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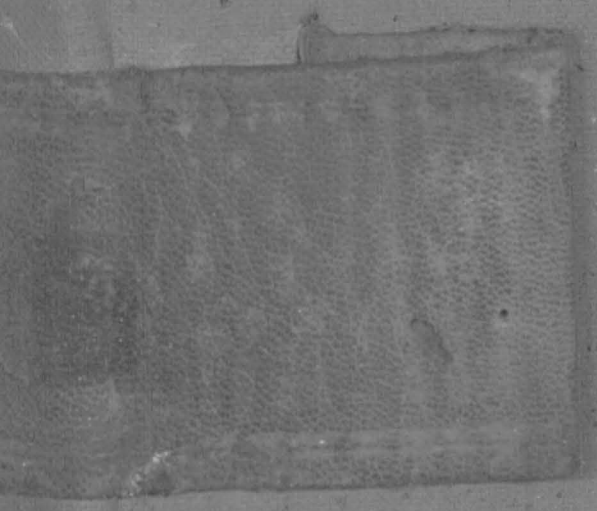

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1601 Fort St. George March 1798.

Diary

8th Despatched the undermentioned Letters Entered

in M.B. Nos. 10_11_12_13_14_15_16_17_18_19

To Captain Gellum informing him that under

To Captain Thomas Gellum.— present Circumstances Government do not deem the erection of

Telegraphs an eligible Measure.—

To the Accountant General To Mr. Woolf desiring that the Value of the

Elephants Hoops &c. purchased by the Company from the Captors of

Jaffnapatam &c may be carried to the debit of the Superintendence of

Revenue.—

To the military auditor General.— To Major General Sydenham informing him

of the Sums ordered to be paid to the Captors of Jaffnapatam &c.

and desiring that the Vouchers now in his Possession may be deposited

in the Office of the late Commissary General.—

To the Commandant at Ponnamallee.— To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell informing him

that the Proportion of Puckallies is to be regulated by the number

of Invalids and Recruits occasionally stationed in his Garrison.—

To

1682

Fort St. George March 1798.

To Captain William Godfrey of the Invalids

To Captain W. Godfrey - informing him that Government can neither discharge his Offreckonings for 1797, untel they are ascertained, nor anticipate the payment of what may be due to him for 1798.

To the Deputy Kings Paymaster General.

To Captain Young - desiring him to furnish a Statement of the Balance remaining in Major Hearts Hands, on Account of his Receipts and Disbursements from the 25th December 1792. to the 24th March 1795, and another Statement shewing how the Sum Pagodas 7937. 9. 40. paid to the Meletary Paymaster General as the Balance due on Account of the New Regiments on the 24th December 1792 was composed.

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue - desiring that one of the Boys in the Surveying School may be attached to Captain Mackenzie.

To the attorney General.

To Mr. Sulivan - desiring his opinion on the Propriety of Reestablishing the office for the Registry of Mortgages at Pondicherry and of admitting a Cause of Mr. Mercier to the benefit of an Appeal to the Court of Revision.

To

1603 Fort St. George March 1798.—

To the Commercial Resident at Columbo.

To Mr Greenhill — desiring that the Invalids of the 9th Fort may be embarked as Charter party Passengers on the Lord Camden and Mercury — and the Secretary at the India House furnished with Official Returns. —

To the Commandant at Rampore —

To Captain Ridge — desiring him to obtain the Armed party he has Apprehended till further Orders and in the mean time to endeavour to ascertain whether any of them are Deserters from Ongole and Guntoor. —

Substance of Letter from the Rajah & Rajah of Vencatahurry.

Received a Letters from the Nabob and Rajah of Arnee, as entered in CC. No. 45 & 46 / Vencatahurry — Congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his succession to the Government.

Substance of Letters to the Nabob and the Rajah of Travancore.—

Sent Letters to the Nabob and Rajah of Travancore entered in CC. Nos. 48 and 49 the former enclosing Copy of a Letter from Major General Floyd and requesting His Highness will Authorize the Necessary advance of Cash for completing the Repairs at Trichenopoly — requesting also that he will immediately discharge the expences of the Detachment

1604

Fort St George March 1798

Detachments employed under Major Cuppage and Lieutenant Colonel McPherson in the Warriore and Amboor Districts—the Latter, congratulation on his Succeeding his Uncle in the Government of the Trewancore Country.—

Sent also the following Letter

To Captain I A Kirkpatrick

Assistant Resident at

Hydriabad

Sir

To the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad—on the subject of the Armed party of Sebpis belonging Arnt. Raymonds Corps who have been detained at Rampoor.

I have the honor to acquaint you that Captain Ridge, commanding at Rampoor having received intelligence that an Armed party from one of Mr. Raymonds Corps was in the neighbourhood of his Garrison sent a Detachments who brought in a Subadar two none Commissioned Native officers, twelve Sepoys regularly Armed, three matchlock and two pike men—

This Party had about five Thousand Rupees with them which the Subadar informed Captain Ridge he had been sent to receive from the Zemindar of Vencatagherry, the—

Accounts—

1605

Fort St. George March 1798.

Account is confirmed by the report of that Zemindars Vakeels, who state that their Master had received orders to pay his peishcush for the district of Candachery Wm. to Mr. Baptiste as Sahyd'ar of Kumonum, and that this party may have been sent to receive the Money at Vencatagherry.—

Adverting however to the temptations which have been lately held out in that quarter to the desertion of our Sepoys, and to the unusual circumstance of an Armed party marches through the Company's territories without any previous communications, the Governor in Council has judged it adviseable to detain the Subadar and his Men at Rampoua untill you may obtain an explanation of this unusual proceeding. I am therefore directed to desire that you will represent this matter, and obtain a revocation of the Orders, if such an Order exists, Authorising Mr. Baptiste or any European officer in the Service of the Nizam to send Similar Detachments into the Company territories without the Necessary application having been previously made

through

1606

Fort S. George March 5th 1798.—

through you previously to obtain permission from this Government.—

I am

Fort S. George
7th March 5th 1798.—

S.r &c.a

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary.

To Messrs. Tulloh Brodie &c.

Attornies to the Peigu Agents for the Captors of

Tuncamalé &c.

Gentlemen

To the attornies of the Captors of Tuncamalle &c. communicating the Boards Resolution respecting the further issue of Bonds to be made to them in part Payment of their demands.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying extract of the Auditor Generals' Report on the Claims preferred on the part of the Captors of Tuncamalé &c. on Lieutenant Farrens's Letter of the 19th December last.—

In conformity therewith it has been resolved to issue the undermentioned 8 per Cent. Bonds in favor of the Captors.—

For

Fort St. George March 1798

For the Elephants & Stores at Jaffnapatam

1 Bond Dated 31st December 1795 ..... for P. 2745. 13. 10.

1 D° ..... 1 June 1796 ..... 352. 41. 3

For Paddy at Baticoloa

1 D° ..... 1 October 1795 ..... 331. 35. 10.

With regard to the Charge for Copper Coin

it has been judged advisable to delay any further issue of Bonds on Account of the Baticoloa Prize Stores &c. until the prize agents may produce the Vouchers necessary to support the remainder of the Sum claimed — As the Bonds when issued will have retrospect to the date of the delivery of the Stores this arrangement, which is adopted to prevent confusion, will not be detrimental to the Interests of the Captors —

For Paddy at Manar

1 Bond Dated 25th Febuary 1796 ..... for Pag 1702: 25 —

The President in Council being desirous of bringing the Accounts between the Company and the Captors

to

1608 Fort St. George March 1798

to a close; requests that no time may be lost in collecting the necessary vouchers and laying before him a Statement of the ensuing demands.—

Fort St. George
the 7th March 1798—

Sam
Fs. Fs.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Government

To John Spencer Esq.
President &c. Commissioners in
Malabar
&c.
Gentlemen

To the Commissioners on the Malabar Province the Intelligence they have received respecting Tippoo's hostile Intentions considered Previous—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 19th ultimo and to convey to you the acknowledgment of the Governor in Council for the intelligence you have transmitted he has great pleasure however in assuring you that the imputed attack by Tippoo Sultaun on an ally of the company is not supported by any informa-

tion

1609 Fort St. George March 1798

=tion in this quarter.—

Fort St. George
7th March 1798.—

Sam
Fs. ∞ Fs.
/Signed/ Jo: Webbe
Secretary to the Government

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the forces in Ceylon &c.
Columbo

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
of your Letter dated the Instant and to acquaint you that as the
Situation of affairs upon the Coast of Ceylon does not appear
to have been clearly understood when the directions of his
Majestys principal Secretary for the War Department were
transmitted to you, the Governor in Council deems it unnecessary
that any measures should in Consequence be taken for the re-
mittance of Money to the Presidency.—

The

1610

Fort St. George March 5th 1798

The commercial Resident has been directed to Comply with your Application for embarking the invalids of Hes Majestys 19th. Regiment of Foot on the Ships to be dispatched from Columbo.

Fort St. George
the
7 March 1798

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

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letter of the 26th Ultimo with its inclosures.—

In Compliance with your recommendation we have ordered the Masalias at Madurah, Chingleput and Ganjam to be pensioned for their lives upon two Pagodas each.

To the Military Board Masalias Antipauns pensioned on explanation Required Relative to the detention of part of the ammunition at the present disposal mode of disposing of the Guns at Tellicherry approved letter from Major General Hay respecting Lascars at Tengore and from Lieutenant Colonel Pater respecting Barracks and places of arms required at Coimbatore referred for their opinion.—

1611 Fort St. George March 1798—

each per Month, and desire that you will take an opportunity of appointing Issapah, carpenter Mastry to any Vacancy that may happen in the Company's Service—

We are surprized that after our Orders for removing the whole of the ammunition from the Mound, any part whatever should have been left there. The Positive nature of those orders left no latitude for misinterpretation and, of course when we advert to the constant precision of your Board we Suppose it to have arisen on some mistake, and therefore call on your for an Explanation why the order was not carried into compleat execution—

We approve your Orders for the disposal of the Gram at Tachinore, and have passed the Several according to your Recommendation.—

We refer for your information copies of two Letters from Major General Floyd—and one from the Officer commanding at Coimatore. Having addressed his Highness—

the

1612

Fort St. George March 5th 1798.

the Nabob upon the Subject of the repairs requested & Touchingly,
we desire that you will examine only the estimates recommended
for Tanjore and Coimatore.

We are,

Fort St. George
7th March 1798.

Sir,
Your &c.
/Signed/ Harris &c. Council.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that Lieutenant Bellasis of his Majesty's 77th Regiment may be permitted to draw his Pay and allowances from the date of the certificate, which he may deliver into your office and that the amount may be debited to Bombay Presidency.

I enclose I have the honor to send Sundry Vouchers

&c.

To the Military Auditor General Arrears of Pay to Lieutenant Bellasis of the 77th Regiment to be discharged expences incurred in embarking Troops from Cape Town to Ceylon to be brought in the Military Accounts, Charitty entitled "Extraordinary attendance for Bandanales Bills for Tents furnished by Mr. Bowie and expences incurred in examining Receipts &c. all drawn in the Paper for Payment, Stoppages from the Rechallies of King's Regiments how to be appropriated, a Statement required of the military Expenses incurred on Ceylon, since its Capture stating also the Casual monthly disbursements - Major Beatsons allowances, as Commandant of Guides. -

Fort St George March 1798

of expence amounting to Pagodas 783. 16. 70 incurred in transpor=
ting a detachment under the Comonand of Lieutenat Colonel
Torrens from Tope Sorry to Manar, which Sum has been debited
in the General Books to the Military Paymaster General.

I inclose copy of a letter from the Officer
Comonanding Pondamally, and am directed to desire that the forts
adjutant may be permitted to draw for Puckalies proportionate to
the Number of men, which may be Occasionally stationed at that
place.

In conformity with the recommendation of the
Military Board the Governor in Council desires that instructions
may be sent to Chinglepute, Madura and Ganjam for paying a
Pension of two Pagodas pee Month to the former Maistry Smiths,
and Carpenter Bucklayers at those places for their respective
lives only

Tanacasabah Mauley Smith at Madura
Siapah Do Do Ganjam
Vindapah Carpenter Chinglepute

I inclose three Bills which have been
passed for Payment, for tents supplied by Mr. Contractor Bourie

And

1614

Fort St. George March 5/798—

and for extra charges on Account of the Provision Stores at Madura

Having reconsidered the Subject of the Auditing

allowed the Puckallies attached to His Majesty's Regiments, the

Governor in Council has resolved that the Stoppages on that account

shall be thrown into the General offsetkoning fund of the Coast

Army.—

The Governor in Council is desirous of being

furnished with a Statement up to the latest possible period of the

expence incurred in Subduing the Island of Ceylon, the amount

paid the Captors for Stores, and an estimate of the monthly military

disbursements on the Island.—

Major Alexander Beaton has been appointed

Commandant of the Corps of Guides, but is not to draw any

allowance on that Account until he shall have completed the

Survey, in which he has been deputed in the Revenue department

Fort St. George
11th
7th March 1798—

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

Received

1615 Fort St. George March 1798.

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Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing a Representation from Mr. Hawkins of the inadequate Some allowed him for office rent at Nagore, Negapatam and Karical.

From Commandant at Seringapatam.

From Lieutenant George Lang requesting a Months extension of his leave of Absence.

From Military Auditor General.

From Major General Sydenham enclosing an additional Computation of Stoppages to be brought on the Accounts for the year 1796.

From the Officer Commanding in Ceylon

From Brigadier General De Meuron enclosing an application from Mr. Atkinson for 2 Months leave of absence to proceed to the Presidency.

From the late Committee of Enquiry at Cuddalore

From the late committee of Enquiry at Cuddalore recommending that some Compensation be made to the Company's Interpreter for his attendance on the Committee.

To the Secretary at Bengal and Assistant Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad.

To Majr. Barlow and Wilkinson and Captain Kirkpatrick.

1616 Fort St George March 1798.

Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence.—

No. 15

Received the following Letter.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

&c. &c.

Fort St George

Sir,

From Mr. Oakes Collector at Masulipatam laying before the Board a very improper Letter addressed to him by Lieutenant Buchan.

I request you will be pleased to lay the enclosed Copy of a Letter just received from Mr. Buchan, and of my reply before the Honorable the President in Council, whose support of me in the exercise of my official Duties I cannot for a moment doubt, to have received other Letters also upon the same Subject, which however would not be approved, but the one from Mr. Buchan, whom, I never had, or heard of, appears so very exceptionable, as to require this appeal to Government.—

I have the honor to be

Masulipatam
6th. March 1798

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Oakes Collector

Sir,

1617 Fort St. George March 1798.

Sir,

Some Candles belonging to me have been Stopped, I am told by your Peons, who demanded some money— I request you will inform me by what Authority a Tax is Levyd on private property— I hope you do not licence insolence in your Servants employed either in a public or private capacity, for I can regard this matter in no other light unless Government have directed such a Tax.—

I am

&c. &c. &c.

/Signed/ H. Buchan

Coringa

March 1798.—

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ John Read

Assistant

Buchan Esqr.

Sir.

In reply to your letter this moment I

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1618

Fort St. George March 1798—

Received Sam to inform you, that the Sea to which your letter is Levied according to Regulations many years ago established—

As the Style of your letter appears to me very improper I have forwarded a Copy of it to Government—

I am

Masulipatam
6th March 1798—

Sir
Your
Most
Obedt Servt
/Signed/ Thomas Oakes
Collector

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ John Read
Assistant

Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Major General Abercrombie acknowledging receipt of the Nawab's letter requiring the force to be sent against the Rummdy Rajah, enclosing a letter addressed to him by Lieutenant Colonel Kyd Brown requesting some Europeans artillery men should be sent to Bengal—

I am honored with your letter of the 28th Ultimo, and have, in consequence, issued the necessary orders for the March of the Troops to Chicacole, and have to request of you to inform the Honorable the President in Council, that every

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Fort S. George March 1798—

every part of his Orders shall be strictly attended to.

The accompanying papers I just received

from Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman, and beg the instructions of

Government thereon —

I have the honor to be

Yrs &c

/Signed/ Tho. Bridges

Masulipatam

6th March 1798—

Major General Bridges

commanding at Masulapatam

Sir.

I beg leave to inform you that Lieutenant Richards of

Artillery Marched hence this morning for Masulipatam with some

Europeans who are to be embarked for Bengal — Enclosed is a Roll of them;

and since the receipt of a Letter from the Adjt. General in Bengal, an

Extract from which I beg leave to transmit you, I have not received any

further directions concerning them. however I hope that will be sufficient

to authorize you sending them down when you may find a convenient

opportunity. —

I have the Honor to be —

Yrs &c

/Signed/ H. Hyndman Lieutenant

Colonel Commanding Hydrabad Detachment.

Camp near Hydrabad

March 2d 1798 —

1618

Fort St. George March 1798—

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Masulipatam
6th March 1798—

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/Signed/ Thomas Oakes
Collector

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ John Read
Assistant.

Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir.

From Major General Floyd acknowledging receipt of the Boards orders respecting the Force to be sent against the Nuncomdy Rajah inclosing a Letter addressed to him by Lieutenant Colonel Kyndeman respecting some European artillery men ordered to be sent to Bengal.—

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I have the Honor to be. —

Camp near Hydrabad
March 2.d 1798. —

Y.r e Y.o
/Signed/ H. Hyndman Lieut.t
Colonel Commanding Hydrabad Detachment.

1622 Fort St. George March 1792.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Navy agint Victualler, requesting Casks from the Company's Stores —

Having a sudden demand made upon me by His Majestys Ships, for Water Casks which I am not able to comply with at present, I am under the necessity of requesting the Assistance of the Honorable Company on the following terms —

Such Water Casks Set up or in Packs, that may be in the Companys Store and will answer for the Navy, I will agree to set up at no expience to the Honorable Company and for the number of Gallons that they may guage. I will either purchase them at the rate of three Star Pagodas per Hundred and fifty Guages Gallons, or will grant my receipt for the same to be returned in the course of one year, or sooner should the Honorable Company require them giving me one months notice

For the first offer the Honorable Company will realize

Fort St. George. March 1798.

realize a greater sum than they would get were the whole sold at public Auction, & by the latter they will derive the advantage of having their present Stock of Casks set up at no expence, besides having a claim upon me for one year to come for the full Number set up which if kept in store will become rotten and unserviceable.—

Should your Honorable Sir be pleased to comply with my request, I am to beg that an order may be issued to the Garrison Storekeeper to deliver over to me such Casks Staves & Iron Hoops as my Coopers may deem serviceable and as it is my wish to do full justice to the Honorable Company I could wish that the Garrison Storekeeper to direct his Cooper to superintend and see that the Staves and Hoops delivered to me are worked up to the greatest advantage.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c.

Signed Basil Cochrane

Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India

Fort St. George

9th March 1798.

1624 Fort St. George: March 1798

I. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick with extracts of his letters to the Governor General relative to the Estate formerly of Sultaun Saheb, in part to his application to the Board for the Assistance of the Detachment from Cuddapah and Gooty.—

I herewith inclose for the information of the Honorable the President in Council Extract from my Letters of the 27th January and 28th February last to the Governor General.—

I am /

Sir /

Your &c.

Hyderabad

2nd March 1798.—

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant.—

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick to the Honorable the Governor General— dated Hyderabad the 27th January 1798.—

9th Circumstances being materially altered here, since the Government of Fort St. George, in some degree at my own instigation recommended to me in their Letter of the 6th and 14th November last, to make urgent and pointed representations to this Court on the Subject of the

Numerous

numerous desertions from the Coast Native Troops, you may possibly be of opinion Honorable Sir that it will be expedient to defer any demand for the delivery of the Deserters from Angole, and Guntoor, until the Ministers apprehensions of a Storm from the Poonah Quarter, are some what subsided, as he would be but too apt to construe a Peace such a demand, if brought forward in the hour of difficulty and distress into a mortifying and irrefragable proof that he had nothing to expect from us, and pursue under some such impression, steps, which might prove the source of fruitless future regret to him, and embarrassment to us— under this view of the Subject I propose deferring any agitation of the matter with the Minister, until honored with your instructions for my guidance, and should persons arrive here soon from Madras, capable of identifying the principal among the Deserters, conformably to the orders issued for the purpose by the Commander in Chief as intimated to me in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 4th. 14. Instant they may be beneficially employed in the interim in making such previous researches and enquiries, as will eventually facilitate the Object of their mission hither, should you after all judge it unnecessary

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=sary to delay giving effect to the wishes of the Madras Government

A true Extract

(Signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick

Aj.t.asst

Extract of a Letter from Captain I. A. Kirkpatrick to the Honorable the Governor General Dated Hyderabad the 22d. February 1798.

"You will have learned from the enclosures of my Letter of the 18th Instant to Mr. Secretary Barlow that the persons whom I expected from Madras for the purpose of identifying the Sepoy Deserters from Angole, and Guntoor, have been here for some time past. In expectation of your decision, on the reference made to you on this subject in the 9th Paragraph of my address of the 27th Ultimo, I have not yet made any demand of this Court for the delivery of the Deserters in question, and have as yet indeed owing to the extreme precaution with which I am obliged to proceed, made little or no progress, through the means of these People towards the identification of the persons of the Deserters whom they are sent hither in quest of."

A true Extract

(Signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick Aj.t.asst.

Sent

1627

Fort St George March 1798

To the military Board

Sent a Letter to the Military Board entered in

M B N° 26 / desiring that the Agent for Victualling His Majesty's

Navy may Receive a Supply of Water Casks from the Companys

Stores.—

Received the following Letter from Captain

Kirkpatrick—

To

J Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From the Assistant —
Resident at Hyderabad. major
Granite party from Cuddapa
with join Lieutenant Colonel
Hyndmans Detachment on the
3d March.—

I herewith enclose for the information of the Honorable the

President in Council, Copy of Lieutenant Colonel Hyndmans Letter to me of

the 3d Instant, and of my answer to the same.—

I am

&c &c

Hyderabad
the 4th March 1798—

/ Signed T. A Kirkpatrick

Assistant—

Captain

1628

Fort St. George March 1798—

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at

Hydeabad

Sir,

I do Myself the Pleasure to acquaint you that major Grant has joined this Morning with the Detachment, under his Command from Rhumoneemmaid, and I have also the satisfaction to inform you, that many of the men are much improved in health — of lately. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your

/Signed/ H. Hyndman Lieutenant Colonel

Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment —

Camp Near Hyderabad

3. March 1798

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick Aperdt.

Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman

Commanding the Hyderabad

Detachment

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your — Letter.

1629 Fort St George March 1798

Letter of this date, apprizing me of the Arrival of Major Grants Detachment at your Camp, and learn with much pleasure that many of the Sick belonging to it are much improved in their health.

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad
3d March 1798

Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
/ Signed / J A Kirkpatrick Aidant

A true Copy
/ Signed / J A Kirkpatrick Aidant

13th

Received the undermentioned Letters & entered in M B Nos 27-28-29-30

From the Collector at Rammad

From Mr W C Jackson enclosing Copies of his Correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Orans respecting the two Companies of Sepoys stationed at Woolapak Nairs Pollam

From Commandant at Ryacottah.

From Major Loveless Acknowledging Receipt of Mr Webbes Letter of the 23d Ultimo with the Enclosure for Seringapatam

From the officer commanding the Nizams Detachment

From Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman Major Grant with his Detachment from Cummamaich joins him on the 3d Instant.

From

1630

Fort St. George March 1798.

From the Acting Barrack master at the Residency.—

From Captain Turing recommending that the necessary Hanging to the King and Barracks on the Fort be cleared out and repaired.—

At a Consultation

Tuesday the 13. March

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor President

Edward Saunders
and
Ernst William Tallofield
} Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved

Read the following Letters from Tonah.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor of Fort St. George

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's

From the Assistant Resident at Tonah to Theckill from Lieut. arrives in Scindias Camp Scindias Guards doing duty at the Palace relieved by the Peshwa's own Troops Scindia engaged in the Celebration of his Marriage Ragoba Bhonsla left out Holcar Mogul on his Journey to Chunder Colonel Palmer expected at Poonah on the 25 March the Rajah of Satara retires to the White Fort and resolves to maintain his Independance dispute between Scindia and the Rajah Mogul The Troops sent against Tulsia

1631

Fort St. George 13th March 1798.—

Lordships's information extracts from my two last Addresses to the Governor General and to be, very respectfully.—

My Lord.

Poona
23rd February 1798.—

Yr. Mos. Obt.
Signed/ J Uhthoff

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Uhthoff to the Governor General,
Dated Poona 19th. February 1798.—

Two Days ago, a Person of the Name of Durrum Dow arrived in Doulut Row Sindeas Camp, with a Letter from Jeshpoo Sultaun to, Doulut Row, which has been penetrated through Bhow Burkey, and the Purport of which is, I understand, that the Bearer would reside with Him, for the Purpose of communicating to each other Intelligence of their mutual Welfare: He has not yet, I believe, been introduced to Doulut Row, and appears, from what I can yet collect respecting Him, to be merely a News Writer.—

On the Evening of the 8th. Instant Sindea's Guards were removed from the Peshwa's Palace in Town, and their Place supplied by the Troops under the Command of Abba Kalleh, one of the Peshwa's Officers. I cannot at present presume to develope the Motives and Objects of this Measure

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Measure, which seems to have been very sudden and unexpected, for the Relief of Guards usual on the new Moon had taken Place the same Morning. The following Explanation is conveyed to me, through the interested Channel of one of Sindea's officers. That the Removal was by the particular Desire of the Peshwa that the original Business of Sindea's Guards at the Palance having been as a Protection against the machinations of Nanna Furnavees. and that Apprehension being now removed, the Guards in Question became no longer necessary

Doulat Row has been for some Days engaged in the Celebration of his marriage with the Daughter of Serjoge Ghautky on which Occasion, the Peshwa, two Days ago, prepared an Entertainment for him at one of his Gardens in this Neighbourhood, from which Doulat Row excused Himself, rather abruptly, after all the preparations were ready, and on Ennaut Row lately dignifying to Doulat Row, that He was desirous of paying Him a Visit on Business, the Latter desired it might be deferred till after the Celebration of his Marriage. The expences attending the Marriage are said to be to the Amount of near twenty Lakhs of Rupees, and a good deal of

Oppression

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Oppression has been exercised toward many of the Inhabitants in this Quarter, in collecting the Articles required on the Occasion.—

Raggoje Bhonsla left Naugpore on the 5th Instant, on his Journey to Chanda. There has been of late an Affray between Nittul Pundit and Mahomed Ameen Khan, one of Raggoje Bhonsla's principal Officers.—

By a Pair of my Hirkarras, just come in from Sattarra, Kolapore, and Tasgaum, I learn that that Part of the Country is in a very distracted State the Particulars of which shall be communicated next Post.—

By Letters from Colonel Palmer I learn that he was one the 11th. instant two Marches on this side of the Nurbudda, that he expected to reach Burhaumpore on the 19th. Instant and Poona by the 25th. of next Month.—

Extract of another Letter from the same to the same dated Poona 23. February 1798.—

The following is the Substance of the Reports of my Hirkarras lately arrived here from the Quarter of Sattarra Kolapore,

and

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Kolapore, and Sangaum. That the Raja of Sattara is in the Hill Fort of that name, with a Garison of about 7 or 800. Men at his Devotion. That He had had one Meeting in the Town below with Iswara Punt Tella, who had been entrusted by the Peshwa with the Superintendance of the affairs of that Quarter, but that the Raja insists on retaining Possession of the upper Fort to which he will not admit Him. That Iswara Punt is residing in the Town below, with about 1000 Followers, and that Karta is within a Mile or two of the Place, with about 1000 more, and four Guns. That the Raja of Kolapore is at the Head of about 7000 Men near Hoobly, ten or twelve miles from Darwaur. That Sangaum is in the Possession of the Adherents of Sugaje Ghautky one of Doudut Rou's most confidential Ministers. That Bapoo, the Brother of Abba Shakur has taken Refuge in Kolapore, with some Followers, and five Elephants, and that Protection is hitherto extended to Him, notwithstanding Doulut Rou's Demand of his Surrender.

That

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That Balla Saheb, a Branch of Purseram Bhow's Family, retains Possession of the Fort of Meritch, in the Peyrd or Town of which, Appa Saheb Purseram Bhow's eldest Son, is under a Guard of the Peshwa's. That 2. or 3000 of Sindea's Troops are in the Quarter of Sattara Kolapore, and Jangaum, who, with the Troops of the Raja of Kolapore and the adherents of the Family of Purseram Bhow, have committed great Depredations throughout that Part of the Country That it was expected in that Quarter that Sindea would shortly send thither a large Force under Gopaul Bhow.

On the 20th. Instant the major Part of Doulut Row Sindias Troops, attached to Baba Row Angria on the late Expedition against Colabba, returned hither with Jeyjeeng and Monnajee, the Infant Son of the late Raggjee Angria

It has been intimated to me, through a Channel of Credibility, that in Addition to the Concessions already made by the Peshwa to Doulut Row Sindea, the latter now requires

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Esquires a District of eight Lacks of Rupees Annual Revenue,
two Forts, and twenty three Lacks of Rupees in ready Money
the latter nominally for the Expences of the Celebration of his
Marriage. I also learn from the same Quarter that Moroba
Furnavees is expected to be established in the Peshwas Ministry
The following is the last Account that I have
yet been able to collect of the Removal of Sindias Guards from
the Peshwa's Palace in Poona. That it being stipulated for in
the Engagements between the Peshwa and Doulat Row, and there
being now in this Province no Force or Party in the least formi-
dable to them, they were both prepared for the measure —
when the Guards in Question having misbehaved towards some
parties going in procession near the Palace in celebration of
their Marriages, and toward some women of the Palace the
Peshwa, much offended there of Esquired of D. Doulat Row in very
pressing terms that the guards should be immediately withdrawn
for which Orders were in consequence instantly —

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Issued

True Extract

/Signed/ I. Whitehoff.

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c.

Fort S. George

From the assistant Resident at Poona Sir Josua Whitehoff executes his Trust at the instigation of the Peishwah and Sindia Nagpur Chiefs postpones his Journey from Poona to Verdah Thereby.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for Your Lordships information, extract of my Address of this date to the Governor General and to be, very respectfully,

My Lord,

&c &c &c

/Signed/ I Whitehoff.

Poona
the 26. February 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Joshua Whitehoff to the Governor General, dated Poona the 26. February 1798.

On the 25 Bajeroo Chitnavees advised me officially by note, that there was a prospect of Emrut Row's

entering

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entering his tents the ensuing day Emaut Row has since intimated to me confidentially through the same channel that this measure is not at his own suggestion nor has it his approbation but that it is insisted on by the Peishwa at the instigation of — Doulut Row Sindea and Govind Rishen.—

On the 24 the following personages paid visits of congratulation to Doulut Row Sindia, on his marriage. The Peshwa Chimnaw Appa Emaut Row Nagpir Row Holkar, and Govind Rishen. The afternoon of the 25. is fixed on by Doulut Row as the most convenient time for receiving my visit on the same occasion.

On the 15. instant Ragoje Bhonsul was still on tents in the neighbourhood of Nandpore not having at that period proceeded his journey towards Chanda, which however was still in agitation. He had just in confinement Hurry Pa Holkar, one of the adherents of the late Mulhar Row the cause of which I have not been able to ascertain—

Emaut Row entered his tents this afternoon

I am just returned from my visit to Doulut Row Sindia, at which

Nothing

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nothing particular passed.—

/True Extract/

/Signed/ A. Whitehill

The President delivers in the following

Minute.—

Minute in Council 13th March

President's Minute proposing that no measures be adopted with respect to the Rannad Country until the orders that may shortly be expected from the Court of Directors are received.—

Having attentively read and considered all the Records connected with the Agreement entered into between the Right Honorable Lord Hobart on the part of the Company and the late Nabob Wallaujah on the 4. March 1795. respecting the Rannad Province, the President proposes that his Highness the Nabob Omdut ul Omrah be informed in reply to his Letter of the 4th Instant that the Court of Directors did not confirm that Agreement but that Lord Hobart entered into certain explanations upon their Remarks, and requested their specific Orders for his guidance which may be daily expected —— That while this reference is pending the Government would not be warranted

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ion taking any measures, and as the Agitation of the Subject at this Period would only alarm the minds of the inhabitants and thereby affect the Revenue, that his Highness will no doubt fall the propriety of forbearing to do so until the orders of the Court of Directors may be received, when the earliest communication will be made to him.—

The President also proposes the Collector be directed to inform the appointed Successor that until the Orders of the Court of Directors may arrive no change in her Situation can take place, and that it is particularly incumbent on her not to weaken her Claim to the Company's indulgence by making any representation in the Country that may disturb the minds of the People.—

/Signed/ Geo. Harris

Minute thereon—

The Board Concur in the Sentiments of the President. Resolved therefore that the following Letters be dispatched to his Highness the Nabob and the Supreme Government—

To

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To His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Highness

I have had the honor to receive your

To the Nabob Communicating the motives which induces the Board to defer the adoption of any new measure with respect to Ramnad until orders on the subject shall be received from the Court of Directors. —

Highness's letter of the 4th Instant requesting that the district of Ramnad may be delivered up to you, According to the agreement entered into with your Highness by Lord Hobart on the 4th March 1795.

I am compelled to acquaint your Highness that that Agreement has been disapproved by the Honorable the Court of Directors upon principles, which do not leave me at liberty to Comply with your wishes: I have no hesitation however in acquainting you that in consequence of explanations entered into by this Government, Specific Orders may be expected from England upon this interesting subject and when received shall be immidiately Communicated to your Highness.

Under these Circumstances as any agetation of the question now can only tend to disquiet the minds of the Inhabitants and consequently to injure the public Revenue, —

without

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without any advantage to your Highness personally, I have no doubt that you will see the propriety of refraining from Control to your Application—

I have the honor to be,

Fort St George
the
14th March 1798—

Sir &c &c
(Signed) Geo Harris

To Peter Speke Esqr
Vice President in Council
Fort William

Sir,

To Bengal detailing the correspondence that has passed between this government and the Court of Directors relative to the Treaty with the Nabob in 1795 respecting Ramnad and Communicating the Resolution passed on the Nabobs request that the Province should be delivered Unto him—

In our Letter of the 6th March 1795 We had the honor to inform you of the agreement which had been concluded between his Highness the Nabob and Lord Hobart for the better Government of the Ramnad Country when the late polygars were deposed. the period of that agreement expired on the 6th Instant and we received an application from his Highness the Nabob for the delivery of that province into his Highness's hands

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If there had been no change of circumstances we could have had no hesitation in complying with his Highness's request, in Conformity with the terms of the agreement and the sentiments expressed to the Honorable Court of Directors in our Revenue dispatches of the 24 April and 2 October 1795.—

The basis of this agreement was the Sovereign rights reserved to the Nabob by the treaty of 1792 by which the province of Ramnad escheated to his Highness upon the forfeiture of the rebellious Polygar; but with the whole subject before them the terms of the agreement itself — our intentions declared in the dispatches above mentioned — and our correspondence with the Supreme Government upon the extent of the Nabobs' Sovereign rights — the Court of Directors have gone into a very full discussion of this question in their Political dispatch of the 10 June 1795.— Having taken a very extensive view of the Subject and of the Nabobs relative Situation to the Company, the Honorable Court have maintained his Highness's rights of sovereignty to the observance of customary

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ceremonies, and have totally disclaimed any right whatsoever on his part to interfere in the Government of the Polygar Countries.

Pursuing the same train of ideas in their subsequent dispatch of 6. April 1796. the Honorable Court have gone into a very ample consideration of the ramnad agreement they have pronounced that agreement to be entirely superfluous, and the consent of the Nabob to be altogether unnecessary to an effectual interposition on the part of this Government for the administration of affairs at Ramnad, upon the deposition of its polygar.

Having established the right of the Company to interpose effectually in such cases without the concurrence of the Nabob, the Honorable Court concludes the Subject by a political observations, the justness of which cannot be disputed, that it is necessary to establish the sole and undivided authority of the Company over the polygar Countries and that no system of regular government can be introduced but through the means of their own Servants.

Aware as we are of the delicacy, which belongs

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to every question that involves a consideration of the public faith, we beg leave, before we proceed further upon this Subject to remind you of the unequivocal terms in which we declared our intention of adhering to the Stipulations of the agreement and of the serious injunctions, which we transmitted to the collector for regulating his conduct in the strictest conformity with the spirits of that instrument. The interpretation however, which the Court of Directors have given to the Treaty of 1792 has so narrowed the limits of the the Nabobs sovereign rights as to precludе his being a party to the agreement, and although they have not annulled it in Express words, yet the instrument still not only wants the Confirmation of their Sanction but has met their decided disapprovations and as we cannot but consider that disapprobation to have superseded the pledge proposed by us, so by withdrawing the sole foundation upon which His Highness's pretensions rest, the Honorable Court have annihilated his right to demand a literal execution of the agreement.

If our proposition is correct, the deductions from it makes the agreement a nullity. when, therefore to

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this consideration, we add the system prescribed by the Court of Directors for the Government of the Polygars Countries and the ruinous tendency of the Nabob's administration, which is daily impoverishing the Carnatic under our eyes, we have thought it incumbent upon us to refuse the application of his Highness for the possession of Ramnad.—

You will already have observed the circumstances under which our election of a Successor to the deposed Polygar has fallen upon his Sister, and the situation in which she has remained since that election was made. although the agreement, considered in the light in which we have placed it, cannot, in any way affect her pretensions, yet the expiration of that instrument and the rejection of the Nabob claims have unavoidably attracted our notice to her situation.—

As she was not a party to the agreement, it is only possible to argue from it by analogy, by a reference therefore to the agreement for an explanation of the intentions

respecting

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respecting a Successor it will be found that though the first Article provided for the nomination of a Successor as soon as the right could be ascertained and consequently long before the expiration of the deed the Country was still to remain under the management of the Company's Officers, and as the twelfth Article further stipulates that the expiration of the agreement was to make no change in the situation of the Successor, the Nabob would have succeeded the Company in the management of the Country: in both cases then it is clear that the ascertainment of the right of a Successor was not to be followed by a restoration of the country to her.—

This consideration of the predicament, in which the Rance now stands, had its full weight with us when the dispatches of the 6 April 1796 were received from the Court of Directors saying that the interpretation which they gave to the treaty of 1792, had exploded those notions of Sovereignty upon which the Nabob laid claim to the Country

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of Ramad, We resolved that the surplus revenue, which had for the first year previous to the receipt of the orders in question been paid to his Highness according to one Article of the agreement should not be paid to the Successor of the deposed Polygar, but carried to a head of suspence Account on the Company's Books until the pleasure of the Court of Directors should be known.

As the election of a Successor was at the time of making it avowedly connected with political considerations of expediency, it is nothing extraneous to the Subject that we should remark the consequences which are likely to follow the restoration of the Country into the hands of the Ranee Her power must be delegated to some other person: he would most probably be her Husband or at least a connection of the family; and from the experience we have had of the defective education and Barbarous ignorance of these Southern Chiefs, there is no reason to expect from such a change security against the mischiefs which produced the deposition of the late Polygar.—

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Those, who expect a thorough reformation of the native government, must be content with a slower progress of improvement than could be made during our possession of Ramnad; and the court of Directors are explicitly satisfied "that a thorough reference cannot be made nor any system of regular Government introduced but through the means of their own Servants."

With this Conviction upon our minds, and the fullest persuasion that the public faith is not pledged to deliver the Country either to the Nabob or the Rance we have adverted to the full explanation of our Sentiments upon the Ramnad Agreements, and every explicit Representation upon the subject of the Polygars in General transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors in our political and Revenue dispatches of 27th March 1797 and under the best consideration which we have been able to give the subject

We

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We have the Honor to be

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&c &c
Signed Geo. Harris
&c Council.

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Translation of a Letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Dated the 25th February 1798.—

From the Rajah of Tanjore congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his Succession to the Government—

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You.

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You are a great and just Man, I rely upon you implicitly. I earnestly entreat you therefore to be favorable to me in all things. Always consider me as your faithfull Friend.—

To a Friend what can I write more.

A true Translation.

/Signed/ I. Webbe
Marattah Translator

Translation of a Letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour to the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris.—

Dated the 28th February 1798.—

From the Rajah of Tanjore requesting that attention may be paid to his complaints of the Punishment inflicted by Mr. Macleod on the Vestnapore Brahmins and the Employment of the Company's Troops in assisting the Escape of Men from the Hands of the Sircars.—

Upon receiving Intelligence of your Succession to the Government, I wrote a Letter to you Dated the 25th of February 1798. which my Vackeel will have presented to you.— In consequence of Mr. Macleod having disgraced the Rayotts of Vestnapore. I wrote to Lord Hobart on the 11th and on the 14th February and sent the Letters by my Vackeel. I earnestly entreat you to read them attentively, and to preserve my Honor and Dignity in the fulness of your Kindness and favor.—

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Some Soucars having lent Money to one of my Servants called Rapaimut Cawn, went to demand the Payment, but the Company's Seavants had placed Sepoys at His Door, who ill treated the Soucars, and put them in the main Guard. Is this proper.? As also Cawn was walking in the Street, his Creditors stopped him, and desired him to follow them to the Soucar. The Cawn went to his House where Major Innis had placed a Guard and having called some of the Sepoys they beat the Soucars with their Musquets, one of whom was wounded on the Forehead. The Soucars persisted in refusing to release Aluffawn, and carried him to the Gate of the Palace. Upon this a Subadar of Major Innis's Battalion, attended by several People, came to the Gate of the palace, and after beating the Soucars insisted upon the Release of Aluffawn. The Soucars still refused to set him at Liberty when Mr. Butler Arrived, and after ordering the Soucars to be put in the main Guard, carried away Aluffawn. The Soucars were taken to the Main Guard. I immediately wrote to the Resident and to Lord Hobart also on the 28th of January thro' my Vackeel. If you read this Letter you will be well

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well acquainted with the Business. Mr. Macleod after making some Enquiry into the Matter sent me Word that the Soucars had assaulted Major Innis's Sepoys. Three or four Days afterwards Mr. Macleod Mr. Butler, Major Innis Major Digey and some others came to the Dunbar, and having brought along with them Major Innis's Sepoys said they were to enquire into the matter, upon which my Council and the other Ministers assembled and agreed to the Enquiry. They first took in writing the Depositions of the Sepoys yesterday and the Day before they took the Depositions of the Soucars. Only Mr. Macleod and Major Innis were present yesterday. Upon taking the Depositions of the Soucars, Major Innis said "it is proved and the Soucars must be punished" My Ministers and the Soucars desired to know what had been proved, observing that his Sepoys alone had deposed that the Sepoys had assaulted the Company's Guard, and had not been molested by the Company's Sepoys, but that it appeared from abundant Evidence that the Soucars had Deposed the Truth. Major Innis from his partiality to his Sepoys threatened that

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he would the Sowcars into the Main Guard again if the Business was not properly settled. And in Consequence of it being proved that his Peons were to blame, he went away in great Anger Rahamud Cawn was my Servant, and his Son and Brother are still in my Service and receive Pay from me. If I have borrowed Money through the Medium of any of my Servants they will of Course be in possession of my Bonds but it is highly improper in Major Innis to place a Guard upon my Servants House, and when his Creditors come to demand the Payment of their Loans, to accuse them falsely, beat and disgrace them This Rahamud Cawn was employed to a great Extent in making purchases for the Circar and his Accounts have not been settled, but a large Balance will be due to me arising from the Various Transactions he was engaged in. A General Alarm has been created amongst the Sowcars of the Place and all my Servants in consequence of major Innis having entered with so much Violence into this Dispute. I also am injured.

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enjured in my Dignity and any Injury to my Dignity fall upon the
honorable Company who suffer an equal Lys of Reputation. as I depend
entirely upon the honorable Company and live under the cool Shew
of their Protection, you must be so favorable to me as to remove Major
Innis from the Garrison, that I may no longer be under any
Appachensions from him. This will be a signal Display of the
Company's Kindness and Justice and add greatly to their Reputation
If this be not done the Credit of the Honorable Company will
suffer. As you are agread and a just man I have a lively hope
that you will attend to what I have written, and agreably to
Justice remove the above named Gentleman immediately. I request
the favor of you to send a Cop of this Letter to the Honorable
Sir John Shore the Governor General at Calcutta. Always
consider Me as a faithfull friend.—

To a friend what can I write More?

A true Extract.

/ Signed / J. Webbe

Maratta Translator.

Resolved

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Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be

Minute on the two foregoing Letters

transmitted to the Resident at Tanjore with directions to enquire into the punishment of the Bramins by Mr. Macleod and the employment of the Sepoys

Read the following Letter from Mr Sherfojee Also 66 No. 53

To His Excellency

Lieutenant General Harris

Governor &c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

From Sir Sojee congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his Succession to the Government and expressing the distress experienced by himself and his relations in consequence of the arrears of allowances due to them

Your Excellency will be kindly pleased to,

accept my most sincere congratulation on your Excellency's late accession to the Government —

The intelligence of Lord Roberts Determination to embark for England has given me more concern than I can express, as His Lordship had always my real and

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lasting prosperity at heart, and my situation then was so distress-
full, that I wanted immediate redress, which I was sure His
Lordship would grant, and could not be certain, whether His
Successor would be as Zealously disposed, to promote my welfare.
But on hearing, that your Excellency was the Successor of so
great a Friend and Protector of mine, my gloom was scattered
and my uneasiness succeeded by perfect tranquillity; for your
Excellency's benevolence and public Spirit is known wherever
your name is mentioned, and I am sure I will never
have cause to regret the absence of a Lord Cornwallis or a
Lord Hobart as long as your Excellency remains Governor
of Fort St. George —

I have no body but your Excellency to ~~o~~
redress my grievances and to promote my happiness; I therefore
approach your Excellency with full confidence and crave
your Excellency's benevolent protection, and especially, that
your Excellency would kindly be pleased, to take my present
most afflicting circumstances into your Excellency's generous

Consideration

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Consideration and to grant me redress—

My mother has addressed a Letter to Lord Hobart stating our most Distressful Situation at Tanjore which I forwarded to Mr. Secretary Webbe and do not doubt but your Excellency has perused it

Honorable Sir, our Distress mentioned in the said Letter is since not decreased but aggravated, and it is so deplorable that in writing this I Cannot refrain from Tears

The Resident has as yet paid us nothing, our Servants are Clamorous for their Pay, our Creditors for their dues, and no body will lend us any thing for fear of the Rajah. What shall we do? The Resident is not in a Condition to pay us immediately, and we want immediate relief. We cannot depend on the Resident, and we understand likewise, that he is recalled To whom therefore can we take refuge but to your Excellency.

I am Convinced your Excellency will generously pardon my importunity and issue out orders that our arrears may be paid without delay. This liberality and Condescension will not fail to encrease your Excellency's fame and oblige me to be always with the greatest respect and Gratitude.—

Tanjore 8th March 1798—

Yrs &c.
Signed Serfojee

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Lorin be desired to inform Shurfojee that an enquiry has been ordered into his Complaints against Mr. Macleod.

As the Family will have suffered much distress

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tasting prosperity at heart, and my situation then was so distress-
full, that I wanted immediate redress, which I was sure this
Lordship would grant, and could not be certain, whether this
Successor would be as Zealously disposed, to promote my welfare.
But on hearing, that your Excellency was the Successor of so
great a Friend and Protector of mine, my gloom was scattered
and my uneasiness succeeded by perfect tranquillity; for your
Excellency's benevolence and public Spirit is known wherever
your name is mentioned, and I am sure I will never
have cause to regret the absence of a Lord Cornwallis or a
Lord Hobart as long as your Excellency remains Governor
of Fort St. George —

I have no body but your Excellency to re-
redress my grievances and to promote my happiness; I therefore
approach your Excellency with full confidence and know
your Excellency's benevolent protection, and especially, that
your Excellency would kindly be pleased, to take my present
most afflicting circumstances into your Excellency's generous
Consideration

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Consideration and to grant me redress—

My mother has addressed a Letter to Lord Hobart, stating our most Destressful Situation at Large, which I forwarded to Mr. Secretary Webbe and do not doubt but your Excellency has perused it

Honorable Sir, our Distress mentioned in the said Letter is since not decreased but aggravated, and it is so deplorable that in writing this I Cannot refrain from Tears

The Resident has as yet paid us nothing, our Servants are Clamorous for their Pay, our Creditors for their dues, and no body will lend us any thing for fear of the Rajah. What shall we do? The Resident is not in a Condition to pay us immediately, and we want immediate relief. We Cannot depend on the Resident, and we understand likewise, that he is recalled To whom therefore can we take refuge but to your Excellency.—

I am Convinced your Excellency will generously pardon my importunity and issue out orders that our arrears may be paid without delay. This liberality and Condescension will not fail to increase your Excellency's fame and oblige me to be always with the greatest respect and Gratitude.—

Tanjore 8th March 1798—

Y.r H.ble Ser.t
Signed Serfojee

Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Torin be desired to inform Sherfojee that an enquiry has been ordered into his Complaint against Mr. Macleod.

As the Family will have suffered much distress

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of this Complaint should be well founded, agreed to direct that Mr. Swin make immediate application to the Rajah for the Balance which may be due to them, and if necessary make an advance to them from the Company's Funds

Read the following Letter from Nazyger Cawn entered also in C6. N°54.

Translation of a Letter from Nazyger Sambagee the Rajah Cawn Nazyger of Tanjore's Vackeel to the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris.

Without Date.

From Nazyger Sambagee requesting that a Letter be put to the Proceedings instituted against him by Sagram Dose in the Court of Cutcherry.

From the time that the Honorable Company have supported with their favor his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore my Father and his Family have been at Madras a period of Fifty years. During this time we have been treated with great Consideration, and the Governor and Council have always maintained our Respectability My Father and myself holding the appointment of Vackeel from the Rajah of Tanjore have borrowed considerable Sums of Money on Accounts of his Excellency and constantly preserved our Fidelity to our Engagements. During

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the last three or four years. Grain has been unusually cheap in Tanjore and in Consiquence of various Difficulties the Balances of the Ryotts have Accumulated. His Excellency is very desirous to discharge them, and I have assured the Ryotts that upon the Receipt of Cash from Tanjore all their Demands shall be satisfied. Some of them however, disregarding these Assurances, have given me great Trouble which I communicated to his Excellency, who, in Consequence addressed two Letters to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart, Dated the 25th of June 1797 and the 1st of February 1798. acquainting him that his Sirkeel Shirazeu, his Sirkeel Trumbach Lumbagee, Nayque, and Shenkon Rou, had borrowed Money from several people on Account of the Circar, who intended to prosecute their Claims in the Honorable Major's Court, and requesting that his Lordship would prevent them from molesting his Servants. Lord Hobart took no steps in Consequence of these Letters. This being the Case, Jayramdoss applied to Mr. Kindersley, and obtained a Warrant from him and a Tellygar, who carried me before Mr. Kindersley to my great Discredit. Mr. Kindersley, made me give Bail, and directed me to appear again at the.

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the Expiration of a month The time is nearly expired, and I know not what may be done to me. no one has hitherto been allowed to disgrace his Excellency's Servants, but the Disgrace I have suffered from this procedure of Jayram dass, is more than I can unfold. You are the Governor the protector of our Country, and the Father of the poor and friendless, and I have no support, or Reliance upon any one, but you. I therefore entreat you to be favorable to me, and direct Mr. Sunderslay not to molest me and to instruct him and the Mayor's Court, and the Justices to refrain from disgracing me, and to refuse to listen to any similar applications in future. I am the Vackeel of a great prince, and have lived respectably under the favor and protection of the Governor and Council I have borrowed Money on Account of the Circar, and taken its Bonds in the names of the several Lenders, and I have taken the Liberty to make this Request to you in Consequence of the Disgrace I have suffered. I earnestly entreat you to be favorable to me and enable me to maintain my Respectability

Above Translation/

/Signed/ I. Webbe Mr Ins.

For

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Read also the following letter from the Attorny General

To the Honorable Lieutenat General George Harris

President and Governor

In Council

Honorable Sir,

From the attorny general opinion on the question proposed to him how far the Vackeels and agents of the Rajah of Tanjore are exempted from the jurisdiction of the Mayors Court and Court of Cutcherry.—

In obedience to your Commands I have perused the letter to the late President from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore under date the 7th Ultimo and have the honor to offer it as my opinion — that such of his Excellency's Servants as have been received and acknowledged by this Government as his Vackeels are in no wise answerable to the — jurisdiction of the Court of Cutcherry or of the Mayors Court — But that such as are employed merely as agents and in the management of his privates affairs, without being vested with any public character are not under any particular protection of the Law of Nations. I have also the honor to submit it as my opinion that though a Vakeel or — Ambassador is by this law exempted from the jurisdiction of our Courts — he is not excluded from the right enjoyed every Alien in amity with us, of bringing actions for the recovery of money or other purposes but as no

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no Civil process will be against him, the Course of proceeding is to oblige him at the Commencement of the suit to give security for the payment of Costs of Judgment should go against him —

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10. March 1798 —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benj.n Sullivan

Minute thereon

The President is requested to inform His Excellency the Rajah that Lombagee Ivanbeck the only person announced and acknowledged as his Vakeel, will be exempted from the Jurisdiction of the Courts here, but that this indulgence cannot be extended to persons acting as his Agents.

The Secretary is directed to communicate this Resolution to Nagoyee Row. —

Ordered that Copy of the Attorney Generals Opinion be transmitted to the Cutchery with directions to exempt Lombagee Ivanbeck from the jurisdiction of the Cutchery Court —

Read the following Letter from the officer Commanding on Ceylon —

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart.

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

Fort St George.

My Lord.

From Brigadier General Dc Meuron dispatches in the barges the Princess mary and Atlantic further Instructions of Agent afore in the Malle Orde and measures adopted. Increase of office Establishment requested by the Hon.ble Major of Colombo. Establishment and monthly expence of the Court of Equity stated. The Stock of Arrack ordered orders on this Subject requested.

Bar Singapore

I have the honor. to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 24th. January, which I communicated to Mr. Greenhill the commercial Resident, who laid before me a Copy of the observations he did himself the Honor of addressing directly to your Lordships in Council, when he declined disposing of the Ships then laying in the Roads of Colombo, and which I had orders to put under his directions.—

I have the Honor to announce to your Lordships the Honorable Companys Extra Ship Atlantic Captain Brodart Sailed from hence for Bengal on the 24th of last Month and the Princess Mary Captain Nash on the 2nd Instant, these two Commanders having delivered to Mr. Greenhill a Quantity of Copper not altogether equal to that Specified in the Bill of

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Fort St George
10th March 1798 —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Benyn Sullivan

Minutes thereon

The President is requested to inform His Excellency the Rajah that Sombagee Tumbuck the only person announced and acknowledged as his Vakeel, will be exempted from the Jurisdiction of the Courts here, but that this indulgence cannot be extended to persons acting as his Agents.

The Secretary is directed to communicate the Resolution to Nagoge Row —

Ordered that Copy of the attorney Generals Opinion be transmitted to the Cutcherry with directions to exempt Sombagee Tumbuck from the jurisdiction of the Cutcherry Court —

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding on Ceylon —

To

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To The Right Honorable Lord Hobart

President in Council &c &c &c

Fort St George

My Lord

From Brigadier General De Meuron dispatches in the Bengal the Princess Mary and Atlantic further Distur- bances of Signs afoot in the Hills Corps and measures adopted - Increase of office Establishment requested by the Hon. Major Colebrooke - Establishment and monthly expence of the Court of Equity stated the Mark of Favour expended orders on this Subject requested

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Lading, they both took there oaths that they had delivered the full Quantity they had Received, on which Subject Captain Mack wrote me a Letter Copy of which is inclosed for the information of your Lordship in Council, together with my answer to that Gentleman.

In my Letter of the 12th January I stated to your Lordships in Council that the Candians were in motion and making Warlike preparations and that the Disaves had received Orders to repair to their respective Districts by secret advice I find that they are actually arrived at their Disaweries and that they are now employed in Assembling their Troops and Collecting Warlike Stores &c.— Signs Appear on a former occasion attempted to enter the Rioua Corle, but its Inhabitants little so disposed to receive him forced him to retire within the Candian Territories, since that time he wrote to several Chiefs but his Letters had no effect on the 3. however of this month he entered the Raygam Corle where he was Joined by a very considerable Number of the People of that Corle — Major Kenny in Command

consequence moved towards them without loss of time, but the facility with which the Rebels move through the Woods renders a meeting with them difficult and precarious.— The knowledge however of Major Kenny of their Customs and of the Country gives me great hopes that he may soon be able to disperse this first Assemblage and again force Digris Appoo to withdraw himself to the Candian Country.—

The whole of the Defaulters being now in their Defaulmies rectified as above, it is to be feared that this Second event will not be so easily suppressed as the first. Your Lordship may however rest assured that no exertion in my power shall be wanting to effect so desireable an Object.— To facilitate my endeavours the Arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Lorrens Battalion and the Pioneers is particularly to be desired and is looked for by me with great impatience.—

The Express which carried the letter written by the Right Honorable Lord Hobart while in

Columbo

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Colombo to the King of Candia is returned, the Bearers of it were well received and informed that an Answer should be immediately sent through Mr. Anderson. —

Major Robertson Town Major of Colombo having among the several Duties of his Office a very considerable detail appertaining to the Police addressed a Letter to me a few days since Copy of which is herewith enclosed for the information of your Lordships in Council — I did not feel myself entitled to grant him the Establishment of Interpreters he required without your Sanction, which I have now the Honor to solicit, but being fully convinced of the Necessity and Public utility to be derived from attaching to the Town Majors Office an Interpreter and Lascoryns, I took upon me to order this part of his requisition to be complied with, and proper Regard of this description were accordingly procured by the Make Modelliar — By this the many inconveniences hitherto experienced from the Servants being employed as Messengers will be avoided, as few or none of them

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them are acquainted with the Customs of the People or can speak Portuguize or Singalese, the only two Languages generally understood in this Place. — I have pleasure in stating to your Lordship in Council that the Conduct of Major Robertson in his Official — Situation of Town Major has Since my Arrival been such as merits my Praise and in the fulfilling that part of it which rega-ds the Police he has incurred many little expences for which I shall be happy that your Lordship in Council would order him such — indemnification as you may deem reasonable —

The Court of Equity has commenced its Sittings, exclusive of the Benefit to be derived from its exertions by the Public, I have reason to hope that Government will in future reap an advantage from the produce of the Duty of five per Cent on the sale of Immoveables. — Enclosed is a Statement of the expense of the Court and its Establishment for the Month of January, which has been given in to me by its Members, and which has been defrayed from the Balance remaining in the

Hands

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hands of the Secretary of the former Courts of Justice, but which
fund will soon be exhausted unless Government Orders the
Purchasers of Land to pay According to Ancient Custom on buying
the Five per Cent on their purchases.—

I have the Honor to represent to your Lordship
in Council the Necessity of an advertisement on this Subject and
now take the Liberty of enclosing a Copy of one which I would
recommend.—

I have the honor of enclosing Copy of a Letter
I this day received from Mr. Atkinson the Commissary of Grain
and Provision, with my Answer, and I request to be honored with
your Lordships Orders respecting his Request

Mr. Pay Master Macdonald has informed me
that he has received the Sum of Eight Thousand (Rix Dollars)
only from the Revenue at Galle in the course of last month.—

Head Quarters
Columbo 8th February 1798.

I have the Honor to be with Respect
&c &c
(Signed) P. de Meuron
A. G.

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To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding H.M. Forces
Columbo

Sir

I have having occasion a great Deficiency in the Number of Bars of Iron and Plates of Copper as also in the weight of those Articles delivered from the Ship Princess Mary at this Port on Account of the Honorable Company, I think it my Duty as Commander of the said Ship, on behalf of myself and owners to state to you the manner the above Iron and Copper was landed and received, and which I firmly believe to be the real Cause of such Deficiency. The Lighters sent to receive the above Articles had no Security to their Cargoes whatever from us being suffered to lay at the Wharff several Nights and Days — before they were delivered, I have every Reason to suppose part of their Cargoes were Plundered, and even after they were unloaded the Iron particularly lay exposed on the Wharff for some time

and,

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and after Reptice it was carried up, it Remained three Nights and Days
exposed in the open Court before it was taken in to the Warehouse
— The Number of Bars of Iron delivered from the Ship was 2637
and the Number Weighed off at the Sales being 2610 there is
a Deficiency of 27 Bars, the Number of Plates of Copper delivered
from the Ship was 3330 and the number Weighed off being only
3294 there is a Deficiency of 36 Plates Copper — I do therefore
for the Reasons before stated Protest against such Deficiency being
charged to the Owners of the said Ship, and am ready to make
oath of the truth of the above Circumstances —

Columbo
January 30th 1798

/Signed/ James Nash

Attested by
/Signed/ I Reynolds
Secretary

To Captain I Nash
Commander of the Ship
Princess Mary

Sir

I have been honored with your Letter of the 30th

Ditto

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Ultimo and in reply I have to observe that I cannot consider the reasons you set forth as of sufficient Weight to discharge the owners of the Ships Princess Mary from being responsible to the Honorable Company for the deficiency of Iron and Copper stated in your letter. But should you deem it Expedient to make the Oath you propose, I can have no objection to such a Measure if you think it can be of any Service to you in the Adjustment of your Accounts with Government.

I have &c.

(Signed) P. T. de Meuron
B.G.C.

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Attest Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds
Secretary

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the Troops on
Ceylon

Sir

In consequence of the great Number of
Complaints

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Complaints of too trifling a nature to engage your time and which are daily coming before me. I think it necessary to state to you that the accompanying Establishment will be required to be attached to the office of Town Major in order to carry this duty effectually into Execution and the Number of Interpreters is peculiarly required from the Variety of Languages spoken on this Island, and the Portuguese Peons will obviate the disagreable necessity I am at present under in being obliged to employ Orderly Peons in the delivery of Official Messages which is productive of disputes and disagreable to the feelings of the Inhabitants.

I hope you will be pleased to approve of this Establishment and Commend to Government that it may take place from the 1st January 1798.

If my conduct in carrying on this duty has been fortunate enough to meet with your approbation may I venture to request that you will be pleased to recommend for the approval of His Lordship in Council that such an Allowance

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Allowance may be granted me as you may Judge adequate to my trouble and Expence in executing this employment for more than twelve Months and which from the litegious disposition of the Singhese has fully occupied my time every day from ten to three o'Clock.—

I have the Honor to be

Columbo
30th January 1798.

Yr. Mo. Obt. Servt.
/Signed/ R. Robertson
Town Major

Attested
/Signed/ J. Reynolds
Secretary.

Establishment proposed to be Attached to the Town Major's Office

1.	Malabar & Moor Interpreter	6	—
1.	Portuguese and Singhese Do.	6	—
1.	Malay Do.	6	—
1.	Acatje Do.	3	—
1.	Cangany Do.	2	—
4.	Lascoryns Do.	6	—
	Total Pagodas	29	—

Attested
/Signed/ J. Reynolds Secretary

Statement

Fort K. Prospect March 1798.

Statement of the Expences of the Court of Equity and its Establishment for the Month of January 1798 Vizt.

Rx Dr Stivers

To Messrs. G. S. Frybrands, B P. C. De Haart and L. P. Foetz Members of the Court to defray the Necessary Expence for keeping Tolanken Slaves and employing People to manage their Private affairs to which they can attet little or no part of their time a each Six Dollars 200. ..... 600.--

To Mr. C. L. Sole Secretary 50.--

" Douwe first Assistant 24--

" Messrs. Camp and Andrieg 2d D a each RD. 36.--

" One Cingalese and Malabar Interpreter 20.--

" One Messenger H. Maas 12. 27 1/2

" One Gaoler P. Keen 9. 21 1/2

" Eight Lascoryns a each D. 5 ..... 40.--

" One Coniesply 6.--

" Stationary ..... 10.

Total Rix Dollars 808. 1--

Attest Translation
Signed L. Reynolds Secy.

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Advertisement

It is hereby publickly made known that all Persons Possessors of Landed Property, Houses or Gardens bought by private Bargain on the purchase of which they shall not have paid the duty of 5 per Cent and the title deeds of which shall not have been laid before the Court of Equity before the Expiration of a Month from this date shall be considered as having defrauded Government of its dues and shall be treated Accordingly

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the Troops upon the Island of
Ceylon

Sir,

In the month of November, I addressed a letter to the Military Board, stating the small quantity of Arrack, remaining in Store, and requesting permission to purchase a Stock Sufficient for the Consumption of the Troops in Garrison for Six

or

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Six or Twelve months.—

Not having received an answer from the Military Board, and the Stock being nearly expended, I have to request your Authority to purchase Arrack sufficient for the Troops and Garrison for three Months.—

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Most

Columbo
8th February 1798.

Obedt Hble Servt
/Signed/ Edwd Atkinson
Comy of Grain & Provisions

/Attest/
/Signed/ J. Reynolds
Secretary

To Edward Atkinson Esqr.
Commissary of Grain and Provisions
Columbo

Sir

I have received your Letter of this date and shall lose no time in writing to Government on its Subject, that however the Troops may not be in want of Arrack—

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I hereby Authorize you to lay in a quantity sufficient to supply them Until the Pleasure of Government shall be known.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c.

Head Quarters

Columbo February 8th 1798.

/ Signed / P. T. de Meuron

B. G. C.

/ A true Copy /

/ Signed / J. Reynolds

Secretary

Other Letters from Brigadier General De Meuron filed.—

Read also Letters from Brigadier General De Meuron as entered in Consultation the 16th February.

Resolved in Consequence that the following instructions be Transmitted to the Brigadier.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Troops on Ceylon.

To Brigadier General de Meuron Major Reynolds Conduct Approved provision authorized to be made for the Family of a Man murdered by Signs of Persuasion on his Suggestion for altering the Established Rates of Exchange orders respecting the Ship Susanna detained at Point de Galle further information to be obtained from Examination of the Dutch Books Relative to the

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge receipt of your Letters of the 12th and 18th January.

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Rights of cancelling the Paper Currency found in the Treasuries &c. Orders respecting the office Establishment of the Town major of Columbo. Establishment of the Court of Equity approved—much sufficient to last till the 1st. August next to be provided Mr. Atkinson permitted to visit the Presidency—

January, the consideration of which has been deferred on Account of the Press of Business attending the late despatch for Europe.—

The President in Council has derived much Satisfaction from your Report of the judgement and galantry displayed by Major Kenny in quelling the late insurrections, and has availed himself of the late opportunity of noticing his merits to the Honorable Court of Directors—with respect to the Native who was killed by the rebel Sepoys at Vellore, while employed by Major Kenny's orders in procuring intelligence, the President in Council leaves it to your discretion to make such arrangement as you may think proper for the relief of his Family—

As the subject of the Exchange has at different times engaged much serious attention, the Board are unwilling to make any alteration in the existing Rates without being fully apprized of the necessity of the measure and the eventual extent of its operation. Should you therefore judge it necessary to suggest any alteration, the President in Council desires you will, at the same time, explain fully your motives and the effect such alteration is likely

likely to produce.

The President & Council desires you will lose no time in communicating to him the result of Lieutenant Colonel Croker's examination of the Books and Papers concerning the Ship Anarina Amelia as suggested in the Attorney General's Letter already transmitted to you. Should you however have an opportunity of communicating on this Subject with His Excellency the admiral, you are to be guided by his opinion, without further reference to Government.

The President & in Council desires you will report, whether, previous to cancelling the Dutch Paper amounting to Rix Dollars 3,21,065, the examination of the original Dutch Books, as suggested by the advocate General in Bengal, was made, in order to ascertain that this sum had ceased to be a charge on the publick: and that you will state the measures which have been taken to ascertain that the sum of Rix Dollars 1,92,80 is the whole Amount of the Dutch Paper actually in Circulation, you will, at the same time transmit the Registers Certificate of his having cancelled the Paper currency found at Trincomale in

order

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order that a farther Issue of 8% notes may be made to the Prize Agents, should the information furnished by you on the above points remove the objections made by the Governor General in Council—

Your appointment of Lieutenant Rice to succeed Captain Borough in the office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon has been confirmed in General Orders.—

The President in Council is pleased to authorize the employment of an Arraye and four Lascoryns under the Town Major of Columbo at the monthly expence of Nine Pagodas - but as no considerable expence is incurred in Account of Interpreters he desires that such assistance as may be required by the Town Major may be afforded by Persons, of this description, already in the Company's Pay—

As the Board expect that the Members of the Board of Equity will devote their whole time to the discharge of their respective duties and as you have represented them to be Gentlemen of Respectable Characters, they approve the Expence of the establishment, as communicated in your Letter of the 8th February

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February— but desires that no increase may be made without their Special Authority.—

The President & Council desires that measures may be taken for laying in a supply of Arrack on the most advantageous terms, sufficient for the use of the Troops at Columbo till the 1st. August next.—

Mr. Atkinson may have permission to proceed to the Presidency on two Months leave of Absence and to deliver over the Temporary charge of his Employ to Mr. McDowall.

I have the honor to be—

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15th March 1798—

S.rd &c.
Signed J Webbe
Secretary to the Government.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute—

Commander in Chief's Minute in Council
13th March—

Commander in Chief's minute proposing a relief of the different Cavalry Corps

Having received some Applications upon the Subject of Moving His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons from

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from Warriors, I have been obviously led to the Consideration of an immediate and general relief of all the Cavalry Corps. The utility of this measure throughout the Army, is too apparent for me to say more in support of it than that it has only been opposed by the Expence attending it. but when I remind the Board of the consequences of too long a Residence of the Native Battalions in the same place, as evinced in some late Instances and appprize them that all the Corps of native Cavalry have been stationary for upwards of Six years in their present Cantonments, I have no doubt they will concur with me that the small Expence of this movement is amply justified by the Expediency of the measure.—

I could indeed have wished, on this Account solely, to have postponed this Recommendation, but the Inconveniency which the 25th Regiment is reported to suffer at Vellore renders it proper, in my Opinion, that they should be removed at all events; and the near approach of the hot weather makes it impossible to postpone their march.—

For these reasons I recommend that the 25th Regiment

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Regiment should be ordered to Arcot where there are the best and — indeed the only suitable Barracks for European Troops and in order to make room for them I further recommend the following general relief of the Native Corps. —

The 3d Regiment to March from Chemmindalum and take up the Station of the 25th Light Dragoons at Warriore

The 4th Regiment to leave Arcot, and be — stationed at Chemmindalum. —

The 1st Regiment to move to Conoatore, and the 2nd Regiment to come to Arcot —

This Arrangement the Board will observe, Provides for the most expeditious mode of effecting the Reliefs, and is the most economical plan on which this General relief — can take place — the whole of which will have been accomplished before the period of the Land Winds. —

[Signed] Geo. Harris

Resolved that the Commander in Chiefs Recommendation be adopted and that orders be immediately issued for

A relief ordered of the major[ity] 25th Dragoons and the different Regiments of native Cavalry —

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for relieving the Several Corps of Cavalry.—

Lieutenant Colonel Poter to Command at Arcot Lieutenant Colonel Murray at Coimatore and major Dallas at Chimeundalum—

The President in consequence proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Poter be appointed to command at Arcot, Lieutenant Colonel Murray at Coimatore, and Major Dallas at Chimeundalum.

Agreed to and ordered Accordingly.

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

From the military Board recommending Provisions at Seringapatam collected & Recommended to be sold off and Bills for such sums at Sangor and Seringapatam to be discharged back Coyned by the Tyburn agreeable to the Orders of the 25 Decembr, the Master master General sets out on an Inspection Tour of the military Cantonments Barracks and Hospitals Hospitals at the Principal Stations on the Coast Surveyed Certificates of Stores Received from England enclosed &c

1. It appearing by Proceedings of a Committee of Survey held the 16th ultimo upon Provision Stores at Innaconda that a quantity of Paddy Sunnabo, and Chillies, agreeably to the enclosed Statement, is unserviceable, and it being probable that if kept a Month longer the same will become unsaleable, We in consequence recommend to Government that an immediate Sale

Sheep

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thereof, by Public Auction, may be authorized.—

2nd. Having received from Lieutenant Colonel Frazer Chief Engineers the accompanying Bills for Repairs performed under his superintendence at Trichinopoly and Tanjore: that for the former amounting to Pagodas 126: 5: 52. and that for the latter to Pagodas 23: 36: 10. together with the necessary Vouchers in support thereof, We Accordingly recommend that such Bills be passed for Payment.—

3rd. The Agent for Cavalry Supplies to His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons having reported to us the completion of the delivery of thirty (30) Garce of Grain ordered to be supplied for the consumption of that Corps, We recommend that Payment to Captain Blaquiere of the remaining moiety Six Hundred and thirty (630) Pagodas due on that Account may be directed.—

We have the honor to submit to Government, for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors, the enclosed Certificates of Military Stores received from England by the Honorable Company's Ships Henry Dundas, and Earl Mycombe.—

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It being directed in the 4th Article of the Regulations for the care and preservation of Military Quarters, and Camp Equipage, that the Quarter Master General, at such periods as may be regulated by our Board, shall inspect in person the general state of the Military Quarters, Barracks, and Camp Equipage at the different Stations in the Coast; and it appearing to us desirable that he should now proceed for such purpose to the principal Stations in the Centre Division, We have accordingly instructed the Quarter Master General to that effect, and do ourselves the honor to report the same to Government.

We have the Honor to be.

Sir &c.

Fort St. George
2nd March 1798

/Signed/

Patrick Ross
Thomas Geils
Wm Sydenham
Jn Richardson
Wm Close

Lieutenant

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Statement of Provision Stores found unserviceable by a Committee of Survey at Innacondah dated 16th February 1798.—

	Garce	Candies	Morahs	Seers	Pounds
Paddy of the Year 1796/7	18	"	173	4	"
Junalos of Ditto	11	"	266	8	"
Chillies of the Year 1796	"	"	7	"	15 5/8

Military Board Office
2nd March 1798.—

(Signed) Fred. Pearce
Secretary Military Board.

Resolved that the several Recommendations of the Military Board be adopted

Minutes thereon

Ordered that the certificates of Ordnance and Garrison and Stores be transmitted to the Court of Directors.

The Board are happy that the quarter Master General has Commenced his first Survey of Military quarters; and have no doubt that his Report will be found so Usefull, as to keep in the constant remembrance of the Military Boards.

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Board the expedience of regular Surveys through out the establishment.—

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.—

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council.

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Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor General inclosing a printed Copy of the Kings Warrant of the 5 July 1797 and explaining the causes of some Errors in the Tables of Pay &c already published—submits to the determination of Government whether the Troops in this Country when embarked on Transports should be paid under Stoppages as regulated in the Warrant

1. I have the honor to inclose a printed copy of His Majesty's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797 for encreasing the Pay of the Non Commissioned officers and Privates of his Army which having been transmitted to the 12th Regiment, may be regarded as an authentic Document. Your Honorable Board will perceive that the Schedule annexed to the Warrant does not expressly apply to this Country but as the Warrant itself extends the daily pay and Field allowances which are stated thereon to the Kings Troops "&c "wheresoever serving abroad or on board Ship" it proves that the Rates

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Published in Tables Nº. 1 and 2. with the Government Orders of the 28th Ultimo are perfectly correct, & the same time it appears that in situations where the Troops are supplied with provisions at the public expence, the deductions to be made from their full pay on that Account are greater than what was stated in the Table Nº. 3. included in the same Order. I before took occasion to observe, that the Consolidated allowance granted by His Majesty's Warrant of the 1st. September 1795. to the Troops serving in Great Britain did not originally apply to those on Foreign Service but this distinction has been done away by the Warrant of the 5th. July 1797 in as much as the Deductions to be made from the full pay of the Non Commissioned officers and Soldiers on Foreign Stations where they do not themselves defray the charge of their Provisions, consist of the said Consolidated allowance, and of the additional one penny three farthings granted to them in situations where they find their provisions at their own Expence, as is clearly shown in the Schedule annexed to the Warrant–

2nd. Adverting then to the circumstance that the former pay and allowances stated in the Schedule have hitherto continued to be the same at all foreign Stations, including the East Indies

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Indies, where the non Commissioned officers and privates were supplied with provisions, or had other local advantages—that the Consolidated allowance of 3/4 to the Dragoons 2d to the Sergeant Corporal and Drummer and 2d. 2/4 to the privates of Infantry, granted by His Majesty's Warrant of the 1st. September 1795, was never extended to his Troops serving abroad (India not excepted) until the present time—that the full pay is now composed of the former Pay and allowances, of the Consolidated allowance above mentioned of the equivalent of (1/4) in lieu of Bread and Meat formerly paid by Government, and of the net addition of 3d. 2/2 and 2d. made by the Kings Warrant of the 5th July 1797 and that the rule observed in the East Indies of not making any deduction from the former Pay and allowances of His Majesty's Troops on Account of Provisions supplied to them at the public charge, was also observed heretofore at Gibraltar Jamaica and New South Wales, as shewn by the Schedule, it follows, that as the full pay granted by the Warrant of the 5th July 1797 is now extended to all Foreign Stations alike, India included, the same practice should obtain equally in this Country with respect to deductions as at the places before mentioned

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Mentioned, for surely nothing can be more conclusive than that if the Troops in India are allowed the advantage of the encreased or full pay granted by His Majesty's Warrant, they should in the same manner be liable to the deductions which are directed therein to be made at other stations under circumstances exactly parallel wearing the Subject & therefore in the light that the most liberal construction of the Warrant will admit. the following is the nett pay which each rank will have to receive when in the Field on Full Batta or Supplies with provisions at the Expense of Government.

Dragoons	Serjeant	1	9
	Corporal	1	2½
	Trumpeter	1	2
	Private	"	10
Foot	Serjeant	1	3
	Corporal	"	10½
	Drummer	"	10
	Private	"	8½

3 Altho it appears that these rates are some what less than what they formerly received on Full Batta or when victualled including the Company's allowance except the private of Infantry

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on His Majestys Service who will have after the deduction before specified 3 and 4 ℔ Annum more than he has hitherto been paid, it is to be considered that this trifling difference to the other Ranks when on the Field on Full Batta or supplied with provisions at the public charge, is more than counterbalanced by the superior advantage which they will derive from the new rates of full pay in time of peace, as is shewn in the enclosed Statement applicable to their allowances in both situations, and hence it will follow, as has been before observed, that His Majestys Troops in India on a Comparison with the prices of the necessaries of life elsewhere will on the whole be more advantageously situated than they would be at any other foreign Situation under the British Dominions, especially as it is proposed that the additional deductions directed by the Kings Warrant to be made from their full pay when "embarked in Transports or in Ships of war but not bearing as Marines" shall not be made in similar situations in this Country, as well, because such a Deduction, tho always usual at home, has not been made at any time in India, as in consideration that the Troops here are seldom embarked

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embarked but for short periods, and that they are generally obliged to allot a part of their subsistence for the maintenance of their Families and connections during their absence, but this point I beg leave with deference to submit to the superior judgement of your Honorable Board

4. Before concluding this subject it may be proper to observe, that in allowing the Non Commissioned officers and privates to receive when on Full Batta or supplied with provisions the rates of Pay specified in Table No. 3. published in the Government Orders of the 22. Ultimo, it was conceived that those rates were authorised by the following part of the Warrant of 5th July 1797- namely "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 the respective ranks over and above what they received at the former rates of pay and allowances agreeably to the Schedule hereunto annexed." which Schedule had not then been received and which shews that the Nett additions above mentioned referred to the King's former pay and allowances, excluding neither the Consoli=

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dated allowance of the 1st September 1795 or the 1½ d Day which last only was before deducted.—

5th In the event of the above Suggestions meeting the approbation of Government I have enclosed a Table to be Substituted in place of No. 3 published in the General Orders of the 28th ultimo.

I have the honor to be with great Respect &c

&c &c

Signed R. Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
9th March 1798.—

George R.

Printed Copy received from England of the Kings Warrant of 5th July 1797 granting an Increase of Pay to his Cavalry and Infantry Corps from the 25. May 1797—

Whereas we having taken into Our Consideration the various Pecuniary Allowances, as well Permanent as Incidental or Temporary which had been granted to Our Troops at Home, have thought fit to substitute in lieu of the said allowances, one fixed allowance at a Daily Rate, and to increase the same by a net addition of Three pence per Diem to each Sergeant, Two pence

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half penny per Diem to each Corporal, and Six pence per Diem to each Trumpeter, Drummer, Fifer and Private Man: And whereas We are graciously pleased to extend the said Regulation, and to grant the like nett Additions to the Pay of our Forces serving out of Great Britain: Our Will and Pleasure therefore is that from the 25th Day of May last, the Daily Pay and fixed Allowance of Our Non commissioned Officers and Soldiers, wheresoever serving abroad, or on Board Ship, shall be borne on the Establishment as follows.—

Dragoons.	Of a Serjeant	2. 2
	Of a Corporal	1. 7½
	Of a Trumpeter	1. 7
	Of a Private Man	1. 3.
Infantry.	Of a Serjeant	1. 6¾
	Of a Corporal	1. 2¼
	Of a Drummer or Fifer	1. 1¾
	Of a Private Man	1. 0.

And, with respect to the Application of the said Daily Pay and fixed Allowance, Our will and Pleasure is that, in Situations where the Troops find their Provisions at their own

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own Expence, in like Manner as at home, they shall receive their Pay accordingly to the Rates above specified, without Deductions: But on Stations where they do not themselves defray the charge of their Provisions such Deductions shall be made there from as to leave the exact nett Additions of three pence, two pence 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 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, shall be removed to other stations where they are to supply themselves with Provisions they shall immediately thereupon, be entitled to receive their full Pay without Deduction, according to the Establishment.—

Lastly, Our will and Pleasure is that Our Land Forces when employed as Marines on board our Ships of War shall not be liable to any Deduction from their Pay, for Provisions supplied to them at the Public charge.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this 5th Day of July 1797 in the 37th Years of Our Reign.—

By his Majesty's Command.

(Signed) W. Windham

Schedule

Schedule referred to in the Preceding Warrant

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Stations	Corps	Ranks	Former Pay and allowance	Former Deduction	Nett former Pay and allowance	Full Pay — deduction — Nett Pay commencing from 25th may 1797		
North america and those Stations in the west Indies or elsewhere, at which Provisions are supplied by the Public, and a stoppage is made from the Troops on that account.	Dragoons	Sergeant	1. 6	2½	1. 3½	2. 2	7½	1. 6½
		Corporal	1. 0	2½	0. 9½	1. 7½	7½	1. 0
		Trumpeter	1. 0	2½	0. 9½	1. 7	7½	0. 11½
		Private	0. 8	2½	0. 5½	1. 3	7½	0. 7½
	Foot	Serjeant	1. 0	2½	0. 9½	1. 6¾	6¼	1. 0½
		Corporal	0. 8	2½	0. 5½	1. 2¼	6¼	0. 8
		Drummer	0. 8	2½	0. 5½	1. 1¾	6¼	0. 7½
		Private	0. 6½	2½	0. 4	1. 0	6	0. 6
Jamaica.	Dragoons	Serjeant	1. 6		1. 6	2. 2	8	1. 9
		Corporal	1. 0		1. 0	1. 7½	8	1. 2½
		Trumpeter	1. 0		1. 0	1. 7	8	1. 2
		Private	0. 8	None	0. 8	1. 3	8	0. 10
	Foot	Serjeant	1. 0		1. 0	1. 6¾	3¾	1. 3
		Corporal	0. 8		0. 8	1. 2¼	3¾	0. 10½
		Drummer	0. 8		0. 8	1. 1¾	3¾	0. 10
		Private	0. 6½		0. 6½	1. 0	3½	0. 8½
Gibraltar	The same as Jamaica, the loss by Exchange continuing as before.							
New South Wales	The same as Jamaica.							
Embarked in Transports or on ships of War but not serving as Marines	Dragoons	Serjeant	1. 6	3	1. 3	2. 2	8	1. 6
		Corporal	1. 0	3	0. 9	1. 7½	8	0. 11½
		Trumpeter	1. 0	3	0. 9	1. 7	8	0. 11
		Private	0. 8	3	0. 5	1. 3	8	0. 7
	Foot	Serjeant	1. 0	3	0. 9	1. 5¾	6¾	1. 0
		Corporal	0. 8	3	0. 5	1. 2¼	6¾	0. 7½
		Drummer	0. 8	3	0. 5	1. 1¾	6¾	0. 7
		Private	0. 6½	3	0. 3½	1. 0	6½	0. 5½

Comparative Statement of the difference between the Pay formerly issued to the Non Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers on India, with the Rates of Full and Net Pay granted By His Majesty's Warrant under Date the 5th July 1797.—

			Pay granted by His Majesty's warrant under date the 7th July 1797.— Per Day			Wages Former Pay and Company's Allowances Issued here India.— per Day			Difference encrease on what they find their own Provisions per Day.			Difference decrease on the Sum, on Board or Supplied with Provisions per Day		
			s.	d.	P	s.	d.	P	s.	d.	P	s.	d.	P
Dragoons	Sergeant	Full Pay	2	2	11	30		9	33½	1	1	5½		
		Net Pay	1											
	Corporal	Full Pay	1	7½	8	42½		6	72½	1	1	50½		
		Net Pay												
	Trumpeter	Full Pay	1	7	7	25		5	72½	1	1	32½		
		Net Pay												
	Dragoon	Full Pay	1	3	6	45		4	66¼	1	1	59¾		
		Net Pay												
Infantry	Sergeant	Full Pay	1	6¾	8	16½		6	74½	1	1	22½		
		Net Pay												
	Corporal	Full Pay	1	2¼	6	13½		4	49½	1	1	49½		
		Net Pay												
	Drummer	Full Pay	1	1¾	6	1½		4	49½	1	1	32		
		Net Pay												
	Private	Full Pay	1			5	20		3	54½	1	1	49½		
		Net Pay												

/Signed/ Wm Sydenham
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Table of Pay to the Noncommissioned Officers and Privates with the Nett Pay and Deductions agreeably to his Majestys Warrant under date the 5th July 1797 when the Troops shall be in the Field on Batta, or supplied with Provisions at the Public charge.—

		A Full Pay per Day	B Deductions per Day	Nett Pay per Day
		£ S. D. P. F. 6.	£ S. D. P. F. 6	£ S. D. P. F. 6.
Dragoons	Serjeant	" 2. 2. " 11.30.	" . 5. " 2.15.	" 1 9 " 9 15.
	Corporal	" 1.7½ " 7.42½	" " 5 " 2.15.	" 1.2½ " 6.27½
	Trumpeter	" 1.7. " 7.15	" " 5. " 2.15.	" 1 2. " 6.10.
	P. Dragoon	" 1.3. " 6.45.	" " 5. " 2.15.	" " 10. " 4.30.
Infantry	Serjeant	" 1.9¾ " 8.16¾	" " 3¾ " 1.51¼	" 1 3. " 6.45.
	Corporal	" 1.2¼ " 6.18¾	" " 3¾ " 1.51¼	" " 10½ " 4.47½
	Drummer	" 1.1¾ " 5.11¼	" " 3¾ " 1.51¼	" " 10. " 4.30.
	Private	" 1. " " 5.20.	" " 3½ " 1.42½	" " 3½ " 3.57½
Artillery	Drummer	" " " " 5.11½	" " " " 1.51¼	" " " " 4.30.
	Matross	" " " " 5.20.	" " " " 1.9½	" " " " 4.11⅜.
Dragoons	Serjeant	" 2 2 " 11 30	" " 8 " 3.40	" 1 6. " 7.70.
	Corporal	" 1.7½ " 7.42½	" " 8 " 3.40	" " 10½ " 5.2½
	Trumpeter	" 1.7. " 7.25	" " 8 " 3.40	" " 11 " 4.65
	P. Dragoon	" 1.3. " 6.45.	" " 8. " 3.40.	" " 7. " 3.5.
Infantry	Serjeant	" 1.6¾ " 8.16¾	" " 6¾ " 2.76¼	" 1. " " 5.20
	Corporal	" 1.2¼ " 6.18¾	" " 6¾ " 2.76¼	" " 7½ " 3.22½
	Drummer	" 1.1¾ " 6.1¼	" " 6¾ " 2.76¼	" " 7. " 3.5
	Private	" 1. " " 5.20.	" " 6½ " 2.67½	" " 5½ " 2.32½

* When embarked on Transport

† This Column added to the Table originally sent in, in consequence of the Boards Resolution relative to Stoppages from the Troops when embarked on Transport.

Explanation

It being the practice in His Majestys Service to draw in the form of an Account Current, for the full Pay for all Ranks and numbers belonging to the Regiments respectively According to the Column A of the above Table.—

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and to write off on the Credit side of the same account, all sums drawn on account of absentees, or other causes therein detailed It will consequently be necessary, when any of His Majesty's Corps are in situations where they have a claim to full Batta, or to be victualled according to usual practice on Indian to deduct from the full Pay of the several Ranks the Amount stated in Column B either for the whole Month or broken periods of the Month according as it may happen; and to write off the Total so deducted on the credit Side of the Abstract for the succeeding Month to that in which the Troops may have received Batta or Provisions, accounting for the same as in the case of absentees &c.a and as the Honorable Company's European Troops will, in the same situation as His Majesty's Corps have the full Pay stated in Column A drawn for them on Abstracts by Companies, the Amount contained in B on a Calculation for the diff.t Ranks is to be deducted at the foot of the several abstracts for the Months succeeding that in which they may have received Batta or Provisions, and that Balance remaining only is to be issued by the Paymasters to Officers Commanding Companies.

A separate detailed Account of the daily deductions

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deductions according to the Number for whom Batta or Provisions have been drawn is to accompany the abstracts of the Kings and Company's Troops.—

Signed W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

General order to be published in consequence of the receipt of the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

In consequence of the foregoing explanations Resolved to publish in general Orders the printed Copy of his Majestys warrant together with the amended table of full pay and the deductions to be made when the troops may be on Batta or supplied with provisions at the public charge, but as the object of the late regulations for encreasing the pay of the European Troops, is to put them upon an exact footing of equality, the Board do not think it advisable to make any exception when they may be embarked on board Ships.

Further Resolutions on the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

Agreed to transmit to the Supreme Government Copy of the Military Auditor Generals' Letter and to inform them of the resolution passed in consequence.—

Resolved also to repeat the Suggestion of the 17 January last from this Government that Advan-

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tage should be taken of this Consolidation of pay and allow-
ances to bring the allowances of whatever denomination of the
Non commissioned officers and privates of the different Presidencies
to a footing of complete equality under one fixed description.

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

Honorable Sirs,

From the military auditor general proposing rates of pay for the intended Establishment of Servants &c. allotted to the Engineer and Surveyor with the Nizams Detachment.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 2d instant, conveying directions for my adjusting and submitting for the confirmation of your Honorable Board the rate of Pay to the intended Establishment granted to Captain Mr. Kenzie the Engineer and surveyor to the Nizams Detachment. I have the honor to state that the following rates appear from every enquiry I have made to be such as are warranted by the situation in which they will be employed

1 Writer 15 Pagodas per Month.

Draughts

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1 Draughtsman 20. Pagodas per Month

1 Carpenter at 4 fanams per day & 2 fan.s Batta per Day

1 Smith ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o ..... D.o

2 Hircarrahs or Peons each P.s 2. 24 pr Month.

Pay and Batta.

1 Boy from the Surveying School — 11 Pagodas pr. Month

for subsistence and Clothing —

The pay of the latter is according to the rate established by the Regulations of the Revenue Boards, for Boys of this description when employed on Surveys, besides which it is usual to purchase a small horse for each of them, and to allow 15 Pagodas for that purpose, and as two Boys are generally employed together a small Tent is allowed to them and a Bullock to carry it, but it is probable Captain Mc Kenzie will be able to accomodate the Boy attached to him, without any other expence than the first cost of the Horse, and the 11 Pagodas pr. Month before mentioned.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Sir &c.a &c.a

Sign.d W. Sydenham

Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
General's Office
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The Board approve the rate of pay which the
Honorable
Auditor General has recommended for the concerned establishment
to the Surveyor with the Nizams Detachment

Read the following letter from Bombay

To Isaac Webbe Esq.
Secretary
&
Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bombay conceive that the allowances drawn by Lieutenant General Stuart as an officer on the staff of the Fort St. George Presidency which he commanded on Ceylon, subsequently to the Notifications made to him of his appointment to the command in chief of the Troops under the Bombay Presidency should be continued a charge on the Madras Government

I am directed by the Board to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of a letter and enclosure from General Stuart and of our Report from the Military Auditor General at this Presidency with an intimation of their opinion that under all the circumstance of the case General Stuarts Allowances are up to the 31st. December 1796. the date of his resignation of the Command at Ceylon properly Chargeable to the Government of Fort St. George Presidency

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I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Morris
Secretary.

Bombay Castle
20th February 1798.

The Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esq.
President and Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

I herewith beg leave to lay before you
Copy of a letter dated the 18th of last month with two enclosures
which I received this Morning from Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General at Madras on the subject of certain
Payments made to General Stuart when at Columbo, and which
the right Honorable Lord Hobart Governor in Council at
Madras is of opinion, and has accordingly decreed should be
placed in the books of that settlement to the debit of this
Presidency the sum is Pagodas 4312, 22, 40. or Rupees 15,094.

2nd As this Case is some what singular and
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attended with Circumstances which I do evidently were not known to his Lordship in Council at the time he gave the Instructions above adverted to.— I Confess that I do not consider myself at Liberty to make a Corresponding Entry in the Books of this Department without your express directions so to do, and I shall here submit for your decision the grounds on which, in my humble Judgement such an Entry should not be made in the Military Books of this Presidency.—

3 The first public notification that I can find of General Stuarts Appointment to this Presidency is an Extract from the General Orders by the Commander in Chief in India dated at Calcutta the 24th of September 1796 and Published here by the then Commanding Officer General Balfour the 29th of the following month October Viz.t Major General James Stuart and James Hartley.— This intimation made no difference in the Payments admitted by the Resolution of Council here under the 7th of July 1796 Viz.t as the General on the Staff are not to be selected until the Ships of 1795 Arrive

Resolved

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Resolved that Major General Balfour be authorised to draw the several allowances directed by the Honorable Company's orders of the 8th of January for the Commanding officer of the Forces in lieu of all others now drawn by him in that Capacity and that Major General Bowles as Commanding on the Malabar Coast receive from the date, the Regulations are to take effect and until further Orders, the Staff allowances ordered by the Honorable Court of Directors in their Commands of the aforesaid date.—

4th The next Orders of Government which relate to the present Question are of the 7th of November last Viz.t. General Balfour having in Consequence of his promotion to a Corps not doing duty upon this Establishment expressed his wish to resign the Command of the Troops serving under this Presidency and the Governor in Council having accepted of his resignation, accordingly the Command of the Troops devolves until the Arrival of General Stuart who has been appointed Commander in Chief at this Presidency by the Honorable the Court of Directors upon Major General Bowles as the next Senior officer.—

Resolved

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Resolved that he be ordered thereof, and desired to repair to the presidency by the first opportunity after delivering over the Command upon the Coast to Lieutenant Colonel McPherson tell further Orders.—

Upon the above mentioned Orders of this Government Major General Balfour and Major General Bowles drew (the latter upon the 23d. of January last) agreeably to the Honorable the Court of Directors commands of the 2d. of January 1796 wherein they say if the Commanding officer of the forces at your Presidency is not a Member of Council he is to be allowed (Rs 8000) Bombay Rupees pr. Annum in addition to the allowances of his Rank.

6 I do not know of any Precedent for any Order of the Honorable Company's upon which this Presidency can be debited with Payments to officers when neither themselves nor the Corps they belong to are under the Authority of this Government and this was certainly the case with General Stuart whilst serving at Columbo— If there was as may possibly have been a greater proportion of General Officers on the Staff at Madras than the new Military Arrangements provide for, it appears to me with

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all difference to other opinions, that the peculiar circumstance of the
public Service which occasioned it, or which at least deprived this
Establishment for a time of General Stuarts Services Viz.t "the
Columbo Expedition" would have been the proper head to have
brought the said payments to General Stuart under. —

I have the honor to remain with great
Respect. —

Bombay
Military Auditor Generals
Office the 9th October 1797. —

S.e S.e
/Signed/ James Kerr
Military Auditor General

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ Morris
Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Kerr
Military Auditor General
Bombay

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose an Extract of
a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe Under date the 13.th
Instant, and in consequence to transmit to you an abstract of. —

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Pay and allowances drawn by Lieutenant General Stuart as a Major General upon the Staff of this Establishment from the 6th. September 1796. the day on which the Bombay Government notified his appointment to the Command of the Army to the 31st. of December following the amount of which I have been directed by the Right Honorable the President to transfer to the Debit of the Bombay Presidency.—

Any difference between the allowances of Lieutenant General Stuart as Commander in Chief at Bombay and those drawn by him as a General Officer on the Staff here for the above period, will of course be adjusted on the Military Books of your Presidency.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
13th September 1797

I am
Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
Signed W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

True Copy
Signed James Kear
Military auditor General

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Fort St. George 13th March 1798.

To The Honorable Jonathan Duncan

President & in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Bombay

Sir,

In obedience to the request of the Board, transmitting for my explanation Copies of Letters from the Government of Fort St. George, and the Military Auditor General at this Presidency respecting my Staff Allowances from the 6th of September to the 31st of December 1796, during which time I held the Command on Ceylon I have the honor to lay before you the following Statement.

2. The first notification of my Appointment to the Commander in Chief of the forces under the Presidency of Bombay, was conveyed to me in the letter from this Government dated the 6th of September 1796, which intelligence I communicated without delay to the Government of Fort St. George.

Sirs.

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3 I was honored with the Commands of the Government of Fort St. George Contained in their Letter of the 26th of November 1796, a Copy of which Accompanies this address — I was informed in the most gratifying manner by that Letter of Major General Doyle's nomination as my Successor, and from the tenor of the Instructions on this occasion, did not consider myself at Liberty to relinquish my Authority until relieved by the Officer on whom that weighty charge was — confided —

4 Major General Doyle arrived at Columbo about the Middle of December, and the remainder of the — Month was necessarily employed in imparting a great variety of information, and making the Arrangements [illegible] by the Government of Madras —

5 In this manner I was unavoidably — detained on the Island of Ceylon till the 1st of January 1798 and on this day I caused it to be made publicly known, agreeably to the Instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

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Council of Fort St George, that Major General Doyle were to exercise the same powers which they had thought proper to vest in me—

6 As long therefore as I had the honor of Serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George I drew the allowances of a General Officer on the Staff of that Establishment, and on these grounds it may appear more equitable to debit that Government with the payment, under whose orders and authority I alone acted during the period in question.

I have the honor to be, Respectfully
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) James Stuart

Head Quarters
Bombay the 19th February
1798.—

(A true Copy)
(Signed) John Morris Secretary

To

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Fort St. George 13 March 1798.

To Major General Stuart

Commanding the British Forces on the Island of

Ceylon.

Sir.

We have the honor to acquaint you that Major General Doyle, one of His Majesty's Staff Officers under this Presidency, now proceeds to Columbo for the purpose of taking upon himself the Civil and Military Authority, in and over the Island of Ceylon, as it hath been accorded by you whenever it shall suit your Convenience to relinquish it to him, in Consequence of your Appointment to the Command of the Bombay Army —

We have not judged it necessary to furnish Major General Doyle with any particular Instructions for the guidance of his Conduct upon his Succession, because he will have the benefit of your advice — so long as you remain at Columbo and that your Correspondence —

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Correspondence with us will be open for his perusal.—

Upon relinquishing Your Authority on the Island of Ceylon, You will be pleased to make it publicly known that Major General Doyle, is to exercise the same powers, which we had thought proper to vest in you.—

We cannot conclude without conveying to you our highest Approbation of every part of your conduct and the perfect sense we entertain of the Zeal, energy and ability which have distinguished all Your Proceedings on the Island of Ceylon.—

We have the honor to be, with Esteem

S.r &c.

(Signed) Hobart

Alured Clarke

E. W. Tallofield.

Fort St. George
26th. November 1795.

A true Copy

(Signed) A. Walker

M. Sy.

True Copy

(Signed) John Morris
Secretary.

Resolved.

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Resolved that the Amount of the allowances drawn by Lieutenant General Stuart do remain at the debit of Bombay on the Books of this Presidency until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be received, and that an explanation of this resolution be transmitted to the Government there—

Minute on the forgoing Letter from Bombay—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant General Sir Alured Clarke—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to the Government of

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant General Sr. Alured Clarke requesting the amount due & then on account of arrears of salary may be paid to his attorney at Madras—

Be pleased to acquaint the Vice President & in Council, that I have been favored with Mr. Sub Secretary Bracys letter, informing me that the Honorable Court of Directors had encreased the Salaries of the Members of Council at Fort St. George, and enclosing extract of a Statement furnished by the Accountant General, shewing that

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that the sum of /950/ Nine hundred and fifty Pagodas is due to me in consequence thereof, which I am to request may be paid to M.r Francis Latour, who is authorised to apply for it, and give such a receipt as may be thought proper on my Account.—

I beg to offer my best thanks to the Vice President in Council for his obliging attention on this occasion, and I have the honor to remain, with true regard,

Sir

Your most obed.t Hum.e Ser.t

Signed Alured Clarke

Lucnow
February 16.th 1798.—

Resolved accordingly that Orders be given for paying the Arrears of Salary due to his Excellency Sir Alured Clarke to Mess.rs Latour & C.o

Minute thereon.—

Read the following Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue.

Extract.

1720 Fort St. George the 13th March 1798

Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue in the Revenue Department Dated 1st March 1798.

From the Board of Revenue recommending the adoption of Lieutenant Evans's plan for establishing a breed of horses on the Company's account in the Carnatic. Statement of Expenses already incurred by Lieutenant Evans enclosed.

We take this occasion to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands of the 17th Ultimo, referring for our consideration an improved plan from Lieutenant Evans for introducing a breed of horses on the Coast, having expressed a very favorable opinion of that he first submitted in our Letters of the 4th July 1796, and 14th Ultimo we can only remark that the improvements which experience has induced him to suggest, appear to us judicious and that the Calculations seem to have been made with the strictest attention to Economy.

Observing at the foot of the Account enclosed in the Letter from Lieutenant Evans of the Amounts purchase of the Mares and Stallions in the Studs of Ganjam, the following Memorandum.—

The

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The Charges for feeding the above "Stud made out Agreeable to the Rates in the proposed Plan will be sent to Government when called for, as well as the charge for the Stables already erected"— We desired he would lay before us the Accounts alluded to— he accordingly transmitted the statements we have the honor to send accompanying: whence it appears that Rupees 10,056. 7. 10. have been disbursed by him under these heads— this added to the Amount ÷ purchase Rupees 9038 of the Mares and Stallions makes, the total Sum disbursed by him 19,094. 7. 10. Rupees

/True Extract/

/Signed/ George Parry
Sub Secretary

÷ Enclosure C in Lieutenant Evans's Letter of the 9th February 1798—

To S R Lushington Esq.

Sir.

I have herewith the honor to enclose you the Accounts you desired may be sent on, and have the honor to be

Sir, Your Obt Servt
/Signed/ R. Evans

Madras
27th February 1798

The

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The Honorable Company

The Honorable Company ... D.

To Feeding the Mares purchased by Lieutenant Evans as per Account furnished N.º 1	1964	2.32
To Feeding 20 Mares sent by Order of Government to the Nud as per Account furnished N.º 2	269	2.-.-
To Feeding the Stallions as per Account furnished N.º 3	811	6.32
To Feeding the Colts and Fillies as per Account N.º 4	448	4.26
To 80 Breeding stalls Erected @ Mekapoor Conformable to the Plan laid before Government at 76 Rupees per Stall	3800	-.-
Total Extra Expence incurred by moving the Nud from Rajahmundry to Mekapoor as per Account N.º 4	340	6.-

Total Rupees 10056 7.10

(Signed) H Evans

The

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Fort St. George 13th. March 1798.

The Honorable Company Dr.

For the feeding of the Brood Mares purchased by Lieutenant Evans
in the Stud at Tatchapoor — to 6 Rupees p. month.

1	To feeding Mrs. from 31st. March 1795 to the last day of Febr. 1798 is 2 11 1	@	6	R. p. m.	210	2.32
22	To D.	from 6 August 1795 to	D.	D.	2	6	25	@	D.	D.	185	„	—	„
23	To D.	from D.	to	D.	D.	2	6	25	@	D.	D.	185	„	—	„
24	To D.	from 20th. August 1795 to	D.	D.	2	6	11	@	D.	D.	182	2	32	
25	To D.	from 19th. September D. to	D.	D.	2	5	12	@	D.	D.	176	—	4	64
26	To D.	from D.	D.	to	D.	D.	2	5	12	@	D.	D.	176	4	64	
27	To D.	from 11th. February 1796 to	D.	D.	2	„	20	@	D.	D.	148	„	—	„
28	To D.	from 6 May D. to	D.	D.	1	9	25	@	D.	D.	131	—	„	„
29	To D.	from 10th May D. to	D.	D.	1	9	24	@	D.	D.	130	2	32	
30	To D.	from 28th August D. to	D.	D.	1	6	3	@	D.	D.	108	7	16	
31	To D.	from 26 April D. to 27th May 1796	„	1	2	@	D.	D.	—	6	—	4	64	
32	To D.	from 2 October D. to the last day of Feb. 98	1	4	29	@	D.	D.	—	101	—	9	48	
33	To D.	from 1st. Sept. 1797 to	D.	D.	6	6	„	@	D.	D.	—	36	—	—	„
34	To D.	from 10th. October D. to	D.	D.	„	4	28	@	D.	D.	—	28	—	2	32
35	To D.	from 20th D. D. to	D.	D.	„	4	11	@	D.	D.	—	25	2	32	
36	To D.	from 1st Nov. D. to	D.	D.	„	—	4	„	@	D.	D.	—	24	—	—	„
37	To D.	from D.	to	D.	D.	„	—	4	„	@	D.	D.	—	24	—	—	„
38	To D.	D. D.	to	D.	D.	„	—	4	„	@	D.	D.	—	24	—	—	„
39	To D.	D. D.	to	D.	D.	„	—	4	—	@	D.	D.	—	24	—	—	„
40	To D.	D. D.	to	D.	D.	—	—	4	—	@	D.	D.	—	24	—	—	„
41	To D.	D. 28 December 1797 to	D.	D.	„	—	2	—	3	@	D.	D.	—	12	—	7	16

Rupees ..... 1964 — 2.32

/Signed/ H. Evans.

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr

To Lieutenant Evans for the feeding of the Horses sent by order of Government to the Stud ..... at 6 Rupees p month.—

To feeding 4 Horses sent by Lieutenant George Forbes from the 2d August 1795 on which day received them at Condapilly to the last Day of February 1798 is 2 y 6 m 25 @ 6 Rs per month	740.	9. 48.
To feeding No. 6 Horses sent by Lieut. Nuthall from the 9th march 95 to the last day of February 98 is 1 y 11 m 22 @ 6 Rs each p month	854.	4. 64.
To feeding No. 10 Horses sent from Bengal from 24th July 1795 & 5 may 1797 when one of them No. 28 Dyed at Nellapoor is 7 y 9 m 10 @ 6 Rs p month	664.	—. —.
To feeding No. the remaining 9 Horses from 6 May 1797 to the last day of February 1798 is 1 y 9 m 25 at 6 Rupees each p month	332.	9. 28.
Rupees	2692.	—.

Signed H. Evans

The Honorable Company ..... Dr

To Lieutenant Evans for the feeding of the Stallions in the Stud at Nellapoor @ 14 Rs p Month.—

No.			
1.	To feeding No. from 31st March 1795 to 24 June 1797 on which day he Dyed is 2 y 2 m 25 @ 14 Rs p month	375.	8.
2.	To Do. from 1st September 1795 to the last day of Feby 1798 is 2 y 6 m 10 @ 14 Rs	252.	—.
3.	To Do. from 1st March 1797 to ..... Do. ... is ... @ Do.	168.	—.
4.	To Do. from 27 Aug 1797 to ..... Do. ..... Do. ... is 1 y 4 m 15 @ Do.	15.	10. 32.
	Rupees	811.	6. 32

Signed H. Evans

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr.

To feeding the Colts and fillies in the Stud at Stachapoor.—

To feeding Do. the Filly marked in the Discription Roll No. 42. from the 27th June 1795 to 27 June 1796 is 1. 0. 1. @ 4. Rs. pr. month	48	1. 48.
To feeding Do. as laid down in the proposed plan from 27 June 1796 to the last day of February 1798. is 1. 8. 4 @ 6 Rs. pr. month	120	9. 48.
To feeding a Dark Bay Colt from 21st. August 96. to 21 August 97 is 1. " 1 @ 4 Rs. pr. month ..	48	1. 48.
To Do. entering the 2d year from 2. August 97 to the last day of Febry 98 is ..... " 6. 29 @ 9 Rs.	62	8. 32.
To Do. a Dark Bay filly from 25th August 96 to 25th August 97. ..... is .. 1. " 1 @ 4 Rs.	48	1. 48.
To Do. Do. from 25th August 97. to the last day of Febry 98 ..... is ... " .. 6. 6 @ 6 Rs.	37	1. 42.
To Do. Do. Dun filly from 4th July 97 to Do. Do. ..... is " 7. 17 @ 4 Rs.	30	3. 16.
To Do. Do. a Bay Colt from 4th August Do. to Do. Do. ..... is " 6. 27 @ 4 Rs.	27	7. 16.
To Do. a Dark Bay from 20th August Do. to Do. ... Do. .... is ... " 5. 44 @ 4 Do.	25	5. 48.
Rupees	448	4. 26.

NB of the Colts and fillies foaled since I left Stachapoor I have no date to refer to that could enable me to make out an account of that Expence.—

Extra Expences encurred by the moving to the Stud from Rajahmundry to Stachapoor.—

To 30. Days Batta to 34 Horsekeepers for the whole Stud at 5. Duds pr. Day	106_3_
To 30. Do. ... Do. ... 34. Grass Cutters for Do. ..... at 5. Do.	106_3_
To paid 20. Horse Keepers who wished to return 3 Rupees each to bear their Expence to Masulipatam	60_ _
To 34. Grass Cutters returned to the Masulipatam District 2 Rupees each to defray their Expence	68_ _
Total Extra Expence ...	340_6_

/Signed/ H Evans

Having

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Resolutions of the Board respecting the Establishment of a Breeding Stud on the Ganjam District under the Directions of Lieutenant Evans on the Company's account —

Having fully Considered the plans delivered in by Lieutenant Evans for the establishment of a breeding stud on the Company's Account in the district of Ganjam and being satisfied that his proposal of the 9th ultimo is the most eligible, the Board resolve to adopt it under the orders of the Court of Directors for encouraging this scheme; and to appoint Lieutenant Evans Superintendant with a Salary of two Hundred Pagodas per Month until the pleasure of the Honorable Court shall be known —

As the Idea of introducing the Breed of Horses among the natives does not appear likely to be immediately carried into effect, the Board judge it advisable to transfer the General Superintendance of the Stud from the Revenue to the Military Board. Resolved therefore that the necessary instructions be given to the Military Board and to Lieutenant Evans. —

Resolved to purchase from Lieutenant Evans the 21 Mares and 6 Stallions now his property, and to defray the Charges attending them as well as the feeding of the Colts and twenty Mares furnished by the Company's agents in Bengal and at Hyderabad, — the whole Amounting as per Statement to Rupees 19094-7-10. or Star Pags 6250-37-42

Ordered

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Ordered accordingly that a 12 Pdr Iron Gun for this Town be prepared to Lieutenant Evans and the amount debited to the Military Paymaster General.

Resolved that the expence of this establishment like that on the island of Ceylon be brought upon the military books of this Presidency; and that the Auditor General be desired to furnish the Superintendant with such instructions as he may judge necessary for regulating the accounts musters of the Studs

Resolved that the collector at Ganjam be directed to afford Lieutenant Evans every assistance in his power, and to make the advances he may require for the support of the stud, the completion of it to the proposed establishment, and the erection of the stables recommended.

Resolved that the Stud at Delly be also put under the general Superintendance of the Military Board and that Major Barbut and Lieutenant Evans be instructed to comply with such directions as they may receive from the Military Board in regard to the Regulation of the Studs and their Buildings, or from the Military Auditor General in Regard to their Accounts.

Ordered.

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Ordered that the Board of Revenue be appriz'd of the foregoing resolutions.—

Read the following Letter from Mr Samuel Johnston.—

To The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor in Council &c. &c. &c. Fort St George

Honorable Sir,

From Mr Samuel Johnston complaining of the imputation of the Board's decision on certain charges exhibited by him and demanding that the Papers transmitted with them may be forwarded to the Court of Directors for their ultimate determination.—

I am honored with a Letter from the Secretary to Government of the 4 January wherein I am informed that Government having fully weighed the circumstances stated in my letter of the 6 of December are of opinion that no alteration can be made in the resolutions communicated to me in their Letter of 30 November last;

It is as distressing to my feelings as contrary to my inclination to persist in any points on which I have had the misfortune to differ from Government, but the present object is

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is of such importance to me, that I hope I shall be excused for pressing it further, particularly as I do is in the entire persuasion of the justness of my demands, and not with any litigious motive of harrassing the Government by giving them unnecessary trouble. — The first point submitted to your Consideration, in my Letter of 6th December is the price of Gunnies in the year 1790, it is clearly established by the report of the Military Auditor General transmitted to me by you, that my charge for this Article was the same as Mr Garrow's and was allowed to him and Mr Strange the Paymaster at Tanjore, and that, mine at the precise period was rejected, it surely then will not be deemed obstinacy in me to contend that I have a right to expect to be put on the same footing with these Gentlemen, and that my charge ought in Little Manner, to be admitted; under this connections, with a reference to the explanations already before you, I must request that you will be pleased to appeal to the Honorable The Court of Directors respecting the sum of Pagodas 2767. 32. 78. —

The second Article regards a deficiency in 1/
Clothing Certificates for the year 1785. The positive acknowledgements of the Committee at Trichinopoly in the 8th Paragraph of

their

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thers Report, that they had Twelve Vouchers for the Amount charged by me, confirmed by a late letter from one of the members of that Committee, now in your possession, added to the improbability of the Writers in the Paymasters office making a change of this nature without the vouchers to support it, leaves not the smallest doubt on my mind, that Certificates to the Amount stated in my Accounts were delivered by me, and if they had not that the Tuckey's Committee, who were sent there with violent Suspicions of my integrity, would have observed and remarked upon the deficiency on the Spot, on the Contrary they say in direct terms, that they did receive 'agreat Number of Certificates for a variety of small Sums amounting to Pagodas 6740: 26. 39. which was the Amount charged by me; but Some time afterwards, that there is a deficiency and that I should be accountable for it; had the deficiency been established by the Tuckeingholy Committee, at the time they received the Certificates from me, I would have submitted to the Loss, but when I delivered them over my Responsibleness was at an end; I therefore

Consider

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Consider myself aggrieved in the present instance, and request that the Sum of Pagodas 1259.. 2. 9. be also submitted to the judgement of the Honorable Court of Directors.

The third Article is for the balance of a Grain Account, which being fully explained in my letter of the 6th. december renders it unnecessary for me to repeat what is urged therein; Your Honor will do me the justice to state the grounds upon which this balance is withheld from me; that the Grain was indisputably stored by me, that one Sooberoy pretended Eight years ago it was his property and that no Voucher is forthcoming to prove the Assertion, that the claim had lain dormant until my return to India, that I offered Government the indemnity of Messrs. Colt, Baker, Day and Company to keep them harmless under the payment and that the statute of Limitations is a Bar to Sooberoys claim, I request that those Representations have been ineffectual, but as I am conscious that I alone have a Right to the Sum in question amounting to Pagodas 3484. 36. 72. I humbly intreat that every circumstance respecting it, may be

Appealed

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appealed to the Honorable the Court of Directors.

I have the honor of addressing Government

the 17th April last upon the subject of a balance belonging to me,

as appears in the Books of the Board of Revenue; I cannot

offer any thing stronger in support of this claim than what

I did under that date, I shall therefore use the freedom of re-

quoting what I then said, to that it may be immediately before

the Honorable Court in support of my appeal to them upon

reference to the Books of the Board of Revenue it will be found

that there is a balance of Pagodas 11,385. 33. 77 standing under

the head of mortgaged Property, I claimed this property from

Mr. Lorin, the Collector of Tuticorin before I left India

and it appears by the proceedings of the Members of the Board

of Revenue, that Mr. Lorin offered any claim to them in 1792.

When I was in England, the matter seems to have undergone a

through investigation, the result of which was, that Mr. Petrie

and the Members of the Board of Revenue, in their letter of

the 10th May 1792 to the Government, express themselves in

the

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the following terms.

"We think it therefore proper to acquaint
"You that we had occasion to refer to you some time ago on the
"Subject of this claim which, under whatever shape it may
"now appear before you, is the same as that preferred by Mr.
"Johnston, and is still on his Account, notwithstanding the
"Charges which it seems to have undergone".

I was unacquainted with this Report until my arrival
here, which is the reason why the Claim has not been brought
"forward before, Mr. Torin is fully informed of the nature of it and
"his Situation gave him an Opportunity of furnishing the Members
"of the Board of Revenue with the explanations which led to
"their decision."

On the 12 of last January I applied to Government
for their permission to be furnished with Copies of Sundry
papers relative to this Claim from the office of the Board of
Revenue, and on the 31st. I was acquainted that Government had no
objection to my perusing the papers, at the same time that

they

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they did not think it proper to comply with my application to be furnished with Copies of them, in order to enable the Court of Directors to decide upon this part of my Appeal permit me to suggest, that it will be necessary to have before them the several papers of which I seem imprudently to have asked for Copies, and altho' I have not availed myself of the permission granted me by Government to peruse these papers, because I find my memory is not so retentive as to preserve their Contents, with a sufficient Accuracy for the purpose I intended, which is that of bringing the justness of the demand to a fair issue yet I am not insensible to their intended indulgence — Under the Liberty of requesting that all the papers relative to the several Subjects of this Letter, may be transmitted to the Court of Directors for their final decision. —

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

Gardens 7th March 1798 —

The Secretary is directed to acquaint Mr. Johnston that having passed a final decision upon his claims

the

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Mr. Samuel Johnston —

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The Board cannot go into a farther Consideration of the Subject and that as the whole correspondence has been entered on the records, the Court of Directors will have the means of passing such orders as they may judge necessary.

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

Resolutions of Government in Council 13th March 1798.—

Medical Board 5th March 1798.—

From the Medical Board. Observations on Doctor Russell's Account of Indian Serpents &c. Surgeon of the Presidency Hospital represents much inconvenience to arise to the Hospitals from the Situation of the new Bazar.—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters of the 25th. February and 3d. March, enclosing Extracts of Letters from the Honorable Court of Directors.

It gives us much pleasure to find that our attention to the Medical Students has met with their approbation.

The papers relative to

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To Doctor Russells abl Account of
Indian Despents are highly deserving
the serious attention of Government, and
we shall send Copies to each of the
Head Surgeons, with instruction to use
their utmost endeavours to complete
the information required on the subject
We recommend that each of
the other public Boards may be also
furnished with the Extracts, and that
they be directed to distribute Copies to
their subordinates.

We have the honor to enclose
Copy of a Letter from the acting
Head Surgeon at the Presidency to
which we recommend the speedy
attention of Government especially as
what regards the public necessaries
of the Hospital.—

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

Referred to the Military Board—

&c.

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To Dr. James Anderson

Physician General & Members of the

Medical Board

Gentlemen,

As Head Surgeon of the Presidency Hospital I think it my duty to address You again on the subject of my Letter to you of the 11th. September 1797 as the repairs that were then stated to be wanting for the Hospital have not yet been carried into effect.—

I have further to observe that a material inconvenience has arisen from the situation of the new Bazar at the back of the Hospital which prevents the cleaning of the Necessaries. I therefore beg leave to recommend that some new Buildings may be erected for that

purpose

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Purpose or another situation or that some means may be used to remedy the present inconvenience.

I have the honor to be with Respect.—

Gentlemen

Madras
1st March 1798.

Yr. Yr.

/Signed/ George Ogilvy
Head Surgeon

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ A. Conolly
Secretary M. Board—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council
of
Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter

Auditors Report on the additional estimate of cash sent in by the military Paymaster General on the 6th Instant—

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Letter of the 6th instant, Accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the current month —

I have the honor to report that the Amount Viz.t Twenty Eight Thousand, three Hundred and forty Six Pagodas Ten Fanams and Twenty eight Cash (Pagodas 28,346. 10.. 28) does not appear objectionable, and may therefore be issued from the Treasury, that Sum being required under the different heads Estimated for, of which Pagodas 17,780—..—.. is Payable to the Kings Pay Office for the purpose of discharging, the difference between the new or Consolidated Pay, and the Old British Subsistence to the Non Commissioned Officers &c.a of His Majesty's Regements on the Coast from the 1st. of the present to the 24th of the Ensuing month agreeably to the G. O. of the 28th Ultimo.—

I have the honor to be
With the Greatest Respect
&c.a &c.a
Signed W.m Sydenham
Military auditor General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S. George
8th March 1798—

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purpose in another situation or that some means may be used to remedy the present inconvenience.

I have the honor to be with Respect —

Gentlemen

Madras
5. March 1798.

Yr. Mo. St.
Signed George Ogilvy
Head Surgeon

A true Copy
Signed A. Conolly
Secretary M. Board

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
President and Governor in Council
of
Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter

Auditors Report on the additional estimate of cash remitted in by the military Paymaster General on the 5th Instant —

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Letter of the 6.th instant, Accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the current month — I have the honor to report that the Amount (Viz.t Twenty Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and forty Six Pagodas Ten Fanams and Twenty eight Cash (Pagodas 28,346. 10. 28) does not appear objectionable, and may therefore be issued from the Treasury, that Sum being required under the different Heads Estimated for, of which Pagodas 17,180—.—.— is Payable to the King's Pay office for the purpose of discharging, the difference between the new or Consolidated Pay, and the Old British Subsistence to the Non Commissioned Officers &.c.a of His Majesty's Regements on the Coast from the 1.st of the present to the 24.th of the Ensuing month Agreeably to the G. O. of the 28.th Ultimo. —

I have the honor to be
With the Greatest respect
&.c.a &.c.a
Signed W.m Sydenham
Military auditor General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S.t George
8.th March 1798—

Ordered

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Cash Ordered to be Demanded from the Treasury on the above Account —

Ordered that the Sum of Twenty eight Thousand Three Hundred and forty six Pagodas, ten fanams and twenty eight Cash (Pagodas 28,346_10_28) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster on Account of the additional estimate of Cash which accompanied his Letter of the 5th Instant. —

" Geo. Hance

" E.W. Saunders

" C.H. Fuidoffield

John Turing
Secy.

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Diary

The following letter from the Nabob (entered also in C.C. N°55) having been this day returned from circulation is now recorded

Translation

of a letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c &c &c
To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 8th March 1798
Rec'd 9th - Do - Do

From the Nabob - Complains of Depredations and disturbances Committed by the Poligar Tributaries in the Tinnevelly District, of an improper Interference on the part of Lieutenant Colonel Orr in the Revenue affairs of the Trovancullore District of the Interference of the Collector in the Jaghire on the Pulicat revenues and of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors and other officers from Angelo &c. having without the Concurrence of his Managers, Commenced on the erection of a house and enclosure of a Garden near the Village of Caupauter on the Sea Coast -

In the province of Tinnevelly the Poligars are become very troublesome, and have committed various acts of violence and oppression upon the Ryotts, hence the affairs of the District and the Collections are totally deranged - The Collector there will not listen to the Complaints on this Subject, which have been repeatedly made by the Naib of the province; two

Translations

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13th Translations of Papers stating these Circumstances are enclosed.—

The Renter of the Sayer and the Seikars people having claimed the accustomary Duty upon Paddy, which some Merchants were carrying from Villages belonging to the Districts of Tiruvandellore and Bealpoor, have been vexatiously and ignominiously treated by people belonging to the Officer Commanding the Company's Cavalry at Tiruvandapoor— this occurrence has alarmed the Ryotts— Translation of an Arzdasht from Mohammed Aslam Khan, the Tahsildar of Tiruvandellore, stating this disturbance is sent herewith. My Friend, how shall I express to you the confusion and distress occasioned by these oppressions? I hope you will advert to these subjects and be pleased strictly to enjoin the Collector, to call the Poligars of Timmendly to a strict account for their Conduct, and to restrain their irregularities—

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to
13, I also trust, that those who, at the instance of
the merchants, insulted the Renter of the Sayer
at Terwancheor, and the Sirkar People, may meet
with punishment; and that positive orders will
be given for the payment of the established Duties,
to the end that it may not be in the power of
any one, in future to Commit such Injury on the
Inhabitants -

I have likewise enclosed for your
Information, Translation of an Arze from the Renter
of Pulicat, stating an act of violence Committed
by the Paymaster at that place, with respect
to some Bales of Tabacco, the property of the
Sirkar - I request you will be pleased to issue
orders on this Subject, that the lawful Usages
of my Sircar may not be subverted. -

I take the same opportunity to
send Translation of an Arzee from the Naib of
the Ongole Province, mentioning the arrival of a
Colonel with some other Officers, and two gauds
of

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13th of Sepoys from Venckoondah at the Village of Caupartee in the province of Engole with the Intention of building a house and making a Garden - What right has this Colonel to erect a house at that place, to the detriment of the Sircar.a - My friend will be pleased to comm.d that officers making a show of arms and Sepoy Guards on such occasions intimidate the Inhabitants and interrupt the Collections - It were proper in a case of this kind, to send a single person, or to write a card upon the Subject wch.r mode would be effectual, amongst friends to accomplish any reasonable business - you will therefore do me the Kindness to issue orders to Several Commanding officers on this Subject -

What said I write more -

A true translation

(signed) A. Falconar

P.r Sc.r to Gov.r

Translator

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Translation of a Paper setting forth the Disturbances Committed by the Punjaulcoorchy Poligar - Dated 15.th of Tye 1207 Fusly Answering to 25.th January 1798.-

We had been in the habits of cultivating the Poonjie lands on the bank of a Lake called Perry Collam at Shevoulperry, and we continued so to cultivate them untill the end of 1206 Fusly - In the present year Tanda Moorty Pillah an Inhabitant of Comm= =collam and belonging to Goorberry Naick of Punjaulcoorchy, prevented us from sowing, he beat us, took our Bullocks from the Ploughs and in defiance of all our remonstrances seized the Grounds which we had ploughed We complained of this Circumstance to Mr. Jackson when he was at Tuticorin - who took a Muchulka from us and from the Panjaulcoorchy

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13th Panjaulcoorchy people to this Effect, that
untill the parties had submitted the matter
to arbetration and the arbrators after having
examined the contents of the Title Deeds of the
grounds had come to a determination, neither
of the parties should mind the cultivation
nor cut the Crop when it became Ready
Accordingly Arbetrators were assembled from
four Villages, who having examined the different
Title Deeds, rejected those of the Panjaulcoorchy
people and returned them to them - But
Notwithstanding this, they came in the night
and dug up the Stone that was set up on
our limits - We Represented this Circumstance
to the Arbetrators, who said it was useless for
them to remain after the Panjaulcoorchy
People had wantonly dug up the boundary
Stone, and they Accordingly went away to
their place of abode - and the Panjaulcoorchy
People disregarding our remonstrances and

cutting

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13th " cutting and carrying away the crop -

(Signed) Appowiyah Mahaujen

Coopiah — Mahaujen

Vencataachuriah Mahaujen

Rajaungam Iyah Mahaujen

Translation a Statement of the Distur-
-bances committed by the Polegar of Shewagerry,
as set forth in a Cadzhan from Pandy Permaul
Pillah The Aimil of the Purgunnah of
Shankurnarraingoddy Dated 3rd Maurey 1207
Fusly Answering to 11th February 1798

The Village of Collyshandon being
in a desolate state I called together the Ryotts
thereof and gave them Cowl that I would
Receive such Collections as the place produced
the Ryotts and Mahaujens pleasing confidence
in my Cowl repeopled the Village and set
about the Cultivation Ten Pecos belonging to
the Pollagar of Shewagerry came into the

Villag

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13th Village seized the Maharajens and Naut
Carnam carried them off to the Pallam —
where they put them in Irons. I wrote to
the Poligar on the Subject who in his —
answer falsely asserted that the Maharajens
had taken in some Poonjie Land belonging
to his Pallam and therefore he had sent
for them The Maharajens and Naulcurnum
are not yet set at liberty Owing to this —
Circumstance the Produce of the Village is not
Received — Besides this, there is a Lake belonging
to this Poligar near the Circar Village of —
Vausdeonellore, the Fish in which are not —
worth four Chuckrams, but he has by force
compelled the Ryotts of said Village to take
the fishery of the Lake among them for —
forty Chuckrams and he has confined the —
Ryotts in Irons untill they pay him the
he collects the Money from them The Inamdar
of the Village wrote a Cadjan to the —
Pollagar

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Pollagar desiring him to release the Ryotts, but the Poligar sent away the Nunniagar's Man with a severe Reprimand - The circumstances lost by these proceedings --

N.B. There are several other papers containing similar Complaints of the oppressive conduct of the Poligars --

Translation of an Arzeedasht from Coopyingah Dated at Tinnevelly the 30th Shabaun 1212 Hegery Answering to the 17th February 1798 --

I have heretofore manated to your Highness the Disturbances committed by the Pollagars and transmitted Translations of Cadzhans which have been Received stating the circumstances, and which must have made every thing known to your Highness the ravages and irregularities committed by this wicked race are increasing daily; the

Ruined

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Ruined state of this country owing to the —
want of rain is indiscribable and the distur=
=bances of the freebooters in addition thereto
has quite desolated it. —

Enclosed are papers containing
an account of the Disturbances as set forth
in Cazhans from the Annils I hope your
Highness will obtain orders to the Collector of
Poligar Pushmash to put a stop to them Evils. —

Translation of an Arzdasht from Mahomed
Aslam Cawn Dated 20th Shaubaun 1212 Hegry
Answering to 7th February 1798. —

To day a letter was Received from
the Peashcar of the Renter Nansing Row
who is at Terwanellore dated 16th Shaubaun
to the following purport That some Merchants
with a Sepoy had purchased Paddy to the
Amount of one hundred and fifty Pagodas and
were

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were bringing it from the Village of Perumagoor
depending upon Tewanellore and Cuddawauk
belonging to Bealpoor - In the Village of
Cuddawauk the Customs of the Sayer of
Tewanellore are collected, and the Renters
Gomastah demanded the duties upon the
Paddy in question from the Merchants which
they refused to pay, being countenanced by
the Sepoy they had with them - This circum-
-stance, the Gomastah carried and reported
at Tewanellore The Renter of the Sayer sent
a Trooper of the Circar along with his Gomastah
to stop the Paddy - but the Merchants and
their Sepoy carried off the Gomastah and the
Circar Trooper to a great distance on the road
and then drove them away - Upon hearing
this the Peishcar of Tewanellore sent a Troop
Jamadar with some Men and brought back
the bags of Paddy to Tewanellore at this

time

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13 ½ time two Gthe Merchants who were with the rest, made their escape and went to Terwaa= =dapoor where they stated their case to, and engaged in their Interest the Dubash of Colonel Aram the Surdar of Cavalry stationed there from thence a Trooper with two Sepoys and ten Parriahs came to Terwandoor the Trooper and one of the Sepoys and the Parriahs remained encircled without the Village and one Sepoy alone came to the Cutcherry in quest of the Renter of the Sayer and the Peashcar - They were both present in the Cutcherry and the Sepoy in a dexterous manner told them that the Colonel desired them to go to Terwandapoor. The Peashcar said the Renter of the Sayer would go and receive his duties and that it was not necessary for him (the Peashcar) to go - The Sepoy then went away and gave notice to

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13th the Trooper the Sepoy, &c.a who were concealed without the Village. They suddenly came and the Parriahs seized the hands of the Renter of the Sayer who is a Bramin carried him and beat him with Sticks - from thence the Trooper Parriahs &c.a went to the house of the Pearkeer the door of which being shut, they escaladed the walls and entered, he was then eating his victuals which he left and came out when the Trooper and Sepoys seized him and were carrying him off In the Interim a Troop Jamedar of the Circar interposed and rescued the Pearkeer conducted him to the Cutcherry and put him under the protection of his own guards The Trooper &c.a carried away the Renter of the Sayer to Tervandapoor and God only knows what ill treatment he may there experience - The Pearkeer of Tervandlore privately sent Peons after him to see his fate

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fate and I shall state the same to your Highness hereafter - This occurrence has alarmed the Ryotts of Terwanellore and when such things happen in that inconsiderable District which is situated on the direct Road to Trichinopoly and the duties belonging to it is let out at a thousand Pagodas the Ciriar must sustain loss - I have stated all this for your Highness's Information, and if your Highness is pleased to procure an order from the Company to the Officer Commanding the Cavalry &c.a in the Neighbourhood of Cuddalore to prevent any oppression being exercised by the Company's People over the Inhabitants of Terwanellore and Venderuputt, it will be well. -

Translation of an Arzee from Meer Nyum ud Deen Ally the Aumil of Paliate. -

About a Month ago a Boat laden

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13th laden with Tabaco belonging to a Merchant on its way to Madras was cast ashore and staved near Pullicat It is an established custom that every thing cast on shore at the port of Pullicat by the Violence of the Sea becomes the property of the Circar and when some days since a Boat loaded with Teak= =wood Planks was cast on shore at Shums= =pully & Mr Place Seized the Planks together with the Boat and Sold them, and though the Proprietor claimed them of Mr Place and preferred his Complaint to Madras — it was without avail - according to the established usage. Collected the Bales of Tabaco on the Sea beach to the Number of Ninety Nine employed Circar Peons to take care of them and addressed your Hegness on the Subject of exporting the Tabaco to -

Sale

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Sale Yesterday the Paymaster at Pulicat sent away the Tabacco to Madras by force and in defiance of the remonstrances of the Circar people - The English interfere in all the business of Pulicat to the loss of the Circar I hope your Highness will give orders on this Subject to the Commanding Officer at Pulicat -

Translation of an Arzee from Mahomed Nawaz Cawn the Naib of the Province of Angole -

In these days a Colonel with some Officers and two gaunds of Sepoys from Vinikoondah came to the Salt Pans of Canparti in the District of Angole and went by force to make a house and a Garden upon the Circars ground May it please your Highness - If an European makes

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makes a new house in that quarter, the Salt Pans of Canpar[ti]e will entirely be distroyed and the Circar will thereby sustain a yearly loss of four thousand Pagodas - The Europeans of Muntazanagur / Guntoor / in the hot season came and reside at Narsipully and Mootpully within the limits of Vizia-=nagry &c[a] they never made a House within the limits of Cingole why then should they now act contrary to Custom? -

I hope your Highness will be pleased to obtain an order from the Governor directing the Commanding Officer at Cingole not to allow any one to erect any new dwelling upon the Circar Ground contrary to Custom. -

Recived the undermentioned Letters entered in Bk B. N[o] 3132. -

From M. Rochfort enclosing an

From the Military Paymaster Generals

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an additional Estimate for Pag.s 11039. 11. 63,-

From the Commandant at Madura-

From Lieutenant Colonel Cram

advising of his having taken the Command of Madura, and left a force at Wortapanay Pollam on the requisition of the Collector-

Received also the following letter-

To the Hon.ble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris

President and Governor &c. &c. &c.

in Council Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Executor to the Estate of the late Rev.d Mr. Bambrigge - requesting the circumstances attending his Claim on the Nabob and enclosing Copy of a letter from His Highness acknowledging the justice of his Claim &c.

Having on the 4th March 1797 addressed a letter to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart in Council relative to a Cavalry Bond which I hold (a Copy of which is sent herewith) stating an hardship I labour'd under in consequence of the omission of a Committee appointed by the Honorable Company for the arrangement of the Debts of his

* already entered in Diary to Consult 6th March.

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This late Flights the Nabob to individuals having omitted to give in my claim as the holder of one of the Eight Bonds granted by the Nabob to the late Major Peter Davidson for the Principal sum of Five Thousand Star Pagodas dated the 1st June 1782 and bearing Interest at the rate of six P Cent P Annum, stating at the same time that my application to the said Committee was so early as the 20th December 1786 As appears by the Accompanying letter and Account Current, which stands on their Records Whin the Honorable the Court of Directors in their General letter by the Houghton which arrived here in September October 1789 had directed that the Claims of Majors Burrows and Davidson and Captains Stevenson and W.m Allestri should be discharged - I wrote to Jn.o Cockburn the Register of the Nabobs' Debts and Received the Accompanying Answer No 1 on Receipt of which I wrote

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to Mr. Landon the Secretary to the Committee and received the accompanying Answer N2 The Bonds granted to Major Davidson Eight in Number, for the aggregate Sum of Star Pagodas Forty Thousand two hundred and Eighty two, Fanams Twenty Seven and Sixty five Cash, Sum of which were discharged in 1790 as will appear by a reference to Mr. Cockburns' Books, — and though each of those Bonds bore a particular reference to each other and all the other sums, to that I hold, still I am the only holder of a Bond of the same discription who has not been satisfied, and on enquiry I find it was entirely owing to the already mentioned oversight of the Committee. the Answer of the Right Honorable the President in Council dated the 12th. April last having stated that, my

Claim

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13th Claim appeared to be one of those unacknowledged by the late Nabob, and that being the only objection then stated, or that seemed to exist. It appeared so very strange that this Highness should acknowledge seven of the Bonds to Major Davidson which all stated the aggregate sum due and bore so particular a reference to each other and reject this particular one, I was induced to think some mistake existed which might by enquiry be discovered and rectified — Accordingly wrote a letter to the present Nabob dated the 25th September last on the subject and the Copy of which with his answer is sent herewith dated the 9th Instant, the original with his own Signature (I am ready to produce if required) I trust will fully satisfy your Honor in Council that this Bond was and is fully entitles to equal benefit with the other seven Bonds granted to the same person

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on the same Account. - And as it will appear, that my Application to the Honorable the Company's Committee, was regular and in due time, and as such stands on their own Records, that, it was acknowledged to be a just Claim by the late Nabobs Official Agent Mr. Charles Binny to the Honorable Company's Committee on the 23d February 1788. and so recorded on the Books of the Durbar as certified by his present Highness, the Court of Directors having also fully authorized the payment by their already mentioned General letter by the Houghton in 1789 and the subsequent liquidation as appears by Mr. Cockburns Accounts in 1790 I humbly hope a Consideration of all those combined circumstances will not only fully Convince your Honor in Council that, I have laboured under great hardships from this omission of the said Committee but at the same time induce you to grant me a settlement equal

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13th equal to that obtained by the other holders
of the Bonds of the same Kind - in full confidence
of which - I have the honor to remain with
respect -

&c &c

(Signd) Peter Massey Capsin
Administrator to the Estate of
the Revd Wm Bambrigge Durand

Madras
12th March 1798

To His Highness the Nabob Umdul ul
Omrah Behauder &c &c &c

May it please your Highness,

The reason of my troubling your
Highness with the present address is to state
that I am in possession of a Cavalry Bond
from His late Highness the Nabob to the late
Major Peter Davidson, for the principal sum
of five thousand Star Pagodas, bearing Interest
at the rate of six p.r Cent p.r Annum, from the 1st
of June 1782 being one of 8 Bonds granted to
him

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him at that time for a Balance that was then due him of Star Pagodas 10,282. 27,65. all the other Bonds were paid by the Company except the Bond I hold. If your Highness will be pleased to order one of your Official Servants to examine the Accounts, it will be found that this Bond is still due, and that it was — acknowledged as a just debt by his late Highness — your Highness's being pleased to honor me with an answer to this letter mentioning that the Bond in question made a part of the Debt acknowledged by His late Highness to be due to Major Davidson, and that it was of equal Validity with the other Bonds granted to Major Davidson, will confer a lasting Obligation on him, who has the honor to be with respect. —

Your Highness's most obedient
humble Servant.
(signed) Peter Maspey Capsin,

Madras
26th September 1797

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His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul
Omrah Walladjah Bahauder
of Arcot and the Carnatic &c. &c. &c.

To Mr. P. M. Capsin

Sir,

I have received your letter of 25th
September last, and have to inform you, that
my Muttiseuddies have reported to me that
"the Bond alluded to by Mr. Capsin was
"acknowledged to the Company's Committee to
"be just by the Nabob's Agent Mr Charles
"Binny on the 23d February 1788. and that is
all they know about it.-

(Signed) [illegible]

What can I say more?

A true Copy of the original in my
possession - (Signed) P. M. Capsin

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9th March 1798

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President & Governor &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Commissioners at Calicut Communicating Intelligence respecting Tippoo's supposed intention of assisting the Cotiote Rajah the Movements of his Troops and reputation of the arrival of Assistance from the French on the Malabar Coast -

On the 19th Ultimo we had the honor to address you in pursuance of the directions of our Superiors transmitting several papers of an interesting nature, respecting the movements and designs of Tippoo Sultaun, and in continuation of this Subject, we beg leave to forward for your further information, Copies of two papers of intelligence recently delivered to us by Major General Bartley, as likewise transcript of a letter from the Coorga Rajah to the Northern Superintendent, Mr. Peile and also of one to the Commissr.

We have deemed it necessary to furnish Admiral Rainier, who is now cruizing between Tellicherry and Goa, with -

Copies

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13th. Copies of the information before alluded to,
and have the honor to be very respectfully. —

&c.a &c.a

Calicut
4th. March 1798

Signed / John Spencer
Ja Hartley
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A Man left Serringapatam the 19th.
Current, and arrived here this Morning; he says
Fatteh Hyder had taken the Command of the
Troops assembled at Huspen Bellore, and that
Seven days previous to His departure the —
whole had marched towards Mangalore, a
person was dispatched at the time to give this
intelligence at Calicut, but was taken ill at
Gondeb; as soon as the informant became apprized
thereof, he set out himself— Troops were collected at
Chitradilly hill, under Cummer ud dun Khan, which
included Hallys Corps - at Deperah Churee the
Bankee Nabob (the report of whose death appears
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President & Governor &c. &c. &c.

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another Body - and at Carrigaut was one under Khajeh Khan - Meer Cummer'ud deen Khan's detachment is represented as the strongest (7 Cushoons of regular Infantry, 5000 Carnatic, and 6000 Cavalry) and to have many Guns - Tippoo it was currently reported intended taking the field in person after the birth of a Child, shortly to be brought forth in his Family. The expected arrival of a large Force from France is generally given as the cause of Tattoh Hyder's late Motion towards Mangalore, where the said Force will, it is thought, land - The other Motions that actuate Tippoo, are reported to be to guard against the Mahrattas who have lately expressed great indignation at his demolish=ing a favored or much respected Temple within the Walls of Serringapattam; to which many among them were in the habits of making yearly Pilgrimages - and also to establish the Peishy Rajah in the Heymaad and over other districts in the Neighbourhood The Sultaun

is

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13th " is to repair to Cotoorah for the purpose of meeting the Rajah a Pattra will be held at Tirkapattah (2 Gurrys east of Mootiel) on the 29th of the present Malabar Month of Koombham (9th March). which the Rajah is to attend - then it is added, he will proceed to the place fixed for the interview in question.-

When the informant passed through the Weynaad, Yemman Nair was at Mootiel.-

A Persian Letter reached this from Mangalore eight days ago - it is without date, but having been brought by Sea in four days, may be supposed to have been written on or about the 13th Current - After some uninteresting detail it concludes with intelligence just there Received which mentions the departure of four Cushoons from the Bazoor destined for Mangalore but that they had not arrived, nor was there intimation of their near approach.-

(Signd) D. Mahony
A.D.C.

A True Copy
Calicut (Signd) Jas. Law
25th Feby 1798 Secy

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A man reached this place at noon from Seringapatam whether he had been dispatched from Cochin on the 13th Ultimo with particular instructions to procure resting there to day is the Sixth since his departure from the former place He talks to the following purport In the course of the day I remained at Seringapatam I learned that the next was fixed for the March of a considerable detachment assembled at Carrigaut and as being destined immediately for Chadir Colah I determined to accompany it This I accordingly put in execution the next morning and in the course of the Day the whole arrived at Nengegode, the Second they halted in the neighbourhood of a Choter and arrived at Chadir Colah the third, This force consists of 4 Cushoons of Infantry and Six thousand Cavalry each Cushoon has with it 4 Guns and 1 Howitz besides a good number of

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13th. Camels and Bullocks innumerable, could make out about 25 Elephants a Buckshee named Kullub Alli Khan (a Pattan) Commands - The four Sepidaars are sayed Hammud, Sayed Gustaar, Seyed Mahomood, Seyed Abad Murtch, Lab allie - Idid not learn the names of the principal men belonging to the Cavalry - I took every opportunity of enquiring the cause of the Boays moving to Ck Kadoor Cottah, and heard from all, that it was intended to Chastige the Coorga Rajah for late Conduct of his, Vakeel related to me about 25 Days ago (6th February) a small force of Tippoos consisting of Horses and foot, were on their way from Bellary to Sunniga-=palam. The road leads near to the Coorga Rajahs boundary, where the latter has a gate way, and a Choke instead of pursuing the road it is usual for the Sultaans people take, they left it and attempted to pass through this gate way, committing depredations as they went along, the Coorgas Troops stationed here, not only opposed the intent of Tippoos, but put them to flight and killed and wounded -

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from 200 to 250; all this I have collected from the reports of many whom I conversed with on the subject and learned that the present force has come for the purpose of bringing the Rajah to task for the conduct of his people I left Ek Kaden Kolah the evening of the day I arrived, and at Mootiel, which I made my way to the Tambuchery Ghaut, by which I descended I learnd, that the Sultaun had written Yemman Nair informing him, that being about to carry war into the Coorga Rajahs Country, he would require from the Poychy Rajah, the aid of 2000 Men with bows and arrows; the letter was instantly sent by Yemman Nair to the Rajah, who replied to the Sultaun by observing, that he was a person of no great power, that far from being able to afford such an aid as two Thousand Men, he had connected himself with his Sirkarin the expectation of receiving assistance of the kind, should he stand in need thereof; that however he would be answerable to give a good account of any of his Enemys that entered in the Jungles he inhabited, but

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but without them his means of annoyance extended not. Jemmaul Nair was about to leave Mootwel for Parock Mutul near to which his principal Houses is, when I passed by. He had been at Mootwel for some days on a religious account. The Pychy Rajah was said to be at Dindy, above or towards the top of the Ghaut next Montana = Five days before Supt. Seringa = = patam, a force that had been Assembled at Chercully hill, under Command dein Marched, and was known to have arrived at Boleordroog, when I came away - It was reported that Commer = dein Khan who commanded has given out he was going towards Wishnaghery = I have understood this detachment to be compond of 5 Cushoons of Infantry, and from 6 to 12000 Horse.

Signed, D: Mahony
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A true Copy
Signed, Sal. Laud

Letter from the Coorgah Rajah to the Northern Superin = = tendent after Compliments. -

Wells

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With an Idea that I should not leave you unacquainted with any information which I heard, and such as gave me somuch uneasiness, I before wrote you the reported news and now send the particulars related to me by two news people whom I sent to the Eastward to gain certain information from Toolnaad;-

The former Report respecting 15,000 men being at Toolnaad is without foundation; there were 4000 Arabs and 1000 Carnatic people at Soobramunniah, with a Commander, who are now all arrived at Kanka Kodayah tah and building a strong Fort, were the following orders were sent by Tippoo to the above Commander.-

The Younger Brothers of Kombellattah Ramettevah, now in Bombay, and Mungapyan of the same party, are committing disturbances in the Government, wherefore you must endeavour to seize them, but in case you fail in-

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the attempt you must frighten the inhabitants of Ahmana coollah in the Koorga country, and seek for them in that part, and if the inhabi-tants allow them to enter the Koorgh country you will build a Fort at a place called Kola Wanchy in Kondamongallah, but it will be unnecessary if they are not permitted to enter the country; in answer to which the Commander has acquainted Tippoo that every caution is taken by the Koorga people to prevent their entering; & wherefore the Dewan of Mangalore has Written to the Commander of the Army at Dudda, requesting him to march his Army to Sodyey-avyar, and bring a few Shoory Kamangaloor-a Moplahs with him to size the above Illenyap-pyan, which being accomplished the Army is to be stationed for the Space of a year at the borders of Kodakoandalum.-

The following are the particulars related by the people Sent to the Eastward.-

The report of Tippoo having assembled his force from all quarters is true, and also that of his

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13th. his having ordered his Tent to be removed from Pullagoollah to Pulla vanoorry Kah, where we were remaining with his Army, whena person upon a horse called the Rajah of Cotiote, with 60 Nairs, came to wait upon the Sultaun, and after a delay of one day Tippoo gave him a Palanqueen, two Bangles, two Meerchas, and two horses, on which he was dismissed, and returned by Kavo Kamma Kotah to Wynaad, we are certain of his 60 attendants being naked, as we observed their Cloathing, and their locks of hair, without any covering on their heads; but whether it was the Rajah of Cotiote, his younger Brother or a Kurrigah we cannot say or do we know what was the reason of his waiting on Tippoo, but it was Reported to be the Rajah of Cotiote; after which we observed about twenty Mopkahs who brought considerable presents to Tippoo, and as we learn were sent from Cannanore; besides which it is reported that 3000 of Tippoos choice troops, and 1000 Cannatie people,

Marched

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13th Marched to Mannyanna poorrum the day after the Cotiote Rajah quitted Tippoo, taking the same route as he had, and that they were sent for the purpose of protecting the Cotiote Rajah in — Kankamah Kotah, in Wynaad, and it is also mentioned that Poorrannyan, and Mier Saheb, — together had purposely gone to Nannyannapoorrum to pay the Troops which being done the Cotiote Rajah went away to Kankannah Fort; it is further Mentioned that Tippoo intends giving up to the Rajah the following four Countries on the borders of Cotiote Viz: Peraputna Wellellapoorum, Coorkyll Koodum, and Kadawah Kotah, and then he will return to Seringapalam; others gain say, it is his intention to march suddenly with all his force into the Moorgah Country.—

15th Moonburn 973
23d February 1798

(Signd) H. L. Osborne
M.I.N.S.

A true Copy from the original translate

A true Copy
(Signd) James Law

(Signd) H. L. Osborne
M.I.
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Coorga Raja

You are by this time Gentlemen acquainted with the information that I communicated to you by my letter of the 5th Instant (13th February) in order to ascertain the truth of which, I dispatched Harkarahs to Tooloonaad, and to the Eastward, to obtain information; from the former of which they have brought me intelligence that only 4000 Regulars and a thousand Carnatiks have marched in that direction, under an Offizer of some consequence, and not 10 or 15000 Men as I before informed you; this body of men was formerly Stationed at Subramany, and is now at Mudala Kodiala, a fort that has lately been Repaired; of this information they are very positive having got it on the spot; they add that the Sultaunes orders to this detachment are to apprehend the person of Wenga pan, in the Service of the Ramantharas Rajah of

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13th of Kumbala, who has been Committing great depredations, and in the event of their not effecting it, to proceed to his Residence at a Grammam, or Village called Kunnakannagalam, and take possession of that place. likewise to make an attempt on the boundary of Amaravoloo, a Country at the bottom of the Coorga Ghauts, and see the effect it has, whether the people seem to be alarmed - and to enter it, if upon advancing the Troops of the Coorga Rajah retire, and entrench themselves at the Villages of Kandamangalum, and Bajy, but if they find the Troops there to stand, and not retire, they are not to attack them, but report the circumstance to him, - agreeable to these orders they made an attempt on the boundary of the abovementioned Country, and finding the Troops Stationed there kept their ground, and would not allow them to advance they made their Report to the Sultaun, and retired to Mudala Kodiala Fort -

The Barkarahs from the Eastward inform

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13th inform me that the intelligence of the Troops having been collected from four divisions is true, and that the Tent has been struck where it formerly stood, and is now Pitched at a place called Pollamoory Kutta, where Tippoo is in Person with that Army; they add that while they were in that Bazar, a Rajah of Cotiote, on Horseback, attended with 60 Nairs, came to visit the Sultaun; and making enquiry, they were informed that it was the Cotiote Rajah himself who after Stoping a day, was dismissed, having Received Palenqueen, a double handed Sword 2 Chaurees and a horse, and proceeded by Kanatata to Waynaad, that the Nairs who attended him were the Kudumma or lock of Hair on to top of the head and Moondas or Cloths round their Waists, no Turbans, but they carried Muskets on their Shoulders, and war Knives at their backs; that as they Barbarahi Saw all this with their eyes, they pledge themselves

13th Witnesses for the truth of it but are not sure whether it was the Cotiote Rajah himself one of his Younger brothers, or a Karria Kar, nor can they speak as to the Subject of the conference between this person and the — Sultaun.—

That afterwards they saw twenty mappilas going with presents to Tippoo, who they were informed, on enquiry, had — brought presents from Cannanore, that they saw and viewed them attentively.—

That the day after the aforementioned Rajah had departed, 3000 Regular, and a — thousand Karnatick, marched after him to Vanjanaondal, which detachment they — were told was going at the Request of the Cotiote Rajah to guard the Wyanaad, and that Purrayan and Meer Saheb were going from Shattany furnad to Wayanaa-Endal to

stay

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13th Spay them; afterwards they heard that
their Troops had been paid and dispatched
towards Kallamakota, and that Punnayan
and Meer Sahib had returned. also that
Tipsoo would march with the Army to
Coorga and by the Tamarachery into Malabar
but by which other route they Could not
inform themselves - As this intelligence that
I have mentd by my proper is undoubtedly
true, I lose no time in Communicating to you,
and I shall Regularly advise you of what
other information I may obtain. -

Kumbham 15th 973
February 23d 1798 -
Rammd. - 28th Do. -

Signd J. W.

True Copy - Jas Law Secy. -

14th Received a letter from the Nabob
entered in C.C. No. 56 advising of his having
discharged his March Hirt. -

Substance of a letter from the Nabob -

Dispatched

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15th Dispatched the undermentioned

letters entered in M 13 Nos. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38

39. 40. 41. 42.-

To Mr. Samuel Johnston informing

To Mr. Samuel Johnston — him that Government decline entering into

any farther Consideration of his Claims,

and that as the whole of the papers on the

subject are entered on the records, the Court of

Directors will be fully in possession of the

means of passing such orders as they may

judge necessary —

To Major General Bridges enclosing

To the Officer Command- Copy of a letter from the Collector at Masulipatam

-ing the Northern Division respecting a very unbecoming letter addressed to

of the Army — him by Lieutenant Buchan and desiring

him to call upon that officer to make a —

suitable apology to Mr. Oakes under pain

of the displeasure of Government - desiring —

him also to avail himself of the earliest

opportunity

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opportunity of sending to Bengal the European Artillery men lately arrived at Manelipatam from Hydrabad.

To the Collector at Manelipatam.

To W. Oakes enclosing Copy of the foregoing letter to Major General Burges.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board authorizing the Sale of the damaged provisions at Innaconda and recommending their particular attention to the regular Surveys of the whole of the Military Quarters Barracks and Camp Equipage on the Coast. letter from the Medical Board regarding the repairs required to the Presidency general Hospital, and the Inconvenience arising from the establishment of the new Market place and a representation of the Presidency Barrack Master, relative to the necessary of the Kings Barracks, referred to their consideration.

To the Adjutant General of the Army

To Lieutenant Colonel Close enclosing an additional Statement of Stoppages to be brought on the Accounts of the off Reckonings

Fund

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15th Fund for the Year 1796.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To W. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditors report on the additional Estimate of Cash sent in by him on the 5th Instant, and acquainting him that the Sum of Pags. 28346. 10. 28. will be issued to him from the Treasury on his application.—

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham.—

referring for examination the additional Estimate noted in a former part of this Diary.—

To Lieutenant George Lang permitting him to remain at the Presidency till the 9th of April.

To Lieutenant — George Lang.

To Major General Sydenham.—

To the Military — Auditor General.—

desiring him to authorize payment to W. — Francis Lautour of the Amount Pagodas 930, due to Lieutenant General Sir Alured Clarke on account of Arrears of Salary.—

To the Secretary at Bengal and — Assistant Resident at Poonah & Hydrabad

To Messrs Barlow & Malthoss and Captain Kirkpatrick forwarding a Mysore — Intelligence.—

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Sent also the following letter.—

To Mr. Nathaniel Edw. Hindersley

Superintendant of the Court of

Cutchery

To the Superintendant of the Court of Cutchary Copy of the Attorney Genrals Opinion relative to the exemption of Vakeels from the Jurisdiction of his Court ordered in Consequence—

Sir,

I am directed to inclose for your information and guidance Copy of the attorney genrals opinion respecting the exemption of Vakeels, acknowledged as such, from the jurisdiction of the Court of Cutchery; in consequence of which you will recall all proceedings which may have issued against Sombbagee Trumbuck the Vakeel of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore.—

I am &c. &c.

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14th March 1798

Signed) J. Webbe
Sect to Govt

To

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To Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident at
Tanjour

Sir Having received a farther repre=
=sentation from his Excellency the Rajah
upon the Subject of the punishment inflicted
by Mr Macleod on some Soucars of Tanjour,
the Governor in Council is desirous that a
particular enquiry may be made; and I am
accordingly directed to enclose Copy of his
Excellency's last letter and to refer you to his
former letter transmitted to you on the 1st Instant.

The Governor in Council farther
directs me to desire that you will enquire
into the circumstances complained of by the
Rajah in regard to the employment of the
Company's Sipoys apparently formerly
on Military purposes.

You

To the Resident at Tanjore - particular enquiry to be made into Complaints preferred by the Rajah relative to the punishment inflicted by Mr Macleod on some Brahmins of Vathapour and the employment of the Company's troops in securing Atoff Khan from the Hands some Soucars - the Rajah to be urged to the immediate payment of the Balance due to Sir Joseph and the Widows and temporary relief to be afforded them from the Company's Treasury -

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You will inform Sherfogee that the Governor in Council has received his address, and has ordered you to make enquiry into his Complaint against M Macleod -

As the family will have suffered much pecuniary distress, if this complaint should be well founded, you will immediately apply to the Rajah for payment of the balance which may be due to them, and if necessary make an advance from the Company's funds for which purpose you are authorized to demand assistance from the Collector or the paymaster -

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

Fort St. George
11th March 1798

To Major Barbut
Superintendant of the Stud at
Delft

To the Superintendant of the Company's Studs of Horses in Ceylon placing them under the immediate orders of the Military Board his Account however to continue under the Controul of the Office of Audit -

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the

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15th The Honorable the Governor in Council having judged it expedient to place the whole of the Company's Studs under the controul and Superintendance of the Military Board desires that you will obey such directions as you may occasionally receive from them for regulating and disposing of the horses and mares under your charge, and that all your reports may be in future addressed to them.—

Your accounts of Receipts and Disbursement are still to be under the exclusive controul of the Office of audit.—

I am &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
14th. March 1798

(Signed) J. Webbe
Lt.y to Govr.

To Lieutenant Evans

To Lieutenant Evans his amended Plan for Establishing on Breeding Stud adopted—and to be pursued to the Extent proposed by him (viz 150 Mares and three Complement of Stallions the whole to be conducted under the immediate directions of the Military Board—Returns to be kept and Musters taken according to the orders of the Auditor General

Sir, Having fully Considered the plans delivered in by you for the Establishment of a Breeding Stud on the Company's Accounts

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Gennal Capeinus hitherto incurred ordered to be discharged his personal Salary fixed at 200 Pagodas pr Month.—

Accounts in the District of Ganjam and being satisfied that your proposal of the 9th Ultimo is the most eligible the Governor in Council has resolved to adopt it—

As the idea of introducing the breed of horses among the natives does not appear likely to be immediately carried into effect, the Governor in Council has judged it advisable to transfer the general Superintendance of the Stud from the Revenue to the Military Board; you will therefore obey such directions as may be transmitted to you by them for the regulation of the Stud, the erection of Stables, and the disposal of the colts:- in consequence of this resolution all your reports upon those subjects are to be addressed to the Military Board.

In order to bring the value of the Stud upon the Military books of this Presidency the Military Auditor General has been directed to furnish you with such instructions as he may judge necessary for this

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15th this purpose; you will accordingly obey all
such orders as you may receive from him in
regard to the accounts of the Stud and the
master of the Horses Mares and Colts.—

Having resolved to establish
the Stud upon the Company's own account
the Governor in Council has ordered the —
Amount advanced by you being Rupees 10094
7. 10. to be discharged by a bond of this —
government for S.r Pagodas 5,250. 37.52 bearing
12 per Cent interest; and as your care and —
attention is to be devoted to the public charge
~~now~~ vested in you without any pecuniary
advantage to yourself, He has been pleased
to grant you a fixed Salary of two hundred
Pagodas per Month until the pleasure
of the Court of Directors shall be known —

The Collector at Ganjam will be
directed to afford you every assistance in his
power, and to make the advances you may
require

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require for the support of the Stud, the —
completion of it to the establishment you
propose, and the erection of the stables you
recommend.— In regard to the advances
you will of course attend to the directions
of the Military Auditor General, and wait
the order of the Military Board in regard to
the erection of stables.—

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

I am &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Lieut. to Gov.

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

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board on the Subject of their, General Superintendence of the Company's Breeding Stud in the Ganjam District and on the Island of Ceylon under the direction of Lieutenant Evans and Major Barbutt.

Having long had under—
consideration the Subject of establishing a Stud
for the breed of horses within the Company's
territories, and having received the fullest
instructions

1793 Fort St. George, March 1798

15th instructions from the Honorable Court of Directors to carry a plan for that purpose into execution if it should be found practicable We encouraged Lieutenant Evans to make an experiment on his own account in the district of Ganjam; and as there was at that time reason to — expect that the breed of horses might be effectually and generally introduced among the natives the matter was submitted to the — consideration of the Board of Revenue, under whose Superintendence this part of the plan should be most eligibly conducted. —

Having reason to be satisfied with the result of Lieutenant Evans's — experiment We have resolved to Establish the Stud on the Company's account; and deeming it most eligible that the mares and — Stallions should be kept under the immediate care of Lieutenant Evans, we have transferred the Superintendance of this department to the

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completion of it to the establishment you
propose, and the erection of the stables you
recommend.— In regard to the advances
you will of course attend to the directions
of the Military Auditor General; and wait
the order of the Military Board in regard to
the erection of stables.—

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

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

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The more natural channel of your Board —

We have in consequence taken upon the Company's account the Mares and Stallions purchased by Lieutenant Evans; and as his care and attention will in future be entirely devoted to the Stud without any pecuniary advantage to himself we have appointed him Superintendant of it with a fixed Salary of two hundred Pagodas per month under your immediate controul —

We inclose copy of Lieutenant Evans's proposal for supporting and conducting the Stud; and desire that you will — furnish him with such directions as may be occasionally required.

The Collector at Ganjam has been desired to make the advances necessary to support the Stud, to Complete it to the establishment proposed by Lieutenant Evans, and to erect the Stables which may be

1795 Fort St. George 1st March 1798

15th be required as the value of the Stud will be brought upon the Military books the Military Auditor General has been directed to furnish Lieutenant Evans with such — instructions as he may judge necessary for keeping regular accounts and musters of the mares and horses - In regard to the stables we enclose the estimates of Lieut. Evans and desire that you will give him such orders as may be requisite, observing — only that we think the buildings should be erected under his own Superintendance and the actual cost defrayed by the — Company upon the Certificate of his honor - Having purchased on the — Company's Account from the Captors of Ceylon the Studd of mares formerly maintained by the Dutch on the islands of Delft and two brothers, we have placed them under the Superintendance of Major Barbutt

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to whom we have granted a Salary of one
hundred Pagodas per Month.—

Having judged it also necessary
to place this Stud under the immediate —
control of your Board we enclose copy of the —
rules and plans upon which it is conducted, —
and accordingly desire that you will furnish
the Superintendant who has been directed to
obey your orders, with such directions as may
be necessary—

We are,

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) George Harris
&c.a Council

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you
that the Honorable the Governor in Council
having resolved to establish on the Company's
Account a Stud for the breed of horses in
the

To the Military Auditor General relative to the Breeding Stud established under the direction of Lieutenant Evans in the Ganjam District regulations for keeping Accounts — making the Muster of the Stud to be framed and charges in the Office of Auditor Statement — required of the present expence of the Agency for

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. for the purchase of Horses - Batta allowed the Company's Interpreter at Cuddalore for extra Duty

The district of Ganjam has purchased from Lieutenant Evans 21 Mares and 4 Stallions and defrayed the Charges attending them as well as the feeding of the Colts, and twenty Mares furnished by the Company's Agents in Bengal and at Hydrabad to the 28th Ultimo the whole amounting as per enclosed Statement to rupees 19094. 7. 10 or St. Pagodas 5250, 37. 52 for which bonds of this Government have been given to that effect —

As it is the intention of the Governor in Council that the expence of this establishment should cease that upon Ceylon be brought upon the Military Books of this Presidency, he has ordered the above sum to be debited to the Military Paymaster General and desires that you will give such instructions to the Superintendants as you may judge necessary to regulate the accounts & monies of the Stud For this purpose I am directed to

furnish

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I furnish you with Copy of Lieutenant Evans's proposal for maintaining and regulating it with discription rolls and valuation of the horses and Mares.

The Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Evans Superintendant of the Stud with a Salary of two hundred Pagodas per Month; and has authorized the Collector at Ganjam to make the advances which may be necessary for maintaining it, for completing the Stud to the Establishment recommended by Lieutenant Evans, and for erecting the buildings required

I am directed to add that Major Barbut and Lieutenant Evans have been placed under the immediate controul and Superintendance of the Military Board.

I am further directed to desire that you will lay before the Governor in Council

1799 Fort St. George 13th March 1798

15th Consd a Statement Shewing the Monthly expence of the Agency for purchasing horses

The Governor in Council desires that the Paymaster at Cuddalore may be Authorized to pay the Customary Batta to Ram Row the Company's Interpreter at that Station for the period of his attendance on the Committee of Enquiry lately assembled there by order of the Commander in Chief

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
Signed / G. Webbe
Lt. & Sec.

Fort St. George
13th March 1798

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated 9th and 12th Instant

To the Military Auditor General determination of the Board in consequence of the receipt of the printed Copy with the Schedule annexed of the Kings Warrant of the 5th July 1797 proposed Rates of pay for the additional Establishment allotted the Engineer and Survey to with the Nizams Detachment conformed - Bills for Works executed at Tanjore to be passed for payment and further Advance of Cash to be made to the

Gram

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15th Instant with their enclosures.—

Genl Agent of the
25 Regiment Light
Dragoons.—

In consequence of your explan=
=ations the Governor in Council has thought
it advisable to publish in general orders
the printed Copy of his Majestys Warrant
together with the Table of mill pay and
the deduction to be made where the Troops
may be on batta or supplied with provisions
at the public charge; but as the object
of the late regulations for increasing the
pay of the European Troops is to put them
upon an exact footing of equality, he has
not thought it advisable to make any
exception when the Troops may be
embarked on board ship.—

The Governor in Council approves
the rate of pay which you have recom=
=mended for the increased establishment
of the Surveyor to the Nizam's detachment.—

J.

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I inclose two Bills for repairs executed by the Engineer at Tanjore which are to be passed for payment.-

The Governor in Council desires that Captain Blaquiere who has completed the delivery of the grain authorized to be purchased for his Majesty's 25th Regiment of Dragoons may be receive the remaining Moody's Pagodas 630 due on that Account.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec to Government

To Peter Speke Esqr
Vice President in Council
Fort William

To Bengal with Copy of the Quarter letter and General order published in consequence of the receipt of the printed Copy with Schedule annexed of the Kings Warrant of the 5th July for ascertaining the pay and allowance of the European

Sir,

I have our address of the 28th Ultimo

We have received a printed Copy of his Majesty's Warrant for increasing the pay of

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European Troops serving under the different Presidencies, respectively.

of his Troops serving out of Great Britain; which though not an official, we cannot but consider an authentic document.

2 We therefore beg leave to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from our Military Auditor General together with the General order which we have in consequence judged it advisable to publish.

3 The deductions which are to be made according to the Schedule annexed to the warrant from the Troops which may be on batta or in the field or supplied with Provisions at the Public Charge, and the perfect equality which we have established among the European Troops serving under this Presidency induces us to repeat our suggestion of the 17th January last. That the advantage of this consolidation of pay and Allowances should be taken to bring the Allowances of whatever denomination of the

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1803 Fort St. George 14th March 1798

15th Non Commissioned officers and Privates — European at the different Presidencies to a footing of complete equality under one fixed discription —

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

&c. &c.
(Signed) George Harris
Vice Commit

To John Morris Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Bombay

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo. —

Although it is not a matter of any consequence to the Company whether the allowances of Lieutenant General Stuart are caused to account in the books of this or the Bombay Presidency, Yet I am desired to refer you to my letter of the

To Bombay the Com. debited that Presidency on account of General Stuarts pay subsequently to the 6th September 1798 to remain in statement until the orders of the Court of Directors on the subject shall be received — advice will hereafter be sent whenever Lieutenant Montgomery may be dispatched for the purchase of Horses to the Malabar Coast —

1802 Fort St. George, 2 March 1798.

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European Troops serving under the different Presidencies respectively.

of his Troops serving out of Great Britain, which though not an official, we cannot but consider an authentic document.

2 We therefore beg leave to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from our Military Auditor General together with the General order which we have in consequence judged it advisable to publish.

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Fort St. George
14th March 1798

(Signed) George Harris
V.e Consul

To John Morris Esq.re
Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo.—

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1804 Fort St. George March 1798

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think that the amount should be debited
to Bombay—

From the moment that General
Stuart's appointment to Command in Chief
the forces at Bombay he became entitled
to the allowances annexed to that Station
and should have drawn them whatever
he might have happened to be employed
on the public Service as the Senior Officer
of the Troops during his absence not being
appointed from hence, is not entitled to
draw under any circumstances whatever
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Governor in Council has decided the
Amount drawn by General Stuart on Ceylon
on part of his allowances as commander
in Chief at Bombay to remain at the
debit of your Presidency until the orders
of

1805 Fort St. George 1 March 1798

15th of the Court of Directors may be recurred.—

As the Governor in Council at Bombay was informed of Lieutenant Montgomery's appointment to be agent for the purchase of horses on the 9th October 1794 and as he was subsequently employed at Bombay in that capacity in the Year 1795. it was thought unnecessary to repeat the communication when he last went to the Malabar Coast; but I am directed to request you will inform the Governor in Council that he will hereafter be regularly advised of Mr. Montgomery's departure for the other Coast.

Bills to the amount of Rupees 47,961— drawn upon this Government by the Assistant at Poonah have been honored on account of Bombay Presidency; but I am directed to add that the Agents of Mr. Mologomery have experienced considerable inconvenience from

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Fort St. George 9 March 1798

15th From the delay in having the bills drawn by them in their favor on account of this Government -

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
14th March 1798

Vo. Vo.

(Signd) J. Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

16th Received the following letter from the Commandant at Rampore -

J. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th Instant and shall attend to the Honorable the Governor in Council directions for detaining the party from Cummum Mutté I may Receive further Orders I have also given particular Instructions to endeavour to discover, If any of the party are deserters

From the Commandant at Rampore information respecting deserter from the Company's Service who have enlisted with Mons. Raymond - Cannot ascertain that any Men of the party he has detained are of this description -

1807 Fort St. George 11 March 1798

16th

deserters from Angolo or Guntoor or if they —
entered the Honorable Company's Territories
with an Intention of seducing Any of our —
Sepoys from their duty to Ascertain the former
It might be essential to have two Men sent
here, that were personally Acquainted with
the Men who deserted from Angolo and Guntoor
the detail of the 11th Regiment doing duty here
having been so long with the Nizams —
detachment appears Not to be much Acquainted
with the Men of the 2d Battalion of the 9th
Regiment or those of the 1st Battalion of the 7th
who were Recently Stationed at Angolo and
Guntoor —

Although it is probable there
may not be any of the persons alluded to,
Amongst the Party I have apprehended, there
is little doubt from the Information given
by some of them that the greater part, if
not the whole of the Guntoor and Angolo
Mutineers were entertained And very favourably

Received

1808 Fort St. George March 15/98

16th Received at Command In particular the
Subidar (Imaum Caun) from the 2d Battalion
of the 9th Regiment they say had a Horse given
him And was sent to Mons. Raymond who
bestowed on him and all the Non Commissioned
Similar Situations to that they held In our
Service - The Jemidar Ludiff Caun who also —
went off with the Subidar was much Impover=
=ished, but declined taking Service and now
resides, these people say in the Cummun =
Country as one of the Ryots or Head Inhabitants
those people do not seem to know any thing
about the Subidar of the 1st Battalion of the
7th Regiment who went off from Angole and
the preceding few particulars I have learnt
from them respecting some of the other persons
I conceived it would not be deemed Improper
Acquainting You with for the Information of
the Honorable the Governor in Council and any
thing farther that may transpire of apparent
Moment

1809 Fort St. George, March 1798

16th Moment I shall not fail communicating to you the particulars.—

I have the honor to be with much respect.—

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Rampore
13th March 1798

(Signed) Robt. Ridge Captain
Commanding at Rampore

17th Received a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board (entered in Dis. No. 43) enclosing a letter from the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William.—

From the Secretary to the Military Board

19th Received a letter from the Nabob (entered in C.C. No. 57) promising to Complete the repairs of the Works at Tritchinopoly and to discharge shortly the Amount of the Field Expences of the Troops employed in the Amboor and Wandiwash Districts.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob

20th Received the following letter

To the Honorable Lieut. General Harris
Governor in Council Fort St. George

From the Navy Agent Enclosing a requesting that

Honorable Sir, I beg leave to inform you the

1810

Fort St. George March 2 1798

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Government will order godowns at Trincomale to be appropriated for the reception of a large stock of provisions and stores to be deposited there for the use of the Squadron

That I am directed by Rear Admiral Rainier to request that you will be pleased to order Godowns at Trincomale to be repaired and set a part for the purpose of receiving Provisions to be kept there for the use of His Majestys Squadron under his Command: The admiral in his letter remarks that none of the Publick Godowns there are in sufficient good condition for that purpose, except what are in use for the Troops and Stores of the Garrison As I am now shipping on board the Ship Restoration a considerable quantity of Provisions on His Majestys Account for that Port, in pursuance to the Rear Admirals orders, I have to request you will be pleased to give the necessary directions, that such dry Godowns as can be spared may be appointed to receive the said Provisions, and further that you will be pleased to direct that others may be repaired and set a part for

this

1811 Fort St. George 20th March 1798

20th This Service agreeable to the wishes of the Rear Admiral and my Agent Captain Granby Bagshaw will resume charge of them.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Contractor for Victualling His Majestys Ships in India

Fort St. George
20th March 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

From the Commandant at Seagar - Complains that the Troops suffer much distress from the high price of Grain and low Exchange of the Dubs and that he can obtain no supplys from the Arabbi Manager. -

Sir, I request you will inform the Honorable the Governor, that the Native Officers of the Detachment under my Command having represented to me, that the Sepoys were discontented on account of the scarcity and encreased price of Rice and at the same time sudden reduction of the exchange of the Copper Coin from a Combination

1812 Fort St. George March 27 1798

20th combination of the Shroffs and Merchants I judged it proper to send for the Pulicat, or Nabobs Manager (a Bramin) to state to him the Complaints of the Detachments in order that redress might be obtained for my Sepoys, the Pulicat replied that he had no orders from his Master to come to me when sent for, or to obey my Orders — As I conceive such conduct highly derogatory to my authority, I request to be informed whether it may not be proper to enforce his attendance when I shall occasion to speak to him on publick Matters and how far I am authorized to interfere with regard to the Bazar, so as to prevent the troops suffering, by reduction of the Copper Coin, which enhances the price of every small article and bears particularly hard upon the Sepoy — The Exchange of the Silver Fanam at this place has hitherto been 11. 12. and 13 Pondichery Cash

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20 " Cash - The Shroffs are now attempting to —
reduce it to 9 Cash -

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c

Tiagar
17th March 1798

(Signd) G. Hadow Captain
Comm'g Tiagar —

To Josiah Webbe Esq re

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Captain Lieut Pettman - requesting Permission to proceed to England via Cochin and Bussora and that a letter inclosed bearing testimony of his general good Conduct addressed to them to Major - General Bap, may be forwarded on the Records.

The General orders of the 24th February have announced to me the decision of Council, and of my suspension from the Service until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors is known -

As I am informed of a direct conveyance being likely to be obtained at Cochin for Bussora, I have to request that you will be kind enough to procure for me the sanction of Government to proceed to Europe by that Route -

I beg

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Fort St. George March 1st 1798.

20th

Sir

I beg you will have the goodness to lay the enclosed Copy of a letter from Major General Ross Chief Engineer before the Governor in Council, and solicit the indulgence of the Testimony it sets forth in my favor being inserted on the face of the determinations of Council respecting me.

I am Sir
&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George.
March 19th 1798

1st Lieut. G. George Pittman
Capt. Lieut. of Engineers

Copy of a letter from Major General Ross Chief Engineer.

To Captain Lieutenant Pittman
Engineer.

Sir,

It was with much concern I saw the order of the 24th of February respecting you. The circumstances there alluded to in that order not having come under my

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20th

my cognizance, I am incompetent to judge thereon But I shall most readily bear Testimony to your Zealous and Active — Services while with me in the Mysore — Country; to the alacrity with which you proceeded to Malacca to make the provision of Materials for the Siege of Manilla; to the Satisfactory manner you executed that Service and to the interesting information you transmitted to me while thus employed and I much regret that any circumstance should deprive the Service of the advantage of your abilities.—

I am
Sir
&c. &c.
Signd / Patrick Ross

A true Copy
/ Signd / G. George Pittmane

Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters

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March 1798

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Fort St. George 26th March 1798

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Letter entered in Mil Bd 31st March 1798

To the Secretary at Bengal

To W. Secretary Barlow

Forwarding the abovementioned Letter addressed to the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort William.

To the Ministers & Church wardens of St Mary's Church

To the Ministers and Church-wardens of St Mary's Church requesting they will confer with the Military Board on the subject of putting up Lieutenant Colonel Moorhouse's Monument in the Body of the Church.

Wednesday 28 March 1798

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieut. General Harris Governor — President

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved.

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Present

The Honble Lieut. General Harris Governor ——— President

Wednesday 25 March 1798

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved -

The President delivers in the following Minute with a Letter from Major General Gillespie -

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