred /300/ Marcalls of the
Grain provided for that Corps, and
Reported to be unfit for use, the
Damage of which appears to have
been occasioned by the dampness of the
Godowns wherein the Grain had been
lodged, and Major General Lloyd, to
whom

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whom a reference was made on the 4th
subject, having transmitted to us a
Duplicate of an Estimate for the 4th
repair of that Godown, which he states
to have forwarded to Government 4th
under date the 18th Decmber last;
We are of opinion that an immediate
performance of such repair is 4th
absolutely necessary to prevent a
similar loss being again sustained; and
accordingly do ourselves the honor to
enclose the Estimate, amounting to
Pagodas 22.13.7 and to recommend
that agreeably thereto the repair be
authorized as also, that the three 4th
hundred (300) Marcalls of damaged Grain
may be disposed of by Captain Blagrave
to the best advantage.

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3.rd

The Commanders of the Honble Company's Ships Pitt having laid before us a Bill, amounting to Pagodas 120 ... for twenty four (24) empty Water Butts supplied by him for the late projected Expedition; and which, it appears from the Report we had the honor to make to Government under date the 30.th October last were not returned previous to the departure of that Ship for Bengal, We accordingly transmit the Bill as herewith to your Lordship in Council.—

We have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed/ Geo: Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Thos Reid
" Wm Lyndenham
" Jn: Richardson

Estimate

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Estimate of Repairs to the Granary Godown / formerly a Store room / of His Majesty's Regiment 25th Dragoons at the Current prices of the Station

			1st Sort Cubic Ft		
"	"	72	Brick and Clay Repairing the Wall	1.44 per Ft.	2 29 48
4	"	"	Pointing the Walls with Chunam	16.71 do	1 25 44
5	75	"	Paving Brick on edge with do	3 per Ft.	17 10 40
12	50	"	Clearing the Walls	2.54 per Ft.	33 35

Total Pagodas 22 13 7.

Tritchinopoly
18th December 1797

/Signed/ E. Trapaud
M. E. L. D. & Lt. Col.

A true Copy
/Signed/ Fred. Pierce
Lieut. Mil. Bd

Resolved

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Minutes on the three foregoing Letters from the Military Board

Resolved that the several Bills recommended by the Military Board be passed for payment, except those of Captain Wood, which the Board defer until they take the whole of that Officers Conduct into Consideration in regard to the public works intrusted to him.—

Read the following Letter from the Garrison Storekeeper

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From the Garrison Storekeeper - soliciting an Increase of his Salary in Consequence of the great extent of duty and responsibility added to his Department by the late Regulations.—

Sir,

In consequence of the Regulations which took place on the 1st October last, for the Department of Grain and Provisions, Victualling, and of Draught and Carriage Bullocks, very considerable responsibility and much additional attention, is required of me — and those these Regulations

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Regulations are calculated to prevent the possibility of deriving any advantages independant of the Salary of one hundred and fifty Pagodas P Month, I am hopeful that the Honble the Governor in Council before whom I request you will do me the honor to lay this Letter, will in consequence of these circumstances, not deem it deviating from propriety, my troubling him on this subject and requesting when at leasure his consideration, of such an additional allowance to my appointment, as may seem adequate, when contrasted with the Salary attached to many Offices, of less responsibility and exertion — both of which in mine, are often very great, particularly when equipments either by Sea or Land are requisite.

I

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It may be proper here to Remark, that previous to the monthly Salary which was affixed when my predecessor (Mr. Greenhill) was in Office, no Salary for a considerable time was granted, moreover that he was permitted to draw the 150 Pagodas monthly, in lieu of a perquisite of Office and I persuade myself, that the income, in question, even previous to the existing Regulations, must appear very insufficient, to defray the expences attendant on a Situation of such trust.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c &c

(Signed) James Brodie

Garrison Storekr.

Fort St. George
27th. February 1798.

Enough

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Though the Board are fully sensible that the Garrison Storekeeper's present Salary is very inadequate to the trouble and responsibility of his Office under the new System of regulation for his Office, they are yet restricted by the rescent orders from the Court of Directors from making any addition without their Sanction. Resolved However to Recommend Mr. Brodie's application to their favorable Notice by the first dispatch.—

Read the following letter from Major General Gils.—

His

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His Excellency Lieutenant General Harris

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

Sir.

From Major General Gibbs - declaring that the censure passed on his Conduct in General orders is unmerited and requesting Copies of the proceedings on which Government may have grounded their Resolutions. —

I have had the Honor of receiving on the 17th Instant an order of the Right Honble Lord Hobart in Council, dated the preceding day Conveying me in the following terms — "That I did not make those exertions, which it was my duty to have made, for the purpose of enforcing that Authority and of executing that trust, which was so Confided to me as Commanding Officer of St. Thomas's Mount, and Commandant of Artillery —

I am sensible how painful it must have been to his Lordship, to have passed such a censure on an Officer of my Rank, and Character, in the Service, but as I am not conscious myself of any

wrong

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want of exertion on my part, after my
my return from the Commander in
Chiefs house, to the moment the
meeting broke up, or of any neglect
in the execution of the trust confided
in me as Commanding Officer of the Mount
and Corps of Artillery - I entreat you will
have the goodness, to enable me to
defend my Conduct by furnishing me with
a copy of the proceedings of the Board
of Officers, or such other Documents
as may have induced the Right
Honorable the President in Council,
to come to such a Resolution

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
/ Signed / Tho.s Geils

Mount
21.st February 798

Minute thereon

Resolved to inform Major General
Geils that the Board do not deem it necessary
to furnish him with the proceedings of the
Board of Officers.

Regd.

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Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General—

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

From the Military Auditor General Relative to a Balance owing to the Company by Major General Congyngham

Honble Sir,

I

In consequence of having received the accompanying letter from Major General Conyngham dated the 21st Instant, I am under the necessity of bringing to the notice of Government a Balance of Retrenchments against that Officer whilst Lieutenant Colonel in Command of the 1st European Regiment from August 1792 to September 1795, on account of Detachments and absentees drawn for by him in the General Pay abstracts of the Corps, as well as by the Officers in charge of such Disbursements at the different stations, amounting to

Pagodas

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Pagodas ---------- 4,476.17.25

of which sum it appears that

Pagodas ---- 876.44.68

is to be accounted for

by Captain Boyd as

formerly adjutant of

the corps.-

and that Pagodas ---- 199.85.4.

has remained in the hands

of the late Mr. Paymaster

Vaughan at Madura.- 1,085.25.72

The above sums being deducted from the

total against Major General Bonyngham

leaves a Balance due by him to the

Honble Company of Pagodas ---- 3,390.33.33

2 The Balance stated against Captain

Boyd he has been called upon to account

for and to pay immediately, and for the

Sum remaining in the hands of Mr.

Vaughan formerly Paymaster at Madura,

there is ample Security lodged with the

Military Paymaster General.-

Major

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3 Major General Conyngham in
the enclosed letter has proposed the ad
liquidation of the Balance standing
against him by a mode which it is
not in my power to admit without
the Sanction of Government, for as the
sums composing that Balance were
included by him in the General
abstract of the Corps and not disbursed,
I considered it to be my duty to require
of him the immediate payment of the
same for which he ought to have
been prepared whenever called upon,
and it will probably appear to your
Honble Board that when he was
removed from the 1st Regiment to the
Command of the Troops in the
Ganjam District in September 1795,
he should have made application
either to this Office or to that of the

Military

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Military Paymaster General respecting
the disposal of Money belonging to the
Company which Shew Remained unappro=
priated in his hands.

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

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St George 27 February 1798.

Major General Wm Sydenham
Auditor General

Sir,

I am extremely sorry to be
under the necessity of informing you,
that I have been using every exertion
in my power, for near a month
past, to raise a Sum of Money, &
sufficient to pay off the Refund Law
called upon by you to make out
Account

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Account of the first European
Regiment, but unfortunately have not
been able to effect it, owing to the great
Scarcity of Money that prevails in the
Settlement at present, I therefore beg
leave to state to you, that there is a
Committee sitting now to adjust the
Reckonings for the year 1796, and
consequently it will not be long before
Bills will be issued for the payment
of them, and should they be paid
by Bond, I am willing to have my
Share sold at the discount of the
day, and the sum that it sells for,
to be paid to whatever person may
be appointed by you to receive it,
and should that not prove
sufficient, I will pay what remains
deficient by Instalments at the rate

of

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of two hundred Pagodas P month, until the whole is cleard off, which cannot be very long, as I am in hopes that my Share of the Reckonings, will amount to at least two thirds of the Money in question - This mode of payment is all I have to offer, and I hope the Government will be so indulgent as to accept of it, which will relieve my mind from a great deal of its anxiety. — I have the honor to be

&c: &c:

Madras
26th February 1798

Signed Geo: Conyngham
Major Genl:

Ordered that Major General Conyngham be called upon in the most peremptory manner to discharge the Balance due from him. —

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Trincamalle.

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Trincamale — requesting to be provided with an additional Supply of Camp Equipage to enable him to move the principal part of the European Troops to Tents ere long.

Sir,

I am from the very great benefit the European Troops under my Command experienced last year from being removed out of miserable unhealthy Barracks into Tents on the hill, encourages me to make this application in hopes the Right Honorable the President in Council will enable me to make a Similar but a more general Removal as soon as the weather permits by directing Camp Equipage (in addition to what we have in Store) to be sent as soon as convenient for one Field Officer, four Captains, Eight Lieutenants and three

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Three hundred Rank and file.—

Trincomalle
January 18th 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
/Signd/ L. Champagne
Colonel

In compliance with the
Minute thereon Colonel Champagne's recommendation
Resolved that as many of the European
Troops as can be accomodated in the
Camp Equipage now at Trincomale
may be moved out and that as
great a proportion as possible be
stationed in Fort Ostenaburgh.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to send you
Memo Colonel Champagne
inclosing a Statement
drawn out agreeably
to the orders of Govern-
ment of the Compen-
sation to be allowed
to the Proprietors of
Trees cut down or
destroyed at Trincomale

as correct a Statement of the different
Trees cut down and destroyed at Trincomalee

&c

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as I have been able to make, if there are any errors they proceed from my undertaking a business quite new to me.—

I have made an estimate of the Trees under five years old as the owners had no ground to remove them to, nor I the power to grant them any, the charge is made Separate that Government may admit or reject it.—

The large Palmira Trees when fell remained in the possession of the proprietors but they became so perfectly useless from having no opportunity to dispose of them and they are now lying on the ground in a decayed state.—

The values fixed on the Jack, Mangoe, Lime and the Pomaloose Trees is limited to those bearing fruit.—

The Cocoa Nuts and Palmira Trees above five years old are valued at thirty dit fanams.—

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The Cocoa Nuts and Palmira
Trees under the description of small
and very small Trees are not included
in the Account.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your
Obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Champagne
Coll.

Trincomale
January 22d 1798

Copy in the Office
Acct. Pr 3576. 41.—

Resolved that the Paymaster
at Trincomale may be authorized
to pay compensation to the Owners
of Trees felled at Trincomale according
to the foregoing Statement amounting
to Pagodas.—

Minute thereon

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Read the following letter
from the Secretary at Bombay

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay - Requesting a request of Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds, Surveyor on that Establishment, to be furnished with some Geographical Materials collected under the orders of the Madras Government.

I am directed by the Board to transmit you, copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Charles Reynolds the Surveyor General on this Establishment, and to Solicit through you the Right Honorable the President in Council's permission for a compliance with Lieutenant Colonel Reynold's request to be Spirited with the communication of such Geographical Tracts as are referred to in his Letter and may be found in the Repository at Fort St. George.

Bombay Castle
9th February 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) John Morris
Secretary

To

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To the Honble Jonathan Duncan

President in Council &c Bombay

Honble Sir,

I have the pleasure to lay before you the rough sheets of a consi=derable part of my intended Map of Hindostan for your information as to its progress, and I trust that it will authorize in your communication to the Honble the Court of Directors by the Ships shortly to be dispatched for England, a favorable mention of the developement of the Geography of this Country, and of my exertions to bring it to a Speedy conclusion.

The remaining part of the Map would have been as fully explained, the materials being in my profession, had not the burthen

of

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of arrangement &c. rests entirely on myself
from my Assistant Captain Moncrieff's
being otherwise employd by Government.
The remaining information necessary for
the final adjustment for the Honorable
the Court of Directors, is now carrying on
by twenty seven sets of my native
Surveyors distributed throughout the
various parts of India - and I have a
right to expect / barring accidents to
those employed and which human
foresight cannot guard against / that
the whole of the information I require
will be in my profession in the
course of the present year, or early in
the next, when the final arrangement
will immediately take place - and to
this I naturally look forward with as
much solicitude, as the period of my
release

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release from an anxious and laborious employment - and for that Credit and Reward which I hope the work will entitle me to.

Some of the most vacant parts of my Map I have already in part been surveyed at the charge of Government and from a knowledge of this circumstance my enquiries into those parts have been more circumscribed than they otherwise would have been - and have been so conducted as to render the insertion of the Surveys I am now carrying on subservient to them - considering it best justice to the public service not to extend my enquiries into parts which have been surveyed and already paid for at the expence of the Company - I therefore beg leave to urge a request to the

Honble

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Honble the Court of Directors and to which Those will meet with your support for my being furnished with Copies of such Surveys as are not already in my profession, - with a view to the speedy completion of my System of Geography which must otherwise be somewhat prolonged from the want of the information they will afford and to which from the consideration alone I have abstained acquiring myself. It must be obvious to every one who considers the subject in the least, that introducing Surveys made by other Gentlemen into my works, while it cannot take from their merit, will diminish in some degree the credit, I should have acquired by the work being entirely my own production - but, this I with pleasure waive on two

Considerations,

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considerations, the first the injustice
there would be to the public service
in putting it to this unnecessary
expence - and, the second, the great
desire I have to bring the work to a
close as speedily as possible - The
Compliance with my request will
afford me very decided satisfaction
and it will doubtless be the means
of easing Government of the expence
attendant on my present situation
at a period considerably earlier than
it can otherwise be in my power
to effect it.

I beg leave here to point
out those Surveys which have come
to my knowledge -

Captain Mackenzie - Madras Engineer
His Surveys in the Nizams Country
and on the boundary of our possession
in that quarter -

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Monat - Bengal - his Survey in Rohilaind

Lieutenant Hoare - do - his Survey of the Sumna &c.

Lieutenant Blunt - do - his Survey from the Bengal Provinces to the Northern Circars.

Dr. Hunter formerly attached to Lieutenant Colonel Palmer's Residency at Scindiah's Durbar - his Surveys in the Doab Vicinity of Agra &c. and in Malwa

Lieutenant Ewart, Bengal, his Survey from Chittore in Ramgur with his Memorandum and Latitudes &c. to Nagpoor, when he accompanied Mr. Chapman on his Embassy from the Supreme Government. This Survey was forwarded to the Honble the Court of Directors & I am learnt when I was last at Calcutta

that

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that no Copy of it was in India, it will therefore be necessary for a Copy of it and its accompaniments to be sent from England, and should any other Surveys be in the Offices at Calcutta or Madrass, their being so Communicated to me may possibly afford me some assistance. —

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I have the honor to remain,
&c. &c.
(Signed) C. Reynolds

A true Copy
(Signed) John Morris Secy.

Read also the following Letter from Captain Mackenzie. —

To
The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From Captain Mackenzie pointing out the advantages to be expected from a Mutual Communication between the Surveyors employed at the different Presidencies in India. —

Honble Sir,

As a mutual communication of the Surveys carried on by Officers of the Several

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Several Presidencies, when they connect as
together / in the manner that those as
carrying on by me in the Nizam's as
Country connect with such as have been
taken from the West or Poona side,
and from the North or Nagpore side
towards Hyderabad / would be of advantage
to this Branch of the service in facili-
=tating its progress and rendering a as
repetition of the expence and labour as
unnecessary when it has been already
done by others at the public expence, as
and having proposed with this view to
communicate my Surveys in the as
Nizams Country to Captain Colebrooke
the Military Surveyor General in as
Bengal, who coincides in this opinion
and proposes to transmitt me such as
Materials as his Office can afford as
soon as the permission of the Board
can be obtained, I have to request your

permission

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permission to transmitt from time to time Duplicates of these Surveys as they conveniently can be prepared to the Surveyor Generals Office for the use of the Supreme Government as tending to extend our General knowledge of Indian Geography and the publick uses for which these Surveys were designed

And as such of the Surveys executed by the Gentlemen of the Bombay Establishment as have been carried on thro' the Nizam's Country would be usefull to me for the same purpose, I beg leave to submit the expe=diency of your taking such means as may be necessary for obtaining from Bombay a communication of such Geographical Materials and Surveys as have been carried through the Nizam's Country to enable me to render more complete the General Map of the Nizam's Dominions.

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

/Signed/ Colin Mackenzie
Capt. Engrs Surveyor to the Nizr. Dets
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Geographical Material which will be useful to Captain Mackenzie in completing the Map of the Nizams Dominions, from Bombay.

1 Colonel Reynolds Surveys across the Nizams Dominions /excepting the Route thro Kurpa ga to Hydrabad/.—

2 Captain Ennetts Surveys along the Tombadra to Canoul and Panyell and from thence across to Goa in 1790-91- and 92.—

3 Captain Ennetts Survey from Poona in 1795 to Kurdla where it connects with Captain Mackenzie's; a reduced Copy of this already communicated.

4 Any other Surveys that may illustrate the Boundaries of the Nizams Dominions.—

The prosecution of the above will render unnecessary Surveys of these Roads, & perhaps of others, and thus so facilitate the completion of the work.—

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As a mutual communi-

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

=cation between the Gentlemen employed under the different Presidencies must tend to increase our knowledge of Indian geography, and to promote the public uses for which the Surveys have been undertaken, Resolved that an applica=tion for this purpose be made to the Governments of Bengal and Bombay

Resolved that Captain Mackenzie be desired to endeavour to assist Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds with the particular information which he has pointed out.

Read the following Letter from the Committee of enquiry into the Charges against Audy Narrain.

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

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

My Lord,

Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Charges exhibited by Conductor Montague against Sandy Narrain.

The Committee has already had the honor in their letter of the 31st Ultimo of acquainting your Lordship, that there exists no ground whatever for the charge of a traiterous correspondence imputed to Sandy Narrain.

To enable your Lordship to determine how far this opinion be founded, it does not appear to the Committee to be necessary to enter into any detail of the numerous contradictions, evasions, and prevarications which have occurred in the course of the cross examination of Mr. Montague and of his Witnesses.

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The examination of Mr.
Montague alone appears to the
Committee fully sufficient to
Justify the decisive conclusion
they have drawn.

The bare assertion of
Chillumbrum, unsupported by any
one testimony or circumstance
that can afford even a reasonable
presumption in its favor, is
Mr. Montague's sole ground for
the charge.

The attention of the
Committee was principally
directed to two points, namely,
the procuring and receiving the
Canton letters alleged to be from
Poorniah, Tippoo's Minister, to
Audy Narrain - and the steps
taken by Mr. Montague to ascertain
that these letters had been received
by Audy Narrain, or that they
had been taken out of his
house.

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Upon the first point which is the foundation of the whole, Mr. Montague knows nothing whatever, but from the information of Chillumbrum.

Chillumbrum brought letters, which he said, were given to him by Rama Chindren, and Narain's Servant; and Rama Chindren denies it.

To the second point Mr. Montague was asked by the Committee.

Question

What particular steps did you take to ascertain that the Letters delivered to you were taken out of a Box belonging to Narain?

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Mr. Montague answered

"I took no particular step to ascertain it, but put my whole confidence in the report of Chillumbrum and Vurdah."

Vurdah,

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Verdah, Dubash to Mr.
Montague declares that he
knows nothing on the subject
except from the report of Mr.
Chillumbrum.

Chillumbrum was asked by the
Committee.

2 did you ever see any of the letter
taken out of Andy Narain's a
boye.

A No

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2 What proof did you give Mr.
Montague that these letters were
taken out of Andy Narain's a
boye.

Answer I gave him no proof. I only
told him that Rama Chindren
gave me the letters.

Another point which appeared
to the Committee material to
ascertain was the ground for the
assertion made by Mr. Montague
that spies or Messengers from
Tippoo Country had arrived at

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Andy Narrains house, and that some of them has gone to Tanjore, to get a bill of exchange accepted, drawn by Poonniah on Hiatmah Raiu. of Tanjore in favour of Andy Narrain.

Mr. Montague heard of this Bill from Chillumbrum, Chillumbrum says that he heard of it from Rama Chindren, the while Rama Chindren denies ever having heard or said one word on the subject.

The whole Story of the Spies and Messengers is unsatisfactory, and appears to the Committee to be entitled to no Credit whatever.

Chillumbrum is at variance with himself, with Mr. Montague, and with common sense on the subject.

Mr

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Mr Montague was asked by the Committee.—

Question Had you any ground whatever
Page 161 of the proceedings for believing that Spies from
Poonah or from Tippoo or from
the Westward had come to Trichinopoly
or to Dumbokistnah, except the
information of Chillumbrum?

Answer I have already said that my
ground for Suspicion first arose
from the reports of Verdah.—

2 did you give credit to it
on Verdah's report alone?—

A. As I told him to watch
and enquire further into the
business.—

2 Upon whose report then
did you inform General Floyd,
that you had certain information
that a Bill for a Lack, and
three Spies, were actually in
Andy Nannin's house in
Trichinopoly?

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A: M Chillumbrums Report

2 When you informed General Floyd that your information was not certain, did you not question M Chillumbrum as to his knowledge of the fact for your own satisfaction

A: I did - he told me Rama Chindrew had informed him, that the said spies would eat Victuals at Audy Narrains house in the Fort that day, and set off in the evening for Tanjore, - Rama Chindrew said, he heard Audy Narraiw order them to return from thence in haste, and that his / Audy Narrains / answer should be ready for them -

2 Was this all the ground you had for asserting the certainty of your information to General Floyd?

A Yes. -

Keith

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With respect to the Bill of Exchange, it came out that while Poornia was drawing upon Kistnah Rao at Tanjore, he had actually beheaded him at Seringapatam

Mr Montague declared himself unable to account for this.

The last point to which the attention of the Committee was directed, was the letter said to have been written by Vasadara Row a principal emissary of Poornia to Mr Montague and received by him at Villaporam on his way to Madras.

The internal evidence is so convincing against the authenticity of this letter, that to furnish even the slightest presumption for its having been

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been written by Vadadeva dien to Mr Montague, would require unquestionable circumstantial evidence and the strongest collateral proof.—

Mr Montague was asked by the Committee.—

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D. What is your ground for believing that this letter was written by Vadada dien.r.—

A The appearance that a forgery of that nature could be attended with no possible advantage to the forger whosoever he might be.—

2 Have you no other ground for believing that this letter was written by Vadadava dien.r?—

A None that I immediately recollect.—

Verdict

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Verdah was asked by the Committee

Q Do you believe that story

Page 210 of the Proceedings of the Olah at Villapooram?—

A I do not believe it

Q Who do you suppose wrote that Olah?

A I think that the whole comes from the invention of Chillumbrum

Brum—

This Olah or letter is said to have been delivered to an old Woman by a person unknown, who immediately disappeared; the old woman gave it to her Husband, the Husband to Chillumbrum and he to Mr. Montague while Mr. Montague and Chillumbrum contradict each other in their account of the Steps taken to Communicate with Vasudeva Rau.—

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With respect to the four Gentoo letters said to be from Poorniah to Audy Maraien,- altho' the Committee do not feel themselves competent to pronounce decisively upon their forgery from internal evidence alone - they have nevertheless very strong suspicions of it even upon the internal evidence - one point is Material

There appears in the sixth line of one of the original letters, the 23d. letter of the Gentoo alphabet which is said to be a Symbolical Contraction signifying a lack or lacks.- and is so rendered by Mr. Montague - but the 23rd letter never has any such signification

The only ground Mr. Montague had for asserting to General Floyd that treasure was on its way to Trichinopoly, was this Symbolical Letter, which

Has

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has no connection whatever with treasure.—

Mr. Montague says that Chillumbrum told him, that this 27th Letter meant Lacks.— Verdah confirmed this; that Chillumbrum after that he told Mr. Montague it was the 27.th Letter and not the 23.d—

Chillumbrum was then asked by the Committee.—

2 If you told Mr. Montague that it was the 27. Letter, which meant Lacks, you of course led him so from finding the 27.th in the Original.

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A Yes.—

But on being shewn the original, and discovering his error, he endeavoured to escape by saying that he told Mr. Montague it ought to be the 27.th— this is denied by both Mr. Montague and Verdah.—

Indeed,

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Indeed the evidence of Mr Chillumbrum is one continued train of evasion and perjury explaining to Verdah some of Chillumbrum's contradictions and in presence of Chillumbrum - Verdah must be asked by the Committee. —

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Q 2 Are you satisfied that Chillumbrum has told many lies? —

A Yes

Q 2 As you are satisfied as that Chillumbrum told so many lies don't you think he may have lied when he told you that he got these letters out of Andy Nanaiah's House? —

A I certainly think so. —

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with respect to the Suspicion so
boldly thrown out against the
Dunbar at Trichinopoly, and so
various persons at Tanjore —
The Committee have only to
observe that they appear to be
wholly without foundation. Mr.
Montague has not been able
to state any ground whatever,
for these very strange sus=
=picions. —

Your Lordship will so
observe that Mr. Montague,
in his Narrative and on his cross
examination disclaims having
had any Interest whatever in
the Recovery of his friend=
Tiruapuk Chitty's claim, so
which furnished him with
the pretext for prying into
Audy Narrain's transaction

Mr. Montague was
asked by the Committee —

What

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2 What Interest had you in the Recovery of Titiapah Chitty's claim?

A I had no further interest than the wish to assist Titiapah in Chitty

Chillumbrum also equally disclaims all interest in its Recovery - but it appearing so extraordinary to the Committee that persons in the Situation of Mr. Montague and Chillumbrum should take so much trouble as from disinterested motives only This point was pressed upon them in a variety of Shapes, so until at last it came out from the confession of Chillumbrum that Mr. Montague had actually given value for the claim, and that Chillumbrum stood Security for it.

Mr. Montague after much Shuffling admitted, that

his

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his Reimbursement of Money due to him
by Tippoo Sahib Chitty depended on the
Recovery of this claim.

Andy Narrain appears to
have been the person resorted to by the
Parties for its Recovery, and it seems that
a longer delay than was agreeable to
Mr. Montague and to Chillumbrum
took place - possibly too, all hopes of
Recovering the debt has Vanished, for Mr.
Montague states in his Narrative that
payment this promised was retracted
by Andy Narrain.

The Committee do not pretend to
Account for the language and actions
of Chillumbrum and Mr. Montague
throughout the whole of this extraordi-
nary affair - altho' on a review of the
proceedings, it might be difficult for
the mind not to admit that the attempt
to brand Andy Narrain as a Traitor
may possibly have had its origin in
disappointment

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disappointment, and the desire of revenge
but they respectfully submit the whole
to your Lordships determination.

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I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) C. Macaulay

The proceedings of the Committee are
herewith transmitted.

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the charges preferred against Rudy Narrain

The Board express great
Satisfaction at the manner in which
the Committee have conducted the
enquiry entrusted to them, and at their
successfull development of this intricate
affair.

The Board perfectly agree
with the Committee that there is
not the smallest ground for imputing
a traiterous Correspondence to Rudy
Narrain, and as Mr. Montague had
totally failed in Substantiating any

part

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part of his charges and has discovered a disposition for intrigue, very inconsistent with his situation. Resolved that he be discharged from the Company's service. —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute. —

Commander in Chiefs Minute

in Council 27th February 1798

Commander in Chiefs Minute — on the Subject of the proceedings of the Invaliding Committee held on the Corps of Native Cavalry — proposes some deviations, in favor of very deserving Soldiers, from the established Regulations, which require the Sanction of Government — Suggests a Plan for relieving the Cavalry Corps of a Number of Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers who are not fit for active service. —

In submitting the Proceedings of the Invaliding Committee which was assembled, under the authority of Government, at Arcot on the 12th Ultimo, the Commander in Chief has to remark, that as this Committee was assembled under peculiar circumstances, and for the special purpose of throwing off from the Cavalry Corps all those who, from length of service or infirmity, have become now efficient, Government may perhaps be induced to relax from

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from a strict adherence to the standing orders which regulate the terms of admission to the non effective list.

The Board will observe that the Terms on which Individuals of Cavalry are admitted on the non effective List are particularly unfavorable to this branch of the Service, as they can only retire on the Pay or pension of the same Ranks of the Native Infantry

Upon these grounds, and as those Men are removed to the non effective Establishment, not in the common course of the service, but for the convenience already mentioned, the Commander in Chief Recommends that he should be authorized to comply with the Proceedings to the extent noted as proper to each.

The Commander in Chief takes this opportunity also of laying

before

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before the Board copy of a letter No 2 addressed to him by the President of the Invaliding Committee, transmitted at the same time with the proceedings, and wishes to be authorized to call for a report from the different Regiments of Native Cavalry of the Numbers in the Rank of Native Commissioned and non Commissioned, in each Regiment, who are willing to retire on half pay, stating their claims to such indulgence from length of service or Wounds.—

The accompanying Statement No 3 will shew that the Number of Supernumeraries remaining with each Regiment is so great that it is not likely to be exceeded by the Number wishing to retire on half pay, it Consequently follows that the adoption of the measure will be a saving to Government of one half of the pay of the Subedars, Jemidars, Havildars, and Naigues, wishing and entitled to retire on such terms.—

/ Signed / Geo Harris

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Extracts from the Proceedings of the Invaliding Committee.—

"Ally Cawn, Naique, in the 1st. Regiment has served only 16 years.—" Recommended by the Commander in Chief to be Invalided on the terms of the Established Regulation.

"ahmed Beg, Private in the 1st. Regiment, has served 27 years."— Recommended to be Pensioned on two Pagodas p. Month.—

"Semidar Lyd Mahomed of the 2d. Regiment has served 35 years and bears an excellent Character."— Recommended to be pensioned on the full pay of Semidar of Infantry

Semaul Mahomed, Private in the 2d. Regiment, has served 35 years, and bears an excellent Character" Recommended to be pensioned on two Pagodas p. Month.—

"Subedar Mahomed Meyroon of the 2d. Regiment, has served 40 years and bears a most excellent Character."— Recommended to be pensioned on 16 Pagodas p. month.—

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"Shaik Modeen,
Raised in the 4th Regiment has served 28 Years - of excellent Character: -
Recommended to be pensioned on the Pay of a Havildar of Infantry

Syd Hussain,
Private 4th Regiment serving with the Body Guard. -
Recommended to be Invalided with the Rank and Pay of a Havildar of Infantry

Abbas Mahomed,
4th Regiment has served 16 Years, and Shaik Mahomed of the same has served 17 Years. -
Invalided on the Establishment Regulation. -

Signed J. Harris

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To Lieutenant General

George Harris

Commander in Chief

Fort St. George

Sir,

The Committee for Invaliding and Pensioning of which I have had the honor of being President, have requested me to submit for your Support the following proposal; for getting the Corps of Cavalry disencumbered of those Native Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers, who have long been a burthen on the Regiments, and will continue so, until some inducement is held out for them to retire - at present, the reduction of their income on being pensioned, is so great, that none of them will accept of it especially those who

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came with the rank they now hold in
from the Nabobs Service, being in
General men with numerous and expensive
Families and long in the receipt of
great pay; We therefore recommend,
that such Commissioned and Non
Commissioned, who have held their
present Rank, above twenty years, shall
have an opportunity of retiring on
their half pay, this is by no means
expected to be the case in future,
it being only intended, to provide for
old Officers, who are become a clog
to the Service, and a Stop to the
Promotion of Younger men, more
Capable of Cavalry Duty; on consi-
deration, it will be found that
very little additional expence can be
caused by this Indulgence: In our
opinion the Contrary will be the
case, because the Corps at present

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abound with Supernumeraries, probably
equal to the number in their rank,
who will retire, if so, it throws the
whole of the Supernumerated Officers
half pay, and will cause least little
or no promotion, the Juniors of the
the same Rank becoming Effective
instead of being Supernumerary

Cavalry Cantonment
near Arcot
16th January 1798.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,
/Signed/ J. W. Murray
Major & President

a true Copy
/Signed/ A. Turing
Actg Deputy Asst. General

Statement

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Statement shewing the Number of Supernumeraries in the several Ranks in the Cavalry Corps, on the returns for December last, the Number recommended to be Invalided & Pensioned &c.ª by the late Committee, the Number that will then remain Supernumerary and wanting to complete.—

	Supernumeraries on the last returns						recommended to be Invalided pensioned or discharged by the last Comm.ª			Still Supernumerary						Wanting to Complete					
	Lieut.s	Cornets	Havildars	Naigues	Farriers	Troopers	Lieut.s	Cornets	Havildars	Naigues	Farriers	Troopers	Lieut.s	Cornets	Havildars	Naigues	Farriers	Troopers	Lieut.s	Cornets	Troopers
1st Regiment Native Cavalry	2	11	5	5	"	15	1	"	1	2	2	29	1	11	4	3	"	"	"	"	3	14
2d Ditto Ditto	2	8	5	5	"	22	1	2	2	3	3	46	1	6	3	2	"	"	"	"	3	24
3d Ditto Ditto	2	10	6	5	2	33	"	"	"	"	"	10	2	10	6	5	2	23	"	"	"	"	"
4th Ditto Ditto	3	10	6	4	"	10	"	1	"	1	"	18	2	9	6	3	"	"	"	"	"	8	
Total	9	39	22	19	2	80	2	3	3	6	5	103	7	36	19	13	2	23	"	"	5	46	

/ Signed / A.t Turing
A.D.A.G.

Received

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the several recommendations of the Commander in Chief be adopted and published in General Orders.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General

Sir,

From the Commanding officer in the Southern Division of the army - requesting Instructions relative to the distribution of the Remount Horses (160) on their march from Palamcotah under charge of Captain Deas.

Please to report to the Commander in Chief that the Reverend and Respectable Mr. Swartz died at Tanjore, at 4 in the afternoon of the 13th Instant, after a long illness.

Please to state also that Captain Deas reports his arrival at Palamcotah on the 13th Instant with the first lot of 140 Remount Horses, one of which, however had died, and one left behind sick, that he expected the second lot would be at Palamcotah on

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the 15th or 16th at farthest - but he does not
name the number of which it consists.

I beg to receive the Commander
in Chiefs Instructions how to dispose
of these Remount horses, when they
arrive - whether altogether between the
two Regiments of Dragoons at this
station, according to the effective number
of Men in each - or whether any portion
is intended for the Native Cavalry -
Ten of the Slowest and best Horses
of the 19th Dragoons have been practiced
on the Guns - and go exceeding well - these
ought to be replaced by Remount horses -

I have the honor to be,
Sir &c &c
(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

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The Commander in Chief is
requested to give such directions as he
may judge necessary for the distribution
of the Remount horses lately arrived

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The Commander in Chief recommends that the Corps of details under Lieutenant Colonel Oram should be reduced, that three of the Companies Composing it should, forthwith join the battalion at Trichinopoly, that the other three should be ordered to Madura to form a part of that Garrison, and that the European and Native Staff allowed to this Corps should cease from the first of next month.

The Corps of details under Lieutenant Colonel Oram reduced disposition of the Troops Composing it.

The commander in Chief also Recommends that Lieutenant George Kippen should be permitted to resign the Quarter master ship of the 2nd Regiment Native Cavalry.

Lieutenant George Kippen permitted to resign the Quarter master ship of the 2nd Regiment native Cavalry

and Succeeded by Lieutenant Nuthall

That Lieutenant Nuthall be appointed Quarter Master vice Kippen.

That

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Lieutenant James Wilson appointed adjutant and Quarter Master to the 9th Regiment Native Infantry vice Crane promoted

That Lieutenant James Wilson be appointed Adjutant and Quarter Master to the 9th Regiment Native Infantry vice Crane promoted.

Lieutenant James Colebrooke adjutant to the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment native Infantry vice Wilson

That Lieutenant James Colebrooke be appointed adjutant to the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry vice Wilson

Lieutenant R. McGregor appointed Gram agent to the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry vice Sutherger Removed

and that Lieutenant William McGregor be appointed Gram agent to the 3rd Regiment Cavalry vice L'Leger Removed.

Resolved that the several Recommendations of the Commander in Chief be adopted and the appointments published in General Orders.

Lieutenant Colonel Ram appointed to the Command of Madura and Major Picton of Vellum until further orders—Colonel Gowdie to do duty at Trichinopoly

The President recommends that Lieutenant Colonel Ram be appointed to the Command of Madura, that Colonel Gowdie be ordered to do duty at Trichinopoly, and that Major Picton be appointed to the Command of Vellum until further orders.

Ordered Accordingly

Read

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Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General.

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

Auditors Report on the General & Ultimate Expence of the army for the ensuing month.

Hon'ble Sir,

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of March 1798 I have the Honor to report, that the sum of three Lacks, Five thousand Nine Hundred Pagodas three fanams and fifty nine Cash / Pagodas 3,05,900.3.59/ is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Viz.

	P. F. C.
From the General Treasury	2,0,636.11.6
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	95,263.34.53
Pagodas	3,05,900.3.59

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The increase in this months Estimate arises from Twenty two thousand, nine Hundred and twenty one Pagodas / Pagodas 22,921 / the amount of bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Coleombo — by four thousand five hundred and Ninety two Pagodas / Pagodas 4,592 / for the payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Trincomale — and Ten thousand Pagodas / Pagodas 10,000 / to discharge Lieutenant Montgomery's Draft, as agent for the purchase of Horses, all of which I presume may be advanced to the Military Paymaster General, to enable him to honor the drafts in question.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir &c.
/ Signed / Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military accepter
General's Office
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Ordered

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Cash to be advanced from the Treasury on the above Account.

Ordered that the sum of two Lacks ten thousand six hundred and thirty six Pagodas, eleven fanams and six Cash [Pagodas 210636. 11. 6] be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his Estimate for the ensuing Months.

The Board proceed to pass orders on the following proceedings of the Medical Board

From the Medical Board. Death of Assistant Surgeon Castrade. Lieutenant Colonel Vigors applies for Medical Assistance at Ongole propose that Mr Swanson be appointed to act as an Assistant Surgeon. Extract of Stationary for 12 months inclosed

Resolutions of Government in Council 27th February 1798.

Medical Board 19th February 1798.

We are sorry to acquaint Government that Mr. John Castrade Assistant Surgeon, died at Cuddalore on the 1st Instant.

The Physician General has received a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Vigors expressive of his distress for Medical Assistance in the Garrison of Ongole.

At

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The Board do not think it advisable that Mr. Smaasen should be admitted to act on the establishment as from the Scarcity of Assistant Surgeons we are unable to Supply the Vacancies on the Establishment we Recommend that Mr. Smaasen be appointed to act as an Assistant Surgeon and ordered to Ongole.

In compliance with the orders of Government communicated to us in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 16th December last, we have the honor to forward a Statement of Stationary requisite for this Office for twelve months, reduced as much as the public good of the Service can possibly admit.

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General
" W. Rainer
Chief Surgeon

Read

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Read the following letter
from Captain Allan

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I beg you will acquaint the Honorable the President in Council, that two of the Private Guides, Tandavaroy and Vydalingum, have requested of me to solicit, that they may be placed upon the Pension list, - they have served the Honorable Company with Zeal and fidelity, more than twenty years, and were employed

2 Capt Allan
late of the corps of Guides
Recommending that
two Guides Tandavaroy
and Vydalingum be
admitted on the Pension
List as a reward for long
and faithful Services.

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employed in the Field during the
last two Wars; but as they
are no longer fit for active
duty - I beg leave to recommend
that their request be complied
with. -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your obedient humble servant
/Signed/ A. Allan
late Captn of Guides

Madras
27th February 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved in compliance with Captain Allan's Request that Tandavaroy and

Vydalingum

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Ryda Lingum be admitted on the Pension list upon their present pay

" Geo: Harris

" Con Saunders

" C B Caldfield

Fullerton Esq

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Diary

Sent the following Letters.

28th

To Mr. Alexander Macleod

Sir.

To Mr. Macleod desiring him to make over to Mr. Torin the charge of the Residency with the accounts and papers enclosing Extract of a Complaint preferred against him by the Family of the late Rajah of having withheld from them the payment of Money deposited with him for their use and requiring a full explanation of his Conduct.

You will have been informed by my letter of this date from the public department of the resolution of the Honorable the Governor in Council to remove you from your situation as Resident at Tanjore, and I am now directed to acquaint you, that Mr. Benjamin Torin has been appointed to succeed you in that station you will accordingly make over to that gentleman the charge of the Residency together with accounts papers and public documents belonging to it.

I inclose extract of a representation from the Family of Sherfogee in which you are stated to have received on their account from the Rajah the Sum of pagodas 9,162. without appropriating it to their use — a charge of so offensive a nature requires the fullest enquiry, and means for that purpose will be taken by the Honorable the Governor in Council.

mean.

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To mean while it is made known to you that you may be prepared to give such explanations as may be in your power to justify yourself from the imputation.

I am
&c &c

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27th February 1798.

Signed J Webbe

Secy to Govt

To Lieutenant Colonel Muat

Commanding in the Vizagapatam District

Sir,

Instructions to Lieut Colonel Muat for assembling a Force at Chicacole, to act under his Command for the purpose of coercing the obedience of the Kimmedy Zemindar to the Collector's authority.

In consequence of the refractory disposition lately discovered by the Zemindar of Kimmedy the Honorable the Governor in Council has judged it necessary to assemble a Force under your orders, at Chicacole, which he thinks will be sufficient to carry the orders of Government into execution. The particulars of this Force you will observe in the inclosed copy of my letter to Major General Bridges.

As soon as this body of troops may be assembled or as soon as you may judge it safe, you are to comply with the application of the collector for the employment of it in compelling the Zemindar

to

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28th to an observance of his duty and in enforcing the orders which may be transmitted from the Presidency

Should it be necessary for the troops to march against him, you are to correspond immediately with Government, transmitting copies for the information of Major General Bridges -

I am,

&c. &c.

Sign'd I Webbe

Secy to Govt.

Fort St. George
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To Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

at

Masulipatam

To Major General Bridges with Copy of the foregoing letter and further Instructions relative to the Details of Troops to be employed -

Sir,

In consequence of advices from — Chicacole, from which there is reason to apprehend a disposition on the part of the Chimmedy Zemindar to oppose the authority of the Company, I am directed by the Governor in Council to desire, that you will immediately issue orders for the march of two companies of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment from Samulcotah, and three companies of the 10th Regiment from Masulipatam

To

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20th To this Force the Governor in Council desires that two Flank companies from the Ganjam district may be added and the whole put under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Muat.

If you should judge the garrison of Masulipatam to be too much weakened by this detachment you are at liberty to reinforce it by a complete company or more from the Guntoor Circar.

In the Vizagapatam districts there is a detail of effective artillery sufficient to man two field pieces, which you will order to join the detachment; and if it should hereafter be judged necessary by yourself and Lieutenant Colonel Muat this party is to be reinforced by a proportion of the effective artillery at Masulipatam. In addition to the whole Lieutenant Colonel Muat is to be at liberty if necessary to draw together a detail from the 2d Battalion 8th Regiment under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lalande and to employ the two corps of Sibbundies in any manner that may be most conducive to the public service.

As promptness of communication will

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28th will become indispensably necessary, if this force
should commence operations against the Zemindar. I am
directed to apprize you that Lieutenant Colonel Munro
will be ordered to correspond directly with government,
and to transmit copies for your information.

I inclose copy of my letter of this date
to Lieutenant Colonel Munro.

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

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

Sent Letters to the Nabob. Sied ud dowlah

Substance of letters to the Nabob. Sied ud Dowlah, the Nizam, Azim ul Omrah, and Meer Aulum.

the Nizam. Azim ul omrah and Meer Aalam entered in
C C N.os 37. 38. 39. the former on the Subject of the
Complaint made by the Rajah of Tanjore against the
Inhabitants of Trichinopoly for removing the long Grass
from certain parts of the Banks of the cauvery where it
should remain and planting it on others when its growth
is detrimental to the Annicut. The remainder on the
Subject of Sied ud Dowlah's mission to Madras for the
purpose of purchasing arms &c. Military Stores.

Received a letter from Captain
Godfrey.

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From Capt.n Wm. Godfrey of the European Invalids

28th Godfrey entered in M.B.N.o 127 representing his pecuniary embarrassments and consequent inability to proceed to Europe with his Family, unless indulged by Government with the payment of his offreckonings for 1797 in Cash — and an advance of the amount that will be due to him on the same account for 1798 —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered in M.B. N.os 128 - 129 - 130 - 131 - 132 - 133 - 134 - 135 - 136 - 137 - 138 - 139 - 140 - 141 - 142 -

To the Lieutenant at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow explaining an apparent error on the return of Artillery Stores sent to Bengal which renders it impossible to comply with the Indent lately made on the Fort St. George Arsenal.

To D.o D.o enclosing a letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General -

To the Secretary at Bengal & to the Assistant Resident at Poona and Hyderabad -

To Messrs. Barlow Ulkhoff and Kirkpatrick communicating Mysore Intelligence -

To Lt.Col. De Meuron at Vellore -

To Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron informing him that the Men of his Corps whose term of Service is expired cannot be permitted to return to any part of Ceylon -

To the Adjutant General of the Army —

To Lieutenant Colonel Close notifying the

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28th The permission granted by the Bengal Government to Lieutenant John Stuart of this Establishment to proceed to England for the recovery of his Health.

To the Military Paymr Genl. To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditor Generals Report on his Cash Estimate for the ensuing month and informing him that the Sum of Pagodas ₹10,636. 11. 6. will be advanced to him from the general Treasury on his application.

To D°. . D°. To D°. informing him that Mr. Shackerays must be called upon for the immediate Payment of his Bond.

To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon To Brigadier General Dechemeron desiring that His Majestys Ships expected to arrive on Ceylon from China may be supplied with such provisions as they may require from the public Stores of the different garrisons.

To the Commandant at Pondicherry To Major General Brathwaite informing him that Lieutenant Colonel Josett may be permitted to proceed to the Mauritius and that the amount of the Subsistence intended for himself and Family may be paid to his Wife - that every assistance will be afforded to the Curate of Pondicherry in

Recovering

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28th recovering the parish Funds from the Pere Damas that
Mr. Burton's application to have the use of the Paymasters
House cannot be complied with and that the artificers
who have been struck off will be allowed to draw their
pay to the 19th January

To the Commandant at Trincomale — To Lieutenant Colonel Champagne authorizing him to remove as large a proportion of the European Troops to Ostenburgh as can be accommodated in the Camp Equipage now in Store informing him that the Value of the Trees destroyed, agreeably to his Statement, will be paid to the proprietors and that Government cannot consent to charge the Company with the price of the Sheds erected by the Malay Corps and desiring that the Kings Ships expected to arrive on Ceylon from China may be supplied with Salt provisions from the publick Stores

To Major General George Conyngham — To Major General Conyngham calling upon him for payment of the Sum due from him to the Company in ten Days

To the Military Board — To the Military Board desiring they will Issue orders for making up as many Barrels and Boxes of the proposed new construction for containing Musket shotted ammunition as they may think necessary

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28th necessary - Maja Pidon's charge for figs rejected. Bills for contingent charges for december returned with the resolutions of Government annexed. the Grain Godown of the 25th Dragoons to be repaired and the damaged Grain sold to the best advantage - sundry Bills passed on their recommendation - but all payments to Captain Wood with held till the Board shall have decided on that officer's conduct in regard to the publick works executed under his Superintendence - Estimates of repairs requried to the Bridges at Tanjore, and the Magazine, and Laboratory at Trichinopoly, and Copy of Captain Webber's Letter respecting the state of the publick Buildings at Ganjam referred to their consideration -

To the attornies to Messrs Porcher Redhead & Co

To the attornies to Messrs Porcher Redhead & Co informing them that the Sum of Pags 1,447. 6. 32. remitted to Mr S. Johnston in a late remission of his accounts will be advanced to them on their receipt by the Paymaster, agreeably to the letter from their constituents to Government under date the 28th February 1793 -

To Mr Sam Johnston

To Mr S. Johnston - communicating the purport of the above Letter -

To

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lyden ham. desiring that payment of the above Sum may be authorized. and that he will cause the necessary adjustments to be made in the Military Books.

March 1st

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil B Nos 1.2.3.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow. enclosing Copies of the dispatches from the Government to the Court of Directors & Lord Macartney bearing date 19th February.

To the Superintendant of the Lunatic Hospital

To Mr. Conolly. desiring that Lieutenant Moyner of the 12th Regiment may be admitted a patient into the Lunatic Hospital.

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board authorizing the delivery of tents to Captain Mackenzie the Surveyor with the Nizams Detachment and his assistants as well as the Supply of a Set of Tents to Major Beatson, on their being paid for by the Board of Revenue.

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Received the following letters

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris President in Council and Governor & Commander in Chief

From the Commandant at Conatoor recommending the erection of several Buildings in addition to the Field Stables already advertized for

Sir,

Perceiving that no mention has been

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been made in the Publick advertigement. which appeared about two months since, of Barracks to be built with the Five Field Stables &c. at this Cantonment incites me to the Liberty in which I fain trust I may not be deemed presuming / of signifying my sentiments that such appendages are indispensably necessary to accommodate the Troops as well as the Arms. accoutrements and Saddlery. of the Corps; otherwise the former will be ever liable to suffer great inconvenience and the latter Considerable Injury. The Range of Stables now standing I have been necessitated to Partly appropriate to these Purposes, which served at best but an indifferent substitute. In addition to the Barracks. and besides what the above advertisement specifies in order to Perfect the Cantonment, Permit me Sir with due deference to likewise Suggest that a Regimental Store House. Serjeants Quarters. and a Standard Guard room. will be also required—

Most respectfully submitting what I have here said to your consideration—

I have the Honor to remain,

&c &c

Signed J. Pater Lt Col Comdg the 2d Batt of Cavy

Connatoor
February 26 1798

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Majr Barbutt being obliged to proceed to Jaffnapatam commits the provision of Supplies for the troops ordered to embark from Tope Tory to Mr. Balmain—

I have waited several days for the arrival of Colonel Torrens's Battalion and the — Detachment of Pioneers— But having only leave of absence for this month, am under the necessity of — proceeding to Jaffnapatnam— and have in consequence — written to Mr. Balmain. the Collector of this District to grant the necessary supplies on Indent. to the — Detachment on its' march to this place.—

No Return was sent to me by Colonel Torrens of the strength of his Battalion. but from the number of large Doneys that Mr. Balmain has provided. I must conclude. the Battalion. will meet with no delay. as they exceed fully a third more in Tonnage. than either of the Sepoy Battalions had when they went to the expected Siege of Colombo—

I beg leave to acquaint you. that I have requested of Mr. Balmain to defray all Expences. and to make his charges to Government.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signd G. Barbut Major 73d
To

Tope Tory
28th January 1798.

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To Josiah Webbe Esq

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Mr. Collector Balmain. states the amount of his Disbursements on account of the embarkation of the Troops from Tope Torry for Ceylon.

I have the Honor to enclose. Copy of a letter addressed to me by Major Barbut, and have to request you will be pleased to inform the Honorable President in Council. that I have in consequence defrayed all expences attending the Embarkation of the Detachment under the orders of Colonel Sorrens and the Pioneers Commanded by Lieutenant Fitzpatrick at Tope Torry. I herewith transmit accounts Particulars thereof. with the Indents for Provisions, and receipts of the Downey Owners for the money they have received also acknowledgements from Colonel Sorrens and Lieutenant Fitzpatrick for Cash advanced them to pay the Tindals of the Doneys at Thanar

I beg leave to acquaint you. that I have this day drawn a bill upon you for the amount of the money I have disbursed. being Seven hundred and eighty three Star Pagodas. Sixteen Fanams

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2d Fanams and seventy Cash 783.16.70 in favor of the Members of the Board of Revenue—

Trivalore
27th. February 1798

I have the Honor to be.
&c &c
Signd G. Balmain
Coll.r

The Honorable the Governor in Council

Sir.

From Majr General Floyd - proposing the Execution of some repairs to both Forts at Tanjore and the completion of a Well for the Cavalry Cantonment on Trichinopoly Plain.

I have the Honor to lay before you No 1 some judicious observations of Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud, on the Fortifications of both Forts at Tanjore, accompanied by an Estimate No 2.

Also an Estimate No 3 for compleating a well already begun at the Cantonment of H.M. 19th Dragr. of which there is a particular account in the inclosure No 1— And request your Commands on those objects

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signd J. Floyd M.G.

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To

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To Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern division of
the Army

Sir.

When I went lately to Tanjore
by your orders. I examined the Fortifications, and
found, that the parapets of both Forts, were very
much cracked, and out of repair; that two Ramps
in the large Fort near the communication Gate
were almost impassable and that 45 feet in length
of the interior revetment of the Rampart in the
large Fort, had come down, and that the whole
of this Wall in both Forts was so much damaged
at the foot, that it is probable, a great deal more
of it may fall in the next rains —

The expence attending the —
repairs now wanting is very trifling to what it
will be perhaps by this time next year, and I have
made an estimate of it, which may be if you
think proper transmitted to Government

In august 1796. an estimate

Amounting

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23 amounting to S.P. 154.36. for a well near the Cavalry Cantonment on Trichinopoly plain, was transmitted to and approved by Government, as this was previous to the orders of the 6th October 1796. and subsequent to the expiration of the Contract of Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott. I put the estimate into the hands of the Paymaster to be executed by him; but as I had made no allowance for hard rocky ground: the Sum of P. 60. 8:- allotted to the digging part of the work was exceeded after excavating 19 ft. and the estimate was for 40 ft. in depth - since which the work has been at a stand -

On examining the well in its present situation, I am of opinion that 35 feet depth will be sufficient, and I have the honor to enclose you an estimate of the expence as it will be in toto, if it is approved by Government I will reimburse the Paymaster the Sum already expended - and compleat it myself, at the Current prices of this Station. -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Majr. E.I.D. & B. Col

Trichinopoly
25th February 1798.

Estimate

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2.

Estimate of Repairs immediately wanting to the Main Ramparts and Parapets of the two Forts of Sarjne
at the Current Prices of the Station — 0° 4C 0 4 6.

superf. Squares	cubic Feet				
975		Pointing in Chunam the Interior Revetment of the Main Rampart and the Retaining walls of the Parapets of Both Forts	26	Square	603 24 —
	3100	Brick in Chunam repairing a Breach in the interior Revetement of the Rampart of the large Fort and the two Ramps near the Communication Gate			
	1250	D° D° repairing the Retaining Wall of the Parapets in both Forts			
	84	D° D° repairing the Interior Revetement of the Rampart of the little Fort			
Total 4434		Brick in Chunam	2:707	Cub ft	303 21 60
cub. yr 190		Filling in with Earth the Rampart and Ramps in the large Fort	5	Cub yr	2226 —
				Total Pagodas	929 29 60

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February 24th 1798

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Majr El. D. & C.

Sarjne Fort
Trichinopoly March 1798

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Estimate for a well for the new Cavalry Cantonment, Trichinopoly Plain. 35 feet Deep and 10 feet in Diameter.

Made out at the current prices of the station.

Cubick Yard	Cubick Feet		Pr. ₰ C.	Pr. ₰ C.
200	——	digging in Rock 35 feet deep and 14 feet in Diameter to make Room for the Wall	26-20 ₰ Cub. yd.	125 — —
——	1482	Brick and Chunam for a Revetement wall one foot thick and Parapet Wall 4 feet high	210 ₰ Cub. foot	₰ 14 20
		Rope and Bucket with iron work; 2 Stones 9 feet Long and a Wooden Cross Beam &c. &c.	"	6 — —
			Total Pagodas.	205. 14. 20

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Signed Elisha Trapaud
Majr Engrs. D. A. G. Coast

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To Major General Geils

Sir,

To Major General Geils declining compliance with his application for Copies of the proceedings of the Board of Officers &c.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21st ultimo and to inform you, that the Honorable the Governor in Council having instituted an enquiry into the late mutiny of the artillery, having in consequence passed such resolution, as he judged expedient, and having referred the whole subject to the consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors, does not deem it necessary to furnish you with the proceedings of the Board of Officers —

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
Signd J Webbe
Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
28th February 1798.

To Captain Macaulay

&c Committee of Enquiry

To the Committee for inquiring into the charges preferred against Andy Narrain Their conduct approved. Andy Narrain fully acquitted and Conductor Montague dismissed the Company's Service

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Captain Macaulay's letter dated 27th instant and

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and to express the satisfaction of the Honorable the Governor in Council at the manner in which you have conducted the enquiry entrusted to you: and at your successfull developement of this intricate affair—

The Governor in Council perfectly agrees with you that there is not the smallest ground for imputing a traiterous correspondence to Andy Narrainmuks. you have been already informed is released. and, as Mr. Mountague has totally failed of substantiating any part of his charges, and has discovered a disposition for intrigue very inconsistent with his situation, the Governor in Council has dismissed him from the Companys Service—

I am
&c. &c.
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt

Fort St. George
28th February 1798

To G. H. Barlow Esqr
Secretary to the Government

To Bengal—relative to the Establishment of a mutual Communication between the Surveyors at the two Presidencies—

Sir,

Fort William

As mutual communications between the Surveyors employed under the different Presidencies must

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28 must tend to increase our geographical knowledge I am directed by the Governor in Council to request that the inclosed copy of a letter from Captain Mackenzie may be submitted to the Governor General in Bengal, and that the Surveyor General there may be authorized to communicate with Captain Mackenzie in the manner suggested by the latter, and approved by the former

I am directed to add that a similar application has been made to the government of Bombay

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
Signed J Webbe
Sec to Govt

Fort St George
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To John Morris Esqr
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th ultimo and to inform you that Captain Mackenzie who has been furnished with a copy of Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds's letter, has been desired to endeavour to assist that gentleman with the information

To Bombay proposing that a mutual Communication be established between the Surveyors at the two Presidencies

2d information which he has pointed out.—

As a mutual communication between the gentlemen employed under the different Presidencies must tend to increase our knowledge of Indian geography, and to promote the public uses for which the surveys have been undertaken. I am directed to inclose copy of a letter from Captain Mackenzie and to request that Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds may be authorized to make communications similar to those expected from the Surveyor general in Bengal—

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28th February 1798.

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

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr
Governor in Council
Bombay

To Bombay - the Travancore Troops serving in the Carnatic ordered to be sent back and arrears due to them to be discharged when ascertained

Hon^ble Sir

We have had the honor to receive your letter of the 6th instant, with its enclosures—

In reply we have the honor to inform you, that in consequence of great distress to the Travancore

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Travancore hoops serving under this Presidency for want of pay, money has been frequently tendered for their use, but refused by the Commandant but as a loan —

Having no further occasion for this Battalion we have issued orders for its return to Travancore but having received no statement of the pays to which they may be entitled. we are unable to discharge the — exact arrears which may be due to them since 2d July last

We shall however order advances to be made to as great extent as the Commandant may be willing to receive them; and in the event of our not receiving the account mentioned by the Rajah shall hereafter advise you of the amount which may be paid to the Battalion —

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
28th February 1798

Sir &c &c.

Signd George Harris
& Council

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of all
His Majesty's ships and Vessels in the
East Indies

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive
your

To Rear Admiral Rainier the Ships of his Squadron touching on Ceylon will be supplied with provisions as requested, Lieutenant General Harris Successor to the Government Notified.

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your Excellency's letter of the 7th instant, and have in consequence issued orders for the supply of such stores and provisions as may be required by his Majesty's Ships La Sybille Fox or Trident upon their arrival at Point de Galle or Colombo.

We have the honor to inform your Excellency that in consequence of the departure of the Right Honorable Lord Hobart the charge of this government has devolved upon Lieutenant General Harris according to a resolution of the Honorable Court of Directors.

We have advised the Supreme Government of your Excellency's intended motions, and have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Excellency's most obedient

humble Servants

Fort St. George
28 February 1798

(Signed) George Harris
Wm. Council

To Benjamin Sulivan Esq.
Attorney General

To the Attorney General
his opinion required how
far the Vakeels or agents
of Native Princes are
amenable to the
Jurisdiction of the
Mayors Court a Court
of Cutcherry

Sir.

I am directed to refer to you the enclosed copy of a letter from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour.

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Sanjour. and to desire you will report your opinion how far the Servants of his Excellency acting as his agents, or as his Vackeels acknowledged by this government should or should not be amenable to the jurisdiction of the Court of Cutcherry. or the Mayor's Court—

& Vakeels. acknowledged as—

ambassadors from different princes should not in your opinion be subject to the authority of these Courts. the Governor in Council desires you will consider how far they may be entitled to take advantage of them in the recovery of monies—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Fort St. George
28th February 1798.

Signed J Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Mr. James Brodie

Garrison Storekeeper

To Mr Brodie admitting the Justness of his claim to an Increase of Salary which however Government are precluded from granting without the Sanction of the Court of Directors—

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23d ultimo and to inform you, that though the Governor in Council is fully sensible that your present salary is very inadequate to the—

trouble

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trouble and responsibility of your office under the new system of regulation. He is yet restricted by recent orders from the Court of Directors from making any addition without their sanction. As it is his intention however to recommend your application to their favorable notice, he has no doubt that the Honorable Court will reconsider your situation under it's present circumstances—

Fort St. George
2d February 1798.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) I Webbe
Sec.y to Govt

To Major General Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division at

To Major General Floyd's Officers whose horses have lately died cannot be reimbursed, but may remount themselves by selection from the Lot of Horses lately arrived from Cochin at the regulated prices. Colonel Cotton's appeal must come thro' the regular channel. Exchange at Tanjore and Estimates for repairs under Consideration. The Rajah's troops serving at Madura and Palamcotah to be sent back to Travancore.

Sir,

Trichinopoly

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters dated. 10. 11. 12 and 2d 3d Ultimo—

Under the circumstances stated in your letter of the 10th The Honorable the Governor in Council does not judge the officers therein mentioned to be entitled to any reimbursement from the Company

25 Company for the loss of their Horses; but he has no
objection to their remounting themselves from the lot of new
Horses upon paying the regulated price according to the
general order of 23d. February 1796.

It is necessary that the objections of
Lieutenant Colonel Cotton against the retrenchment should
be submitted to the Governor in Council through the
regular channel of the office of Audit—

Measures will be taken for remedying
the inconvenience of the exchange at Tanjore—

The estimates of repairs have been
referred to the Military Board, who would have been
authorized to issue the necessary orders for repairing the
Warriore Gate at Trichinopoly, if his Highness the Nabob
had not rendered it unnecessary—

The Governor in Council is satisfied
with the explanation of Colonel Gowdie respecting the
payment of the Travancore troops, as their pay is
become chargeable to the Company by a late treaty
with the Rajah, and as there is no longer occasion for
their services, orders have been issued for the discharge
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of such arrears as may be due to them and the Governor in Council desires that the necessary directions may be given as soon as possible for their return to Travancore.

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

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that you will authorize the payment of pagodas 877. to the gram agent of the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry in consequence of the delivery of gram — sufficient for the consumption of that corps till the 1st April. as also an advance of pagodas 465. to the gram agent of the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry. for the purchase of Sixteen garce of gram. and a like sum upon the delivery of that quantity —

I am also directed to desire that an immediate advance of pagodas 1966. 28. may be authorized to the agent of supply at the Presidency and a similar Sum on the 1st April. being two thirds of the estimated value of — articles

To the Military Auditor General - advances of Cash to be made to different gram agents and the agent of supply at the Presidency - allowance granted Captain Kirkland while officiating as paymaster and Commissary at Banda. Decision on Lieut. Colonel Macleay's Claim - and the charges made by Captains Monteith and Pledger for Mastry Horse Keepers and Grass Cutters - the Exchange at Tanjore to undergo a full consideration - officers allowed to select horses from the remount Lot lately arrived. at the established Rates arrears due to artificers at Pondicherry to be paid up - Tent destroyed at Trincomale to be paid for. and advances to be made to the Travancore Sepoys -

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23 articles ordered to be provided by him during the ensuing quarter—

At the earnest recommendation of his Excellency the Admiral the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant Major of Brigade Kirkland the additional pay of Captain during the time he acted as paymaster and Commissary to the troops at Banda—

As Lieutenant Colonel Macleay could not have attained the rank which he now holds on the establishment without his actual arrival in India. his claim to the pay of that rank at any time previous to his arrival is not supported by any the most forced construction of the regulations now in force—

Inclose the decision of government upon the retrenchments against Captains Monteith, and St. Leger La Mairey, Horsekeepers and grass cutters—

In consequence of a representation from Major General Floyd of the loss sustained by the exchange at Tanjore. the Governor in Council desires you will take the subject into consideration and report your opinion as to the best means of remedying this inconvenience—

Majr

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Major of Brigade Strahan. Lieutenant Brabazon and two quarter masters of His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons have been permitted to purchase Horses from the lot of remount Horses lately received from the agent at the regulated prices according to the general order of the 23d February 1796.

I inclose extract of a letter from the officer commanding at Pondicherry, and am directed to desire that the artificers at that place who were struck off by the late regulations may receive their pay up to the 19th January.

I inclose an original statement of trees felled at Trincomalee by order of Government to render the garrison more healthy and am directed to desire that the paymaster at that place may be authorized to satisfy the demands of the individuals concerned according to the Statement amounting to pagodas 3,576. 41.

A treaty has been concluded with the Rajah of Travancore, by which the pay of that Prince's troops serving within the Company's territories is to be defrayed by them: but as no statements or accounts of the pay to which they are entitled, have been

received

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2d. received. it is impossible to fix the disbursements on this account—

Having however no further occasion for the Battalion stationed at Madura and Palamcotah, the Governor in Council has issued orders for their return to Travancore, and is desirous that the arrears which may be due since the 21st July 1797, should be paid up to the time of their quitting the Company's dominions, he directs therefore that the Paymaster of those stations may be authorized to make such advances on account as may be necessary, and that Statement of the sums so advanced may be prepared for transmission to Bombay—

I have the Honor to,
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Fort St. George
28th February 1798— (Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

3d. Substance of Letters from the Rajahs of Calastry and Bomrauzepollam

Received Letters from the Zemindar of Calastry and Bomrauzepollam / entered in C.C.. N.o 4041-/ congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his accession to the Government—

Sent the following Letters To

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To Captain Colin Mackenzie

Surveyor to the Nizam's Detachment

Sir

To Captain Mackenzie the Maps he sent in by him forwarded to the Court of Directors and his merits particularly pointed out to their notice. the additional Establishment applied for. granted. Copy of a letter from Bombay respecting geographical materials required by Lieut Colonel Reynolds enclosed. a communication with the Surveyors at the other two Presidencies authorized and recommended.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 6th and 24th ultimo.

The duplicate maps of surveys, observations, and geographical materials executed and collected by you as supplementary to your general map of the Nizams dominions has been transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors.

Though the governor in Council is fully sensible that the allowances drawn by you are not adequate to the labor and importance of the office for which you have been recommended to the Honorable Court, he does not feel himself at liberty to anticipate their decision upon the subject. Fully impressed however with a just sense of your industry, and zeal he has had much pleasure upon the present occasion in pointing out your merits to the Honorable Court. and in reminding them of the former recommendation of this government that you should be appointed Surveyor general under this

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3° this Presidency — a Situation which he believes you particularly well qualified to fill —

Mean while the Governor in Council is willing to afford you every assistance in his power by granting the additional establishment which you have recommended from the 1st Instant. and the necessary orders have been issued for that purpose. —

The Governor in Council has transmitted a copy of your letter of the 24th Instant to the Presidencies of Bengal and Bombay; and readily consents to your making such communications with the Surveyors upon those establishments, as may tend to increase our knowledge of Indian geography. — at the same time inclose copy of a letter from Bombay; and am directed to desire that you will endeavour to assist Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds with the particular information which he has — pointed out —

Sam.
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Signed J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

For the Military Auditor General, relative to the encreased establishment to be attached to Capt. Mackenzie. a Statement of the expence thereof to be submitted

I am directed to acquaint you that in addition to the Assistant Surveyor who has been appointed to the Nizam's detachment, the Governor in Council has been pleased to grant Captain Mackenzie the following increase of establishment viz:

1 Writer
1 draftsman
1 Carpenter
1 Smith or Brazier
2 Kinnarahs or peons
1 Boy from the Surveying School

The Governor in Council therefore desires that you will adjust the rates of pay and submit it for his confirmation—

Fort St. George
2 Decbr 1798

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

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Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 4-5-6-7-8-(9 A & B)

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From the Commandant at Pondamallee

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell requesting that the Fort Adjutant may be authorized to draw for five Pucallies monthly for the purpose of supplying water for the Troops in garrison—

From the Military Auditor General

From Major General Lydenham reporting that Major General Congyngham has lodged with the paymaster general an accepted order on the House of Chase & Co. due the 10th Instant, for the amount due from him to the Company

From the Commandant at Vellore—

From Colonel Sale requesting that acting Assistant Surgeon Shuttleworth may be authorized to draw the regulated allowance for his attendance on the 2 Companies of the 1st Battalion 6th Regiment now doing Garrison Duty at Vellore—

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Rochuck enclosing an additional Indent for Pagoda 28,346:10:28—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow forwarding a letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General—

To Military Auditor General

To Major General Lydenham referring for examination the additional Estimate abovementioned—

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad—

To Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing

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The Letters for the Nizam, Azim ul Omrah, and other Auhum mentioned in a former part of this Diary—

Received the following Letter—

The Honorable the President in Council

Sir.

From Major General Floyd - stating the Extent to which the Nabobs Servants have executed the repairs to the works and what still remains to be done—

The Managers for His Highness the Nabob at Trichinopoly having informed me that they had very nearly expended the amount of the Estimate for repairing the works of this Fort. I called upon Lieutenant Colonel Frazer to examine, and estimate what had actually been performed, as in the enclosure N°1 and to estimate what remains to be done, as in the enclosure N°2. The abstract of these runs thus.

	Ps	f	c
By N°1 Expended	3,087.	5.	57
By N°2 Remains to be done	2,627.	18.	45
	5,714.	24.	22
Original Estimate	4,508.	21.	18
Difference	1,206.	3.	4

The same performance estimated by the Nabobs' Managers amounts to a larger sum and stands thus—

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Expended on the works	3,488. 11. 6.
Cleansing part of the Ditch	776. 3. 18
Cleansing the great Tank	80. " "
	4,344. 15. "
Remains of the Estimate	164. 6. "
Original Estimate	4,508. 21. "

The Nabobs Managers here introduce two articles which are not included in Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud's Estimate, and rate them, it is thought, very high I mean cleansing the Ditch, and the great Tank which were become pestilential - The Senior Engineer cannot check this account, as he had no report of the work people employed nor does it belong to the Repairs of the works -

Adverting to Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud's Estimates of Repairs, it is necessary to account for the difference Pagodas 1,206 -

In the space hitherto finished, more work has been done, than was originally estimated - particularly the compleat repair of the Curtains, as far as the work has proceeded, and the making a Gun road within side, at the foot of the Rampart, and must acknowledge it is very well executed, and the Fort, so far, more respectable than ever it was -

The Nabobs Managers stating the Remains

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remains in their hands to be so small. the Repairs will very soon cease. leaving perhaps one third of the Works a perfect Ruin—

It becomes therefore necessary to report these circumstances. that you may take such measures with His Highness the Nabob, as you judge expedient. that His Highness may issue orders for the prosecution of the work. which unless complicated. will render all the sums as yet employed. as it were. money thrown away; Whereas. on the other hand. if vigorously prosecuted the Fort of Tritchinopoly will be much more respectable than ever. owing to several palpable improvements in the Defences.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
and most humble Servant,
Sign'd J. Floyd
M.G

Tritchinopoly
March 23 1798.

Estimate

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Estimate of the Repairs which have been executed by His Highness the Nabob on the Fort of Sitchinopoly — At the Current Prices of the Station —

N°	What parts of the Fort Repaired.	Cubick Feet Bricks and Chunam	Cubic Feet Old materials wrought with and without the spot	Superfs. Square Yards Pointing in Chunam	Cubick Yards Filling in with Earth & beating it down
1st	At the Centaminy Gateway, and the first Curtain to the westward; a new Parapet with 6 Embrasures Rampart. Ramp. &c.	1,426	3,666	47½	486.
2d	The first Tower and 2d Curtain; a new Retaining wall Rampart. &c	502	5438	32½	837.
3d	The 2d Tower. Repairing Parapet. Banquette &c.	130	862	22½	10
4th	The 3d Curtain repairing 6 Embrasures.	1630	1723	11½	
5th	The North west Angle Battery; New Parapet &c.	1743	930	24	50
6th	The Drain in the Ditch opposite the above angle	450	540		132
7th	Dalton's Battery; and the Fasse Bray near it.	645	667¼	278½	290.
8th	Smith's Battery; Repairing the Parapet. Rampart &c.	540	1531	98	95
9th	Three small Towers on the west Face between Smith's & Campbell's Batterys repairing parapets &c.	290	2229	42½	171.
10th	Campbell's Battery, rebuilding part of the Revetement the Parapet. Ramp. &c	1565	1846	40½	220
11th	The S.W. Angle Battery repairing the Parapet Banquette. Ramps &c	2653	3126	61¼	268
12th	From the S.W. angle to the Reentring Angle Battery; repairing retaining wall. Parapets. Banquette &c.	780	6320	120½	386
13th	The reentring angle Battery; a new Parapet with 4 Embrasures &c	2561	4015	23	330
14th	From the Reentring Angle Battery, to the Masuriah Gateway; repairing the Parapet & 8 Embrasures and making two small Barbets &c.	2947	2022	217	208.
15th	The Battery to the Eastward of the Masuria Gate way; a new Parapet with 5 Embrasures Retaining Wall. Ramps &c.	2919	12719	82¾	560.
16	The 1st Tower and 2d Curtain Eastward; repairing retaining Wall; Parapet &c.	501	3216	31	645
	Total	21282	56857	1136¼	4494

Total work which has been executed

		Prices	
21282 Cubic ft	Brick in Chunam	2 ₰ Cubic Foot	1,013 18 —
56857 D°	Old materials wrought with Common mud on the spot	60 ₰ D°	1,015 12 60
1136 Square	Pointing in Chunam	1670 ₰ Square	456 22 17
4494 Cubic yd	Filling in with Earth & beating it down	5 50 ₰ Cubic yd	661 36 60
		Total Pagodas	3087 5 57

Tichinopoly
28th February 1798.

Signed Elisha Tapaud
Major E.I. D. A.G. &c.

Part

Part of the Estimate for repairing the Defences of the Fort of Trichinopoly dated 11th November 1796 - which remains still to be executed -

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Work to be executed and where required -

		Brick and Chunam in Cubic feet	Brick and Stone in Cubic feet	Pointing in chunam with to Selling in Cubic Yards	Brick and Chunam 9 Inch in Cubic feet	Brick and Stone 1½ Bk Cubic feet	Pointing in chunam @ 70 C.F. Square	Earth to Selling 5:50 Cubic yards	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
13	The Tower L										
	Making a new Parapet with two Embrasures								6	40	96
14	The Tower M										
	Repairing the Parapet walls, Embrasures, & Merlons								200	15 00	21 50
15	The Tower N										
	Making a new Parapet with 3 Embrasures instead of the Cavalier								16	20	240
16	The S.E. Angle Battery O										
	Repairing 16 Embrasures the Parapet wall Banket and Merlons				600	43 10	114	200			
	Rebuilding the Retaining Wall fallen down				960	28 20	60	200			
									156	33 10	174 1000
17	The Tower P										
	Repairing the Parapet walls & Embrasure and Merlons								10	60	4½ 15
18	The Battery Q										

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Repairing the Parapet — — —

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

Honorable Sir.

From Major General Braithwaite - Captain A. Grant takes charge of the Police Department. Favorable mention made of the Conduct of Captn Blair in that office refers differences between the Bishop of Dalicha and some foreign Missionaries proposes the Reestablishment of the office for registering Mortgages refers a question connected with the Court of Revision - and a complaint made by an Inhabitant of Pondicherry of the illegal marriage of his Son by a priest acting under the authority of the Bishop of St Thome proposes Mr Blin for the vacant office of Curateur des Biens Vacans -

I have the Honor to inform you that, in obedience to the orders I have received, I shall leave this Station on the 3d instant, in order to review the Troops at the several stations detailed in the order of the Commander in Chief: According to a calculate I have made I shall, if no accident intervenes, have discharged this duty by the end of the month; when I shall return to this Station and review the Corps in this Cantonment. During my absence the immediate Command here devolves upon Colonel McDowal of his Majesty's 36th Regiment who is the Senior Officer here. =

Captain Allan Grant, whom you have lately appointed Town Major here, arrived yesterday and was immediately put in orders to discharge the duties attached to that situation. It is a duty I owe to Captain Blair, the late Town Major here, to say, that he discharged the duties of his Station so much to my satisfaction, that I thought it incumbent on me to —

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announce to the Cantonment my full and entire approbation of his conduct in the same order that announced his Successor. This day in virtue of the authority vested in me by Government under date 31st May 1797 I have given to Captain Allan Grant my warrant constituting him also Chief of the Police here, and he will in consequence be to all intents and purposes such from this date, but as I am upon the point of leaving this place, and he is an entire stranger in it. I request you will permit Captain Blair to remain here at least till my return, as he will be greatly useful to Captain Grant in putting him in the right way. From his thorough knowledge of all the Characters here, to discharge well an important trust which he himself has discharged with such activity and integrity - In justice to Captain Blair I think it my duty to inform you, that he has greatly improved the Morals and conduct of the lower classes of people here of all discriptions, and has at the same time given universal satisfaction, and has managed the resources of the Office with such honor and integrity that the charges for the maintenance of Prisoners and other contingencies

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which were formerly the subjects of charge to Government, have not only been defrayed from them during his time, but he has paid off an arrear of his Predecessor charged for the maintenance of Prisoners of about 150 Pagodas, and has also enabled me from these Funds to make several trifling repairs amounting in the whole to near one thousand rupees, and thereby prevented my troubling Government for these trifles: and as he will detail minutely to Captain Grant his mode of proceeding, and will deliver to him his Books, I am well convinced the same system will be pursued, and that a Fund is thereby established for the discharge of all future petty contingencies, such as temporary and slight repairs to Hospitals, Barracks, Prisons, Bridges, &c. without troubling Government—

I am under the necessity of troubling you with some Letters which have been addressed to me, as they turn on points which I do not feel myself competent to decide. No 1. is a Letter and supplement to it, with the Copy of a passport addressed to me by the Bishop of Dolicha, who is at the Head of the Jesuit mission here. I was not informed of the reasons that induced the Right Honorable Lord Hobart to order him and some Jesuits who had spread themselves in the Southern

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6th Southern Countries to return to this place, as all the correspondence on that subject passed I believe between Government and Major General Floyd, but I have no doubt they were Founded in good policy; I must however in justice to the Bishop and the Jesuit Missionaries in general, here say, that they have conducted themselves in this place uniformly well—

No. 2. is a Letter addressed to me by Monsieur Mollet President of the Superior Council, on this subject I can say there was under the French Government a person whose duty it was to keep a record of all mortgages, which was open to the examination of every one, it was held by Mons.r Reinaud a Member of the Council here, during the time of Sir Charles Oakely I believe it was, the Council was reduced from five to three, and Mons.r Reinauds dying, the office was discontinued which has given rise to several frauds as I find in the course of the proceedings of the tribunals which have latterly come to my knowledge, there are many instances of double nay treble mortgages each — + — Mortgager supposing himself the only one for want of such an office to apply to, for although all — + — mortgages must be made before a notary, notaries are under

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under oath not to discover the pecuniary transaction which came before them, if it is your pleasure in consequence of this representation that this office should be re established I beg leave to recommend that it may be held by Monsieur Collin a very respectable Member of the present Council—

N.o 3. is a Letter addressed to me by Mons.r Mercier a Merchant of this place of exceeding good character, it was presented to me when I was last at Madras but I did not think it prudent to take any steps in it without first enquiring on the spot: from the information I have received I think there exists very sufficient cause for this appeal which but for the absence of Mons.r Mercier would have been transmitted with some others which the Right Honorable Lord Hobart permitted to be brought before the Tribunal of revision, but as the last Order which established the Tribunals here directs that in future causes which have been first tried in the Choultry Court and have been thence appealed to the Superior Council, shall not have the benefit of a third trial, I cannot without your special authority take up this cause in the Tribunal

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of revision, of which Sam President, that as the late Superior Council was reformed on account of the numerous complaints against the partiality and injustice of their sentences, and as this cause is similar to those which were before appealed to the Government of Madras and allowed to be brought before the Tribunal of revision here, I do not think that the spirit of the order is against this appeal although the letter is, as it is from a sentence passed by a Tribunal that brought on itself the animadversions of Government, and a thorough change in its constitution. I trust therefore I am justified in requesting your authority to receive this appeal.

No 4. is a Letter from a very old soldier though a young Subaltern French Officer, having been promoted from a Sergeant for his good behaviour, the fact as I understand it, is that a woman of loose character seduced his Son to go with her to Cuddalore, where she got the Priest at Mangecopong near to Cuddalore to marry them. Such a marriage is in direct repugnance to all the French Ordinances, the Old man therefore applied to the Priest for an authenticated record of the Marriage in order to institute a process for annulling it, but the Priest refuses to furnish him with it, or to give him

him any satisfaction, saying that he is not under the control of any one here, and will do nothing without an order from the Bishop of St. Thome, who does not seem inclined to interfere. The old man has therefore applied to me, but it is not in my power to grant him redress, otherwise than by stating this case to you Sir, and requesting that if you will be pleased to direct the Bishop of St Thome to send orders to this Priest at Mangecopang to furnish the documents required of him without delay

Pondicherry
March 1st 1798

I have the Honor to be
&c &c

Signd John Bathurste

P.S. At the time when I had the Honor to recommend Mons.r Guerre (who held the office of Curateur des biens Vacantes) to succeed to the office of Greffier to the Superior Council on the death of Mons.r Collondon, I knew of no person that I could then recommend to fill the office held by Mons.r Guerre, which is an important trust involving the property of minors, under these circumstances the Right Honorable Lord Hobart desired me to look well about me, and to take the sense of the Colony before I recommended a person to succeed Mons.r Guerre, and he was

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was desired to continue in the charge till a successor was nominated, which is however I find irregular, I have now the pleasure to say that I can recommend a young Gentleman every way well qualified to fill the trust, viz Mons.r Etienne Barthelemy Blin, the youngest Son of Mons.r Blin the Controller of the Marine here, whom I have known to be one of the most respected men in Pondicherry these twenty years, and he will be security for his son, who is about 25 years of age, and has been trained to business. I therefore beg leave to recommend Mons.r Etienne Barthelemy Blin to be Curateur des Biens Vacantes, Vice Guerre promoted to the Griffier to the Superior Council

Signd John Brathwaite

N.B The Subjects N.os 1 & 4
transferred to the publick
Department

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir.

I take the liberty of representing to you that when this place was captured, there was appointed a person to keep a Register of mortgages, and an office established

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6th established where any person might ascertain the mortgages that had been made on any immovable property at Pondicherry. Mr. Reynaud then held this office with a Salary of 80 Rupees p. month. On his Death, his widow transferred the charge of the register kept by her deceased husband to a Notary - and this Notary is ex officio prohibited from divulging the mortgages authenticated before him - under this Circumstance it becomes a matter of public Consideration that the office should be re-established on its former footing -

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

Pondicherry
19th February 1798.

(Signed) Mottet

A true translation

(Signed) George Parry
French Transl.

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry -
and President of the Tribunal of Revision

Sir.

I beg leave to represent to you
that Nainate Diwan had engaged to become Security for

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for me for the performance of a contract I was about to enter into, by his persuasion: with a man named Chowry Mootoo: but, having afterwards refused to stand by his engagement, I was obliged to sue him in Court, Nainate was cast in the Choultry Court twice from these Sentences he appealed, and the Arrêt of the 25th September 1794. which has since passed in Council, was prejudicial to my Cause, as it has neither decided on the whole of the points in dispute, nor examined on Oath to Interrogatories, as had been required- I am moreover able to prove that the Oath was not administered to Nainate according to the Customary Forms, and that it is, consequently, of no avail, and cannot supersede my just demands- I therefore appeal to you, Sir, as President of the Tribunal of Revision, and request you will obtain an order from Government for my cause being brought before the Council of Rivision, when I engage to prove that the Arrêt of the 25th September cannot be maintained and that a Decree for its repeal should consequently be passed-

Pondicherry 15th December 1797

(Signed) L. Mercier

A true Translation

(Signed) George Parry
Interpr. French Transl.

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At a Consultation

Present

Lieutenant General Harris
Governor President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falloofield } Esquires

Tuesday
6th March

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C. N° 42.

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris. Governor of Fort St. George

Dated. 4th March 1798.
and received. 5th Do.

From the Nabob requesting that the Ramnad District may be restored to him agreeably to the terms of the Treaty which expires on the 4th instant.

This day is the fourth of March. on which the period of the assignment for three years of the District of the great Marwar, otherwise called Ramnad=poor expires. I have therefore to request that, according to

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to agreement. you will restore the said District to me. and that you will be pleased to send me the Accounts of the District, and the money which is due to me of the three year's Revenues, according to the Treaty of Lord Hobart— You will have understood all these particulars, from the said Treaty, the Fulfillment of which I expect from your Friendship—

What can I write more?

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
P. S. to Gov.

The President delivers in the following

Minute—

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute in Council
6th. March 1798.

President Minute. Submitting to the Board a private communication from Mr. H. C. Jackson respecting the Situation of the Ramnad District, and proposing that the consideration of the Subject be for a short time postponed—

In consequence of the foregoing letter from His Highness the Nabob. demanding the relinquishment of the Ramnad Country, to his authority. by Virtue of the agreement entered into on the 4th. March 1795. the President thinks it necessary to inform the Board that he received on the 4th instant a letter from Mr.

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Mr. Jackson on the subject. which he now delivers to the Members for their perusal as a private communication. The President however requests their attention to the prefatory remark with which Mr. Jackson introduces his opinions. From whence it appears that the paper now sent by him had been delivered to the late Right Honorable President at Ramnad. that was returned privately to Mr. Jackson immediately before His Lordship's resignation of the Government; His Lordship expressing that the Multiplicity of business since his return to Madras prevented him entering into the subject. to the same circumstance, His Lordship's sudden departure. The President ascribes the regret he feels. that in the Consideration of this important subject he will not be aided by the benefit of his Sentiments. as the letter alluded to from Mr. Jackson gave to the President the first intimation that this Subject was likely to come under decision so immediately upon his accession -

As the day on which according to the agreement executed on the 4th March 1795. the Ramnad District was to be delivered over to

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the Nabob has passed, and no reasons have been recorded why that, or any other arrangement, has not been adopted. The President has entered into this explanation least the necessity he is under of declaring himself unprepared to submit his sentiments on the foregoing letter from the Nabob should seem to arise from any other than the real cause. As this however is of much consequence that the determination of this point should be made with every possible expedition, the President will submit his opinion so soon as he has given to it that attentive consideration which it demands—

(signed) George Harris

Minute of the Board thereon

Ordered that the papers relative to Ramnad be sent in circulation—

Read the following letter from Poonah—

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

From Mr. Ubthoff draws 25,000 Rs. on the Government preparations making by the Peshwa and Scindean parties for expeditions against the Nizam and Rajah of Kolapore—

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the

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The receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Parrys letter of the 30th ultimo. and to enclose copy of a bill of exchange, which I have this day drawn on your Lordship in Council, in consequence of a letter from the Secretary of the Bombay Government, copy of which is enclosed.

I have the Honor to enclose Extract of my address of this date to the Governor General.

And to be very respectfully,

&c. &c.

Poona
16th. February 1798.

Signd J. Uhthoff

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

At Sixteen days sight of this my first Bill of Exchange. Second and third of the same Tenor and the Date not paid. Please to pay or cause to be paid. to Gopaldass Visonchund. or his order. the Sum of twenty five thousand (25,000) Rupees. Value received from Munordass Dwarkadass. as p advice from

My Lord

&c. &c.

Poona
16th. February 1798

Signed J. Uhthoff

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

This is Purposely to advise you, that agreeably to the letter from the Secretary of the Bombay Government dated 9th Instant. I have this day drawn on you. in favor of Gopauldass Visvonchond. or Order. for Twenty five thousand /25000 Rupees. for Twenty five thousand seven hundred and fifty /25.750/ Rupees Received from Munordass Dewarkadass. at the Rate of 103 at Bombay for 100 at Madras. c/o the use of the Bombay Government on account of agent for Horse Purchases. as per your letter of Credit of 3d July 1795. on the Bombay Government. in favor of Lieutenant C. C. Montgomery.

I have the honor to be,

W. H.

Poona

16th February 1798

/signed/ I. Uhthoff.

True Copies

/signed/ I. Uhthoff.

To

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To Joshua Uhthoff Esqr

Acting Resident at

Sir. Poona

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to desire that you negociate draft on the Madras Government to the amount of 30000 Rupees, to replace that sum advanced to Mr. Montgomery Agent for purchasing Cavalry for that Presidency, in like manner as you have before done.

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

Bombay Castle
9th February 1798.

Signed John Morris
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True Copy
Signed Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General. dated Poona 16th February 1798.

Preparations are on foot among the Peishwa's and Scindean Parties for Expeditions against both the Nizam and the Rajah of Kolapore in which

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which however, considerable delay and imbarrassment will necessarily be involved, from the dissensions between the parties, and the deficiency of funds

Colonel Palmer advises me that he expected to reach the Nurbadda by the 7th instant

True Extract

(Signd) J Ukthoff

Read the following letters from Travancore entered also in CC No 43-44-

Translation of a Letter From the Nephew of the late Rajah of Travancore — To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 16th February
Received 28th do } 1798

From the Nephew of the late Rajah of Travancore advising of the Death of his Uncle and of his having succeed to the Government of his Hereditary Country -

The decrees of divine providence and the dispensations of omniscient Wisdom, which relate to all even to the most favoured Servants of the Court of Heaven, to illustrious Kings, and to exalted Rajahs, according to the Saying, "All men must taste of Death" have been also extended to the revered person of my maternal uncle, my Sovereign, Sree Padma-natah Dos, Vanjee Bal Hull, See Kraveram, Kreetupatty, Munnah Sultaun, Maha Rajah Ram Raje, Bahadur, —

Shemsheer

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Shemakeer Suny who deceased on Wednesday the 14th instant at Midday.

This lamentable occurrence has involved me in profound Grief — Under the blessing of the Almighty, the affairs of the Sarnistahan of this Friend, will nevertheless continue to be properly administered, agreeably to the determination and will of my late Uncle, now in Heaven —

During his existence, he personally explained to me all the particulars of the Friendship and Harmony which had so long subsisted between himself and the Honorable Company, and recommended the line of amicable intercourse, which has heretofore obtained, together with an observance of the Compact of perpetual Friendship recently established, as the model of my future Conduct —

Actuated as well by my own inclination, as by the last request of my revered predecessor, I shall, this divine aid, persevere in pursuing a course of duty so well approved; and in the administration of my affairs, whilst —

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I shall be myself solicitous to increase our mutual amity. I am persuaded that your Lordship also will be sincerely influenced with a like desire, to promote and consolidate a Friendship, which will thereby daily acquire new strength and stability —

Except the expression of my Sorrow.

What more can I add —

A true Translate

(Signed) A Falconar
P.F. to Govt

Translation of a Letter From Rai Gaisoo Dass. — Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore: To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. Governor of ~~Fort St.~~ George

Dated 15th February
Received 28th D. } 1798.

From Rai Gaisoo Dass advising of the Death of the late Rajah and of his having been retained by his Successor in the office of Dewan —

In consequence of the mournful event of the translation of my late illustrious Master, the Maha Rajah Saheb. from this transitory World, to a state of eternal duration. I have been overcome with the most poignant affliction. would to God, that me his Servants, maintained by his bounty. could

Have

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have accompanied the footsteps of our blessed Master on his journey to eternity—

I transmit a letter from his Successor the Rajah, my master addressed to your Lordship, and I recommend his long life, his increase in wealth and dignity, as objects to be desired by your Lordship, the Honorable Company, and all his Friends—

The deceased Rajah, previous to his dissolution committed, by his Will, the entire charge of the affairs of this permanent state, to the Rajah my present Master, and made over to him the Seal— I have communicated these particulars for your information, and except the expression of my Grief I have nothing more to write—

A true translation

(Signed) A Falconar

P.F. to Govt

Minute on the two foregoing letters—

The President is requested to return suitable answers to the foregoing letters—

Read the following Letters from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commissioners in the province of Malabar enclosing sundry papers of Intelligence indicating hostile Intentions on the part of Tippoo Sultaun or the Territories of the Coorga Rajah -

In consequence of instructions from the late Committee of Government on the Coast, to Communicate with your Lordship as we may find occasion, we have the honor of submitting to your perusal the enclosed letters and papers of information, respecting the motions of Tippoo Sultaun, and have the honor to remain -

My Lord

&c &c

(signed) J. Spencer

" Jn. Smee

Calicut
19th February 1798.

To the Commissioners for Executing the office of Superviser

Gentlemen,

Last night I did myself the honor to forward two letters from the Coorga Rajah, one to your address

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address and the other to Major General Maitby; I mentioned that I had also received a letter N.o 1 from the Rajah, which when translated I would forward, and I have now the pleasure of doing so. The Rajah appears to me to write under the impression of much anxiety, which makes me at a loss what answer to return him, without being favored with your sentiments, more particularly as He desires to have answer as soon as possible in a "true and certain manner" The People who brought the dispatch, are very importunate to return, which they say was their masters' orders. I hope therefore, Gentlemen, I shall be favored with your instructions, to enable me to return a suitable reply. I also enclose translate of another letter N.o 2 received yesterday from the Rajah, with two reports to him N.o 3 and 4. which are in corroboration of the intelligence I have before forwarded.

I am &c &c.

(Signed) Christopher Peile
N.o Superint.t

On Circuit
Barrygurry
17th February 1798

Letter from the Koorga Rajah to the Northern Superintendent

After Compliments.

The information which I have now heard is, that Tippoo Sultaun has assembled together

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together the whole of his force, consisting of Horse and Foot. from all the different parts in the Country where they were before stationed, and pitched his green Tent at Ballahgoolla with intention of marching through my Country, in addition to which I understand that a principal person, much confided in by Tippoo, named Poorunyan and Meer Saheb, are both arrived at Sagoomypoorattah, and that 15000 men are incamped near Bellarray Fort, on the Road to Mangalore; Tippoo himself intends leaving Seringapatam on the 8th Hoomlum, 16 February. and as is reported will march suddenly into the Koorga Country, with all the force he can collect, the 15,000 men above mentioned being to enter the Country from that side; and to prevent my having any assistance, he has directed the Pichy Rajah to stop up all the Roads and prevent the Company's troops ascending the Ghauts, in consequence of which the Pichy Rajah has raised a report that he is going to Peroonelly to perform a Ceremony, tho' of intention to go and consult with Tippoo; since the day Peace was established between the English and Tippoo, there has been no warlike preparation equal to the present, and I am informed, the whole of his force, with the ammunition requisite, great

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great Guns. Carriages. Bullocks &c &c. are all in readiness to make a sudden ascent at three different parts into this Country. therefore if any of Tippoos Sirdars enter my Country with an Army. you shall have a good account of them: but if Tippoo himself comes. I may from the following occasion have some difficulty in opposing him—

Should he. whilst I am successfully fighting against him. be able, by stratagem, to seize my Family, my mind (by that means would be held in suspense. whether I should continue the war with Tippoo. or whether I should not more particularly regard the preservation of my Family—

On the other hand. I have not — sufficient confidence in the nairs to send my Children this a bye road to Tellicherry. and I have now, with my mind much agitated written this to you, respecting the assistance I may hereafter require. At the same time. if Tippoo comes into my Country. I shall oppose him to the utmost of my power and send my Family from hence this a safe road into some part of the Chenical Country. where I place confidence. and. —

without

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without considering whether it is Day or night, will write you a Letter requesting that a Captain and three Companies of Sepoys may be instantly sent to conduct my Family into Tellicherry, to whose care I shall resign them, and by your protecting and causing them to be conveyed to Tellicherry without dread of the Nairs, and a place of residence to be provided for them, the Honour that will be derived from such Kindness will be yours —

It is my reflection that I shall successfully oppose Tippoo and gain from you the name of a good Soldier; therefore if you are thus — inclined to protect my Family, oblige me by writing to me on the subject, but if it is to be otherwise; or making me acquainted with your intention, I shall oppose him as long as I am able; and to prevent — dishonor put those who are so dear to me, to death, But as I have not the smallest idea of acting otherwise than remaining in this Country, and defending it to the last extremity so, I would wish you to be acquainted with my determination, having no other desire on Earth, than to gain the protection of Providence,

and

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and the affection and confidence of the Honorable Company, whom I regard as my mother and entertain the same affection for the Honorable Company's Gentlemen as I have for my elder Brother—

Considering every circumstance that happens either to mine or the Honorable Company's detriment as one and the same, occasions me to remain so inveterate an Enemy to Tippoo, and induces me to write you these particulars, and beg you will favor me with an answer as soon as possible in a true and certain manner—and in the mean time I shall use my utmost endeavours to procure you further information—

There is a report at Seringapatam that the French are coming to Onore and Mangalore.

Coorg Coombum 6th
15th February 1798.

A true Copy from the Original Translate

Signed H. S. Osborne
Malabar Transl.
North. Supt

Letter from the Coorg Rajah to the Northern Superintendent

After Compliments

To this 4th day of Koombum, I am in enjoyment of a good state of health and hope to be favoured.

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Favoured with constant information of your's - I now enclose you two letters one from Kattoom ully Atchoo — ahnen Parbatty of Keekollahnaad and one from moon nootah Appyan and Karella Darappoo Parbatties of Armarrah and Soollah on reading of which you will understand the Content and Hope you will write to me for whatsoever may be required —

I Signd R. S. Osborne
Mr. Secrt. N. L.

True Copy
I Signd C. Peile
Asst. Supt.

Letter from Moondrotah Appyan and Karella Darappaa — Parbatties of Armarah and Soollah to the Hoonj Rajah —

It was reported that your 7000 Infantry and a Sirdaur had come from Seringapatam to Jornallkaad From whence he had sent orders for a Fort to be built at Kodawaddy Dastheum in Kodamungalum, in consequence of which I sent a man to bring me particulars of this. before whose return the army had left the above place and marched to the Boundary near Pootloor River, But having this day left that place and arrived at Palahzy.

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Palahry Fort near the boundaries of your Country.
I have posted Guards and Centries all a round.

11th
29 Maggaroon 973
8th February 1798

/Signd H. L. Osborne
Mr. Fr. A. Sup.t

True Copy
/Signd C. Peile
N. S.

Letter from Katoowully Atchoo Athnen Canbally of Kottothabaad
to the Koong Rajah —

Every attention is paid to this day at all the Guards and Chowkies near this part of the Boundaries, and all affairs managed as is proper —

The following are the particulars — which Slamaun Kawn related to Molay Gowdyddam who Sent to Conduct Sirker Wadda Chitty —

If Tippoos Army intends marching into your Country, I will send you information of it and Slamaun Kawn further told him, that — Tippoos army was then at Sacoonypoorattah and would be at Kootlamarrellawaddy on the 4th Koombum 12th February. to which place Tippoo himself intended to proceed on the 8th Koombum this being the information which 6th February.

Slamaun:

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Shamaun Khawn sent to me by Moolay Gawwyddan
I have not lost a moment in forwarding it to you,
and have sent two people to gain more certain information
from the Southward—

I summoned all the inhabitants of
this part together raising a report of our going a
hunting and we are all at present on the Boundaries—

Signd H. S. Osborne
Mr Lieut N. S.

4th Moombum 973.
12th February 1798—

true Copy
Signd Chris: Peile
Nr Supt

True Copies
Signd Jas Law
Secy

Information communicated to the President of the
Commission by Wydenaat Ayen on the 17th February 1798

Ramen Nair left Moukunna where
the Pycky Rajah then was, on the 4th of Kumbham —
(12th February) and arrived with the Colicle Parapoonadd
Rajah about Six oClock on the Evening of the 7th (15th February)
who asked him for the News, and he related that Colonel
Dow having offered some money to the Pycky Rajah
he had accepted of it. That a Force of a thousand
Horse

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Horse and two thousand Carnatick had arrived at Hakana Kota, under the charge of Buekshee Goolam Ali Khan, for the purpose of assisting the Pycky Rajah in his resuming his Right in two district formerly ceded to the Coliote Rajah by the Coorga, and which have been lately seized upon by the latter. the names of these districts are Darmamangalam and Jarally they are situated in the Coorga Country on the borders of the Wynaad - It is said that one of the Coliote Rajahs was destroyed some time ago by the Coorga, which, at the Commencement of the last War, when the Coorga Rajah was driven from his Country by Tippoo, and taking Refuge in the Coliote Jungles, was seized and imprisoned by the Pycky Rajah. the latter took advantage of, and threatened to revenge the death of his ancestor upon him; the Coorga, to pacify him, offered to cede the abovementioned districts, and accordingly executed a writing, making them over to the Pycky, who thereupon released him - This writing is now in the possession of the Pycky Rajah - The Coorga having lately resumed his authority in these districts, and called a Revenue. the Pycky reported it to the Sultaun, who has in consequence furnished him

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him with this force now said to be at Nakana Kota, to enable him to re-instate himself — These Troops could not pass through the Coorga Country, which was the Cause of their having come by the way of Nokana Kota —

Ramen Nair said he had this information from Panjanany Pattera a Mariakar in the Service of Jeman Nair —

Wydeenaat Ayan who communicates the above, says he ever heard Ramen Nair giving it to the Cotiote Parapoona ad Rajah: and that this is all that he could gather —

Calicut
17th February 1798

True Copy
Signed Ja.s Lane
Lieut.

Coorga Rajah

The News from the Eastward is that Tippoo is meditating to move this way, into my Country, and by this Route into Malabar; That the Force which he has sent to the Northward consists of

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of Horse and Foot, the whole of the Troops collected from four of his districts, and that a place called Balagala is appointed for the Sultaun's Tent (Headquarters);
That a Detachment under Purnayan and Mar Saheb is stationed at Shakunipuram, and another of 10 or 15000 men at Belloorakota, on the road to Kodiaala; that the Sultaun is to leave Shreeangapatam on the 8th Kumbham (16th February) and will march this way. It is said that he has advised the Cohiole Rajah of his intention to march with the abovementioned army to the Coorga Country, and had sent a detachment of 10 or 15000 men to Kodiaala, which would march by that Route. That as the English would assist the Koorga Rajah from Tellicherry, he the Pychy must prevent their ascending the Ghaut. It is also reported that the Pychy Rajah has given out that he is going to perform some sacred ceremonies at Tennelly Chatram, but in fact with the sole design of having an interview with the Sultaun, who it is reported is making every preparation for war by getting his Guns, ammunition, Draft Bullocks, and all kinds of Military Stores and supplies

ready

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ready which he has never before done since the Peace

This is the information from the Eastward

Should Tippoo send any of his officers

and only a small detachment. I will give them battle and

force them back. But should the Sultaun himself come

with his whole force, I shall be obliged to retire, because

he will make his principal attack upon that part of

my Country where he will be informed my women and

children may take Refuge, whom I shall be unable to

defend, and carry on the War at the same time, and if I

was to send my family to Tellicherry they would be

open to insult on their way down; and I am quite at

a loss what to do with them in the event of an attack

being made on me, and I therefore now acquaint you

with my Situation, and the probable assistance that I may

require from you

Should Tippoo advance into my

Country I will give him one trial of my strength, and

immediately send my women and children to a place

on the Boundary between my Country and the

Cherical district and advise you, when I hope, Gentlemen,

You

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You will send a Guard under the Command of a Captain into whose charge they shall be delivered to be escorted safe to Tellicherry, where I must request you will give them good Residence and protection, the Credit of having done which will be your reward - after which I will fight Tippoo, and flatter myself that I shall come to you Crowned with honour and glory; in such a manner will I fight and drive him back into his own Country - If you will, and can protect my Women, I beg you will inform me, but if you cannot, they must remain where they are and when I have fought my enemy as long as I am able, I will then destroy the whole of them for Tippoo shall never drive me from my native Country, until I have used every effort and my means of defence entirely exhausted

I have no dependence on, or am befriended by any but by my great God, and the Honorable Company, who has been to me as my mother and their Gentlemen as my Brothers, of this I have long been satisfied -

Tippoo is enimical to the Faith between

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between the Honorable Company and me. and I beg to have your full and particular sentiments on this Serious — subject. and shall keep you regularly informed of what further intelligence I may gain - I hear also from — Sheeringapatam that the French are coming to Honaawara (onore probably) in the Hodiaala Country - I beg to favored with your reply to this letter as speedily as possible —

Dumbhum 5th 973 —

or February 13th 1798.

Received - - - 17th D°

(Signed) I. W.

The letter received from the Coorga Rajah to General Hartley's address. I have opened. and find it to be a Copy of the above —

(Signed) Jos. Watson

M. S.

A true Copy

Ja.s Lane

Sec.y

To John Spencer Esq.r

President &c. &c. &c. Commissioners.

Gentlemen.

This forenoon I received two letters by

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by express from the Coorg Raja. Copies translates of which I have the honor herewith to transmit. as well as of my answer thereto. which I hope will meet with your approbation.

In Consequence of Mr. Drummonds having been engaged in the translation of the Coorg Rajahs Despatches. he has not found an opportunity of Visiting the Senior Rajah to day: I am still however hopefull that he may see the impropriety of his audacious Contumacy—

I have the honor to be &c &c

Signed Alexr Dow

Modapatoor
18th February 1798.

Copy Translate of letter to Colonel Alexander Dow from the Coorg Raja—

I herewith enclose a paper, of intelligence from the Eastward. addressed to me by Munderot appayin. Aumildar of the Talooks Amara. of Shorley. and another person named Kevala Dourappen. with a letter. also. from Ketuly Acher Vannin, Aumildar of Kittutnadd. to Mandina of the Cacherry of Kalkanaad

by

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by the perusal of which you will be able to judge of the Situation of things—

Dated in the Canadum Stile

Pingal Vurch. Maya Bahul

Deca Deshe

Mal.r Style - 2.d Humbham 973

11th February 1798

Copy Translate of enclosure 1.st

The Representation of appayin and — Dainappu to their master /the Coorg Rajah/

We heard that it having been in — agitation to erect a Fort at a Village Called Cotebacky, adjoining Palenakanda Mangalum, which is in shooly. Desham, in the Talook of Madakeny under our charge, that an officer, with a body of seven, or Eight thousand troops, under his Command had come from Shreeringapatam to Ghedeada Cotta - at the very time we sent people from hence to ascertain the object of their coming. the aforementioned force moved on to Putoor Baderahally, and from thence to Vellary Cotta -

We have therefore taken the precaution to post all our armed men, to keep a good look out, upon

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upon our Frontiers.—

Dated Canadum Stile
Maja Bahul. Dusami
Mal.r Stile 29th Magarum 973
A. D. - - 10th February 1798.

Copy Translate of letter from Achu Vanna to Mandena

The following is the Substance of a Verbal report sent by Shileman Khan—

"That all Tippoos Forces have come to Shakuny Puram. that they quit that place this same day, and are coming to Hatelabady. that Tippoo sets out on the third day"—

This being the news sent by Shileman Khan I have written it to you—

I have dispatched men to go as far as Hatelabady and return with a particular account of what is going on—

I have sent all the people, under the pretence that they are going a hunting, to keep close watch on the boundaries. and I shall hereafter write all the occurrences of the Eastern quarter—

Dated / Canadum Stile /

Maja

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c Raja Bahul Duadeshi Malabar
Stile 2d Kumb-lam 973.
A. D. 11th February 1798

Signed R. Drummon
M.S.

Copy Translate of letter to Colonel Dow from the Coorg Raja

The Substance of authentic Intelligence brought from the Eastward is that Tippoo in the design of penetrating into Malabar by the Road through my Country, has recalled his troops and Cavalry from the Northward, and other quarters, to a place called Ballacoola, where his own tent is pitched, that Poornayin and Meer Saheb with some force, have arrived at Shakumpuram, that ten or fifteen Battalions have come by the Mangalore Road, to Vellary Cotta, that Tippoo himself departs from Seringapatam on the day after tomorrow, that in this State of array he enters the Coorg Country, that ten, or twelve thousand men are sent to the Mangalore — district, to enter from that quarter, that, as it may be supposed, the English will come to my assistance from Tellicherry,

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Tellicherry. he has sent instructions to the Cottiste Raja to prevent their ascending the Ghaut. by making the pass dangerous. and that. for the purpose of seeing, and conferring with Tippoo, that Rajah is setting out, under the pretence of going to observe a Ceremony at Tirunelly: moreover. there have been no preparations for war by Tippoo since the Conclusion of the peace with him. but now. it is certain that with his own body guards. and all his other troops. he intends attacking at several points. in full force, and completely supplied with ammunition. Guns. Draught bullocks, and stores of every Kind.

If Tippoo enters my Country. with troops. thus disposed I shall Chastize him. but. when he comes with such strength as this. I shall have enough to do. for his object will be to seize my family. to protect whom. while engaged in war with him. would require great exertions; I would therefore like to send my family to Tellicherry. but. in the intermediate space. there are a Set of Cruel Nayrs. whose faith I do not trust. and which fills me with

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an uneasiness at heart. but, this now through you. to whom I write. that I seek assistance. On Tippoo entering my Country, I shall make war with him. I shall then send my Family down the Ghaut. and write you when they are on the boundaries between the Cherical district and mine. By then sending an officer (English) and guard to carry them to Tellicherry, I will give them over into their hands. assured that they will be carried to Tellicherry. allowed a good house. and protected - I shall then. carry on the war with Tippoo. and if I live (or Conquer) I shall consider. in my heart. the glory got by you - If it is your pleasure to afford protection to my Family. it is necessary that you write me to that effect - If you will not give them protection. write to me. nevertheless. that I may fight as long as I can. and when I become over powered. that I may myself destroy my Women and Children. and Continue to fight him on this same spot. which I shall never quit for another: this. I beg of you to keep in remembrance

I implore the merciful Succour of the

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the great good and the love of the English Company both of which I stand in need of: The sound of the Companys Sircar, is to me a Solace, and I have till this day — respected its Gentlemen as my nearest relations, and for my attachment to the Company has Lippos always been my Enemy. which is now the Cause of my — writing you so fully, and makes me Solicit your attentive perusal of, and decided speedy answer to this letter —

Intelligence as received, from time to time, I shall duly transmit —

In Seringapatam it is reported that the French are coming to Onore, and Mangalore It is proper that it should be Known —

Dated. Canadum Stile. Pingal Vursh.

Manga Bahul. Chadurdeshi

Malat. Stile. 4th Kumbham 973.

A.D. 13th February 1798.

/Signd. R. Drummon

M.S.

True Copy

/Signd Alex.r Dow.

Copy

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Copy of Letter from Colonel Dow to the Coorg Raja.

I have this day received your letter,
with enclosures of the 11th and one of the 13th February—

Should Tippoo Sultaun make an
unprovoked attack upon your Country, I have no doubt
but you will meet with that speedy and honorable
support which you justly merit as a faithful ally
of the Honorable Company—

Should your family be constrained
to quit the Country in the event of a rupture, which
God forbid, with Tippoo, they will be received and
treated with all the respect and attention you could
wish, and every thing that you have written on this head
shall be duly attended to—

I have no doubt but you will observe
with every Vigilance and Caution the motions of
the Sultaun's Troops, and give them no pretext whatever
for Commencing Hostilities with you—

I have forwarded translations of
your letters to the Gentlemen of the Commission;
and

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and have only to assure you that I shall ever continue to feel interested in the security, and welfare of your Country; which notwithstanding the present movements of Tippoo's Troops, I hope is destined long to enjoy the blessings of Peace—

Modapatoor
in Cottiotte 8th
February 1798.

/Signed/ Alexr. Dow

H. S. 10th Numbham 973—

/True Copied/

/Signed/ Jas. Lane
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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Commissioners in the Malabar Province—

Resolved to acknowledge the receipt of the above letter and to inform them that the intelligence is not supported by any information in this quarter

Read the following letter from Rampore—

From the Commandant at Rampore respecting his detention of an armed party of Troops belonging to Mons. Raymond's Corps who would appear to have been sent into the Rajah of Venkatagherrys Country to receive some Peshcush payable by the Rajah to the Nizam—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I beg leave to report to you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, that in consequence of Intelligence brought me on

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on the 21st Instant of an armed party from one of Mons.r Raymond's Corps being in the neighbourhood of this station: I detached a strong party under a native officer in Quest of them. who returned here this Evening, accompanied by a Head man. calling himself Subedar of the party. two Native Non commissioned. and twelve regularly armed Sepoys. three matchlock and two pike men they profess to have been from Cumbum Country. to the Rajah of Venkatagherry on some mission. on ordering an examination of part of their baggage the Head man produced eight small bags Sealed up with his chop. Containing about five hundred madras pagodas each. which he says. was received from the Rajah of Venkatagherry in discharge of some demands made on the Rajah by a son of his Highness the Nizam

His Sum of money produced and asserted to be the sole object of the mission appearing to be much too inconsiderable an object to send such a party on. so great a distance and not knowing how Correct and proper it may be In the Venkatagherry Rajah to have an apparently clandestine negotiation with any person acting under Mons.r Raymond. and so privately Escorted by an Armed party of his troops. thro the Honorable Companys

Territory

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Territory without the permission of Government being previously obtained. I have disarmed the party and shall detain them, untill I receive Instructions how they are to be further disposed of —

I conceived it the more Incumbent on me to Intercept this party, having been some little time ago directed by the Right Honorable the President in Council to take measures for discovering, and apprehending a party of a Naique and Six from one of Mons. Raymonds Corps, of whom Information had been then received of their having set out from Hyderabad with Intention of proceeding to Pondicherry. the Steps I have therefore taken on the present occasion, will I trust meet the approbation of Government —

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

Rampore
24th February 1798

(Signed) P. Ridge Capt.
Comg at Rampore

Minute thereon

Resolved that the foregoing circumstance be stated to the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad, and that he be desired to make a representation to that court upon the subject in order that no detachments may be permitted

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permitted to march through the Company's territories without the previous sanction of this government.

Resolved to inform Lieutenant Ridge that the Board approve his conduct in — apprehending the party, and to desire that they may be detained at Rampore till further orders.

Read the following letter from the Military Board.

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor in Council &c &c &c

From the Military Board recommending the situation of some Superannuated Maistry artificers to the attention of Government List of ammunition destroyed at the Mount enclosed. Gram left by Capt. St. Leger at Sackinore recommended to be disposed off. and expence incurred in surveying Grain and Provisions at Dindigul discharged. Contingent Bills for January submitted. Bill for Tents delivered by Mr. Bowie — recommended for Payment and the shed on the esplanade attached to the Garrison Storekeeper to be repaired.

Honorable Sir,

1st

Happening to us on a consideration of the circumstances stated in the Petition, and accompanying papers, of Sreapah, Carpenter Maistry, which were referred to our Report with Government's Letter of the 6th December last, that although his Father served the Company for a series of years in that situation at Cuddalore, and that he himself was employed as a Maistry for several years under the Resident

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Resident at Nagore, and proceeded from thence on
Foreign Service to Trincomalee, during which period it
was judged expedient by Government to discontinue
the appointment held by him at Nagore in order to reduce
the expence of Public Servants, yet that such circumstances
do not entitle him to any express provision from the
Company, notwithstanding they may afford him a
claim to a preference in being again employed, whenever
the Service may require it. We accordingly do - Ourselves
the Honor to report this as our opinion to Government.

23 With respect to the application of
Canagasabah, Maistry Smith at Madurah, referred
also to our Report with the aforementioned letter, as
well as to those of Cundapah, and Tranah, Maistrys
at Chingleput and Ganjam, the particular situation
of each of whom has been represented to our Board
by the Commanding Officers of those Stations respectively,
it appears that, from their being rendered by age,
and great length of Service, unequal to the perform-
-ance of any further duty, they are deserving of the
indulgence of a future provision, notwithstanding that
the existing Regulations have not established any for

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such description of people. We therefore beg leave to recommend the situation of those Maistreys to the favorable consideration of Government. that. with their approbation. they may be allowed a Pension of two (2) Pagodas p.r Month each. an equivalent to the half of their former pay

3d The case of Philip Santiago Fernandez formerly overseer of the Scavengers Department. as stated in his Petition to the late Governor. the Right Honorable Lord Hobart. Copy where of is enclosed. — appearing to be deserving of attention; and the Establish=ment of the Military Board Office not admitting of a continuance of the monthly pension. which he has heretofore received. we would recommend that directions be given for his being employed under the Collectors of Assessment in the Black Town. in the same situation as formerly. when an opportunity shall offer—

4th We do ourselves the Honor to enclose Copy of a List of Ammunition which appears. by a Report of the Commissary of Stores at the Mount. to have been destroyed there on the night of the 1st Instant by order of Major General Gaile; who has stated to our

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Board that the 3 lbr Fixed Ammunition mentioned therein, was the remains of a quantity contained in two Tumbrils supplied upon Indent with the Guns of that Calibre for the purpose of being altered at the Mount for the service of Cavalry: and which had been omitted to be sent down to the Arsenal with the Fixed — Ammunition, and small Stores, reported to have been forwarded thither, in the 1st Paragraph of our letter to Government under date the 27th. ultimo —

5th.

Lieutenant Colonel Browne, Commanding at Dindigul, having transmitted for the accompanying Bill amounting to Pags 7. 20. 65. for expences incurred in the Survey of the Grain and Provisions in Store at that Station; which charge appearing moderate, and to have been necessarily incurred, We recommend may be accordingly passed for payment —

6th

A considerable quantity of Grain having been unavoidably left by the Honorable Captain St. Leger at Tachinore on the march from that Station of his Troop of Cavalry under an order of Government of 2d April 1797. of which circumstance our Board have but lately been apprized. We have in

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in consequence judged it most expedient to direct it's being taken charge of by the Garrison Storekeeper of that District; also to authorize the delivery upon Indent from the Officer in charge of the remount Horses for the Cavalry now on the Road from the Malabar Coast to Tritchinopoly, of such a quantity thereof as may be required for the consumption of those Horses, whilst at Palamcotah, and in it's vicinity; and beg leave to — recommend that if any Gram shall remain after supplying the proportion required for the purpose above stated, it may be sold by the Garrison Storekeeper at Palamcotah to the best advantage —

7th The Military Auditor General having in conformity to the Regulations laid before us a register of Bills for the month of January 1798 forwarded to him by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries, We accordingly enclose it, with our opinion respecting each charge — stated thereon —

8th Mr Contractor Bowie having — forwarded to us two Bills amounting to Pagodas — 4593—"—. for Tents delivered on his account into the Arsenal at the Presidency; all which Tents on an Inspection

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Inspection by a Committee of our Board having been found in every respect fit for the Public Service. We recommend that the Bill be accordingly discharged.

9th

An Estimate amounting to — Pagodas. 217. 14 — for the Repair of two sheds on the North Esplanade belonging to the Company: and to the Garrison Storekeeper's Department. having been laid before our Board: and it appearing to us that such Repairs are immediately necessary for the preservation of water Casks. Arrack Casks. and other Articles. which are now exposed to the Sun. We therefore recommend that the execution thereof be accordingly authorized.

We have the Honor to be,

Sir &c.

Fort St. George
26th February 1798

Signed Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
W. Sydenham
Jn Richardson
Jy Close

List

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List of Ammunition destroyed by order of the Commanding Officer at the Mount
1st February 1798.

Articles		No	Remarks
Shot round fixed to Cartridges	3 Pounder	275	Thrown into a Well
" Grape "	"	57	
" Round " " Bottoms	6 "	50	
" Grape quilted	"	14	
" Iron round loose	6	538	
Cartridges shotted Musket		550	Thrown into a Hole and Covered with Earth
" " " Fuzil		633	

N.B. 497 Musket and 597 Fuzil Balls have been since recovered.

/Signed Thomas Gage
Major Genl

/Signed A Geil
L't 17th Regt

A true Copy
/Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy In Affrs

Dunlop

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Resolved that the several recommen=
=dations of the Military Board be adopted—

The Board are surprized that after their orders for removing the whole of the ammunition from the Mount any part whatever should have been left there. The positive Nature of those orders left no latitude for interpretation and as this deviation would appear to have originated in some mistake it is resolved to call upon the Military Board for an explanation why the order was not carried into complete execution—

Read the following letter from

Mr Thomas Cockburn—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

From the Agent to the late Bullock Contractors states that the Claim advanced by him is on account of advances of Cash made by the Contractors acting as Agents for the Company—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter enclosing the Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in reply to the demand of Interest on the Money advanced by the Contractors Acting as Agents for the Company—

I beg

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I beg leave to inform you in reply
that the Interest claimed by the Contractors Pagodas
9517. 7. 3 due on the 1st April 1795. arose on advances
made by the Contractors Acting as Agent for the
Company. as per the account delivered upon oath by me
to which you allude. and not upon any Balance due
on account of the Contract. as explained in my Letters of
the 27th April and 18th May 1795. and preceding
Correspondence. I am happy to observe the Honorable
Court have been pleased under these circumstances to
consider the claim equitable—

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c

Madras
7 March 1798

Signed Tho.s Cockburn
for the late Contractors

Ordered that the amount of interest
due to the contractors being S.r Pag.s 9517. 7. 3. be
discharged by a Bill on Bengal at the discount of the
day and that the necessary adjustments be made in the
general books—

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Read the following letter from

Captain Gillum— To

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor and President in Council

Honorable Sir,

From Captain Gillum submitting a plan for the establishment of a chain of Telegraphs from Ganjam to Cape Comorin and one from Fort St. George to Ryeotah and offering his Services in carrying it into effect

Having made the subject of Telegraphs my study during my voyage from Europe, and when in England had frequent conversations with the Revd. Mr. Gamble Chaplain to His R. H. the Duke of York who has wrote a Treatise on Telegraphs; and considering the great utility they might be of in India. I have the Honor to present a scheme for their Establishment on this Coast accompanied with plans and Estimates.

Previous to entering into any Detail it will be necessary to offer a few general observations respecting the Importance of such an Institution

From the nature of the British Government in India, it being necessary their armies should be in constant readiness for Service, the utility and even necessity of a speedy communication of Intelligence in a Country liable to such frequent Political changes must be obvious to every person of Discernment

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Discernment

The Telegraph by possessing the advantages of Secrecy and Dispatch, may strengthen and facilitate the measures of Government; and the British Possessions in India be consolidated by a more speedy communication through the whole of their Extent.

To illustrate this further the — subject should be considered in two Lights —

1st Its Military

2d Its Commercial advantages.

1st The having speedy information of the assembling of armies or the movement of any Bodies of troops towards our Frontiers in either Tippoo's, the Nizam's or the Mahratta Dominions, would give Government the advantage of time and thereby enable them to act with a degree of Vigour and Energy that they are now incapable of from the present slow mode of communicating Intelligence —

Military movements throughout the whole Coast, by this means might be ordered with a celerity that is hardly credible. Had the Government

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of Bengal been earlier apprised of Hyder's Invasion of the Carnatic in 1780- and also of Tippoo's attack of the Lines of Travancore in 1789. these advantages might have been reduced to practice—

An earlier Information of the peace in 1783. would have prevented the Battle of Cuddalore which. though successful. was of no — Political advantage to this Country.—

Most Military operations being governed by Intelligence. they might be greatly facilitated and rendered more decisive by means of Portable Telegraphs. that could occasionally be erected in a few minutes; the speedy communication of an army with its Detachment and outposts; or of two armies: might thus be kept up. and secret orders given, without the delay of Messengers: or the firing of Cannon. which last has also the inconvenience of putting the Enemy on the alert—

The being able to hold communication with a Fort besieged or Invested will speak its own Importance —

Duncy

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During an action a Telegraph being placed on some commanding spot, preconcerted Signals to any Extent might be given. and the rapidity of communication on such critical occasions must be attended with so many and important advantages. that Military men only. could properly estimate their Value —

In the internal management of the Country. the benefit of such an Establishment would be great. The Rajahs and Polygars being in awe of such a Novel mode of Information and its Consequences would be held in greater Subjection —

2ndly In a Commercial Point of View —

The Trade of India being of the highest Consideration to the Interest of the Company any — Institution that would enable the Government to afford it a greater degree of protection. must be followed by the most evident advantages both to the public and the Individual —

The last and the present war afford a variety of instances how much this Trade has suffered.

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suffered from the very active and interprising Conduct of the Enemy's privateers and Frigates on our Coasts. and which in many cases might have been prevented had Government possessed the proposed means of expediting Intelligence—

The sailing of Fleets to & from Europe and the different ports in India. also the cruising of his Majesty's ships might be regulated by the Intelligence conveyed through the Telegraph. the consequences both Political and Commercial that would naturally result from Government being possessed of such a Guide to direct and support Trade must be of the greatest national Importance.—

The advantage of having the latest Intelligence from Europe overland via Bombay/ —— forwarded by this means from the Malabar Coast must strike very forcibly. particularly as the Politics of India are governed by those of Europe. and the advantage again obtained of sending —— Intelligence to Europe by the same channel—

The particular advantage and what constitutes

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constitutes the novelty of the Telegraph over every former mode of signals is. that by its changes represen=ting the Letters of the alphabet and numbers it is capable of every variety of literal Intelligence. — requiring only a preconcerted Key to the Cypher to give Information upon every possible subject: which Key need only be known to two persons Viz! one where the — Information is sent from. the other where it is received —

It is doubtful how far it would be practicable to continue the Chain through the — Cuttack Country as two Detachments of Bengal Troops were permitted to march and return through that part of the Mahratta Dominions. and at present a Tappal is allowed. it is probable this difficulty may be surmounted upon proper Representation —

There should be a Cypher for each principal Settlement: if the chain by any accident is broke it may be remedied by forwarding the Cypher by Tappal or Expres to the next station —

The plains of the two Telegraphs proposed are selected as being on the simplest construction equally

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equally conspicuous and less expensive than any others that have yet been Invented—

No. 1. Being the most conspicuous an improvement of my own on the Balls that are used as Signals round the Coast of England and at St. Helena. is suggested as the best for the fixed chain of Telegraphs.—

No. 2 Or the Radiated Telegraph. the Invention of the Revd. Mr. Gamble is thought will answer the best for the portable Telegraph—

On an average there should be 10. Telegraphs every 100 miles. three persons will be required at each Station. one capable of writing. to have the charge of the Station. and the command over the others. Conicopolies would answer well for this Duty and Lascars for the purpose of working the Machine and observing through the Telescopes. every 100 miles there should be a Head Conicopoly capable of writing English. the other Conicoplies in his district should every evening send him a Copy of the Cypher of the Intelligence worked during the day by

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the Tappal; and report any material occurrence. the
Head Coniecoplies to have the charge of the 10 Stations
and to remedy any accidents that may happen to
any of them. — every two or three days he should make
a report of his Charge. and transmit the Cypheros to
the Assistant Superintendant of his Division. persons
of known Character for their Fidelity, Intelligence,
and alertness. should be carefully chosen for these
Duties the responsibility being great the pay should
be proportionate —

5 Pay.s P Month each Head Coniecoply
3 Pay.s ..... each - Coniecoply
2 Pay.s ---- each - Lascar -

is proposed in lieu of Batta and all other charges -

A Superintendant with two
Assistants is suggested as necessary they should be
divided into what are now termed the Northern, Centre
and Southern Divisions the Line of Telegraphs in
each Division should be inspected every three or
four months. Government will determine from the
nature of this Employ what would be proper allowance
for

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To the Superintendant and his assistants—

It is presumed sufficient has been urged to shew both the utility and practicability of the Scheme and I feel no hesitation of saying that I am prepared to meet any difficulties, should any present, it only remains to be considered whether the advantages are likely to be equivalent to the expence attending it—

The accompanying Estimates are made supposing a line of Telegraphs from Ganjam to Palamcotah and from Madras to Ryacottah in land, which last being for a small distance: I should be happy immediately to begin on my way of Trial. should the Government think proper to employ me in this Business—

Whatever may be the result of this project. I feel a satisfaction in being the first person on the Coast who has recommended an Institution that may be attended with such important advantages — both to the Nation and the Company—

With the greatest deference, I have the honor to be. Honorable Sir

&c &c

Fort St. George
2d. March 1798.

(Signed) Thos. Gillum
Capt.n 1 Regt. E.I.

Estimate

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No 1

Estimate of the first Expence of erecting a chain of Telegraphs from Ganjam to Pallamcottah about 1100 miles — 110 Stations

	Pos	F	C
The making carriage and erecting 110 Telegraphs at 40 pags each	4,400	—	—
The Building of 110 Houses or sheds at 20 pags each	2,200	—	—
The purchase of 220 Telescopes 2 to each Station at 15 pags each	3,300	—	—
Star Pags	9,900	—	—
or £	3,960	—	—

N.B. There will be a difficulty in procuring the Telescopes in India. they must be ordered from Europe

No 2

Estimate of the monthly charges for supporting and Keeping in repair a Chain of Telegraphs from Ganjam to Palamcottah — 110 Stations

	Pos	F	C
Monthly pay of 11 Head Conicoplies one every 100 miles at 5 pags each	55	—	—
Monthly pay of 110 Conicoplies one at each Station at 3 pags each	330	—	—
Monthly pay of 220 Lascars two to each Station at 2 pags each	440	—	—
Monthly probable charge for Repairs of 110 Telegraphs and sheds at 3 Pos each	330	—	—
Monthly S. Pos	1155	—	—
Yearly S. Pos	13860	—	—
Monthly £	462	—	—
Yearly £	5544	—	—

N.B. The charge for the Lascars might be deducted, as the present Establishment might be able to furnish Lascars for this Duty

No 3

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No 3

Estimate of the first Expence of erecting a chain of Telegraphs from Madras to Ryacottah about 200 miles 20 Stations—

The making, carriage and erecting 20 Telegraphs at 40 Pags each	800	—
The building of 20 Houses or Sheds at 20 Ps each	400	—
The purchase of 40 Telescopes 2 to each Station at 15 Pags each	600	—
S. Ps	1800	—
or L	720	—

No 4.

Estimate for the supporting and keeping in repair a line of Telegraphs from Madras to Ryacottah — 20 Stations— monthly

Monthly pay of 2 Head Conicophies at 5 Pags each	10	—
Monthly pay of 20 Conicophies at 3 Ps each	60	—
Monthly pay of 40 Lascars at 2 Ps each	80	—
Monthly probable charge for repairs of 20 Telegraphs and sheds at 3 Ps each	60	—
Monthly S. Ps	210	—
Yearly S. Ps	2520	—
Monthly L.	84	—
Yearly L	1008	—

N.B. The charge for the Lascars might be deducted as probably the present Establishment might be able to furnish Lascars for this duty —

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Minute thereon

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The Board do not think that the erection of telegraphs under the circumstances of this government is an eligible measure resolved therefore that Captain Gillum cannot be employed in that way—

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding at Malacca—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir.

From the Commandant at Malacca forwarding Revenue and Treasury account to 31 Dec 97. and Statement of the Balance of Cash in hand repeats his application for a supply of money—

Accompanying this I have the honor to transmit you No 1 a statement of the Revenue Farms for the last six months of 1797. shewing the sum each rented for, with what has been received. No 2 is the Cash account for the same period. shewing the sums received for the several Farms. with the amount paid into the Treasury from time to time No 3. Contains an account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Treasury. with the balance remaining in it this day amounting to — Spanish Dollars-10402, 3/2—

I beg leave to remark. that there would have only been a balance of Sp.r Dollars 3352./ instead of Sp.r

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Sp.n Dollars 10,402,37½ as above / had not the Orphan Fund advanced on my Receipt. the Sum of Dollars 7,050/ as mentioned in my letter to you under date the 13th of Decmbr 97/ not bearing interest. in order to liquidate the arrears of pay due to the Dutch Civil Servants—

As our resources in future will be entirely confined to the monthly Revenues. amounting to Sp.n Doll.rs 3,892. and the monthly charges of the Garrison exceed Sp. Doll.rs 10,639. (exclusive of the pay of the Paymaster. with his allowances for servants &c. as well as his charge for supplies of Provision &c. as Commissary, permit me to request you would be pleased to communicate the same to the Right Honorable the President in Council. who I trust will be induced to furnish this Garrison with a supply of Cash. as our Funds are totally inadequate for the purpose.

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Signed D. Campbell

Lt. Col. Comm.g

Malacca
22d. January 1798

Ordered

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Resolved that the Deputy —

The Deputy King's Paymaster General to be called upon for Statements explanatory of the Balances in their Hands.

Paymaster General to the King's Troops be called upon for a statement shewing the balance — remaining in the hands of Lieutenant Colonel — Hart on account of his receipts and disbursements to His Majesty's troops from 25th December 1792 to the 24th March 1795 and another statement shewing how the balance of pagodas 7,937.9.40 paid to the Military paymaster general as the balance due on account of the new regiments on the 24th December 1792 was composed.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following minute —

Memorandum

The Command of the Guides

Commander in Chief's Minute recommending Major Beatson for the vacant appointment of Commandant of the Corps of Guides —

being Vacant by the resignation of Major Allan the Commander in Chief is induced to recommend Major Beatson to succeed to a charge which he

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Minute thereon

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Ordered that the accounts be sent to the Accountant General

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 6th March 1798

Read the letter from the Military Auditor General dated the 16th ultimo

Report of the Auditor General dated 16th Febry on vouchers produced by the Prize agent for the Captors of Trincomale &c. read—

Ordered that the undermentioned Eight Per Cent Bonds be drawn out in favor of Captain "James Rodgers and Lieutenant Samuel Torrens Prize "agents for the Captors of Trincomale. Jaffnapatam. Manar "and their dependencies"—

and Bonds ordered in consequence to be issued.

For the Elephants and Sheep at Jaffnapatam

1 Bond	dated 31st	December 1795	for Ps.	2,745. 13. 40
1 D°	" 1	June 1796	"	352. 41. 3.

For Paddy at Batticolaa

1 D°.	dated 1	October 1795	for	331— 35— 10

For Rice at Manar

1 D°.	dated 25	February 1796	for	1,702. 21.—

The amount of the two former Bonds to be carried to the Debit of the Superintendent of Revenue on Ceylon—and the amount of the two Latter to the debit of the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions—

Resolved

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that while so employed he receive the allowances of Major of the Guides in the Field—

Resolved in compliance with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Major Beatson be appointed to command the corps of guides but that he be not permitted to draw the allowances untill he shall have completed the survey on which he has been ordered by the Court of Directors in the revenue department and at which time his Surveyors allowances are to cease—

Major Beatson appointed to the Command of the Corps of Guides. Minute of the Board on the Subject of his allowances—

" Geo. Hance

" Cox Saunders

" E. H. Fullofield

Fullerton Sec.