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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Statment shewing how the difference arises between the Balance due to Major Hart on Account of his Receipts and Disbursements between the 25 December 1792 and the 24th March 1795 as Stated by Captain Keith Young Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops and the Balance reported to remain in his hands on the same Account by Colonel Henry Malcolm late Military Auditor General.—

Balance in Major Harts Hands as reported by Colonel Malcolm late Military Auditor General on the 30th November 1795	29,199. 4. 55.
Captain Young States a Balance due to Major Hart from the Honble Company of	1303. 2. 40.
Amount, being the difference between the Statements delivered from the two Officers	30,502. 7. 15.

Thus Accounted for

Major Hart received on the 12th December 1792 Pagodas 22,665, for the purpose of paying His Majestys Troops serving under the Act of Parliament of 1781 from the 25th December 1792 to the 24th January 1793, but which is brought to Account against his Disbursements from June to December 1792 ..... 22,665. " "

Major Hart having closed his Accounts on the 24th December 1792, agreeably to an Act of Parliament passed in the 33d Year of the present Reign, and paid into the Company's Treasury the Balance in his hands that day on account of the new Regiments & Royal Artillery, viz. Pagodas 7937. 9. 40. This Sum does not appear on the Statements of Receipts and Disbursements of the Kings Pay Office now transmitted

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to the Office of Audit, but which formed a part of the Balance declared to be in Major Hart's hands on the 24th March 1795 by the Military Auditor General.....

Retrenchments made from Major Hart's Disbursements, which has not been passed to his Credit by the Military Auditor General, no reply having been made to the Retrenchments, nor any order received in the Office of Audit to write off the Amount..... 332.32.55.—

Retrenchments made from Major Hart's Disbursements which he has since refunded..... 67.7.—

31,002.7.15.

Deduct therefrom an error in the Statement of Advances made to the King's Pay Office in September 1793 as delivered to the Office of Audit..... 500.""

30,502."7."15".

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil: Aud.r Gen.l—

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 31st March 1798.—

Resolved

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Resolved that Major Gardiner be furnished with Copy of the Orders received from the Honorable Court of Directors upon the subject of the balance in Major Hart's hands, called upon to discharge the Amount in his hands on 24th. December 1792 on account of the old regiments.—

Minute thereon.—

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George—

Honble Sir;

The heavy Loss exhibited in the Military Accounts of the Paymaster at Madurah & Palamcotah from the Exchange at which the Troops are paid in Coily Fanams being considerably higher than the current Bazar rate, induces me to bring the subject to the Notice of your Honble Board with a view of remedying an evil that has gradually increased, & will still increase unless measures are taken to prevent it.—

From the Military Auditor General representing the heavy losses sustained by the comptroller in the receipts of payments of Coily Fanams in the Madura &c. Districts, & requesting the Board's decision on the construction, put on their Orders by the Paymasters—

2d. When Government, at the recommendation of the late Military Auditor General fixed the Exchange in the Southern Districts at 57½ Coily Fanams P Star Pagoda, it was—

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was the Exchange at which the then Paymaster at Madurah received his Advances from the Collector, & consequently the ~ Conversions in paying the Troops at the same rate reckoning 2 Madras Fanams 45 5/7 Madras Cash equal to one Ceiling Fanam, did not occasion any loss either to the ~ Company or to the Troops. ~

3 The Orders of Government of the 2d ~ October 1795 which confirmed this Exchange provided for a Loss in cases where the Paymaster should receive Advances from the Collector at a different Exchange, & pay the Troops at 17½, but subsequent Orders of the 10th November directed the Collector when he made Advances to a Paymaster in ~ Ceiling Fanams invariably to issue 17½ in lieu of every Star Pagoda, & to open an head of Exchange in his Accounts for all Gain or Loss by Exchange & writing off the Balance at the end of each Year. ~

4 Hence it appears to have been the intention of Government that the Paymaster should at all times pay the Troops at the same Exchange at which he

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he received Advances from the Collector, but neither the Paymas-
-ter or Collector have understood the order of the 10th Novemba
1795 in this light, for altho' the Collector when he made advances
in Coily Fanams issued them at the Exchange of 1P 7½ P
Star Pagoda, the other Coins, which constituted the greatest
part of such advances, were issued not at an equivalent
to that rate, but according to the Bazar Exchange, Vas
the Paymasters considered themselves warranted in all cases
to pay the Troops at 17½ Coily Fanams, the difference
between this, & the Exchange at which Star & Porto Novo
Pagodas were advanced by the Collector, have been invariably
Stated in their Accounts as a Loss against the Company.—

5 Mr. Martin late Paymaster of
Palamcotah having in September last received from the
Commercial Resident 5000 Star Pagodas which had been
issued to that Department by the Collector when the
Bazar Exchange was 16¼ Coily Fanams, & having
issued them to the Troops at 17½ Star Pagoda by
which the Company sustained a Loss of Pagodas 127.38.8,

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Fort St. George 10th. April 1798.—

I, considered it to be my duty to object to this mode of payment, more espicially as it produced an application on the part of Mr. Hughes to extend it to all payments made in the Madurah & Dindigul Districts, a Copy of Mr. Hughes's letter to me, with my reply, & the Explanation of Mr. Martin in consequence, accompanied by the Extract to which it refers, came enclosed for your Information together with a Statement of the Loss by Exchange in the payments at Madurah & Palamcotah from the 1st. May 1796 to the 30th. April 1797 — amounting to Pagodas 1,866...1...13., viz the Months of November & December last when the advances to the Paymaster were made chiefly in Porto Novo Pagodas, the Loss came to no less a Sum than Pagodas 1,709...30..62. which farther proves the Necessity of applying a Speedy remedy to so serious an inconvenience.— According to my conception of the Matter, the Paymaster by the existing Regulations ought to issue Star Pagodas in full payment

of

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of the abstracts of the Troops which are invariably drawn out in that coin— Coily Fanams at 17½ ₹ Star Pagoda— & Porto Novo Pagodas in the proportion they bear to 57½ Coily Fanams, that is to say if a Porto Novo Pagoda purchases in the Bazar 15 Coily Fanams, 2½ is to be added to make equal to a Star Pagoda, provided it requires so much to purchase a Star Pagoda in the Bazar.—

6 It being evident from the foregoing Statement, that the Exchange of the Star Pagoda has been rated considerably too high in the Southern Districts, I beg leave to submit to your Honble Board the following alteration in the payment of the Troops stationed there, which will prevent the Company from sustaining in future so serious a Loss as has been already experienced, & at the same time leave the Troops without any just cause of Complaint, Viz.ᵗ:—

7 That the Paymaster of Madurah be directed to pay the Troops at the Current Bazar Exchange in which advances are made to him by the Collector, by

which

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which made the order of Government which directs that the troops shall be paid so that no loss shall arise to them on the Exchange, will be completely effected; in this case a Certificate from the Collector should accompany the Cash sent to the Paymaster, specifying the several Coins & their current exchange on that day, & the same Coin at the same exchange is to be issued to the Troops by which the course of exchange will be few, & soon find its own level: — The only objection to this mode of payment is that it will vary with the Exchange Monthly, the cause of which the Troops might not understand, & from thence imbibe an opinion that undue advantage was taken of them: It is to be observed that the Star & Porto nove Pagodas are in the Southern Districts merely articles, & their current value to the Coily Fanams will consequently depend on the demand they are in for remittance to Madras, or to other parts of the Country. — they have been known to fluctuate from 1/1 7/8 to 19 Coily Fanams P Star Pagoda about 25 P Cent: — If therefore the Star Pagoda shall be considered in the payment of the Troops, the only

equitable

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of the Coins in which he makes his Monthly advances to the Pay Department, as well as the rate of Exchange, which Certificate should invariably accompany the Paymasters Accounts for audit.~

11 It appears also to be highly expedient that whenever the Troops and Establishments are in any other coin than Star Pagodas, Officers Heads of Departments should grant Receipts on their Bills and abstracts for the amount, specifying the Coins in which they have been paid, as well as the rate of Exchange,~ which being compared with the Certificates granted by Collectors of the Coins advanced by them to the Paymas-ters, will be an effectual check on the Disbursements.

12 As it may happen that they Sepoys when ordered out of the Districts where Coily Fanams are, into one where they are not current, may be~ affected by payments made to them in that Coin, I would recommend when such cases occur, which can be but seldom, that the Native Officers, Non Commissio-ned Officers and Sepoys be supplied with Star~ Pagodas~

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Pagodas in exchange for their City Fanams, which provided against the only circumstance that in my apprehension can occasion the least ground of Dissatisfaction or complaint.

13 I have further to request the decision of your Honble Board, with respect to the payment made by Mr. Martin in September 1797, as he contends that the Orders transmitted by Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel (now Major General) Floyd under date the 20th April 1796, expressly warranted his making good to the Troops when paid in Star Pagodas the difference between the Bazar Exchange at the day of payment, stated to be 16 1/4, & the Standard Exchange of 17 1/2, a construction which for the reasons before assigned I do not think myself authorized to admit without the Sanction of Government.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

Military Auditor Generals Office

Fort St. George 9th April 1798.

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Lydenham

Mil. Aud. Genl.

Statement

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equitable mode seems to be the Buxar Exchange, as it nearly brings the Loss & Gain in the Year, or course of Years, equal, but by fixing an high Exchange, the public suffer a certain Loss, not on the payment of the Troops only, for the same cause affects to a certain degree the whole Disbursements Commercial as well as Revenue—

8 It may be urged, & apparently with Justice, that the Troops ought not to be liable to such fluctuation, & that if Coily Fanams are the currency of those Districts, this Coin should alone be known in the payment of the Troops.— Should your Honble Board be of this opinion, I would then propose that a medium Exchange should be fixed, which from the best Information I have been able to obtain, ought not to exceed 16½ Coily Fanams ℔ Star Pagoda; that the Collectors should be directed to make their advances to the Paymaster wholly in this Coin & at that exchange, & that Bills should be granted to them on the Military Paymaster General at the fixed rate, which rate should invariably

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invariably govern the Paymaster in all his payment to the Troops.

9 This would be a simple remedy, the Pagoda only would then be seen in the Paymasters abstract of Receipts and Disbursements, & no loss or difference by Exchange appear therein, altho' a small one might be occasionally stated in the accounts of the Collector. The Troops can have no cause whatever to complain of this Arrangement while they are assured of receiving the full value of the Star Pagoda, which it is to be judged of, not by the value at which it can be purchased in the Bazar where it forms no part of the Currency, but by an equitable Standard that will procure for them in the necessaries of life a full equivalent to the Star Pagoda in situations where this last coin is in general circulation.

10 But whichever of the two modes I have suggested your Honble Board may be pleased to adopt, I apprehend it will be necessary that the Collector should always furnish the Paymaster with a Certificate

of

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Coins was very advantageous being at and after the rate of 177½ Kully fanams & to which the Coin of the Star Pagoda was alone an exception.—

Considering that it would be highly improper that there should be any difference in the Payments to Troops within my Range, and that the loss on the Star Pagodas is admissible from the Pay of Palamcottah having paid in the Manner before mentioned from believing that Coins of whatever description should be made equivalent to 177½ Kully fanams & Star Pagoda as consistent with the favorable intention of Government to the Troops, I should have proceeded to issue all Star Pagodas whenever paid in future at that rate, but have Considered that as such loses would be altogether New in my Accounts for the Madura and Dindigul District, that express Sanction should be obtained from you for that purpose, which I beg to receive as expeditiously as possible.—

I beg leave further to apprize you that having been ordered to receive my Indent for the last Month

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.

Month from the Commercial Resident of Tinnevelly, he
Advanced me St. Pgs. 11,505 F. 8 C. 40 in Kully Fanams for the
whole at 16¾ acquainting me at the same time that he had
no Authority to write off any Losses whatever on the Cash
he was advancing & which was advanced at the Exchange it
was paid into him as no delay could be allowed in paying
the Troops; the Exchange he proposed was acquiesced in, &
my Bills on the Paymaster General of Course State the
Coin Exchange and amount, & which I immediately had to
issue the Troops at 17½ whence a new cause of Loss has
arisen in my accounts for which I have no express authority
because it is ordered in G: O: 10th November 1795, that the
Advances of Kully Fanams should be made at 17½ and
being issued at the same rate, all losses on Kully fanams
should appear in the Revenue and not in the Military
Accounts it is Kully Fanams alone that any loss appears
on the Revenue Accounts because all other Coins being
Advanced me by the Collectors at the Revenue or Bazar
Exchange, the Pay-Office makes up the difference on those

Coins

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Statement of the Loss sustained by Government on the Military Payments at Madura & Palamcotta from the 1st May 1796, to the 30th April 1797 & in November & December 1797.

Palamcotta		1410.	3. 43.
Madura		455.	39. 50.
Pagodas		1866.	1. 13.
Madura & its Dependencies	November 1797	935.	20. 68.
	December 1797	774.	974.
Pagodas		1709.	30. 62.

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(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

To

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To Major General William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir

It having been the usage of the Pay Office of the Palamcotah District to issue the Star Pagodas received in the Public advances, at the Buzar Exchange, that is, if the Exchange of a Star Pagoda was in the Buzar 16 Kully Fanams to add thereto one and half to make the Star Pagoda to the Troops equivalent always to the Company's Exchange of 17½ Kully Fanams and it having at the same time been the practice of the Madura and Dindigul Office to issue such Star Pagodas as were received from the Collector exactly as they were advanced by him, from consider-ing them of the same value here in the Public accounts as at other Situations & never making up any differenci- whatever as you will discover from no loss having ever been charged upon them by me; It has followed that this practice has made the Star Pagodas very unsatisfactory to the Troops at Madura and Dindigul, and very unpleas-ant to issue to them, in as much as payments in all other

Coins

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Coins to the Troops to 17½ as it would seem since the Arrangement that a very small part of the advances from the Revenue to the Military Treasury is now made in Kelly Fanams.— I have the honor to be

Dr. Sir Yr.

Madura
1st November 1797.— (Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster—

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce.
Aft. M. M. Gl.—

Mr. Robert Hughes
Paymaster at Madura

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 1st Instant and in Answer thereto have to observe that the late Paymaster at Palamcottah has put a construction upon the Orders of Government with respect to the Exchange in the Southern Districts which those Orders in my Opinion do not allow.—

When

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

When Government fixed the Exchange of 17½ Colly Fanams for the Star Pagoda it was the rate at which Mr. Vaughan then Paymaster at Madura received those Fanams from the Collector. How the Paymaster have since been obliged to receive them at any other rate I have never been able to ascertain, but I am persuaded it was not the intention of Government that a Paymaster should receive Money from a Collector at one Exchange and issue it to the Troops at another, as the General Orders of the 10th November 1795 direct "that "whenever a Collector shall make advances of Cash to a "Paymaster in Colly Fanams he shall invariably issue "17½ Colly Fanams in lieu of every Star Pagoda, — "opening a Head of Batta on Exchange in his Accounts "for all Gain or Loss by Exchange and writing off "the Balance at the end of each Year.—

Presuming

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Presuming that the Commercial Resident in the Tinnevelly District has never been informed of this order, should this be the case I would recommend your furnishing him with an official Copy of it.—

There is however a material differ-ence between issuing the Colly Fanams at 17½ after having received them at 16¼ to the Star Pagoda and exchanging Star Pagodas received from the Collector into Colly Fanams & issuing those Fanams to the Troops at 17½ which I observe Mr. Martin did in last September, a transaction which does not appear to me to be warranted by any order of Government.—

I do not therefore feel myself justified in authorising you to exchange the Star Pagodas which you may receive from the Collector into Colly-Fanams, as the Troops cannot suffer any loss by receiving the Coin in which their abstracts are drawn out according to the practice which you have invariably

observed

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Fort St. George 10.th April 1798.—

Observed in the Madura & Dindigul Pay Offices.—

I am

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 7.th November 1797.

&c.a &c.a
(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Gen.l

a true Copy
(Sig.d) P. Bruce
Ass.t M.a.G.l

To M. General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

Having received from Mr. Hughes the Paymaster at Madura a Copy of your Letter to him of the 7.th November I hasten to explain the motives of my Conduct in not paying to the Madura Paymaster the Fanams at 17½ and also for Paying to the Troops in this District in September last the Difference between the Star Pagoda at the Current Exchange, & 17½ Coilly Fanams.—

The

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Fort St. George 30th April 1798.—

The Money issued to Mr. Hughes was from Subscriptions to the Remittance Loan and paid to him exactly as I received it— I acknowledge however, I did not advert to the G: O: of the 10th November so particularly as I should have done, for I imagined that they alluded to the Payments of the Paymaster, and not the Advances of Collector, otherwise I certainly should not have refused the Charge on profit & loss of Exchange which I did not then think myself authorized to admit into my accounts— and that Mr. Hughes was—

By the Enclosed Extract of Govern-=ments' Letter to Colonel Floyd, it appears to me— Evident that "whatever Coins" the Sepoy was paid in He should not suffer loss, & that they were always to receive in Amount what they would have drawn had Coilly Fanams been issued."—

In September I received from the Collector—

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Collector, Star Pagodas – the Bazar Exchange was 16¾ Coilly Fanams; Consequently had I paid the Star Pagoda only to the Sepoy, he would have incurred a loss upon Exchanging it in the Bazar, between 16½ & 17½ which Appears by the Words & Spirit of the enclosed Letter, to be so particularly guarded against, that I thought it my absolute Duty, to make up the Difference to the "Company's Standard" of 17½ Coilly Fanams for one Pagoda – not by Exchanging the Star Pagoda, but by issuing to the Sepoy the very Coin I received from the Collector "with the Addition of one & a – Quarter Coilly Fanam to" each Pagoda to bring "it to the Company's Standard of 17½ Coilly" – Fanams." –

I have the honor to be

Tinnevelly
19.th November 1797. –

Yr. Yr.
(Signed) Geo. Jul.: Martin
Com.r Res.y

a true Copy
(Sig.d) P. Bruce
a.s.t M. A Gl. – Extract

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Colonel Floyd Commanding the Southern Division of the Army at Trichinopoly dated 20th April 1796.—

I am directed by the Right Honble the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant, and to express his Concern that misconstructions should still arise on the Orders of Government relative to the Southern exchange.

It was indisputably meant by the Orders in question, that whatever Coins the Troops were paid in, they should suffer no loss by the exchange If therefore Mr. Martin had no other Coin than the Porto Novo Pagoda it was his business to have ascertained what was the Bazar exchange on the particular day when the payment fell to be made, between Porto Novo Pagodas and Coily Fanams— and the difference should certainly have been made up, so that the Troops might have received <u>in</u> — <u>Amount</u> what they would have drawn, if Coily Fanams had been issued for instance, if the Porto Novo Pagoda

Sold

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Sold in the Bazar for fifteen Coiby fanams on the day the Troops were paid it was certainly the duty of the Paymaster to have issued 2½ Coiby fanams with each Pagoda in order to bring it to the Company's Standard of 17½ Coiby fanams for one Star Pagoda — And this seems to have been precisely what Mr. Martin proposed to Lieutenant St. Ledger and what the latter appears to have required by the District Order of the 6th instant, wherein it is said that "the Paymaster was to make up the difference between the "Star and Porto Novo Pagoda to the full Amount of "17½ Coiby fanams."—

A true Extract
(Signed) Geo: Jul: Martin
C. C. Resident

A true Extract
(Sig.d) D. Bruce
Aff.t A. M. Genl.

To Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

The Commercial Resident of Tonnerdly has

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has advised me of his having addressed you, in consequence of the Communication to him of your Letter to me of the 7.th Instant.—

In the Month of October 1795 when— Government issued its Orders to the army, respecting the Exchange of the Southern Districts, and fixed that of the Coily fanam at 17½, it is necessary to explain in reply to your Observation on this Subject, that the Collector of the Polygar Peiscush advanced me Coily fanams that very Month, at 16 Coily fanams P Star Pagoda, and the— Collector of Dindigul at 16¼ which was the Exchange at which the Collectors had been advancing these fanams to my predecessor for some time preceding.—

It is most certain that the Collectors never Comprehended the Orders which have been conveyed to them, in the light which you have understood the G:O: of Government of the 10.th November 1795, since they have taken them most Strictly and Literally to apply singly to the Coily fanam, which has since invariably been

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been Advanced at 17½ but every other Coin has been Advanced, not equivalent to this rate, but at the Public Revenue or Bazar Exchange.— It appears to have happened from those Orders, that Coiby Fanams make at present a very inconsiderable proportion of the Public Advances, and to satisfy you in the fullest manner I am able, of the cause of the Losses by Batta in my Accounts, which you are of Opinion were not intended to Appear there, Permit me to solicit your reference in particular to my Bills on the Paymaster General of the 1st. of last September, for 8200 Star Pagodas received from the Collector of Dindigul, which Amount was composed of Twelve different Coins; and which, added to the trouble resulting from intricate rates of Exchange, is little calculated to make the payments to the Troops so simple, as is desirable: you will perceive, that Coiby Fanams composed just 1133 Star Pagodas of the above Amount, and that

in —

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in further part of it, I received 1871 Star Pagodas all which and the very few Sultanny Rupees created no loss— But with regard to the remaining Coins, making up that Advance, the case is widely different, thus for instance Porto nova Pagodas were advanced at 117=5⅓ Coily Fanams ₹100 Star Pagodas; the Bruar Exchange of the Porto nova Pagoda in Madura was 13½ Coily Fanams; The Company's fixed Exchange of Coily Fanams is 1,750 ₹100 Star Pagodas, and to make Porto Nova Pagodas yield that Sum of Fanams, Consequently ₹100 Porto Nova Pagodas & 8½ Coily Fanams ₹100 Star Pagodas which at 13½ Coily Fanams ₹ Porto Nova Pagoda, will be found to be precisely the fixed rate. This will serve as an Example of the loses which must appear on the other Coins, and at the same time, I trust will amply explain the reason of their appearance in my Accounts.— I have the honor to be, &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

a true Copy
(Sigd.) P. Bruce
Mjr. & M. A. Genl.— Resolvd

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.

Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor General.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be furnished with Copy of the foregoing report, and desired to State particularly the principle upon which the conversion of the different Coins by the several Collectors is regulated in the revenue department.

Commander in Chief's recommendation on the following Letters

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Major General Floyd and recommends that Lieutenant Sherer be permitted to resign the Company's Service.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General

Sir,

From Major General Floyd to the Adjutant General requesting that Lieutenant Sherer may be brought to Trial before a General Court Martial on Charges preferred against him by Lieutenant Colonel Cotton.

I have duly received your letters of the 21st Instant and have given the necessary directions for placing one Horse on the Strength of the 3d Regiment, upon its arrival at Trichinopoly.

I am under the + + + + necessity of forwarding a Charge against Lieutenant Sherer, of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment, accompanied by the particulars on which

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which it is founded; & beg you will lay it before the ~
Commander in Chief, in order that Lieutenant Sherer may
be brought before a General Court Martial if the Commander
in Chief see fit. ~ It is necessary to observe that Lieute-
-nant Sherer has been in several scrapes before, & one since
his Arrival at Trichinopoly a few Months ago, in conse-
-quence of which after due admonition I assured him that
any subsequent disorder would oblige me to bring him
forward to the Notice of the Commander in Chief. ~

Letters Addressed to me at Trichinopoly

will be forwarded ~ I proceed tomorrow for Hytar ~
Palamcotah, & Tutucorin. ~

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Madura
March 30th 1798. ~

(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G.

Lieutenant William Sherer of the Honble Company's
1st Battalion of the 7th Regiment of Native Infantry ~
ordered in close Arrest by me (on the Representation of

Captain

2392 Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Captain Philip Henry Keary, Superintending Captain of Garrison Guards of Trichinopoly, on Complaint of Lieutenant Anderson of H. Mo. 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons, Officer of the Main Guard) on the following Charge viz.

For Conduct highly unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman, in the presence of the Main Guard of Tritchinopoly, on the Evening of the 26th March 1798.—

Trichinopoly
27th March 1798.—

(Signed) Hapleton Cotton
Lt. Col.
Commd.

Captain Keary
Superintending the Garrison Guards.—

Sir,

I am sorry to be under the necessity of reporting to you the very unbecoming behaviour of Lieutenant Sherer last Night.— In the first Instance he confined a Sepoy; but has not to this late hour sent a Crime, altho' the Officer on Guard is about to be relieved.— I understand that Doctor —

Richardson

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Richardson had confined Mr. Sherer's Horsekeeper who had been beating a little Boy unmercifully— Mr. Sherer hearing of it sent for the Serjeant of the Guard and ordered him to release the Horsekeeper, which the Serjeant told him was not in his power to do,— Mr. Sherer then threatened to confine him, and actually went to the Guard and ordered it to fall in for the purpose of confining the Serjeant.— the Men not listning to his directions, he called to his Servant to bring his Sword & said he would run them all thro'.— The Serjeant hearing Mr. Sherer call for his Sword waited on the Officer of the Guard to acquaint him of what was going forward.— The Officer came to the Guard, and Mr. Sherer insisted that the whole of the Artillery Men should be confined, & he would send a Crime against them for Mutiny. he further desired the Serjeant of the Guard might be confined because he did not release his Horsekeeper when he ordered him.—

Serjeant Long, the Serjeant of the

Guard

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Fort St. George 10th April 1798.—

Guard, has stated these particulars to me, which I—
transmit for your Information.—

I have the honor to be

27th March 98.— &c.— &c.— &c.—

Trichinopoly (Signd) H. Smith

Fort Adjt.—

Copy

Representation made by Lt. Anderson of Lt. Sherer's Conduct in presence of the Main Guard on the 26th Instant.—

Lieutenant Sherer came to the Main Guard on the evening of the 26th very much in Liquor, sent for the Serjeant of the Guard and ordered him to release his (Lieutt. Sht.) Servant who was confined by Mr. Richardson Head Surgeon. the Serjeant refusing to release the Servant without Orders from the Officer of the Guard, Lt. Sherer threatened to confine him, and actually ordered the Guard to fall in, for the purpose of confining the Serjeant— The Men of the Guard

not

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not attending to the directions given by Lt. Sherer, he ~
ordered a Servant to bring his Sword, & threatened to
cut down any man who did not obey his directions ~
Lieut. Sherer then insisted upon Lieutenant Anderson's
ordering the Artillery Men to be instantly relieved, and
Confined, at the same time saying he should send in
a Crime against them for Mutiny. ~

Trichinopoly (Signed) S. Cotton
28th March 1798. ~ Lt. Col.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General

Sir

I beg you will lay the enclosed ~
just received from Lieut. Colonel Cotton, before the ~
Commander in Chief, that He may take such measures
regarding Lieutenant Sherer as he may see fit. ~

The General will regret that a ~
young Man capable of writing so reasonably is, however,
incapable

From Major General Floyd to the Adjutant General recommending that Lieutenant Sherer be permitted to resign the Service. ~

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incapable of reasonable Conduct for any length of time.

His misfortune proceeds from giving way to Liquor.

I have the Honour to be

Chowry Cotah
17 Miles South of Madura
March 31st 1798.

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Floyd
M.G.

To Lieutenant Colonel Cotton
Commanding the Garrison of
Trichinopoly

Sir

From a thorough Conviction of my Behaviour having been entirely indefensible and from a dread of the impending Disgrace which I have so obstinately brought upon myself I dare not again ask any Indulgence of the justly offended Army except One, which is that I may be permitted to resign my Commission will you be so kind Sir as to for=ward my Request to Head Quarters should I be

so

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so happy as to succeed, it will awaken in me the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude and I shall leave the Army impress'd with the highest Respect and Regard for it, tho' with a Consciousness of my own Unworthiness to remain in it.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) H. Sherer

Lieut. 1st. Batt.

7th Reg. N.I.—

Resolution of the Board to permit Lieutenant Sherer to resign the Service

Resolved accordingly that Lieutenant Sherer be permitted to resign the Service.—

Read the following letter from—

Admiral Pringle.—

The Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

From vice Admiral Pringle advising of the Suffolks Tender having been condemned on a survey held at Bar

In my Letter of the 25th of September last / of which I enclose a Triplicate / I acquainted you that

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that at the request of Mr. Pringle the East India Company's Agent I had caused the Suffolk Tender to be Surveyed and had reason to think it would be most Adviseable to dispose of her here, since then, on a further inspection She has been found totally unfit for Sea Service and impossible to be repaired at this place, Mr. Pringle has therefore sold her.—

Lieutenant Collier has taken his passage in the Ship Jane for Madras, the rest of the Crew (Seven excepted) are on board different Ships belonging to the East India Company bound to India.—

I have the honor to be

Fremendous in Table Bay Cape of Good Hope the 18th January 1798.— (Signed) Yr. Yr.

T. Pringle

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The Right Honourable Lord Hobart

Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a

Fort St. George.—

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 25th of April (by Lieutenant Collier in the Suffolk Tender, who arrived here the 6th of last Month,) enclosing an Extract of a letter from Tranquebar, containing Intelligence received there by a Vessel from the Mauritius, and requesting I would take such measures for the Protection of the homeward bound East India Fleet, as I might deem necessary.— I have now the honor to acquaint you, that the Convoy your Lordship mentions having sailed with Rear Admiral Rainier, arrived here separately between the 7th and 13th day of July, previous to which, having had information of Admiral Sercey, being on his way to the Mauritius, I judged it probable that he would endeavour to intercept the Convoy between this and Saint Helena, and had therefore before the arrival of the Suffolk Tender, given directions to Captain Edwards to take under his Command the Ships Named in the Margin, and to see the Convoy in Safety to that Island, and as a Considerable Reinforcement to the

Sceptre
Stately
Raisonable
Dortrecht
Jupiter
Sphynx —

Troops

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Tromp and Saldanha, originally destined to proceed with the homeward bound to England, I have added the Dorsetsh for the greater security of so valuable a Convoy.-

The Suffolk Tender which brought your Lordship's dispatches has suffered so much from bad weather on her passage that by the request of Mr. Pringle the Company's Agent I have had her surveyed and suspect it will be found most advisable to dispose of her here, since this Colony is devested of every Article necessary for her repairs, this step however will not be taken if possible to be avoided.-

Enclosed I transmit a list of the Ships which sailed from hence the 26th. of August under the Protection of the Ships of War.- I have the honour to be,

Tremendous in Simon's Bay
the 25th. September 1797.-

Do. Do.
(Signed) G. Pringle

" Geo. Harris

" Com. Saumarez

John Young Esq.

" Capt. Caldwell

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Diary

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 21-22-23.-

From the Commanding officer at Madura.

From Lieutenant Colonel Cram- advising of the extravagant price of Grain within the Fort of Madura occasioned by the conduct of the Renter and of the Steps he has taken to prevent serious embarrassment to the Troops by this measure.-

From the Commanding officer at Cuddalore.

From Lieutenant Colonel Vigors - enclosing Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple's explanation of his Conduct with respect to the Complaints lately preferred against him by the Nabob of having seized a piece of Ground to erect a Bungalo on &c. - &c.

From Major General Floyd.

From Major General Floyd - advising of his intention to furnish the Military Board with a Pattern Saddle and Bridle &c. agreeably to the Orders of Government.-

Despatched

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Despatched the undermen-
-tioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 24-25-26-
27-28-29-30.—

To the Command-
-ing officer at
Pondicherry.—

To Major General Brathwaite
—authorizing the reestablishment of the
Registry of mortgaged property, the appoint-
-ment of Mr Collin to conduct the Duties of
that office and of Mr. C. B. Blin to be Curator
des Biens vacans, vice Gaun promoted.—
permitting also a revision of Mr Menors Case
gainst Naiuda Dwan.—

To the Commanding
officer at Arnboor.

To Lieutenant Colonel Mac-
-pherson—informing him that his applica-
-tion for House Rent on the tent allowance
of his rank while his quarter is repairing
cannot be complied with.—

To the Commanding
officer at Nellore.

To Captain Forbes—desiring
him to detain the party he has lately taken
up until further orders.—

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To Major Gardiner

To Major Gardiner - enclosing Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors and calling upon him to pay to the Military Pay-master General, the Balance that was in the Hands of Major Hart on account of the old regiments on the 24th December 1792. -

To Major General Sydenham -

To the Military Auditor General.

- desiring that an advance of Pagodas 679 may be made to Lieutenant Cotgrave of Engineers, on account of works carrying on under his Superintendence at Amboor - and that Pagodas 1791. 3. 13 - may be paid to the Secretary to the Military Board on account of the Balance of Lascar Clothing for 1796 - referring for examination the Offreckoning Accounts for 1796.

To the Military Board -

To the Military Board. - desiring that all the Grain at Tiagar except ten garce may be sold off that the Grain Agents may each be called upon for Security to the Amount

of

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of 2000 Pagodas and that Lieutenant Cotgrave may be furnished with instructions for the completing the Barrack &c. at Arcot for the 25th Dragoons – advising them an advertisement will be published inviting proposals of Contract for the Lascar Clothing for 1797., and that the advances of Cash lately recommended by them have been ordered. –

To the Board of Revenue.

To the Board of Revenue – enclosing Copy of the Auditor General's Letter and enclosures relative to the Loss sustained by the Company in the exchange of the Coiloy Fanams in the Madura & Southern Districts – desiring them to submit their Sentiments on the Subject and to state the principle upon which the Conversion of the different Coins by the several Collectors is regulated in the accounts of their Department. –

Substance of a Letter to Bomrauze

Sent a Letter to Bomrauze entered in C. C. No. 73. commending his attention

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12th attention to the Company's affairs in apprehending the European Deserter. —

Sent also the following Letter to the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. —

To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant at
Hydrabad

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letters of 26th, 27th, and 30th ultimo with their enclosures. —

However inclined the Governor in Council is to meet the wishes of the Minister, it is impossible for him to release the Sepoys at Rampore while there is such a manifest indisposition on his part to comply with so reasonable an application as that upon the subject of the deserters; and this difficulty is increased by the repetition of the irregularity in the march of a party through the very heart of our dominions under the passport of a French officer who have been detained at

Nellore

To the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad the Board decline to release the party stopped at Rampore till the deserters shall be given up. papers respecting the detention of a party of people proceeding to Mr Ferglas enclosed, abolition on Inland Customs on private property noticed —

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Nellore — I inclose for your information, copy of Captain Forbes's letter. —

I am farther directed to acquaint you, that orders have been transmitted to Masulipatam for the abolition of the Customs lately levied by the Collector upon Articles of Supply. —

I am, &c. — — &c.

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11th April 1798. —

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Govern.t

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 31-32 33. —

From the Commanding officer at Madura —

From Lieutenant Colonel Cran requesting that Mr. Surgeon Miller may be permitted to draw the regulated allowance for his attendance on the five Companies of the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry in Garrison at Madura. —

From Lieutenant Edward Boardman of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry.

From Lieutenant Boardman requesting that Government will postpone their demand of Payment of the Money advanced

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advanced to him in England by the Court of Directors.—

From Major Doveton—en=
=closing two Letters from Tippoo Sultaun ad=
=dressed to the Governor General.—

From the Command=
ing officer at Rya=
=cottah

13th

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 34-35-36.—

To Major Doveton—enclosing a Letter from Sir Alured Clarke for Tippoo Sultaun—advising him of his having taken charge of the Supreme Government on Sir John Shore's embarkation for England.—

To the Commanding Officer at Rypaottah.

To the Board of Trade—desiring they will furnish the Customary Certificate of the landing of 492 Cases of Sheet Copper from the Earl Fitzwilliam.—

To the Board of Trade

To W. Barlow—enclosing the abovementioned Letters from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to the Governor General.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.

A.P.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor - President.

Friday 13th. April. — Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Having now received the answers of the Officers of Artillery to the circular letter sent to them on the 21st ultimo -

The Board proceed to take into Consideration the Subject of Major General Geils's Conduct.

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The Minutes of Council dated 21st March read. —

Read accordingly the Minutes of Council dated 21st ultimo. —

Read also the following letters.

To I. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Read Letters from the several officers of Artillery explanatory of the Circumstances and motives of Conduct which induced them to sign their joint address to Major General Geils. —

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 21st of March, calling upon me, by the desire

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desire of the Honorable the Governor in Council, for an explanation of the circumstances and motives of Conduct under which I was induced to sign an address to Major General Gells, from part of the Officers of Artillery. — The address alluded to was put into my hand at a period when my Feelings were wrought up to the highest pitch of acuteness for the situation I saw General Gells labour under - and the only motives by which my Conduct, on that occasion was influenced - to sign that paper, was with the impression that it might help to alleviate in some measure his distress — The sudden and abrupt manner in which it was presented to me for my signature, left me no time fully to weigh the contents of it, so deliberately as such a subject required — But upon mature reflection, finding I had been incautiously led into an error, - and as it did not accord with my

Sentiments

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Sentiments; I wrote to General Geils, request-
=ing to have my name withdrawn (a Copy
of Correspondence on that head, I have the
honor to enclose under cover with this) — and
I now beg leave to declare, that it has
given me the most paingent regret, to
think that I should in any shape whatever,
have given the smallest cause of offence to
Government, to whom I am both in duty,
and respect bound to pay every Deference.

Munsorpett
7th. April 1798.

I have the honor to be.
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Campbell
Captain 1st. Batt. Artillery

No. 1

To Major General Geils &c.

Sir,

I have respectfully to request
of you (and with due deference to those Officers,
who have signed an address to you) that my
Signature annexed to the rough Sketch may
be withdrawn, as upon mature reflection it

does

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does not at present accord with my sentiments - I was given to understand that the Intention of presenting such an address to you had been dropped, else I should have made this request sooner. - I have the honor to be,

with every consideration of respect and Esteem.

&c. &c. &c.

Mount
22d February 1798.-

(Signed) J. Campbell

No. 2

My Dear Campbell

I was surprised with the receipt of a Letter from you of this Date - Should I have occasion to make use of the Letter, to which your name is affixed, which I do not think at present is likely, I will accompany it with your present request, to satisfy you and to convince the World, that you are not at Liberty to make use of your own Gentlemany sentiments from the advice of your Friends. - &c. &c. &c.

22d February 1798. -

(Signed) Thomas Geils
Major

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To
Major General Geils &c.

Sir,

I was yesterday Evening honored with your Letter dated through Mis=take as this Day, in reply to mine of the 22d Instant. —

I have only still to request, that my Name may be expunged from the rough draught in Question, which solicitation prevents from a serious Reflection upon the Tenor of that rough draught, and not solely as you are pleased to express (as your opinion) from the advice of my Friends for in what=ever Light I may esteem their Counsel, my last Letter, admits not the Comments you were pleased to make upon it, and I therefore repeat that I will have no further Hand in the address, either as it was, when I first signed it, or new modelled, as it may now stand, and beg leave formally and une==quivocally to decline all further concern

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in it. —

Mount

23d. February 1798. —

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

(Signed) J. Campbell

To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir.

Letter from Captain J. Jordan —

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter under date the 21st. of March 1798, enclosing copy of a Letter addressed to Major General Gails from a part of the officers of Artillery to which my Signature appears to have been affixed. —

In reply thereto, I beg leave to state to you Sir, for the Information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that on or about the 18th. or 19th. of February last, the rough Sketch of a Letter on a quart Post Sheet of Paper, addressed to Major General Gails with the Signature of — several officers, was presented to me for my Signature. — On perusing the letter, I disapproved of it, altho' it had already

undergone

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undergone some alterations, and was erased and interlined — The part I chiefly objected to was —

"We humbly presume there may have been a misrepresentation of Facts, as also the latter part of the Letter, and I therefore returned it without signing it.—

Once or two Days after, the same Letter was brought to me a second time, with the addition of several Names to it, and having previously heard during the above Interval of time, that this Letter was not to be made public, and was only meant to satisfy Major General Geils's private feelings, and that any part disapproved by me should be ex=punged, under this assurance (having again urged my objections to the part above quoted) I at length affixed my Name to the rough Sketch then before me, where the matter apparently rested; However, after several Days had elapsed, a second

letter

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letter was brought to me, cleanly written on a Sheet of Fools Cap paper; with a few Names to it — this I positively refused to sign or even to read, but the person who brought it, said he would read it for me, and did so accordingly — I then observed — that the objectional part was not as yet ex=punged, but that whether it was or was not, I would not put my Name to any paper that was to be forwarded either to the Com=mander in Chief or to Government, and that I had signed the rough draught on the assurance that it was to go no further than Major General Gells to satisfy his own private feelings — after having thus declared my Intention, the Letter was sent back without my Signature, and I heard no more about it, until I was honored with your Letter on the 22d. Instant. —

I humbly conceive that my having refused to affix my Name to the fair Copy will be deemed sufficient to

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do away any seeming impropriety imputable to me, having subjoined my Name to the rough Sketch formerly presented me for that purpose, but in any view of the matter, I presume that under the above Circumstances, no other person had a right to put my Name to the paper sent into Government. and I must here declare, that it was done without my consent or Knowledge; for as I have already solemnly asserted, it was never my Intention to have affixed my Name to any Paper that could have given the Commander in Chief, or Government, the least Cause of displeasure.

I beg pardon Sir, for having entered into so Minute a Detail of Circumstance, but I have been obliged to do this, however reluctantly, in order to Justify myself in the Eyes of Government, by explaining as I hope I have satisfactorily done, the Motive of Conduct which induced me not to sign any paper intented to have been addressed to them or the Commander in

Chief

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Chief on the occasion alluded to in your letter

I have the honor to be,

&c.ª ..... &c.ª

St. Thomas's Mount
March 25th. 1798. —

(Signed) J. Jordan
Captain 2d. Batt.n Artillery

To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Letter from Captain Lieutenant John Sinclair.

Sir, I had yesterday the honor to receive your Letter of the 21st ultimo, with its enclosure, and calling upon me by desire of the Honorable the Governor in Council, for an explanation of the Circumstances, and motives of conduct under which I was induced to sign the address to Major General Gaills, from a part of the Officers of Artillery.

In reply thereto I beg you will state to the Honorable the Governor in Council. That on the morning of the 18th. February last, I was shown a letter addressed to Major General Gaills, and being at that instant impressed with the anguish he appeared to labour under, was the motive of,

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of conduct by which I was induced to sign that address. —

That I did so, without sufficiently considering the offence thereby given, to Government, I most sincerely regret. — The duty and respect I owe to Government I have ever been desirous to maintain, and in having inadvertently and unintentionally deviated from either, gives me the greatest concern. —

Allow me to say, the design is contrary to my sentiments and inclination

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

Camp at Munsepelly
7th. April 1798. —

(Signed) John Sinclair
Captain Lieutenant 5th Batn.
of Artillery

To Jos: Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Two Letters from
Captain R. Parker

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant, enclosing a Copy of an address to Major General

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General Geils from a part of the Officers of Artillery, and to which my Signature appears to have been affixed, and which your Letter acquaints me has been by him laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council: In reply I beg leave to state, that I did sign an address to Major General Geils myself, as well as several other Officers were induced to believe that Major General Geils wished the Officers to affix their Signatures to a Paper expressing our approbations of his Exertions for the suppression of the late Mutiny, solely for the satisfaction of his own private feelings; and that no other use whatever was to be made of it. The Copy forwarded to me is by no means the same as the Paper to which I affixed my Name, the following paragraph in particular I am confident was not in it. —

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"The Mutiny took place in
"your absence, and We deem it a Justice to
"declare that We believe, and did observe you,
"to have made use of every Exertion which it
"was your Duty to have made for the Pur=
"pose of enforcing the Authority and executing
"the trust confided in you to the utmost in
"your power, and in a masterly and offic=
="like manner, and such as We believe very
"few, and certainly no officer in this Canton=
="ment could have brought matters under
"all Circumstances of the Case to so favorable
"an Issue." —

I am an Englishman, I love my Country, and respect its Government, I consider it better calculated for the pro=
=tection of the Individual and his Property than any other in the known World, and altho' the Child of Misfortune almost from my Cradle, and frequently suffering under misrepresentation, have ever endeavoured

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as far as lay in my Power tho' an obscure In-
=dividual to give it every stability, and sup-
=port, My present situation, from being in
Arrest, and confined to the same Limits of
the Cantonment as the private Soldier, pre-
=vents my coming forward and speaking
for myself, but if Government will be
pleased to allow me to come before them,
and will demand from Major General
Geils the Identical Paper to which my
Name is affixed, I have not the smallest
doubt but that I shall be enabled to give
before them, a full, a true and a satis-
=factory explanation upon the Subject

I am, &c. &c.

R. Darke
Capt: Artillery

Mount
23d March 1798 —

(Signed)

To Jos: Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

When I addressed you on
the 23d Instant I had not been able to procure

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a Sight of the original Letter of which you sent me a Copy; and my mind has been in a State of the utmost distraction occasioned by reflections on my very unhappy situation so that I have fallen into an Error; as I have since seen the original Letter and find it verbatim with the Copy. what can I say Sir further than to beg you will have the goodness to offer my humble Apologies to Government for my Mistake and entreat their forgiveness with Per= =mission to withdraw my Letter, I throw myself on their Benevolence and hope they will extend it towards a Man, who has fought and bled in the Service of his = Country, but who from Wounds and = misfortunes is not altogether himself =.

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

(Signed) Richd. Darke
Captain Artillery

To

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To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have been honored by your letter of the 21st. March, desiring of me an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct, which induced me to sign the Letter, of which you have been pleased to send me a copy. To this I have to reply that the sentiments contained in the Letter were such as from a knowledge of circumstances my feelings fully authorized, and which added to my respect for General Goels as an Officer was the sole motive that led me to affix my signature to the address, which however I did not suppose was to have been laid before Government, and to whom I hope it has not appeared improper.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Noble
Lt.

Kistnagherry
29th. March 1798.

Letter from Lieutenant Fiers = worther Noble

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To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Letter from Lieutenant Farquhar Gellie.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Instant - calling on me, for an explanation of the circumstances, and motives of conduct, under which I was induced to sign the address to Major General Geils, of which you have been pleased to enclose me a copy.

In reply to which, I beg leave to inform you, that the only motive that induced me to sign the address, was the high sense I entertained of the propriety of General Geils's conduct during the Mutiny, being fully convinced that General Geils, did make use of his most active exertions, and utmost endeavours, to enforce subordinations on the Night of the 15th of January,

and

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and being convinced from my own personal knowledge that it was him, and him alone, that did finally quell the Mutiny on the Morning of the 16th., how could I then, in Justice to General Gells, and my own conscience refuse signing the address. — indeed I was much surprised, that all the other officers of the Corps, were not actuated by the same sentiments. —

I should be sorry however, if any of the expressions, contained in the letter, would be construed into disrespect to Government, than which nothing would have been further from my thoughts, they were such as my feelings dictated in regarding the character to whom they were addressed, and if inadvertently and unwittingly I may have given offence to Government, I entreat forgiveness. —

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

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26th March 1798. —

(Signed) James Gellie
D. F. 1/13. Artillery — To

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To Josias Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Letter from Lieutenant Peter Grant.

It is with extreme concern, I should be reduced to the necessity of replying on the subject contained in your Letter of the 21st Instant, as communicated to me, by direction of the Honorable the President in Council. — Having been urged to sign a Letter addressed to Major General Geils, which I understand he wished as a private satisfaction to his own feelings, and which I was acquainted at the time would never be made any further use of — Under this impression I was induced to sign it being actuated with an idea, that such a compliment to an Officer under whose Command I had been placed since the commencement of my service might not be deemed unbecoming in me and not through any idea of advancing an unthought upon

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opinion, on a subject of more importance, than I could be supposed to form a true judgement of. —

A day or two subsequent to my signing the letter above alluded to, another letter addressed to Major General Geils was brought me for my signature, differing from the former, which I did not agree too, being the same or nearly so (to the best of my recollection) as the Copy of that, you was pleased to forward me, the parts in which the letters differ I do not recollect, but whatever alterations may have been made, were without my knowledge or concurrence, which will appear on the original letter which I wished to sign being called for, as it was at that time without interlineation or erasement. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

Mount
23d. March 1798. —

(Signed) Peter Grant
Lieut. 2d. Batt. Artly

For

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To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Two Letters from Lieutenant James Hathway addressed to the Secretary to Government and the Commander in Chief.—

I have the honor to acknow=ledge the receipt of your Letter under date 21st March 1798, inclosing a copy of an address to Major General Geils from a part of the Officers of Artillery, to which my signature appears to have been affixed, in reply thereto. I beg leave to state to you, Sir, for the in=formation of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that a letter interlined through=out, but addressed to Major General Geils, with the signature of several Officers was presented for me to sign, and as I was assured from Major General Geils him=self that it would not be made use of to give offence to any one, and understanding it was only to satisfy his own private feelings, I affixed my name to it, but

could

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could not have had the most distant idea
that it ever would have appeared in public
either before his Excellency the Commander
in Chief or Government, to whom I owe
both duty and respect.—

I have the honor to be,

Mount
March 24th - 1798.—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) James Hathaway
2d. Bde. Artillery.

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

Sir. As an officer whose highest
ambition is to merit the approbation of his
Superiors I cannot in the present instant,
but be particularly anxious to do away any
unfavorable impressions that your Excel-
=lency may have found of my conduct in
having subjoined my signature to the ad-
=dress lately forwarded to Major General
Goels by a part of the officers of Artillery.

And

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And as I conceive that I am possessed of the power to effect this in a most satisfactory manner I must here beg leave to state to you as Commander in Chief in addition to what I had the honor of laying before the Honorable the Governor in Council in answer to their letter. On this subject under date 21st March 1798; that Major General Gails informed me that he had shewn it to your Excellency to know if you thought there was any thing in it that was improper or disrespectful, and that you had declared to him that there was not in the smallest degree. —

Such assurance from an Authority so respectable most certainly influenced me to the Step I had taken, and this circumstance as well as the assurance as stated in my letter to Government, a copy of which I have the honor of enclosing will I trust justify my conduct on an

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occasion so important to my expectations in every respect as the present one. —

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest respect.
&c.ª — &c.ª

Mount
March 26th 1798. —

(Signed) J. Hathway
Lieut. 2d. Battalion Artillery

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieutenant Farrington to C. W. Craigie

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter under date the 21st Instant, requiring of me an explanation of the circumstances, and motive of conduct under which I was induced to sign the letter, of which you have been pleased to send me a copy. — In reply thereto I beg leave to assure you, Sir, that my only motive for affixing my signature to the rough Copy of a Letter addressed to Major General Gaïls, was solely with a view of gratifying

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the private Feelings of that Officer - nor had I the remotest Idea that it would have ever appeared before the Honorable the Governor in Council to whom I owe both duty and respect - -

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

Mount
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(Signed) C. W. Craugh
Lieut. F.W. 2d. Batt. Artillery

To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieutenant Farmer to C. W. Kingsley.

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you in answer to your Letter of the 21st. Instant, that the only motive I had in signing an address to Major General Goels was merely to satisfy his own private Feelings being given to understand it was not to become publick much less should I have supposed that unauthorized he would have laid it before the Honora-ble the Governor in Council to whom

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with the greatest duty and respect.—

I am, &c.a &c.a

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26th March 1798.— (Signed) W. C. Kingsley
Lt. F. W. 2d Batt. of Artillery

To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir, I had the honor to receive your
Letter of date 21st March 1798; along with the
Copy of an address to Major General Gails
from a part of the Officers of the Corps of Ar=
=tillery, in answer to which, I take the liberty
to state to you for the information of the
Honorable the Governor in Council; that a
letter erased, blotted and outlined was pre=
=sented for me to sign; and I was assured,
that it would never be made use of; and
that it was to satisfy Major General Gails's
own private feelings and rest with him alone
wherefore I was induced to put my name to
it, but could not have had the most remote
idea

Letter from Lieutenant A. Limond.

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idea that it ever would appear in public either before his Excellency the Commander in Chief or Government to whom I owe both duty and respect, and if I had known the full extent of its meaning then as I do at present I should never have put my name to such a Letter--

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

Mount
March 26th. 1798.

(Signed) Alexr. Limond
Lieut. 2d. Batt. 4th. Regt. N.I.

To J. Webbe Esqre.
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieutenant Rufell.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 21st. March, requiring of me an explanation, of the circumstances and motives of conduct, under which I was induced to sign the Address of which you have been pleased to send me a Copy, I beg leave to say, the only motives by which my Conduct was governed, was the high respect I had for Major General

Gells

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Geils, as an Officer, and it was with an Idea of satisfying his own Feelings, conceiving it would rest with him alone, the Letter I saw, was erased and outlined, nor did I see any other, I was assured it would never be made use of, nor did I conceive, unauthorised, it would appear in public, or before the Governor in Council, to whom I owe all duty, and respect.

I have the honor to be,

Mount
29th March 1798.

do. ---- do.

(Signed) J. Rufsell
Lieut. 2d Batt. Artillery

To Mr. Josiah Webbe
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieutenant Fireworker R. Taylor.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, dated the 21st March 1798, mentioning, that Major General Geils has laid before the Honble the

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The Governor in Council, an address to him from a part of the Officers of Artillery, to which, my signature has been affixed. —

The Paper was brought to me and without ever consulting the tenor of it precipitately affixed my Name, and being a young Officer in the Corps, and likewise being ignorant of what had happened till the day after being ill in Bed at the time, besides seeing the names of several Officers of long standing in the Corps, induced me to annex mine, thinking, that what they did, would be proper. I am sorry for what I have done, and hope the Honorable the Governor in Council will be good enough to look over it. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c &c

Camp at Nellore
March 31st — 1798.

(Signed) R. Taylor
Lieutenant F.W. 1st Batt. Artly.

To

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To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Letter from Lieutenant Farmorther J. D. Brown —

I had yesterday the honor to receive your Letter of the 21st March, requiring of me an explanation of the circumstances and motives of conduct under which I was induced to sign the letter of which you have been pleased to send a copy. — I beg leave to say, that the only motive by which my conduct on that occasion was governed, was directed to quit at the time as far as lay in my power the anguish which Major General Gails appeared to labour under. — That I did so without sufficiently adverting to the offence thereby given to Government I must ever lament. To Government I owe both duty and respect

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respect and that unadvertantly and igno-
=rantly I should have deviated from either
gives me unfeigned concern, and permit
me to add the design is repugnant to my
sentiments and disposition. —

Camps at Monsurpettah
7th April 1798. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. —— &c.
(Signed) I. Dennistown Brown
Lt. F. W. Artillery

To I. Webbe Esqre.
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieute-
=nant Farnworth
A. Weldon —

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your
Letter dated the 21st. March, calling upon me
for an explanation of the Circumstances and
motives of Conduct, which induced me to
sign the paper addressed to Major General
Geils. — I beg leave in reply thereto to say,
that at the moment the Letter was brought
to me to obtain my Signature to it, I ne-
=glected to consider, of the Impropriety of af-
=fixing my Name To such a paper, and the

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offence I have given to Government, I feel with the utmost regret, as it was very foreign from my intention to incur the displeasure of Government in any shape whatever. —

I have the honor to be,
&c.ª ----- &c.ª
A. Willdon
Lieutenant Fierv.r

Camps at Monsepet'd
April 7th. 1798. —

To J. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Letter from Lieutenant Blair-

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your's of the 21st. of March, re= =questing of me an explanation of the circum= =stances and motives of conduct, under w.h which I was induced to sign the address, of which you have been pleased to send me a copy. I beg leave to say Sir, my high respect for General Geils, and as in my humble opinion he had acted with pro= =priety according to Circumstances, and the best of his Judgement, induced me to sign

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the address which you have been pleased to inclose me, If However the expres=sions contained in the address have given offence to Government, I hope they will forgive it as it was the furthest thing from my inclination, or intention, nor did I ever imagine they would have appeared before them. —

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

Mount
9th April 1798. —

(Signed) P. George Blair
Lieut. 1st Batt. Artillery

Read the following Letters from Major General Geils. —

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Read Letter from Major General Geils requesting leave to resign his appointment as Major General on the Staff - and enclosing ap=plications from his Sons, Lieutenants Thomas and Andrew Geils for leave to resign the Company's Service. —

Honble Sir,

Having tried every means, within the compass of my ability, to do my=self justice, by attempting to do away the Censure on my Conduct, regarding the late unfortunate Meeting at the Mount; short of

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of demanding a General Court Martial, the fatigue and anxiety of-which, I have already suggested to you Sir, both verbally and in writing, neither my health nor frame of mind would enable me at this time to support - I have therefore to request you will be pleased to accept, of my resignation, of the appointment, which you Sir, honoured me with, as Major General upon the Staff. -

I have further to solicit your attention, and favorable acceptance, of the Two accompanying addresses, from the Commissary of Stores, at the Mount, and Major of Brigade to the Artillery Corps, to resign the Service of the Honorable Company. -

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

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25th. March 1798. -

(Signed) Thomas Geils
To

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To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President Governor in Council,
&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir, Fort St. George

Permit me to request, you will do me the favor to accept of the Re=
=signation, of my appointment as Com=
=missary of Stores at the Mount, and of my Commission as Lieutenant of Artillery on the Honorable Company's Service. —

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March 25th. 1798. —

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

(Signed) A. Geils Lieutenant
Artillery

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

Permit me to request you will do me the favor to accept of my Re=
=signation of my Commission and appoint=
=ment as Major of Brigade of Artillery —
and

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and of my Commission as Lieutenant of Artillery in the Honorable Company's Service

I have the honor to be,

Mount
25th March 1798. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho. Geils
Major Brigade Artillery

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Hon'ble Sir,

From Major General Geils — stating that he cannot find the original Letter addressed to him by the Officers of Artillery — and enclosing a notarial Copy of it. —

In consequence of Mr. —'s Secretary Webbe's Letter desiring the original Letter addressed to me by the Officers of Artillery, might be forwarded to Government, and as I cannot immediately lay my hands on the original Letter, I have the honor to transmit an attested Copy thereof and which I pledge my honor to its being perfectly correct, and an exact counterpart of the one I had the honor some time ago of submitting to you, when I mentioned to you, Sir, the circumstance of Captain Campbell and Lieutenant Grant wishing

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wishing to withdraw their names. —

Government will please to notice, that those parts written in red Ink, are what had been altered and the inter=lineation in common Ink was substituted in its room. — This alteration was made to accommodate the Letter to Lieutenant Colonel Saxon's Ideas of what would be more respectful to Government, but after all and after in this manner disfiguring the address, he declined signing it, — although he declared in presence of several Gentlemen that it perfectly accorded with his sentiments. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. . . . &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

St. Thomas's Mount
3d April 1798. —

To Major General Geils

&c. . . . &c.

Sir,

We the undersigned officers of

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of the Corps under your Command, take the earliest opportunity of expressing to you our extreme concern at the hasty Censure passed upon your Conduct by Government on oc-casion of the late unfortunate Mutiny among the Men of this Cantonment, and as we were generally Eye witnesses thereto, and cannot will be mistaken in what-passed before us. — We humbly presume Government must have been formed those sentiments on a mis information or mis-conception of Facts as there appeared to us of your Conduct we humbly apprehend on that occasion that could have merited the slightest Censure. —

The Mutiny took place in your absence and we deem it a justice to declare, that we believe and did observe you to have made use of every Exertion, which it was your duty to have made for

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the purpose of enforcing Authority and executing the trust confided in you to the utmost of your power and in a masterly and officer like manner, and such as we believe very few and certainly no officer in this Cantonment could have brought matters under all the circumstances of the case to so favourable an issue. —

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

St. Thomas's Mount
18th February 1798. —

(Signed) J. Dennistone Browne
John Sinclair
Thomas Cookesley
J. Campbell
Peter Grant
P. G. Blair
J. Noble
T. Geils
A. Geils

J.

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J. Hathway
Lieutenant 2d Battalion
C. W. Cragu
Lieut. F. W. 2d B. Artillery
Richd. Darke
Captain Artillery
Wm. Kingsley
Lieutenant F. W.
A. Wildon Lt. F. W.
I. Jordan Captain
2d Battalion Artillery
I. Russell.
Alex. Limond
Acting Lt. F. W.
Robt. Taylor
James Gellie
Lieutenant F. W.

I James Stuart Hall Notary Public duly admitted and sworn dwelling, and practising in Fort St. George do certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing paper with the original and do find the same to be a true Copy thereof the passages marked with

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red ink being struck out in the original document. In Faith and Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my Office in Fort St. George aforesaid this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. —

(Signed) J.r Stuart Hall
Not: Pub.

Read also the following letter from the Supreme Government. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris
Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

From Bengal- recommending that Major Genl Gaills be removed from the Staff commanding the Coast of Coromandel, the Commandant of Captain Tanner, and Lieutenants Charlton, Hathway and Fowler, and requesting to be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Officers. —

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Honble Sir,

We have had the honour to receive your Letters of the 17th. January and 24th. ultimo, respecting the late Meeting of the Artillery at the Mount, and the Resolutions which you have in consequence judged it advisable to adopt respecting the

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Pay of the European Troops on your Establish-
=ment.- ¬ These Resolutions with
your Suggestion for equalizing the allow=
=ances of the European Corps at the two
Presidencies, are under our Consideration,
and we shall as soon as possible furnish
you with our Sentiments on the Subject--

With respect to Major
General Geils, the very inadequate measures
adopted by him for the suppression of the
Mutiny, added to his improper Concessions
to the Mutineers and particularly his promise
to them of unconditional pardon, without
making any previous reference to the Com=
=mander in Chief, whose orders on the
Subject he might have so readily obtained,
not only merit the Censure which you
have passed on him, but render it in=
=cumbent on us to recommend that he
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be removed from the Staff of your Establish-
=ment. —

The indignation expressed by His Majesty's Regiments at the report of their being concerned with the Mutineers, reflects the highest honour on them, and the very spirited conduct of Captain Turner and Lieutenants Charlton, Hathway and Fowler, equally merit the Sentiments of approbation with which you have noticed it. —

Being desirous of having the Proceedings at large of the Board of Officers, we request you will order a copy of them to be transmitted to us. —

Fort William
the 13th. March 1798. —

We have the Honor to be.
&c. ------ &c.

(Signed) P. Speke
Wm Cowper

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The President delivers in the following minute

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute in Council 13th. April 1798. –

The foregoing letters can leave no doubt that the officers who signed the address to Major General Geils, did not do so upon any deliberate consideration of the case, and that the address itself does not contain their genuine sentiments. By all the letters it appears that the address itself was meditated by some that the officers signing were desirous, upon maturer reflection, of withdrawing their signature, By others that the officers were not acquainted with the facts to which the address alludes, and by all that the address was intended as a gratification of Major General Geils's private feelings, –

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Lieutenant General Harris's Minute – takes a review of Major General Gells's conduct, particularly as connected with the address presented to him by the officers of Artillery – points out the Motives which induce him to avoid bringing him to trial before a general Court Martial – and recommends that he be removed from the Staff of the Army and suspended the Service till the pleasure of the Court of Directors be known – opinion and Suggestions relative to the Conduct of Captains Campbell, Jordan, Darke and Sinclair – and Lieutenants Trevorrhow.

Gellie

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Gellie and Noble. - Submits the draft of a General Order to be published on the occasion, and lays before the Board a very improper Letter addressed to him in his Capacity of Commander in Chief by Major General Gells. -

under an expression that it was not to be publicly brought forward. -

That the younger part of the corps should have been deluded into this inconsiderate step is more a cause of regret than displeasure their youth and inexperience, their want of knowledge, with the example and persuasion of their Seniors, exculpate them, in my opinion. From the consequences of intentional offence, Such of them therefore, as have expressed their concern for this imprudence I consider to have offered sufficient atonement; and in regard to Lieutenants Fireworkers Gellie, and Noble who persist in the sentiments of the address, I propose, that it be recommended to the Court of Directors that they be passed over in their promotion until Government may be satisfied that they have imbibed ideas of order

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and subordination different from those by which they have been induced to sign an address in opposition to an order of Govern=ment. — Though the Senior part of the corps can have no claim upon a similar indulgence; and though I think they have fully incurred the censure which I shall propose in the following draft of a general order, yet I think, under the explanations which they have offered that it is unnecessary for the Board to pursue their resentment to farther length. — Captain Campbell appears to have been soon sensible of his impru=dence, and to have taken the only means left him for escaping the consequences. Captain Jordan and Captain Lieutenant Sinclair have not indeed the same justification; but I trust the Board will think their explanations sufficient to acquit them of premeditated disrespect and insubordina=tion

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insubordination. —

Under other circumstances, I should have felt it incumbent upon me to animadvert as a different manner upon the conduct of Captain Darke but as he has been permitted to retire upon the non effective list I could wish that his former services and wounds may be allowed to spread an oblivion over his present irre= =gularity and inconsistency. —

In regard to Lieutenants Thomas and Andrew Geils and the other relations of Major General Geils; as the Board were induced, by considerations of this connexion, to refrain from calling upon them for an explanation of their conduct, similar motives of indulgence will, I have no doubt prevail on them to pass the subject without farther comment. But not= =withstanding this lenity I consider it incumbent on me to recommend that

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the resignation of Lieutenants Thomas and Andrew Geils be accepted. —

It now remains for me to consider the conduct of Major General Geils himself; and I confess that the subject is not without considerable difficulty. The result of the enquiry, which was ins= =tituted into the mutiny at the mouth has satisfied the Board that Major General Geils did not make those exertions which it was his duty to have done for the sup= =prefsion of it, and, upon the same ground, the Supreme Government have recom= =mended that he should be removed from the Staff of the Army at this Presidency. — In his endeavours to justify his conduct from the Censures, which were, in con= =sequence, past upon it he has abandoned those restraints, which a proper sense of his situation under this government, and

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of his duty, as an officer, ought to have im-
=posed upon him. — In my Minute of the
23d. ultimo I have shewn satisfactorily to
the Board that the facts and arguments
assumed by General Geils do not, even if
admitted in their fullest extent, amount to
a justification of his conduct, and that by
receiving and transmitting to the President
in Council an address so nearly analagous
to Military insubordination he had called
forth the most severe animadversion of
government. —

The foregoing letters shew
the manner in which that address was
circulated and signed; and the extraor-
=dinary assertion of General Geils that
he is unable to produce the original of so
material a paper within a few days of
his giving a notorial copy of it, for the
authenticity of which he vouches upon his
honor, is the best proof, that the original

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ought not to be produced: These papers and this
assertion to which I beg the Board's particular
attention afford perhaps a better solution than
the State of General Geils's health why his ex-
ertions to do himself justice have been con-
fined to "every thing short of demanding a court
martial". — Before such a tribunal I can
have no doubt that General Geils would meet
his deserts; and, if his conduct had been con-
fined to a mere matter of military offence, I
should refer him to that decision, confident that
the countenance which he has given to an ad-
dress, so nearly related to positive mutiny —
would produce the sentence which it merits;
But the extent of General Geils's conduct ap-
pears to me to require the active interposition
of the Government itself. —

Called to a situation of the
greatest trust under their authority, and standing
consequently in a situation of near relation to
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the government itself, he ought to have afforded it a support beyond the scope of military duty and general subordination; but, having failed in the immediate execution of his public duty, and impatient of the censure which that failure produced, he not only opposes himself to the authority by which it was pronounced, but boldly taxes the Government with becoming a party to a cabal for his ruin. Instead of inculcating the duties of obedience, subordination and respect for the authority of Government, in the officers of the Army, and particularly in those under his immediate Command, he has encouraged and solicited the circulation of opinions subversive of order, and contradicting to the deliberate resolutions of the Board, announced in public orders, not for the commentary, but for the observance of the Army - these opinions, in the form of an address, General Gaits received from a body of officers

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the greatest part of whom are Men Boys acting under warm feelings and delusive example and transmits to the President in Council as a jus= =tification of his conduct. —

At a time when pernicious injurious to all constituted authority, it is wisdom not to commit the Government to a struggle with individuals; even if successfull it brings too much into discussion the sources of power: but unsuccessfull it shakes to their very foundations, opinion and authority. This disposition has, I am sorry to say, been too clearly evinced in the late acquittal of Lieute= =nant Colonel Oliver; and I am decidedly of opinion adverse to a second conjecture — In both cases the facts are sufficiently clear to my con= =viction, and ought not to have been sacrificed to fallacious constructions, nor exposed to a casuistry, dangerous to the exercise of our authority. Deeming it therefore of the last importance to the State that the conduct of Major General Gods

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Geils should not by any chance, escape public punishment, and having the immediate means in our hands of exercising it, in strict conformity with justice, as well as policy, I purpose that Major General Geils be removed from the Staff and suspended from the Company's Service until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known.

The trial by a court martial, which I propose to avoid, would be the more exceptionable, because the Government is already pledged upon a material part of General Geils's conduct in the resolutions which have been published; and I cannot too seriously object against the evil of bringing the deliberate decisions of authority into discussion before a part of its subordinate officers. The Board will observe a further objection in some of the foregoing letters; for General Geils is stated to have used my name as approving

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the address; and I need not point out the embarrass=
=ment of being called upon, in my situation, to
give evidence, upon such a point, in such a trial.—

In regard to the assertion itself,—
if it was only to appear before my colleagues, I should
leave it without observation, But for the satisfaction
of my Superiors I think it necessary to deny the fact,
in the most solemn manner, and so far from
having signified any approbation, I am ready to
make oath, that I reprobated the idea in such pointed
terms, when General Geils mentioned the subject,
as induced me to hope that I should hear no more
of the address.—

Although I am persuaded that
neither the Board nor the Court of Directors will
require farther particulars to be satisfied that
I have brought forward the conduct of Major
General Geils, under the necessity imposed upon me
by that Officer, and under motives of duty purely
public, I yet think it of importance that, in
considering this question, they should be fully
satisfied

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satisfied of the perverse Spirit of insubordination opposition and disrespect to authority which pervades his mind; and I am therefore induced to lay before them the following letter from him to me, as Commander in Chief.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

Had Lieutenant Colonel Saxon, in his despatch to Head Quarters, had candour enough to have stated, which it was altogether in his power to have done, that Sergeant Comas was Park Sergeant at the Mount, and otherwise employed as a Master Carpenter under me, altering the six and three pounder Guns for the Cavalry, it possibly might not have been necessary, to have marked the Commander in Chiefs displeasure of my retaining Sergeant Comas, as he then would have known that nothing but a special Order, could remove him from the

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I trust he will see the propriety, of submitting this correspondence to the Commander in Chief in India, or taking such other steps, as he may think proper, on the occasion. —

I have the honor to &c.

&c. — — — — &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

St. Thomas's Mount
19th. March 1798. —

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13th April 1798. —

G. O. By Government

General Order notifying the removal of Major General Geils from the Staff and his suspension from the Service and the sentiments and resolutions of Government on the Conduct of Captains Campbell, Jordan and Lake Captain Lieutenant — John Sinclair — Lieutenants Rathway, Russell and Grant, and Lieutenant Farrenworthers Gelli and Noble —

Lieutenants T. and A. Geils permitted to resign the Service —

The Honorable the Governor in Council need not assure the Army of the reluctance, which he will always feel when the duties of his Station compel him to exercise the authority of Government in punishing an Officer, but it is at the same time of importance to announce that no rank, however exalted, no pretensions however splended, can shelter an individual from the just indignation of injured authority. —

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The Governor in Council has already published his resolution that Major General Geils did not make those exertions which it was his duty to have made for the suppression of the Mutiny at St. Thomas's Mount; and he is now concerned to add that that Officer has been so little restrained by a sense of his duty, or of respect for the authority under which he acted, as to receive, countenance, and transmit to Government copy of a malicious address from a part of the Officers of Artillery contradicting those resolutions, and justifying him Major General Geils from the censure deliberately passed upon his conduct in the General Orders of the 16th February last.

So flagrant a perversion of his immediate duty as Commandant of Artillery, and so manifest a disregard of the relation in which he stands to the Government itself, as an Officer

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Officer of the Staff, has not failed to call down upon Major General Geils the heaviest animad- =version of the Governor in Council and Major General Geils is therefore hereby removed from the Staff of the Army and suspended from the Company's Service until the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known. —

The Governor in Council has observed with much concern the facility, with which the officers above alluded to, have suf- =fered themselves to be precipitated into a measure so subversive in its principle of Order and subordination. — In consideration however of the youth and inexperience of the greatest part of them, of the force of persuasion and example, and of the contrition which they have generaly expressed for their imprudence, the Governor in Council passes it over without further notice. —

Captains

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Captains Campbell, Jordan,
and Parke, Captain Lieutenant Sinclair, and
Lieutenants Grant, Hathway and Russel have
not the same excuse; and though the Governor in
Council has been so far satisfied with the ex=
=planations, which they have given (and o=
Captain Campbell in particular) of the circum=
=stances and motives by which they were in=
=duced to sign the address, as to refrain from
any rigorous measures against them, he yet
thinks it necessary to publish this disapprobation
of their conduct, and to warn those Officers that
he expects more prudence and circumspection in
matters so essential as respect and obedience to the
authority of Government.

As Lieutenants Fireworkers
Noble and Gellie have not availed themselves
of the indulgence and opportunity offered them
of repenting their inconsiderate rashness, the
Governor in Council in order to impress it more

fully

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fully upon their minds will recommend to the Court of Directors that they be passed over in their pro-=motion until Government may be satisfied that they have imbibed ideas of order and subordination different from those, by which they have been in-=duced to sign an address in opposition to an order of Government. —

Lieutenants Thomas and Andrew Geils permitted to resign the Honorable Com-=pany's Service at their own request. —

By Order &c.

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject

The Board concur entirely in the Sentiments of the President; and it is accord-=ingly resolved that Major General Geils be removed from the Staff of this Army and sus-=pended from the Company's Service until the pleasure of the Honorable the Court of Directors shall be known. —

Resolved

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Resolved that the resignation of Lieutenants Thomas and Andrew Geils be accepted.-

Ordered that the draft of the general Order proposed by the President be immediately published.-

Ordered that the proceedings of this day with extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 21st Ultimo be transmitted to the Governor General in Council.-

Copies of the Proceedings on the foregoing subject ordered to be transmitted to Bengal.-

Read the following letter from Major General Geils.-

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir.

From Major General Geils - requesting permission to withdraw his application for leave to resign his Staff appointment - encloses an address which he requests may be forwarded conditionally either to the Supreme Government or to the Commander in Chief in India.-

I have the honor to entreat you will be pleased to lay the accompanying Packet before His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India, with such further Reports as may have presented themselves subsequently to your notice on the unfortunate subject in question for which I shall esteem myself extremely obliged,

and

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and having now come to the resolution of submit=
=ting my self and cause to His Excellency Lieutenant
General Sir Alured Clarke the Commander in
Chief in India, and eventually from his decision
to that of a General Court Martial; I have to intreat
I may be permitted to withdraw the request con=
=tained in my Letter of the 25th ultimo, of resigning
my appointment as a General officer on the Staff
until His Excellency's pleasure shall be known.

I have presumed to address you in
Council and the Commander in Chief in India, in
the same manner, with a view of its coming fully
before my Honorable Employers, from their Records
of Council. If I should not be perfectly correct
in this mode of address, I beg you to receive it as
Commander in Chief only, and direct it in like man=
=ner to the Commander in Chief in India.

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

St. Thomas's Mount
12th April 1798.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the Board do not think it necessary to make the reference which General Geils requests to the Supreme Government.

" Geo. Harris

" Edn Saunders

" Ed Tolfield

John Turing Esq

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Diary

Received the following Letter from Captain Mealy Commanding at Chanderniagerry.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to the Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Chanderniagherry contradicting the report circulated in the public Prints of a considerable quantity of Treasure having been found by him within the Fort of Chandernagherry.

Having to my utter astonishment just seen a Paragraph in the Madras Courier of the 6th Instant confidently announcing to the Public "That treasure to the Amount of a Lack of Pagodas and likewise Jewels to a considerable value had been found in Chandernagherry" - I think it a duty incumbent upon me, to state to you for the information of the Honble Governor and Council, that the paragraph in question is absolutely and totally false, for I declare upon my Solemn Word of honor, that from the time I first assumed

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Assumed the Command at this Station, to this present Moment, neither Money or treasure of any description whatever, has been ever found by me to the Amount of a Fanam value, nor by any other person to my knowledge and firm belief. — I have taken some pains tho' without success to discover any circumstance that possibly could have given rise to the Story. — The Nabob's Manager & people here profess themselves as much at a loss to account for it as myself. — Private Letters had indeed informed me that such a report was in general circulation at Madras, but I judged it of too idle and improbable a Nature to gain belief — or warrant my introducing myself upon Government with my formal contradiction of it — but which I trust I do not err, in now doing. — I have the honor to be

Chundernagherry
9th April 1798. —

&c. &c.
(Signed) R. Mealy
Captain
Sent

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Sent the following Letters.—

To Major General Geils

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12.th Instant and to inform you that he does not deem it necessary to make the reference which you request to the Supreme Government: your Address to the Governor General in Council with its inclosures is therefore herewith returned to you by order of the Governor in Council.— I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signd) T. Webbe
Sec.y to Govern.t

To Major General Geils—his address to the Governor General in Council returned to him; Governor not deeming the reference necessary—

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To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the troops on Ceylon
at Columbo

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter—

To Brigadier General De Meuron—the Business of the Swanenaa Amelia to be brought to a conclusion without

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Letters dated 22d. 29th & 31st Ultimo.

Having furnished you already with his ultimate Orders in regard to the Susanna Amelia the Governor in Council has only to repeat his desire that this affair may be brought to a conclusion without farther delay.

The Governor in Council authorizes you to direct the repairs, which you have recommended to be executed at Matura Negumbo and Columbo; and desires that you will issue the necessary orders.

The Governor in Council can have no objection to Colonel Hugel and his Son proceeding to the Cape of Good Hope; but as the Orders of this Government do not extend to that place, it is impossible to give him any assurance of the continuance of the Company's allowances, which must, in all events, cease, according to the terms of the Capitulation should he proceed to Europe.

In consideration of the Colonels' Situation, the

without delay - such repairs as he may deem advisable at Matura Negumbo & Columbo to be executed. - leave granted to Colonel Hugel & Son to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope - remark respecting their subsistence in that event.

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13th the President in Council Authorizes you to make him an Advance of three Months Subsistence should he avail himself of the leave granted him to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope.

I have the honor to be

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&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govern.t

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To the Hble Sir Alured Clarke K.B.
Governor General in Council
Fort William

Honorable Sir

We have had the honor to receive

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To Bengal - forwarding Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Officers and of the subsequent Proceedings of Govern.t relative to Major General Gall's removal from the Staff and suspension from the Company's Service.

your letter of the 13th Ultimo and, in compliance with your desire now forward Copy of the proceedings of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the causes of the late Mutiny at St. Thomas's Mount.

2

We need not assure you that we should have readily complied with your recommendation for

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For removing Major General Geils from the Staff of this Army; but the Conduct of that Officer had, previous to the receipt of your letter, made it indispensable for Us to go into a more serious consideration of his behaviour and the result has been a resolution for removing him from the Staff, and suspending him from the Company's Service untill the pleasure of the Honorable the Court of Directors shall be known. ~

The indosed extracts of our proceedings will shew the progress which has led to this unpleasant but unavoidable assertion of our authority. ~

We have the Honor to be

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&c &c &c ~

(Signed) George Harris ~
&c Council

List of Papers enclosed in a letter to Bengal
Dated 14th April 1798. ~

	Dates
No. 1. — Letter of this Date	
2. — Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Officers appointed to enquire into the causes of the late Mutiny at St. Thomas's Mount. ~	
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3.— Extract from the Minutes of Consultation ... 27th February 98

4.— Ditto ..... Ditto ..... Do. .... 21st March 1798.

5.— Copy of a Letter to Major General Gils ... 30th March 1798.

6.— Extract from the Minutes of Consultation .... 13th April 1798.

Received the undermentioned Letters.—

entered in M. B. Nos. 37.— 38.— 39.—

From Major General Floyd.—

From Major General Floyd.— Stating that the Travancore Detachment at Palamcotah being joined by the part of that Corps from Madura have encamped at a short distance from the former Place where they await only the Rajahs Orders to proceed on their March.—

From the Military Paymaster General.—

From Mr. Roebuck.— enclosing an estimate of Cash required to pay the Troops at Trincomale.—

From the Administrator to the late Captain Joshua Smith.—

From Mr. I. Polack.— requesting that the Interest due to the 14th Instant on Money deposited in the Treasury by the Nabob on account of the Orphan Children of the late Captain Joshua Smith may be discharged.—

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Remark thereon.— The Interest due paid from the Treasury by order of the Board.—

15th

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.— Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C. C. No. 74— advising of his having completed the— Payment of his April Kist.—

16th

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 40, 41.—

From the Commanding Officer at Poondamalee.— From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell— advising of the Death of one of the Soldiers occasioned as he states by his having drank an immediate quantity of pariar Arrack.—

From the Commanding Officer in the Ganjam District.— From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton— Requesting that the Auditor may be authorised to pass a Charge in the Paymaster's Accounts for Pariar Dogs Killed, in consequence of a proclamation promising the customary reward.—

Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore.— Sent Letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C. C. No. 75, informing him that as his Agent Vesevenaud Eyer has not been accredited as his Vackeel,

and

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16th and as his Confinement is sanctioned by the regular process of the Law the Board cannot interfere in his Behalf.—

Sent a Letter to Mr. Torin, entered in M.P. No. 42 enclosing the abovementioned Letter for the Rajah and a Copy for his Information.—

To the Resident at Tanjore.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor President

Tuesday 17th April.— Edward Saunders and Ernst William Tallofield Esquires

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.— Read the following letters.—

Josiah Webbe Esqre Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable the President in Council,—

Extract

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad, reporting a prospect of prevailing on the Minister to remove

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remove the French party from Kummum & to place the whole districts under the Management of a Native Talookdar—

Extract from my Address of the 5th Instant, to the Honble the Governor General, and Copy of the Inclosure therein referred to, and am.—

Hydrabad
7th April 1798.—

&c.a &c.a
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad, to the Honorable the Governor General— dated the 5th April 1798.—

"1st I have the honor to enclose for your Notice, Translate of a Conversation which took place yesterday between the Resident's Moonshee and Meer Allum.— Used as I am however to vague assurances from the Minister, I am far from relying implicitly upon the actual Performance of his present one with respect to Khummum the wresting of which, from the hands of Raymond, was an object that long engaged the attention of my absent Principal, though Circumstances did not ever I believe admit of his employing any active endeavors for its accomplishment. The

Moonshee's

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Moonshee's Replies to the Minister's two Stipulations, — Communicated to him by Meer Allum, are, I trust, — sufficiently guarded to entitle them to your approbation."—

a true Extract

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Translate of Report of a Conversation between — Moonshee Azeez Oollah, and Meer Allum, during a visit to the latter on the 4th. April 1798. —

After the usual friendly enquiries, and some conversation on indifferent topics, Meer Allum — began by informing me, that he had reported to the Minister the substance of what passed at his (M. A.) late visit to you (Captain K.) omitting however, such parts of your Conversation, as were calculated to make him dis- -pair of his propositions through you to the Governor General for a closer alliance, or at least, an enlarge- -ment of the present Subsidiary Engagements being complied with.— "After letting the Minister know — (proceeded M. A.)" that Captain Kirkpatrick would not "fail to submit his recent proposals respecting the French

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"French Army likewise to Government, my exertions
"were directed — and I am happy to inform you success-
"fully — to the prevailing upon him to take Khummum
"out of the hands of the French Party, and thereby at once
"do away, all ground of future representation and Remons-
"trance, on the score of Deserters from the Company's
"Service. — The Minister at first imagined, I was —
"speaking of Khummum*, the little, from his observing
"that, that District was not in the hands of the French
"Party, but upon my explaining to him his error, he
"turned round to Rajah Ragotim Rao, and directed him
"to look out immediately for some fit person to be entrusted
"with the exclusive Management of Khummum, and I
"therefore trust, it will be in my power in a few days
"to inform you of the Name of the intended new Talookdar
"a piece of information, which I will know, will be
"highly acceptable to Captain Kirkpatrick. — It is —
"necessary however I should apprize you / continued

* Khummumail. —

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"M: N:) that the Minister annexes two Conditions to
"the proposed Arrangement.— 1st. That the Number of
"the principal among the Sepoy Deserters required to be
"given up, be specific, and inconsiderable:— 2nd. That if
"any of the Zemindars, of the Province of Khuonnum
"should withold their Rents, after the change of hands
"it was about to undergo, the Madras Government do
"engage to admonish them."—

After making your acknowledge-
-ments to Meer Allum, for the great attention he had
shewn to the Interests of both States, in thus bringing
this important point to so speedy, and favorable an issue, I
proceed to observe to him, that your (Captn. K's) answer to
the two Conditions which the Minister was pleased to annex
to the Attainment of the Object in view, would, I imagined,
be some what to the following effect— 1st. That the Numbr
of Sepoy Deserters to be surrendered, would depend of course
upon the pleasure of the Madras Government— 2dly. That

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To Lieutenant General George Harris

Governor and President in Council

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Honble Sir,

From the Commissioners at Calicut reporting an obstacle which has occurred to the transmission of a Letter from the President of the Commission to Tippoo and some Claims advanced by the Sultaun to lands at present possessed by the Coorga Rajah.

1 Having in pursuance of the Orders of the Honble the President in Council of Bombay dated the 2nd. Ultimo, addressed a Letter, by our President, to Tippoo Sultaun under the 17th. of that Month of which the enclosure No. 1 is a Copy, we deem it incumbent on Us, in Conformity to our Instructions to Correspond with your Government as Occasion may require, to inform you that the Hircarrah has brought back that Letter unopened, and has delivered a Narrative of his proceedings from the time he left Calicut, which was Committed to writing and is Copied into the accompaniment No. 2.

2d. About the time of the Hircarrah's

return

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return, a Letter was delivered to General Hartley at Mahé from the Dewan of Temalabad, addressed to the Commanding Officer at Tellicherry, of which and Presidents' Answer, We have the honor to transmit Copies for your Information with two other papers marked Nos. 1 & 5, being Short Examinations of the bearers of the Letter from Tippoo's Dewan; we have also judged it expedient to apprize the Supreme Government of this Correspondence.

We have the honor to be very respd.

fully.

&c. &c.

Calicut
29th. March 1798.

(Signed) J. Spencer
Ja. Hartley
J. Smee.

After Compliments

The Treaty of Serringapatam,

Concluded on the 18th. of March 1792, was intended

to

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to establish a lasting Peace, and Friendship between the Honble English Company and your Highness; the English Company, ever faithful to its Engage=ments, has constantly studied the preservation of Harmony, and Friendship, with your Highness — inviolate, as much from Motives of Honor and Jus=tice, as from a Regard to the welfare and happiness of their & your Subjects; they Continue in the same disposition, and they trust to find in your Highness's Wisdom a Reciprocity of Sentiments.—

I have heard and I have informed the Honble the Governor of Bombay, that your Highness has been forming pretensions to Wynaad & Corrumbulla— I am willing and desirous in pur=suance of the equitable Line of Conduct prescribed by Government for my Guidance, to enter into an Amicable discussion on that subject, and even to relinquish

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relinquish the said Districts if upon Candid Investiga-
=tion, they shall appear to form no part of the Cession
under the late Treaty.—

I trust the Importance of the—
Subject which has called for this Letter, will induce
your Highness to give it your earliest Consideration, &
that you will Consider this overture on the part of
the English Government as a proof of their sincere
desire to Cultivate a Reciprocal Confidence and—
Friendship, agreeably to the terms of the Treaty of 1792,
which it behoves the Wisdom & Dignity of both of
the Contracting parties to hold sacred for ever.——

A True Copy
(Signd)
Ja. Law
Secy.

Calicut 26th March 1798.—

Rama Swamy, a Harkarrah
on the Service of the President of the Commission, who
was dispatched in Company with Sewookaun a Peon
of

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of the Dewan Catchery, with a letter to the Sultaun, on the 18.th February, returned last Night with the letter unopened, and gives the following Account of his Journey.-

On the 7.th day after our departure from Calicut we arrived at the Residency of the Coorga Rajah, whence we were dispatched the next day in Company of a Harkarrah of the Rajahs, and two Koduckars, with a pass to the boundary between the Coorga & the Sultaun's Territory; where having come to a Pagoda, the Minister of that Temple was sent to acquaint the Sultaun's Officers that a Harkarrah had arrived with a letter from the English Company for their Master, and requiring two Persons to be deputed to receive the Harkarrah, and the letter; on which the Officer of the Sultaun's called Kalloor Naikan, advanced with fifteen Armed Men, to the boundary, where the Coorga Rajah's people also

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also advanced with us, and taking our hands, delivered
Us to Kolloor Naiken, at the same time saying, these
people have brought a letter from the English Company
for the Sultaun, We deliver them to you and require
you, on the return, to redeliver them to Us; We were
then put under a guard, and escorted to Periapata-
-nam, to Seid Malick Ameeldar, and the words
of the Coorga Rajah's people were here repeated to
this Officer who demanding our letter we delivered
it and he locked it up in a Box, and put us
under the Cutchery guard, and addressed and sent a
letter to the Sultaun, acquainting him with our
Arrival, and business; on the 3.d day afterwards, a
Camel Dauck arrived, and carried Seid Malik,
and a person called Doda Naiken, to where the
Sultaun was; These two persons returned on the
23.d day, and told us that our letter could not be
forwarded by the route, that no Answer would be
given

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given to it, if sent on from thence. that it must go by the road of Hoody Doorga, and he then delivered the letter to the Sentry, and ordered him to escort us to the boundary, and then returned it us, and he accordingly delivered us, with the letter, into the hands of the Coorgas People, and we came back.—

Signed by the Harkarrah
Rama Swamy
and
Jewookaun Peon.

(Signed) Jos: Watson
M. S.—

The above Rama Swamy being asked what he understood by the expression made use of to him. "that the letter to the Sultaun must go by the road of Hoody Doorga" says that he was told it ought to be sent by the road of Hoody Doorga, and Bangalore, that it could not be received from this side of the Sultaun's Dominions, and told me I must carry it round to the other side.—

a true Copy
(Signed) J. W.
M. S.—
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy.—

To

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To the Officer Commanding in the fort of
Tellicherry

Afsaff Shake Taaboo Dewan of Jemalabad,
his Salam.— The Countries of Kandamungalum,
Kollour Bajy, and Sullia, for a length of time, have
belonged to our Circar— Previous to the Peace between
the Circar and the Company, when the latter had conqur-
-ed some Countries, the Coorga possessed himself of these
three districts, and collected Money from the Inhabitants
of them, and after the Peace was concluded between the
Circar and the Company, without giving them up, he
continued in possession of them, and still Collects a re-
Revenue from the Inhabitants— Since this was known
in the Hajor Meer Afsaff Shera Kaan Sahib, and
Mera Sadoor Mera Ebrahim Sahib, have been sent
for the purpose of reuniting these three districts to the
Circar, in the Manner they were formerly, and to
build forts in the two former, and these Officers—

with

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with a large detachment are arrived at Jemalabad receiving orders for me to accompany this detach-ment, I joined it, and having an interview with the Commandant, they said that in consequence of the Orders from the Hajoor for our going and building forts in Kanda Mangalam and Kolloor Bajy, and reuniting them with Sulia to the Circar, we are come with a detachment — That these districts are now in the possession of the Coorga who is under the protection of the English, and you (the Dewan) must go to those districts. —

After this, considering that if the Detachment was to put in execution its orders, and advance to the aforementioned three districts, a war would succeed, and the English would support the Coorga, they determined to address the Hajoor, and go with the Detachment to Kandamangalam, as the answer to that address might order. —

After they had thus delivered —

themselves

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themselves to me.— I represented to them that the Company had performed strictly the terms of that great Peace — concluded between the Circar and them; that I was well assured if any People like Hagada Ramandaram, were to commit Depredations on the Circar Territory, and I was to represent it to Tellicherry, that they would be immediately punished; that the Company were — ignorant of the Coorg's having possessed himself of these districts, and if informed of it would order them to be restored to the Circar, and I begged of them not to allow trifles like this, which might be committed by inconsi -derable People to be the cause of displeasure to the Circar and the Company; and having spoken fully to them on this subject, they direct me to commun= -cate these particulars to you, which I now do— I am ignorant whether you are acquainted with the circum= -stance of the Coorgs seizing and retaining possession of these districts, and Collecting a Revenue from them,

which

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which belong to the Circar, and have done so for a
length of time back_ Do not let the Conduct of
such a Person and so trifling a Matter be the
cause of the Company's breaking their faith_ These
two Officers from the Hajoor have no alternative~
they must erect forts in Kandamangalam and~
Kolloor - Bajy and reunite them with Sulky to
the Circar, agreable to their Orders_ I therefore~
request you will send me an Order, in your name
for the relinquishment, and restoration of these~
three districts, which have for so long a time formed
part of the Circar, when if you will also accom-
=pany it with a letter to myself, I shall, with
these two Officers address~ the Hajoor, communica
=ting the Information that through your means
these districts have been restored to the Circar.~

Compliments
Minam 5th. 973 -
March 15th. 1798. -
(Sgd. Jos: Watson
M.S. ~
Received 28th. ditto. -

Mootoo

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Mootoo Pattera the Coorga Rajahs

Vakeel being asked respecting the Situation of Kanda
-mangalam and Kallaar Bayy, says they are two
divisions of the Sulliea District, and formed a part
of the Country by that Name, ceded to his Master
by the Kikary Rajah, as mentioned in the Extract
from the Coorga History.

(Signed) Jos: Watson
M. S.

a true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy.

Deposition of Warapuratta Country Amatha,
Mappila, Inhabitant of Bekollum in Tippoo's
Territory. Having some Debts to receive
in my Country, I went to the Dewan at Ternala
-kad for four Officers to assist me in getting the
Money, when the Dewan Saabery Saheb gave
me a Letter, and ordered me to take it to Tellichery
J.

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I set out and was fourteen days on the road, on the fifteenth I arrived in Tellicherry, whence I went to Mahé and delivered the Letter to a Gentleman whose Name I do not know. —

What did the Dewan say to you when he delivered you the letter? — To bring an Answer if I could get one. —

Were there any Officers with him, any People of Consequence? — No, not one. —

Were there any Sahibs there or in the Neighbourhood? — No. —

Were there any people newly arrived there? — I did not see or hear that there were any, the Dewan had with him 10,000 Men —

What Men were these 10,000 Baram (Regulars) or Carnaticks? — They were Carnaticks. —

How long had they been at Jemalabad? — I do not know. —

How long did you remain at Jemalabad. — I Staid one Night. —

Who is the Person with you? — He is my Servant. —

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What Countryman is he? Now of Bekallum, but formerly whence he came I know not.—

How long has he been with you, and what is his Name? He has lived with me ever since he was 10 or 11 Years old, his Name is Moideen.—

How far is Jemalabad from your Country? Six days Journey.—

When you left Jemalabad where did you halt the first day?— At a place on this side of Jemalabad, but I dont— know its Name.—

By what route did you come? By Mangalore.—

Did you Stop at Mangalore and acquaint any Person there with the business on which you were employed? No; I did not Stop there but on this side of the River Saabory Sahibs — & Children are at Mangalore, he himself is at Jemalabad, and the Person who gave me the— letters.—

Did you, and the Person who is come with you, set out from Jemalabad at the same time? Yes, he went with me there, and accompanied me from thence, here.—

† Sadery Behary is the Offcer at Mangalore.—

What

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What was the News at Tomalabad when you left it?	No particular News. Sadhury Sahib was busy Collecting the Revenue.—

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A true Copy
(Signd) Jas. Law
Secy.

Deposition of Moiden Kutty of Cavai

Cumby Ama, who is an Inhabitant of Tippoo's Country, of a Place called Baikollum, which is Situated North of Neelasheram, Arrived about 7 days ago at Cavai, with the Letter that he delivered to General Hartley in Mahé, he told me that he had received it from Sahdery Behary, of Mangalore who wanting a person to send with him, Kutty Amma a Mapila of Tyaghaut on the Northern bank of the Cavai River, said he would provide one, and sent me.—

A true Copy
(Signd) Jas. Law
Secy.—

To

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To The Dewan of Pemalabad

I have received your letter addressed to the Officer Commanding in Tellicherry, purporting the intentions of Tippoo Sultaun for resuming the Sovereignity of the Sultaun Naad District, now in the Posseßion of the Coorga Rajah, and for erecting Forts in the Countries of Kandamangalam and Kalloorbayy.—

I am not Correctly informed where the two latter places are Situated, but suppose they are included in Sultaun.—

By the Seventh Article of the last Treaty, concluded at Seringapatnam, it is expreßly provided that all Boundary Diſputes between Your Maſters, and the Ceded Districts, shall be Amiably adjusted, and terminated by the Selection of proper Agents, equally Appointed on the part of the Honble Company, & the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun

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Sultan; to accelerate the performance of the Company's Engagement in this Special business I feel no reluctance in declaring, for the information of your Circar, that I am cordially inclined to cause a Candid discussion into the present differences, Conformable to the mode prescribed by the Treaty, whenever your Master may be disposed to signify a like desire to meet the Expectations of the Honble Company, whose sincere inclinations are to observe a rigid Compliance with every Condition they have therein Solemnly subscribed to; as these Sentiments are well known to your Master, I am concerned he should have issued directions for repossessing himself of Sulteanaad &c. &c. now under the Jurisdiction of the Corga Rajah when is indubitable right thereto, or that of the Coorga Rajah's, depends solely upon a fair Enquiry Agreeable to the Seventh Article of the Treaty.—

Should, however, the Nawaub Tippoo

Sultan

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Sultan / notwithstanding the explanations herein given of my desire to reconcile in a friendly Manner the Border dispules / still evince a disregard to the fulfill-ment of the Sacred Treaty of Seringapatam, by forcibly invading the Districts of Sultaanaad, and the other places Named by you, if constituting a part thereof: (without entering into a previous investigation and final ascertainment of his Pretensions) I shall be under the necessity of immediately reporting such an event to the Government in India, contenting myself with having Manifested a Conciliatory and just conduct towards preserving a Strict adherence to the Spirit of the aforesaid Treaty, as the only means of ensuring an honorable Continuance of its Conditions, and to preserve the harmony and concord now Subsisting between the two Powers. —

On the 18th February I dispatched a Hircarrah with a letter to the Sultan who after waiting

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waiting 26 days at Periapatnam, was ordered to depart, as the Aumeeldar there said, by the Sultaun's Orders, as he declined receiving any Communications from the English Government on this side, but desired that they might be forward from the Carnatic - this - Circumstance may either have arose from the messen-ger not rightly understanding the Aumildaur, or the latter perhaps not perfectly comprehending the directions of his Master, as I cannot believe your Master would reject receiving any Communication from the Company's Circar of Malabar, to remedy the supposed Mistake, I have taken the present - Opportunity of again sending one of my Hircarrahs with the letter which accompanies this, and have only to hope as the Contents are of Material conse-quence, and what the Sultan should quickly know; that you will take the proper Measures for expediting it to his presence, & return my Hircarrah

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when you receive the Sultan's reply.

(Signed) John Spencer
President

Calicut
28th March 1798.

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas Law
Secy.

Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c.a &c.a &c.a

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor of
Fort St. George

From the Nabob remonstrating against the resolution of Government to retain the Management of the Ramnad Country - and repeating his Applic=ation for payment of the Surplus revenues.

Dated 3d April 1798
Received 4th D.o D.o

The Answer you have been pleased to return to my letter of the 4th Instant, requiring the restitution of the District of the Great Muruar or Ramnaudpoor has given me considerable concern, since at the same time, that it would seem to hold out an explanation for the non restitution of the Country, it leaves me wholly uninformed of the grounds

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ground on which it is attempted to be withheld, and of the probable duration of the objection to the Measure

You have acquainted me that the Court of Directors have disapproved the Agreement concluded between my Royal Predecessor, and the Right Honorable the late Governor and that their disapproval is founded on Principles, which will not allow you to accede to my requisition,— That the Court of Directors at home should have viewed the objects of the Agreement in a different light from their Representative abroad, is a matter of no great surprise, during the variety of Opinions which exist on all Political Regulations.— But, that any dissatisfaction of theirs, however just in its' origin, or application, should or ought to affect a Power utterly distinct and separate from them, independent in action, and equal in Authority;— is a conclusion which I cannot readily comprehend nor easily—

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easily subscribe — to let the dissatisfaction be what it may it cannot regard any other than the Company's immediate Agent and must necessarily be confined to him: and as it was created by a particular measure, it must, it should seem, have ceased and terminated with the existence of of the Measure itself. —

The Agreement of 1795 is now expired whether it has been a prudent or profitable Engagement or whether it had been found unwise or unsalutary for either of the contracting Parties, would be superfluous to enquire, it is sufficient to know that it has been executed and under the letter and Spirit of the Engagement, I have called on you, Sir, as the Agent of the Company to reinstate me in those Rights which my Predecessor had voluntarily consented should be exercised by your Constituents, for a certain and described time — you have been pleased to tell me, at this Juncture, and under these circumstances, that the Agreement never had the approbation of your Employers, But whether it met their wishes or not

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not, it was their Contract, having been executed by their Rightful Representatives and of consequence — binding and Obligatory on them — It was their Contract not only in point of Justice but in point of Fact — for, from the date when its Operation commenced, to the time when its conditions were to be no more, the — Company have enjoyed all the Benefits and Advantages which it was made and calculated to secure, and — these Benefits and these Advantages were uninterruptedly claimed and reaped, without any expression of Complaint without the appearance of discontent — The Agreement was suffered to have its Stipulated force and life and its end alone has been reserved for the Disapprobation of the Court of Directors. —

But your Answer Sir apprises me only, that the Articles of Agreement of 1795 were not agreable at home, and therefor that you cannot comply with my demand — as you have not thought it consistent

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to inform me, further, I am left in much doubt, and conjec-
-ture as to the Extent of the Company's Instructions or the
direction of your own Intentions— I am enclined to afford
ample Justice to both, But I must candidly avow, that
I cannot devine any justefiable Motive for the retention of
the district beyond the limited existence of the Agreement—
I cannot divest my mind of the circumstances Attending
the Engagement— That it was yielded and conceded on the
part of his Highness the Nabob Walajah after much—
persuasion and entreaty— that it transferred much of His
Highness's valuable Rights and much of his Revenues to
the immediate Possession of the Company— That His
Highness for a time had ceded all right to the Province
and had bargained for no return— That it was an act
on his part of pure and unalloyed generosity, neither
requiring expecting or Stipulating for any thing but—
honor and Fidelity. Honor to acknowledge the trust
confided by the Agreement, and Fidelity to act in—
correspondence with it:— Thinking thus of the Inducement

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and the intent and meaning of the Engagement, I cannot in any wise account how the disapproval of the Agreement on behalf of the Court of Directors can Authorise the open and flagrant violation of a Contract solemnly made and rigidly exacted on one part, and religiously performed on the other — If it were a Competent Contract for one purpose, what should destroy its competency for other ends? — If it were sufficient to grant and Secure to the Company the objects desired by them, why should it be deemed inoperative in all that concerns my Interests? — It was, or was not, an entire Engagement — If the First, — the Claim which I have preferred, and now repeat, is strictly and litterally demandable — the 3d. Article of the Agreement directly Stating that it was distinctly understood, that the Rights Conveyed by the Agreement were only suspended during the Continuation of the Engagement and not in any wise alienated — If the latter was the case / and the Treaty

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be a Nullity) Nothing, in the Eye of Justice or Reason, was ever granted by His Highness the late Nabob, and whatever passed into the Company's Hands by the supposed force of that Agreement, must, on every Principle of Right be returned without Hesitation— unless it should be maintained)— which god forbid I should suspect) that whatever is once possessed may be retained at all Hazards, whether it was obtained by Stratagem or achieved by force:— hence, in either case, the Company are obliged in honor in Honesty and Conscience, to deliver up the Country assigned— you have been obliging enough to acquaint me, that a Correspondence is now maintained between this Government and the Court of Directors, in mutual Explanation of the Intentions of the Parties correspondent as to the Agreement of 1795— and that specific orders relative thereto may be expected from England, which may be eventually Communicated to me:— for the Courtesy of this private Information, I beg you to receive my acknowledgements

But, though this declaration manifests sufficiently your personal Inclinations towards me, it is by no

means

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Means satisfactory to the object of my address—I have explained to you, Sir, that the disapprobation of the Company, and all matters in respect to it, is of no concern and interest only to their Agents and themselves—and does not in any manner apply or relate to me—It may be necessary for the executive Government here, to elucidate and explain their Motives to their Constituents in England, and this arises out of their respective and relative duties to each other; but not to me, who have no explanation to make, nor any thing to offer, but what is contained in the Written Conditions of the Agreement—If such a discussion could concern or content me—from the distance intervening between the corresponding Parties from the various measure of their respective Intelligence and possibly from contending Partial Interests; I might not be so fortunate as to survive the Issue of the reference—If it were otherwise, it would be in the Power of one of the Contracting Parties, from a real or pretended

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pretended Misunderstanding within itself, to preclude the
Other from the Possession of the Advantages expected at the
expiration of a suspended Right, just so long as it might
be its misfortune, its Interest - or its Pleasure, to continue
in doubt; so that a temporary suspension of Right, and
only for three short years, might be converted into so
many Centuries, or even to a perpetual Deprivation: a
position, so palpably preposterous as not to require ~
any laboured demonstration. ~

The letter and Spirit of the Engagement
before alluded to, is too clear and plain to admit of a
double Construction — and I am happy to find, by the ~
tenour of your Answer, that no doubt exists in your
Mind, as to the Purport of the Agreement: to this ~
Speaks decidedly that the district should be redelivered
at the end of three Years and as these three Years are ~
Completed, — I have to repeat my Request, under the Faith
and Sanction of the Agreement — that the Country may be
put into my Possession with all suitable Convenience, and

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I have to depend on your integrity and honor to see performed this pure and simple act of Justice. It is expected from your own Characters — it is due from the Dignity of the Company — and it is demandable by an ancient, firm and faithful ally. —

I have obviated I trust the only difficulty which stood in the way of an immediate Compliance with this expectation and I am well assured that, you will not suggest any new objections or obstacles which, if offered could not fail to afflict my mind, with poignant distress and Anxiety and to instile in the Minds of all the princes of Hindostan a rooted Prejudice against British faith and British Friendship. —

I am happy to be able to put a favorable Construction on the Silence observed by you as to the Accounts — requested in my letter, and to the Sums Claimable from the Revenues of the Countries assigned under the Stipulations Contained in the — Agreement in the 9th & 10th Articles I shall expect with confidence that you will order the proper Officers to furnish the accounts,

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and pay into my treasury the Amounts due to me without delay. — What should I write more.—

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Pr "T." to Government

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I had it in Command from the Honble the Governor in Council to regulate the Price of Grain in Tanjour, and to confer with the Commanding Officer upon this Subject in regard to the Troops — I have in Consequence enquired into the affair, & find the Cause of the Complaint was only temporary and that it did not arise from any actual Scarcity of the Article, but from an Arbi-trary proceeding on the part of the Rajah or his Minis-ter, and only within the Walls of the Fort, where the Rajah had lodged some Grain of the last Crop, and wished to dispose of it, before the period for reaping the present

From the Resident at Tanjore states the result of his enquiry into the Complaint — made of the high Price of Grain within the Fort, and enters into a particular Explana-tion of the mode of fixing the Price of Grain throughout the Tanjore Country — Notices his having consulted at the partic-ular desire of the Rajah to inhabit a House belonging to His Excellency, leav-ing Serfoge in possession of the — Residents House. —

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present — an Order was accordingly issued from the Palace prohibiting every Merchant from the Sale of his Grain, The Inhabitants were of Course compelled to purchase of the Rajah, and I am sorry to say, at this sudden increased rate, of 60 ₹ Cent above the Bazar Price — The Sepoys and Natives under the Company's Protection, felt themselves grievously oppressed by this unjust proceeding, and may have betrayed some Symptoms of Resentment, but not to the Extent described by the Rajah, or in any degree unmilitary — when I took the Liberty to point out to the Rajah in presence of his Sirkeel, the discredit He brought upon his Government by such an inordinate Measure, he made but a bad excuse for His Minister by saying the Sepoys &c.ª were not adverted to on the occasion — I must however remark that the Monopoly was confined to the Fort, Bazar and Town of Tanjore and the Sepoys on being granted leave of absence, —

Provided

provided themselves in the Neighbouring Villages at the usual Price — Grain is in general so reasonable in this fruitful Province, that the drought and approaching scarcity in the Southern Districts, are not likely to raise the Price above the rate allowed by the Company to their Troops on these occasions — Should it increase beyond our Expectation, I shall not fail to apprise Government of it in due time —

I have lately been called upon by Mr. Grant the Collector at Mayavaram for the Price of Grain Established in the Soubahs of Tiruady and Combaconum for the last Car Crop, and by Mr. Balmain to assist him with my Opinion in settling the Price of it for the district under his Management.

I procured an Extract from the Palace Duster for the Information of these Gentlemen and in reply to the latter, I made such remarks on the rates of former Crops in proportion to the other

Soubahs

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Soubahs as may enable him to form a better Judgement of this important point — The Board of Revenue I perceive have adopted the same mode, and which indeed is the only Expedient left at this late period of the Year, and after the time is past for the General adjustment.—

As Mr. Balmain has also expressed a wish for my Assistance in determining the Price of the present Peishanaim when the time arrives for settling it, I wish to comply with this request in a way the least exceptionable, & proceed to State to the Board the result of my Enquiries into a Subject of such Consequence, for upon this Price point depends both the Revenues of the Circar, as well as the dues of the Inhabi-tant.— The Revenues of the Tanjore Country are not collected in Kind but in Cash— after the Crop is cut the Circar is accustomed to levy a per-Centage on its probable value, and in return to permit the Inhabi-tant to open his Sales, a Register is kept of these

Sales

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Sales by the proper Officers and at the expiration of two or three Months a general Meeting is convened at the Palace from the 5 Soubahs, at which the Puttuckdars and Head Inhabitants attend, on the part of the Cultivators, & the Muddesters or the District Officers, on the part of the Circar— The Price Currents are then produced in the presence of the Sirkal, the Caurbar & the Punnis and they proceed to settle the Price at which the Villages are to be assessed for the Government Share of the Crop.—

Many very material points are taken into Consideration at this Meeting, and altho' the Account Sales of former Months are the ground Work of the Estimate, yet it belongs to the Government Officers, whose information from all Quarters of the probable causes, enable them to Judge of the partial Effects, to determine, how far they are to bear upon the whole— I understand it is only when the Palace People hear of any local cause, or the operation

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of any Extra demand from the Adjacent Countries that is likely to Effect the Price of Grain; that they take upon them to add or to deduct as Circumstances may require, from the Average Account Sales of the preceding Months; and this being done in the presence of the Putluckdars with the knowledge and to the conviction, if not with the Consent, of the Inhabitants, admits of very little if any abuse, and it is only where this general information may be wanting, that either the Government or the Cultivator is likely to suffer — Still much suspicion will naturally arise in the mind of any Person conversant in Country Government and acquainted with the oppression and Exactions so commonly practised by all Native Officers in Authority, when they reflect however trifling an increase of of 1/16th of a Gold Fanam on a Collum may appear, that it is yet equal to 2 and 3 ₹ Cent upon the Produce, and of course of the utmost importance on

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a General Assessment, they would also be alarmed for the
Condition of the Land holder, whose welfare is to depend on
the Arbitrary Price fixed (as it seems) within the Walls of
the Palace and at the pleasure of the Rajah and his
Ministers — but if my information be not incorrect on
this great Question, the result is favorable to the People
and whatever other Grievances they may be liable to, on
this score, they have no good Ground of Complaint —
I am yet to learn wherein the Tanjour Inhabitant
is so woefully oppressed — the great Reservation they
hold in accounting for their Crops and other rights
of the Circar together with the very imperfect and
insufficient System of Management, by the mode
of Puttuckums leaves the Circar greatly dependant
upon the Cultivator, and accounts in some degree for
the difficulty we have experienced in Commanding
its resources as well as for the unaccommodating
Conduct of the People — the insolence of the Tanjour
Inhabitants

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Inhabitant is proverbial, even to a Travellr. ~

But if the mode in use at Tanjour for settling the Price of the Crops be received in the light of a fair and equitable practice it may be ~ advisable that the Company's Collectors have the benefit of this public occasion, to produce the Account Sales of their Soubahs, and if they please to assist in the deliberations of the respective Parties, with such Reasons in behalf of their Divisions as they may chuse to advance — at least by means for a Vackeel with the necessary Credentials, to aid the Palace People &c.a to form their Judgement in settling the Price at Trivady and Combaconum, for it is at this period, that the Prices in the respective Soubahs will be apportioned, as they may relate to each other. ~

Upon my Arrival at Tanjour I found the Resident's House in possession of Serfoge ~

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Serfogee the presumptive Heir, and my Predecessor occupying a House of the Rajah's — The Rajah would not hear of my Residing elsewhere, and desired His visit to me 'till I consented to take possession, I consented to take possession, I had the Honor of receiving His Excellency's visit Yesterday. —

I have the honor to be

Tanjour
8th April 1798. —

&c.a &c.a
(Signd) Benj. Torin
Res.r —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

The Honble the Governor in Council

From the Resident at Tanjour respecting the Disputes subsisting between the Rajah the Widow & Serfogee on the subject of their apartments. — proposes a mode of providing the Paddy due to the Family Serfogee wishes to repair the Stables at the residents House — The Rajah very anxious to

was pleased to express a hope that my personal interferance at the Palace would tend to relieve the Rajah's Mind on some Subjects, of which His Excellency has complained, and in particular in regard to the disputes between himself and Serfogee

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to have the Drawbridge on the East Face repaired.—The Rajah defers Investigation of the Complaint preferred against Major Innis and the Sepoys of his Corps.—Notices a point in doubt respecting the Amount of the Rajah's payments to Mr. Macleod on account of the Family—Explanatory Papers enclosed.—The Rajah much distressed on account of the Confinement of Veeranaud Iyahe.—

I was also directed to attend to Serfogee's Complaint respecting the Apartments in the Palace and if possible to accommodate these Matters—without troubling the Government with a detailed Account of these Apartments, it may be sufficient to remind them, that in addition to the irritation and jealousy subsisting between the present Rajah, and Serfogee together with the Queens of the late Rajah—that the evil is now greatly aggravated by the Young Queen, separating from Serfogee and the Elder Queen, and throwing herself on the protection of the Rajah.—

I have therefore not only endeavoured to prevent Complaints from contending Princes to conciliate, but all the feuds & animosities arising from the mutual Enmity of the two Ladies—with respect to the Apartments I find they are so formed that, however convenient they may have been before this Schism in the Family, it is now impossible to make the accommodation

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Accommodation acceptable to both parties without walls of Separation and other Buildings, which the Rajah will not be disposed to admit— I believe I am warranted in saying neither the Elder Queen or Serfoge would take possession of these Apartments could all difficulties and objections be removed— The hatred subsists in a stronger degree than before, and the Complaints increase upon us— Still I am forced to consider a portion of these Apartments the Right both of Sirfoge and the Elder Queen, least any Circumstance should happen from War, or any other Cause to compell these Personages to return to the Palace.— but while I observe the right, I Recommend that untill this possible case occurs, that the Parties be kept seperate and as the Elder Queen has fixed her present Residence at the Village of Trivior, that no pains be spared to reconcile her to that abode— and Sirfogee, to his present Accommodations in the Residents' House in the Fort.—

To

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To this desirable end, but little is required on the part of the Queen and this I dont despair of effecting from the Rajah — and for Sirfogee I have obtained, from Mr. Hawkins a separate Godown in the Fort for the reception of his Annual allowance of Paddy capable of holding about 20,000 Colums.—

Sirfogee has applied to me for this allowance Viz.t 15,000 and for the balance of 5000 due to the Family for last year, this balance I— apprehend, He must receive from the Paymaster— But as they are difficult to please in these matters and the Quantity is so small, I wish to apply to the Merchants for what he wants, and if Government approve, I propose settling with them for the Price, by calling on Mr. Grant or Balmain for the amount This proves more acceptable to the Prince than calling on these Gentlemen for the Paddy, as they must purchase the Grain, it will be less expensive to the Company than the Carriage of it from a distant

Village

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Village— The Prince applied to me the other day for permission to make a Slight Repair to the Stable at the Resident's House, and I conclude, with the view of being repaid the expence will not amount to 50 Pagodas

The Rajah has made many Representa-tions of the inconvenience he suffers by the draw Bridge of the Fort on the East Face being out of repair and He has applied in vain to have it mended— I believe regular Representations have been made by the proper Officers at Tanjour to the Departments at Madras without effect—

I never see the Rajah but He recapitu-lates the personal inconvenience he suffers from this trifling Cause— I have not been able to persuade the Rajah, to Fix a Day for Enquiry into the Complaint, His Excellency presed against Major Innes & the Company's Sepoys, for their proceedings against some Guzerat Merchants— This affair I find has been already before the Rajah, on the Counter-Representation of Major Innes to the Commanding Officer at Tanjour—

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I shall do my endeavours to bring it to a speedy issue.

I have just made a discovery that renders it necessary to follow up my report of the 30th with the enclosed Copies of Mr. Macleod's Receipts to the Palace, to the Number of Seventeen.

No. 14, dated the 13th December 1797 will be found to differ with the Palace Account transmitted by me on the 30th Ultimo. The Rajah there debits Mr. Macleod for 2,350 Chuckrums which at 23½ Janams ~~Star Pag~~ Pagoda makes precisely the Sum of 1,000 Pagodas, but you will observe the initials T. F. prefixed to the Figures in the Receipt, this may be said to mean Tanjour Janams 2350 and at the Exchange of 23½ the Sum Amounts to 100 Pagodas only — the same distinction is to be found in Receipt No. 13 — the last Sum therein Stated of the 15th July has the same initials prefixed, The rest appear to be in Chuckrums — The Rajah is equally positive on this

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this as on the former, and both the Receipts are endorsed by his People, for this Amount, in Chuckrums. —

Yet, as the matter may admit of disputes and as the distinction ought to have been observed before, some apology will be due by me to Government, if this Explanation does not arrive in time — since — Mr. Macleod's departure from Tanjore, the Rajah has — written to me on the Score of the three Receipts for Pagodas 2000, specified in his Account as wanting, but then said to be forthcoming I inclose the letter that — Government may forward His Excellency's Claim upon the Late Resident, as my Instructions precludes me from applying to Mr. Macleod on the subject. —

Owing to this bar to personal — Communication with my Predecessor some little variation will be found in the exchange, at which the Rajah has debited Mr. Macleod in the Accounts, and the rate specified in His Receipts, but of no material consequence and easily adjusted hereafter. — On

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On the 4th Instant I received a letter from the Rajah of Tanjour Representing to me the the dishonor done to him by the Warrant of Arrest ~ Served from the Mayor's Court at Madras on the Person of his Pishcar and Confidential Agent Veswanadah ~ Iyen and calling on me to request of the Honble the Governor in Council to effect his release and to learn from the Man's own Storey the whole of this Proceeding. ~

His Excellency's Mind seemed to be much Agitated upon this occasion, and to point to his Ministers &c.a as the Secret Authors of this public ~ disgrace — The Rajah I find has addressed The Honble the Governor upon this Subject on the 3d of this ~ Month. ~

I have the honor to be

Tanjour
9th April 1798. ~

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Res.t ~

Received

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No. 1 ... Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour One thousand Six hundred and Sixty Star Pagodas in part payment of the allowance due to Sherfogee and the two Widows of the late Rajah. —

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Resid.t

Tanjore
20th May 1796. —

2 ..... Received from his Excellency Amer Sing Rajah of Tanjour the Sum of Eight thousand Chuckrums of Tanjore Fanams being in part payment of the — allowances due to Sherfoje and the Widows of the late Rajah. —

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

Tanjore
11th July 1796. —

The above Sums at the Present — Exchange of 22 15/16th T. Fanams 7 Sr. Pagoda, is —

Sr. Pag.s .... 3487 .... 16 15/16. —

3 ..... Received this day from his Excellency the — Rajah of Tanjore Ten thousand Chuckrums / Ch.s 10,000/ being in part of the Arrear of allowances due to — Sherfoje & the Widows of the late Rajah. —

(Signd) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t
Rec.d

Tanjore
5th October 1796. —

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No. 4....Received of his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of Five thousand Chuckrums (Ch.5000) in further payment of arrears of allowances due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

Tanjore
15th October 1796.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y—

5....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore Five thousand Chuckrums which at the Exchange of the Day 23 1/8 T.fs Vs.r Pagoda is — Star Pagodas 2162..3/4, on Account of Arrears of allowance due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y—

Tanjore
18th October 1796.—

6....Received of His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of two thousand five hundred and fifty five Chuckrums Eight Fanams, on further payment of the allowances due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y—

Tanjore
30th October 1796.—

The above at the Current Exchange of 22—15/16 G.fs Vs.r Pagodas.—

Recd

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No. 7 ..... Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore Five thousand five hundred and fifty two Chuckrums five Fanams and five hundred P. N. Pags. the above Chuckrums at the exchange of this day Vizt. 24/16th Tanjore Fanams & Star Pagoda and the P. N. Pags. at T. F. 20 3/4 Each in part of the Arrears due to Sherfoje and the Widows of the late Rajah.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resr.

Tanjore
26th March 1797.

8 ..... Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of Chuckrums 2995 7 11 being in further Payment of the Arrears due to Sherfoje and the Widows of the late Rajah.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resr.

Tanjore
1st May 1797.

9 ..... Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of Seven thousand two hundred Tanjore Chuckrums in further Payment of the Arrears due to Sherfoje and the Widows of the late Rajah.

(Signed) Alexr. Macleod Resr.

Tanjore
3d May 1797.

Received

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No. 10.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore Five thousand Chuckrums in further Payment of the Arrears due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

Tanjore
4th June 1797.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y—

11.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of Two thousand five hundred Chuckrums in part of the Arrears due to Sherfojee— and the Widows of the late Rajah.—

Tanjore
6th August 1797.—

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y

12.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in further Payment of the allowances to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah— the following Sums.—

1797					
Oct.r	24th	2337	5	@ 23 3/8th	Star Pagoda—
Nov.r	5th	1000		@ 23 1/4	Pr. Do. Do.
	8th	1328	5	@ 23 5/16th	Pr. do. do.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.y—

Received

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No. 13.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore in further payment of the Allowances due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah the following Sums on the undermentioned Dates.

1797							
Jany.	2.d	2800	@	Exchange	23 7/8.th	V.S.	Pagoda
	10.th	200	@	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o
	24.th	Ch.s 1800	@	D.o	23 5/8.th	D.o	D.o
	29.th	1713.2	@	D.o	23 1/4	D.o	D.o
July	8.th	Ch.s 2368.7	@	D.o	23 11/16.th	D.o	D.o
	15.th	T.f.s 5000	@	D.o	D.o	D.o	D.o

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

14.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of T. F. 2350 in further Payment of the allowances due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah the Exchange is 23 1/2 V.S.r Pagoda.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

Tanjore
13.th December 1797.

15.....Received from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of Chuckrums One thousand One hundred and Sixty eight 7 fanams in further payment of the Arrears of allowance due to Sherfojee and the Elder Widow of the late Rajah Exchange 23 3/8.th G.f.s Pd.s Sr. Pagoda.

(Signed) Alex.r Macleod
Res.t

Tanjore
20.th December 1797.

Received

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No. 16.... Received of Arner Sing, Rajah of Tanjore in further Payment of the Arrears of Allowances due to Sherfojee and the Widows of the late Rajah the following Sums as the Undermentioned Periods Viz.—

1798 Jany. ... 12th ..... Star Pagodas 1100.—
Do. ..... 22d ..... Sr. Pagodas .... 200.—

(Signd) Alexr. Macleod
Res.

17th ..... Received this Day of his Excellency Ght.
Arner Sing, Rajah of Tanjore the Sum of 3543..7.—
at Exchange 23 5/8th is Star Pagodas 1500— in further
Payment of the Arrears of Allowances due to Sherfojee
and Widows of the late Rajah. —

Tanjore
11th February 1798. —

(Signd) Alexr. Macleod
Res.—

A true Copy
(Signd) R. Town Res.

I sent to Mr. Macleod yesterday —
upon the Subject of the Receipt for Two thousand —
Pagodas: he replied that he was that day indesposed;
and

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and desired that I would send on the Morrow. I therefore sent Chimmany the hircarrah, this Morning when he went & enquired where Mr. Macleod was, the people then said that he was gone a broad, on which Account ~ Chimmany returned. — Thus Mr. Macleod has not given the Receipts for the two thousand Pagodas; ~ I therefore request you will speak to that Gentleman and get the Receipts. — To a friend why should I write more. ~ Sree Ram Pretwah

Dispatched
the 30th March 1798. ~

true Translation
(Signed) T. Webbe
Mr. Trans.

To His Excellency Lieut. General George Harris
President in Council and Commander in Chief
of Corromandel &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Vesevenadiah
Peshcar of the King of Tanjore

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner in his Petition to your Excellency in Council, the last Council day stated

From Vesevenaud Eyer — detailing the circumstances which have led to his present confinement, and soliciting the Interposition of

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of Government to procure his Enlargement.

Stated in his case the inconvenience in which he was unhappily placed, and the hardships and sufferings are daily accumulating, from the Suit instituted against him by the late Mr. William Abbott, and thereby thrown into Jail, from a Claim that is unjustly required Viz.t — Whilst the Honble Major Monson Commanded at Tanjore, he Contracted to lend the King 40,000 Pagodas to enable him to pay his Kists to the Company and in part gave a Bill of exchange on his Attorney Mr. John Tulloh for 20,000 Pagodas, promising that he would draw a Second bill for the like remaining Sum so soon as the first was paid — Major Monson previous to drawing the Bill, took a Security from the King by Tuncah / or Order on the Revenues of his Customs / after holding this Security he took the King's private Bond also, desired to have the additional Security of five of the Kings principal Ministers or Servants one of whom is your Petitioner, which he gave

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gave at his Sovereign's request— The Matter standing
in this position, the bill of Exchange was transmitted
to Madras in order to be presented for Acceptance to
Mr. John Tulloh, but Mr. Tulloh when the Bill was
presented to him for this purpose said the drawer
had not wrote him a Letter of Advice; and in conse-
=quence did not accept the Bill; in the intermediate
while and previous to the Bill becoming due the Country
whereon the Funds had been given was Assumed by
Order of the Madras Government, which effectually
prevented the Performance of the Trust; this detail
it is hoped will clearly testify that no real value
has been received by either party; wherefore on this
head the Arrest of your Petitioner is both unjust and
unprecedented— Your Petitioner acts as the representa-
=tive here, of his King— but in this transaction
no value has been received, it is therefore presumed
no Payment can legally be required, for neither—
your Petitioner or his King have received the—

smallest

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Smallest Value— Your Petitioner further begs leave to submit to your honor in Council that had this Claim existence on value received, the drawer Major Monson ought to swear to the Debt— he having left the Coast there is present on the spot his Attorney Mr. John Tulloh that knows this transaction and should swear to the Debt.— but Mr. William Abbott acts as his attorney and swore to it.— Your Petitioner is a Chief manager and in the sole care & management of his Sovereign's affairs and at whose special Command he procuded on his Embassy to this Government, in the time of Lord Hobart, and is ready to produce his Letter of Credence if required— His Lordship embarked for Europe previous to your Petitioner having manifested his Power or to act effectually under the same and therefore judged it expedient to represent the matter to his King in order to receive the necessary Instructions for his future guidance— Your Petitioner is appointed to Pay the Kists of his Rajah to the Honble Company

which

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which department he is now actually performing by
Monthly paying the Rajah's Kists to the Company and
therefore relies that his Station alone ought to exonerate
him from Arrests, but when your Petitioner reflects on
the injustice of the demand he feels himself deeply affected
for had the demand the least existence he would not
Claim your Excellency in Councils protection as the
Minister and Embassador of a Sovereign Prince and
now prefers his Title to be exempted from Arrest. It
is not expedient at this Juncture for your Petitioner
to enter into the Merits of the Suit instituted by the
said William Abbott, as he depends on your Equity
that the interference of Government is necessary to pro-
tect the insulted priveledges of his Prince in his Person
Arrested by a Subject of the British Government in
actual Negotiation with that Government, which has
been represented by letter from his Soverign to your
Excellency in Council, since the Confinement of your
Petitioner in the hope to have redress and security

for

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for the person of your Petitioner, consistant on the ~
Dignity dependent on the Representative of Majesty. ~
Your Petitioner hopes the extreme
hardships that he is subjected to, being a Bramin of
high Cast, thrown into Prison amidst Europeans, ~
Portoguez, Parriahs &c.a Casts are indiscriminately ~
mingled together, that his sufferings are too Numerous
to be described, there is no Convenience to perform his
ablutions and supplications nor to take nutritave diet
and has been obliged to starve many days, whereby
an old & painful Complaint is brought on him of
the Liver in his Side. ~
Your Petitioner places the fullest ~
Confidence on the liberal Justice of British Government ~
and that the Person of his Sovereign may not be insulted
by the Imprisonment of his Representative, immediatly
acting at this Presidency in a Ministerial Capacity, which
the Legislation of every Nation protects from Arrest and
none more eminently than the British Nation. ~
Your ~

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Your Petitioner therefore prays due—
attention to his Situation, being now Confined in the Jail
of Madras 18 days, without being able to take proper—
Diet owing to his Situation in a Prison Wherefore your—
Petitioner humbly prays that his Case may be taken by
your Excellency in Council, into early Consideration for
which attention your Petitioner as in Duty bound.—

Madras Jail
April 13th—1798.—

Shall Ever Pray
(Signed) Vesevenadiah

Translation of a Letter
From the Rajah of Travancore
To the Right Honble Lord Hobart
Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 16th March
Received 7th April } 1798.—

After Compliments

From the Rajah of Travancore advising of his having been invested with the Insignia of his Government.—

In this most auspicious Season, the
Ministers and Officers of this Samistaham, conformably
with established usages and the Will of my deceased
Uncle

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Uncle on the 11th March and in a fortunate hour proceeded to invest me with the insignia of Government and Committed to my charge the Administration of Affairs.

I have thought proper to communicate this event, as I am convinced that it will conduce to your Lordship's Satisfaction, and I trust you will distinguish me with fresh marks of your favor, and extend to me that Friendship, with which you honored my deceased Uncle.

I hope you will continue to favor me with the agreeable Accounts of your Welfare.

What more should I add.

a true translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Dpt. Sy. to Govr.

Translation of a Letter

From Kesudas Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart Governor of

Fort St George

Dated

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Dated 16th March
Received

From the Minister of the Rajah of Travancore advising of his Master having been invested with the Insignia of Government.

In this auspicious time, my Master agreeably to the Customs of this Samistaham and the Will of the deceased Rajah, did on the 14th March, seat himself on the Musnud of Government, and adorn his head with the Diadem. Thus, by the favor of God, the entire Management of Affairs has, according to Custom, been made over to him.

Your Lordship will be informed of the particulars, by a Letter which my Master has himself written you, upon the Subject.

The Fidelity & Friendship of the deceased Rajah, to the Honble English Company is well known; the present Rajah, his Successor is eager to evince his attachment & friendship to them in the same manner and is desirous that it should increase daily. I hope that you will consider me grateful

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grateful for your indulgence and favor me with the
Agreeable Accounts of your Welfare. —

What more should I add

a true translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
Dpy Sr to Govt

N.B. — I think it my duty to remark that the Style
of this, and a former, letter, from the same Man, is
not by any means so respectful as it should be —
from a person of his degree to the Governor. —
(Sigd) A. F. —

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

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you

From the Persian —
Translator in Bengal
with Letters from Sir
Alured Clarke to Tippoo
and the Nabob — advising
them of his having taken
charge of the Government
General on the Departure
of Sir John Shore for
Europe. —

letters from the Honorable Sir Alured Clarke to the
Nabob Omdut ul Omrah and Tippoo Sultaun, —
intimating his having taken charge of the Government
untill the arrival of the Right Honorable The —
Earl of Mornington; Copies in English and Persian

are

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are enclosed for the information of the Hon'ble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be

Fort William
26th March 1798.

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) N.B. Edmonstone
Pr. Tr.

To Omdut ul Omrah

Written 26th March 1798.

The late Governor General for Sir J. Shore has already written to inform your Highness that on his departure for Europe the charge of the Company's Government would devolve upon me untill the arrival of Lord Mornington, who is early expected; according-ly Sir J. Shore having embarked on his return to England, I have taken charge of the Government

I deem it proper to inform your Highness of this and I avail myself of the opportunity to assure your Highness, that so long as the Management of the affairs of this Government may remain in my hands,

it

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it will be my study to maintain in full force the relations of Amity and Union and to adhere inviolably to the Engagements subsisting between you and the Company.—

Believing me &c. &c.

To Tippoo Sultaun

Mutatis Mutandes—

of the same tenor and date as the foregoing.—

A true Copy
(Signed) N. B. Edmonstone
Pr. Fr.—

Read the following extract of a—

letter from the Accountant General.—

Extract of a Letter from the Accountant General—

Dated 4th April 1798.—

From the Accountant General requiring his request to be furnished with quarterly Statements from the Hyderabad Residency of Payments on acco. of Peishcush & Receipts on account of Subsidy for the Troops.—

I had the honor to address Government the 4th October last, relative to the Accounts of the—

Peishcush for the Northern Circars, and of the Subsidy received from the Nizam for payment of the two—

Battalions

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Battalions — directions were I understand accordingly given to the Resident at Hydrabad, to furnish the necessary information on these points, and also to transmit to the Presidency, regular Monthly, or quarterly accounts of all receipts and payments under these heads. — not being yet in possession of these accounts, I am entirely at a loss in making up the Quarterly Statements of Quick Stock, and thus will of course go to Bengal, and Europe, so far defective, and satisfactory; I — mention this to your honor, in the hope that orders to the Resident may be repeated to transmit his — Accounts forthwith, both of the Sums paid for peishcash, and the Amount remaining due, and also of the Sums received for subsidy. —

A true Extract

(Signed) Alex.r Falconar
Sub: Secy.

Ordered

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Ordered that the Assistant at ~

Hydrabad be furnished with Copy of the foregoing ~

Minute thereon. ~ extract, and desired to furnish the Statements therein

mentioned. ~

Read the following letter from the

Military Board. ~

To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris

Governor in Council

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

Honorable Sir,

1.st We have the honor to acknowledge

From the Military Board respecting Articles formerly founded under the Gun Carriage Contract for which Messrs. Goldingham and Sys had not offered terms in their original Proposals Bills for extra work to the Foundation of the Soldiers Barracks at Arnee recommended for Payment Opinion respecting the Maistry Artificers at the Presidency. ~

the receipt of Governments Letter of the 4.th Instant,

and to report that the necessary Communications have

been in consequense made to the Officers, and ~

Departments, concerned. ~

2.nd In reply to the paragraph of ~

Governments Letter under date the 6.th of December

1797 relative to the expediency of retaining so large

a proportion of Maistrey Artificers at the Presidency,

We

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We do ourselves the honor to State that, having given a particular consideration to the Subject, We are of opinion that the Establishment of Maistry Artificers fixed by Government in the General Order of 31st October 1794 is necessary for assisting in the Superintendence of the Public Works and Repairs at the Presidency, and its Neighbourhood: that We should have recommended Irsapah /~who appears from a List descriptive of the Services of the whole laid before us by the Chief Engineer to be in general excused duty from being old and infirm,) to be placed on the Pension List on account of his long and faithful Services, had not Major General Ross ~ represented him to be occasionally very useful; and also, that Vencaty, and Gourpadem, who are employed, one ~ with the Justices, and the other at the Choultry Register Office, should be retained on the Chief Engineer's Establish- ~ment so long only as it shall continue to be the ~ practice for the Choultry Register to be checked by a Register kept in the Chief Engineer's Office. ~

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3rd. The late Contractors for Buildings and Repairs having laid before our Board the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 3008: 4: —, for additional Work done to the Foundation of the Barrack for European Soldiery at Arnie; We beg leave to observe that although the additional Work charged for therein, and reported in our Letter to Government of 27th. October 1797, was not included in the original Estimate for the Building — Yet, being perfectly satisfied that such additional Foundations were necessary, and indispensable to the Work, We recommend that the Bill may be discharged, the same as that formerly presented for work of a similar description.—

4th. Having in compliance with the — directions of Government under date the 3rd. Instant made the necessary communication to Messrs. Goldingham and Sys, We do ourselves the honor to submit the enclosed Copy of their Letter in reply, and to inform Government that

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that, although the Articles stated in the Contractors proposals are arranged differently from those in the Advertisement, yet they comprize every description of Carriage and Timber included in the latter; and that the omission of rates to certain Carriages particularized in the above mentioned Letter from Government arises from their having been proposed for jointly with the Timbers in one part of the Proposals and the Timber separately in another: Also that the omission of the light 12 pounder Field Carriage was occasioned by an error in the press, but which however, the Contractors now offer to provide. — the Carriage and Timber for three hundred and twenty two (322) Pagodas, and the Timber alone, for one hundred and thirty Six (136) Pagodas. Which Prices, on a comparison with other rates, We deem reasonable, and accordingly recommend for acceptance. — We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
16.th April 1798. —

Sir &c.a &c.a
Signed { Patrick Ross
" W.m Sydenham
" B. Close

To

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To Captain Fred: Pierce
Secretary to the
Military Board

Sir,

We have received your Letter of the 6th Instant, requiring our reasons for not having proposed for the Articles therein mentioned, and in reply beg you will be pleased to State to the Board, that under the head of—

"Carriages Field — without Limbers."—

We did not propose for Carriages constructed with the Madras semicircular Axle-trees, because We understood these Axle-trees were constituted solely for Limbers, and in no case applied to Carriages.—

D° ..... d° as above, the wheels all of the same height.— We did not propose for Carriages of this description for the reasons above stated.—

D° ..... d° Without Limbers, Iron Axle-trees, and

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and Screw Nutts, Wheels all of one height, with Brass Nave Boxes, ~ Bengal Pattern, for heavy, and light Field Guns &c.a. ~

We have proposed for Carriages of this Pattern, without Limbers; the alteration here specified of "Wheels all of the same height," We understood to apply to the Limber only, by raising its Wheels to the same height with the Wheels of the Carriage, this alteration we have accordingly provided for in our proposals. ~

In obedience to the Order of the Board,

We now propose for a 12 lbr light Field Carriage, with Limber, and Limber Box, Iron Axle-tree, and Screw Nutts, the Limber constructed with the Madras Semicircular Axle tree - brass Nave boxes; the Price, founded on the same principle as our other rates for

Carriages

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Carriages of this description, being 322 Pagodas, for Carriage and Limber only 136 Pagodas.

We have the Honor to be

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11th April 1798.

&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) T. Goldingham
George Lys

A true Copy
(Signd) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board

Resolved that the terms of Messrs. Goldingham and Lys as now explained for supplying the additional Articles of the Gun carriage

Minute thereon. — ing contract be accepted.

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General.

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

From the Military Auditor General submitting correspondence

Honble Sir,

1. Since my address to your Honble Board

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with Lieutenant Evans and desiring to know the determination of Government whether that Officer is to feed the Stud at a fixed Contract rate, or to charge the actual expence whatever that may be.—

Board under date the 27th Ultimo respecting the accounts of the Studs for breeding Horses, I have received a Letter (of which the enclosed is a Copy) from Lieutenant Evans Superintendent of that establishd in the Ganjam District, wherein he States "that "he understood the rates which he proposed for feeding "the Stud, & which were calculated on an Average of "what experience had assured him they would actually "prove, had obtained the sanction of Government, & "in consequence, concluded that his Monthly Charges on "that account would be admitted on this principle;" But altho I entirely concurrid in the opinion expressd by the Revenue Board in their Letter to Government under date the 1st March 1798, that such rates had been formed with the Strictest Attention to Oconomy, & that it also occurrid to me that charging at fixed Average rates not only tended to simplify Accounts, but in other respects appeard to be the most eligible

for

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for the public, yet as it was understood by Government that no pecuniary advantage would be derived by the Superintendent exclusive of his Salary, I judged it to be most consistent with this Principle to prescribe a mode for making up his accounts founded on the actual Monthly Disbursements, & not on a fixed Average rate as proposed in his plan to Government under date the 9th. February last, by which mode the Asseveration required of him on Honor was not confined to the Expense of Buildings & to the purchases of Stallions & Brood Mares, but extended to every Charge Monthly or incidental, that might be incurred on account of the Stud, which he states in his letter to be impracticable from the necessity which he is under of purchasing Gram & other Articles by wholesale at the most favorable Seasons, & of Keeping a certain Number of Cows to assist in nourishing the Foals & other Charges which can scarcely be reduced to a precise Monthly rate of Expenditure.— As

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As the Superintendent & myself have drawn different conclusions as to the Principle upon which the feeding of the Stud was to be conducted; I have thought it proper to refer the subject to the consideration of your Honble Board, with a view to obtain your Instructions whether the Superintendents Charges for feeding the Stud should be made agreably to the fixed average rates stated in his Plan to Government, or according to the actual Monthly Disbursements as communicated to him in my Instructions of which I beg leave to transmit a Copy herewith for your Information, should Government be pleased to adopt the Plan originally submitted, I would then propose that the Superintendent be required to annex to his Accounts an Asseveration in the Enclosed Form.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Vc. Vc.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 12th April 1798.

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Lieutenant Evans

Superintendant of the Honble Company's Stud

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Sir,

Having received Directions from Government to issue such Instructions as I may judge necessary for regulating the Accounts & Musters of the Honble Company's Stud under your Superintendence in the Ganjam District, I have in consequence the honor to inclose for your information and guidance, Form for a Monthly Abstract of the Expences of the Stud, which the Military Paymaster of that District has been instructed to discharge on the Asseveration which Government has directed to be annexed thereto.

The Sums which you may occasionally require on Account of the Purchase of Stallions or Brood Mares will be included by the Paymaster in his

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his Monthly Estimate of Cash, & he will adjust such Advances with you at the end of each Month, entering your Abstract for Salary & every other expense incurred respecting the Stud, in his Accounts Disbursements.—

In regard to the expence of erecting Stables for the Stud as the work is to be conducted under the controul of the Military Board, all advances which may be necessary on that Account will be made on the Approval of that Board, thro' the Military Paymaster General, who will carry such advances to your personal Debit in his Books and give you Credit for the Amount of your Bills for the work executed, after being approved by the Military Board and passed in this Office in the usual Manner.—

I have also enclosed a Form for a Muster & Description Roll of the Stud, which is to be delivered to the Muster Master at the periods appointed

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Appointed for taking the Musters, and he has been instructed to Certify to return to you an exact counter-part thereof for the purpose of being transmitted at the same periods to the Secretary of the Military Board.~ I am

Do.a Do.a~

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 7th April 1798.~

P.S.~ It is necessary to observe that an abstract Muster Roll according to the inclosed form is invariably to be annexed or tacked to your monthly Bill or abstract on account of the Stud.~

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. Mil. a. Gl.

Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 7th Instant enclosing a Form of a Monthly abstract of the Expences of the

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the Stud with an affirmation annexed.—

I had understood the Rates which

I proposed for feeding the Stud, & which were Calculated on an Average that experience had assured me they would actually prove, had obtained the sanction of Government, & in consequence concluded that my Monthly Charges on that Account would be admitted on this principle.—

It is therefore with much deference

I presume to state the difficulty of my Complying with the enclosed Form and Signing Monthly the solemn affirmation Attached without departing from the Spirit of the plan which I had the honor to propose & which I conceived met the approbation of Government.—

I have there, stated that I would engage to feed Stallions, Mares, & Foals at certain Average rates which were Calculated on Estimate for a

Considerable

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Considerable period. Informing this Estimate I of course includd every Incidental Charge that I was liable to~ incur, and some of those are of a Nature, that it would be next to impossible I conceive to reduce into the~ form of the abstract enclosed; I allude to the Original purchase of Grass, to the building of places of Durability to store it.— To the purchase of Cows for the Foals~ To build Sheds for their Shelter, to the purchase of Rope, and many other articles, that it is needless to~ enumerate; In my plan as submitted to Government I have proposed a fixed Sum as the Average rate at which I will answer for the Stud being kept— no extra Charges are brought forward, but I have of Course calculated all likely to be incurred, and on~ that calculation formed the Estimate— The Expences which I must necessarily incur the 1st Year, will no doubt much exceed what I shall receive if paid agreable to the proposed rates, but this deficiency will I trust be made up in ensuing Years, when

from

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from having good Store houses for Grain & Shelter for Cattle, and a good Stock of Heel Ropes, Head Ropes &c.a Extra Disbursements will be infrequent.—

I look for no profit Independant of my Salary, but I am sensible the plan which I have proposed must to have its Merits fairly appreciated, be allowed a period for operation; were the actual Charges incurred the 1st. Year to be brought forward, I doubt whether any explanation I could give would prevent their having an unfavorable effect.—

Though the circumstances I have stated form in my Opinion Insurmountable Objections to my Monthly Signing an affirmation to an Abstract which calls on me to declare solemnly that I have expended States Sums on specifick Objects which I could not by any Calculation reduce in a manner Satisfactory to my own Mind to those Objects; yet fully aware of the Strict Check that is necessary to

be

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be placed over every description of public Expenditure I will readily hold myself responsible to transmit to you for the purpose of being laid before Government at the Expiration of two Years from the Commencement of my plan, a full and particular Account of my actual Disbursements on honor; with every explanation in my power on the Subject and as I shall on the one hand trust to the liberality of Government to make good any Deficiency in allowance that I can fully establish, so I shall on the other Consider myself bound to carry to the Company's Credit any Surplus which may remain in my Hands.—

I make this proposition with a view of Meeting the Idea suggested in the Form you have transmitted— but I am still ready to abide by the Average fixed Rates stated in my Original Plan submitted to Government under date the 9.th February 1798, though Conscious that the moderation

of

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of the charges affords me no prospect of any advantage

What I have said respecting

the abstract you enclosed, only alludes to the charges

specified for feeding & attendants, as to the latter part

which relates to the Money expended for the purpose of

Stallions & mares, I can have no possible objection. —

I entertain the fullest reliance that

you will give this subject a candid & liberal Consider-

=ation, and recommend to Government that plan of

Arrangement you judge best calculated for answering

the desired End. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) H. Evans
Lieut. Sup.t of the Stud

A true Copy

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud.r Gen.l

Form of Asseveration

I do solemnly declare upon my

Honor that the charges above stated for the purchase

of

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of Stallions & Brood Mares excluding every expense Attending the same to the Period of their being received, were actually & bonafide incurred on that account, and that the above Charges for the feeding & care of the Stud — according to average fixed rates — Approved by Government, are for the exact Number of Stallions, Brood Mares, Colts, and Fillies under my Superintendance. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Minute thereon

Upon due consideration of the circumstances Stated by Lieutenant Evans the Board are of Opinion that, the expence of feeding the Company's Studs should be brought to account upon a fixed — average rate according to the original proposal of that Officer and that only the expence of Stallions Mares

and

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and buildings should be brought to account upon the first asseveration suggested by the Military Auditor General: Agreed therefore to desire that the form of asseveration now recommended may be transmitted to the superintendants with an explanation of this resolution.

To

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

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From the Military Auditor General encloses Correspondence with the Paymaster at Madura &c. respecting the Pay of the Travancore Troops — desires to know the Amount they are to be considered entitled to, and the exchange at which they are to be paid — opinion on Assistant Surgeon — Orr's Claims. —

Having in conformity to the directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letters of the 31st January & 28th February last, instructed the Paymaster at Madurah respecting the advances therein directed to be made to the Travancore Sepoys doing duty at that Station & Palamcotah, I have the honor to enclose Mr. Hughes's reply (A.) together with a Statement (B.) of the payments which he had made in consequence, amounting to Pagodas 11895. 2. 40.

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I have since received a letter from him under date the 11.th Instant of which a copy is inclosed (C) with the original Statement which accompanied it (D,) of arrears of Pay &c.a said to be due to the Travancore Troops from the 25.th July 1797 to the 31.st March 1798 amounting to Surat Rupees 57,720, which I lose no time in submitting to your Honble Board, as it appears from the enclosed Correspondence (E) which had taken place between the Officer Commanding Palamcotah & Mr. Hughes on the subject, that it is the intention of the Officer Commanding the Travancore Sepoys to wait the Decision of Government thereon, agreeably to the Orders which he has received.—

2.d The Sum of Pagodas 1895. 1. 10. paid by Mr. Hughes to the Companies at Madurah, will of course fall to be deducted from the Amount of the Arrears which your Honble Board may determine to be due, & it is also to be considered whether the

Balance

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Balance, if not the whole, of such arrears is to be adjusted
at the fixed Exchange of 177½ Coiby Fanams or at the
Current or Bazar Exchange, altho' it is to be remarked,
that Mr. Hughes has made the payments before had,
at the former Exchange, in the same Manner as he has
paid the Honble Company's Troops.—

3 Being unacquainted with the nature
of the Engagements subsisting between the Rajah of
Travancore and the Honble Company, with respect to
the payment of the Troops in question from the 25th
July 1797, I cannot offer any opinion on the claims
stated by him, thro' his Minister, to Mr. Hughes,—or
how far the rates correspond with those which
Government intended should be allowed:— on a reference
however to a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to the
late Military Auditor General under date the
March 1796, I find that the Travancore Sepoys
were at that time directed to be paid the same in
all respects as the Company's Native Troops.—

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4 I beg leave to request, that with any farther Instructions which your Honble Board may be pleased to give me on the subject, I may be informed to what head the Sums already paid, and to be paid, on account of the Travancore Sepoys from the 21st. July 1797, shall be carried in the Military Books of this Presidency. —

5 In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 4th. Instant, referring for my report an application from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Orr addressed to the Adjutant General on Ceylon, for an increase of Medical allowance for attending the Tent & Store Lascars & other public Followers not attached to Corps at Columbo I have the honor to state that the charge of 25 Pagodas ₱ month authorized by Major General Stuart on that account, appears to me to be all that can with propriety be allowed, as it has not been customary for the Company to be at any Expense for Medical

assistance

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Assistance to the above description of People, in the present instance must be considered in the light of an Indulgence applicable to their peculiar situation on the Island of Ceylon.—

6 It however seems but reasonable,— that the Assistant Surgeon should be permitted to draw the usual Medical Allowance agreably to the Regulations (Viz.th 30 Fanams each Man P Month) for the Conductors of Ordnance, & for such European Staff Serjeants at Columbo as are not included in the Strength of Corps, upon his Bills for the same being countersigned by the public Staff Officers or heads of Departments, to whom those persons may be respectively attached.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c.a &c.a

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 17th April 1798. (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud.r Gen.l

To

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To Major General William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In obedience to the instructions —
contained in your Deputy's letter of the 5th. instant,
I have now the honor to lay before you, a Statement
of such Payments as have been made to the Detach-
=ment of Travancore Troops serving in Madura, —
according to the Orders of Government to you of
the 31st. January, and 28th. February last, and at
the same time, of enclosing to you Copy of a letter
received from the Officer Commanding the Detach-
-ment at Palamcottah, intimating that he had nothing
to demand of me. —

From the Nature of the Arrangement
which Government have made with the Rajah, I have
considered it would be most proper to keep the Amounts
of the Statement Viz.o Pagodas 4895....5.—40. (and
which

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which consists entirely of Pay to the Detachment & half Batta & Gratuity to Lieutenant Gresseux,)— perfectly distinct from my disbursements of "Charges Military" to be carried in your Office to such particular Debit as may be requisite and independent of these Payments. I have further to acquaint you that in consequence of the orders of Government of the March 1796, Two Months Pay have been issued to the Detachment at Madura so far back as March and May 1796, beside a regular Payment of House Rent to Lieutenant Gresseux and some small Charges of Batta to Details of Travancore Troops doing duty occasionally at Mellore, all which has been included in the Ordinary Disburse-ments of Charges Military at the periods when they have been discharged.—

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I have the honor to be

Madura
26th March 1798.—

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

A true Copy
(Signd) P. Bruce
Actg. M. Agt.—

To Robert Hughes Esqr.
Military Paymaster
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to receive your

Letter of the 11th Instant and in answer thereto,

have to inform you, that the Troops under my

Command of this place, are paid up to the 1st of

this Month, consequently no Money is requisite from

you.—

I have the honor to be

Pallamcotah
13th March 1798.

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) P. C. Everett
Capt. Commdg 10th L.B.

A true Copy
(Signed) Robt. Haughes
Paymr.

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Actg. M. Agt.
Matron.

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Statement of Payments to four Companies of the Travancore Battalion at Madura, under the Command of Lieutenant Gresseux agreeable to the Orders of Government to Audit of the 31st January & 28th February last.

Paid on the 17th February 1798, Pay of February to Lieutenant Gresseux with Batta and Gratuity to Do. for January, and Pay of January to Native Commissiond, Non Commissiond & Privates..... 814. 92. 20.

Paid on the 14th March 1798 Pay of September to Do. with Do. ... Do. ... Do. for August 1797..... 814. 95. 20.

Paid Do. Pay of Octr. to Do. with Do. Do. for Septr 1797. 814. 84. 60.

Paid Do. Pay of Novr. to Do. ..... Do. Do. for Octobr. 814. 95. 20.

Paid Do. Pay of Decemr. to Do. ..... Do. Do. for Novemr. 814. 84. 60.

Paid Do. Pay of March to Do. ..... Do. Do. for Febr. 1798 .. 813. 53. 20

Total Star Pagodas 4895. 1. 40.

Madura
26th March 1798.

(Signd) Robt. Hughes
Paymr.

a true Copy
(Signd) P. Bruce
Asst. M. Agt.

To

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To Major General William Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to submit to you Copies of Correspondence with Major Smart, together with the Original Statement forwarded to me by him, of His Highness the Rajah of Travancores Demands on the Company, respecting which permit me to request instructions from you with the least ~ delay. In the event of the Cash being to be discharged from hence, I presume of course that the Amount paid to Lieutenant Frefcues Detachment is to be deducted Amounting to Pagodas 4,895...1...40. but Still a very large Amount of about 40,000 Rupees remains to be discharged for which Captain Everetts Receipt will I presume, be deemed as sufficient acquittance. ~

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The Money I conceive should undoubtedly be passed at the Bazar or public Commercial Exchange of the Tinnevelly District and not at the fixed Exchange of Government of 17½ Kully fanams P. Star Pagodas, but as the Payments to Mr. Gresseux of Pay and Batta &c.a Amounting to Pagodas 4,895.1.40. was issued an Abstract at the fixed Exchange of the Pay Office, it may be necessary to receive your instructions on this score also.

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Madura
11th April 1798.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Actg. M. Agt.

Statement

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Statement of the Monthly Expence of the 9th Battalion of Travancore Seepays detached on the Honble Company's Service at Pallamcottah and Madura. –

Fort St. George 1st April 1798. –

Establishment	Pay	House Money	Total of Each	Total	Grand Total
1. Captain	200 " "	"	200 " "	200 " "	
1. Lieutenant	100 " "	"	100 " "	100 " "	
1. Ensign	60 " "	"	60 " "	60 " "	
1. Quarter Master	50 " "	"	50 " "	50 " "	
1. Serjeant	20 " "	"	20 " "	20 " "	
1. Commandant	55 " "	15 "	70 " "	70 " "	
8. Subidars	43 " "	"	43 " "	344 " "	
1. Adjutant	23 " "	"	23 " "	23 " "	
16. Jemildars	16 " "	"	16 " "	256 " "	
2. Colour Jemidars	13 " "	"	13 " "	26 " "	
1. Major Havildar	10 " 3/4 "	"	10 " 3/4 "	10 " 3/4 "	
47 Havildars	9 " 3/4 "	"	9 " 3/4 "	458 " 3/4 "	
48. Naigues	8 " 3/4 "	"	8 " 3/4 "	420 " "	
1. Drum Major	8 " "	"	8 " "	8 " "	
1. Fife Major	8 " "	"	8 " "	8 " "	
1. Bass Drum	8 " "	"	8 " "	8 " "	

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1. Cimbal Beater	8	"	"	"	8	"	"	8	"	"
14. Drummers & Fifers	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	98	"	"
672. Sepoys	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	4704	"	"
1. Native Doctor	8	"	"	"	8	"	"	8	"	"
4. Water Men	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	28	"	"
1. Kuttia Karra	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	7	"	"
1. Maldaree	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	7	"	"
1. Pay Master	23	"	"	15	38	"	"	38	"	"
1. Second Ditto	13	"	"	"	13	"	"	13	"	"
1. Accomptant	12	"	"	"	12	"	"	12	"	"
2. Head Writers	12	"	"	"	12	"	"	24	"	"
1. Cash Keeper	9	"	"	"	9	"	"	9	"	"
8. Writers	8	"	"	"	8	"	"	64	"	"
1. Black Smith	9	"	"	"	9	"	"	9	"	"
1. Hammer Man	7	"	"	"	7	"	"	7	"	"
1. Bellows Blower	4	"	"	"	4	"	"	4	"	"
1. Head Bullock Man	15	"	"	"	15	"	"	15	"	"
1. Second Ditto	9	"	"	"	9	"	"	9	"	"
1. Third Ditto	7	1/4	"	"	7	1/4	"	7	1/4	"
5. Bullocks Drivers	5	"	"	"	5	"	"	25	"	"
15. Bullocks	3	1/4	"	"	3	1/4	"	48	3/4	"
Oil Money	8	"	"	"	8	"	"	8	"	"

Surat Rupees ..... 7215 " " "

NB. The Cloathing Expence is included in the above.

Signed in Malabar

Paymaster of Travancore.

For Eight Months from the 21st July 1797, to March 21st 1798. according to the above Statement is Surat Rupees ..... 57,720 " " "

Signed in Malabar

Prime Minister of Travancore.

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To Robert Hughes Esqr.

Paymaster

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you the Travancore Rajahs Statement of Cash due to him by the Honble Company on account of the 10th Travancore Battalion lately doing duty at Madura, & Palamcotah, this Statement only come to hand Yesterday. I will be glad to know if you are authorized to discharge the Amount, as Captain Everett has received instructions to wait in this Neighbourhood, till your reply to this

I have the honor to be,

Palamcotah
3d April 1798.—

&c &c &c
(Signed) C. Smart
Major Comg.—

To Major Charles Smart

Commanding the Troops in the Tinnevelly District

Sir,

In Answer to your Letter of the 3rd Instant I beg leave to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from Captain Everitt acquainting me

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me that as he had been paid up to the 1st. of March he had nothing whatsoever to draw from me, and as the Orders of Government seem to authorize me only to pay Arrears to the Troops, without directing any Re-imbursements to the Rajah himself, on their account from the Pay Office, I am of Opinion that the Matter should be left for the Rajah to adjust with Government.

I reported to audit under date the 27th. March, that the part of the Travancore Detachment at Palamcotah, had no Arrears to Claim; but that I had advanced pursuant to the Orders of Government, Star Pagodas 4895..1..10. to the Companies at Madura, as per Statement forwarded which of course will be set against the Amount of the Rajah's Statement.

All Arrears to the Troops having been cleared either by the Company or the Rajah, if you have any reason to conjecture that the

amount

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Amount of the Rajah's Statement is intended to be dispatched from hence, deducting Mr. Greseux's Receipts do me the favor of giving me a Line and I am immediately write to the Presidency, for which Captain Everett need not I think be detained as the Cash could conveniently be dispacted with a Guard from Palamcotah.-

I have the honor to be

Madura
4th April 1798.-

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymastr

To Robert Hughes Esq.r
Paymaster

Sir,

I had the honor to receive yours of the 4th Instant in reply to which I beg leave to observe that if you do not think yourself authorized to discharge the Travancore Rajah's Demand for his Battalion, deducting the amount paid to Mr. Greseux, that you will refer the Matter to Government. Captain Everett has instructions from the Dewan to wait

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wait for payment.—

I have the honor to be

Palamcotah
9th April 1798.—

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) C. Smart
Major Com.dg.—

True Copies
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Payr.—

True Copies
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. McG.l.—

In order to save time Resolved that

the Paymaster at Madura be ordered to discharge

the whole Amount of Surat Rupees 57,720 due on

account of the Travancore Battalion deducting the

Sum of Pagodas 4895..1..10. advanced by him

to Mr. Gresseux.—

Resolved that instructions be sent

to the Commanding Officer at Palamcotah for the

March of the battalion as soon as the Money may

be paid.—

Resolved

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor Genral.—

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Resolved that the Paymaster be authorized to call upon the Collector if necessary for Money to discharge the Balance, that the amount be paid at the same exchange as to the Company's troops and carried to the head of "Charges Military".

Resolved that a Copy of the Statement received from Travancore be transmitted to the Government of Bombay in order that any adjustments which they may deem necessary in regard to the rates charged, may be made with the Rajah.—

Read the following letter from Major General Geils.—

To The Honble Lieutenant General Harris President in Council and Commander in Chief

Honble Sir,

From Major General Geils — expressive of the severe mortification he has felt on perusal of the orders notifying his removal

In the course of my Life, I have experienced a variety of distressing occurrences, by which

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removal from the Staff Suspension from the Service averring his desire Lina tion to have given umbrage to Government on his late Conduct and repeating his request that the documents (again enclosed) relating to the Subject, may be forwarded to Bengal.

which my mind has been greatly harrassed and — oppressed, but the Events on which I now presume to Address your Honor in Council are singularly severe, and the painful effect they have produced on my feelings is not to be described. —

I had received Mr. Secretary — Webbe's Letter, returning the address I deemed — necessary to submit to the Supreme Government the night before and late in the afternoon of — yesterday I was told that Government had been — pleased to suspend me the Company's Service, a Service in which I have acted with advantage to my — Honorable Employers and credit to myself, during a period of nearly Thirty two Years — I immediately sent for an Orderly Book, and found in it a confir- =mation of the Intelligence I had received, and — that Government had been pleased to accompany my Suspension by the strongest animadversions on my

Conduct

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Conduct so that I am now held up to the Army not only as an Example to deter, but as a Subject deserving the abhorrence of all Military Men- Conscious Innocence and a firm persuation of the Rectitude of my Actions are my only support in a crisis so very trying, and yet hope that I may ultimately be enabled to do away the impressions that have been received to my prejudice and to the injury of my Honor and Character both as- a Soldier and as a Man.-

Your Honor in Council may be pleased to recollect that the Orders by which I was Condemned for not doing my utmost to suppress the unfortunate Mutiny at the Mount and by which as a punishment for my Offence I was- deprived of my Command, originated in the proceedings of a Board of Officers, that I entreated Government to furnish me with a Copy of those-

Proceedings

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Proceedings to the end that I might have an opportuni-
-ty of defending myself and that Government was
pleased to reject such my Entreaty. I was therefore
left in Total ignorance of what had been urged
against me and utterly destitute of the means of
detecting & exposing the unfounded accusations that
had been advanced by my Enemies.— Thus circums-
-tanced I approached your Honor in Council with
those facts, which I conceived amounted to a
justification of my Conduct, and rested in the humble
hope they would have been accepted as such by
Government.— A Constituent part of those facts
was an address to me from a part of the Officers
of Artillery which I then imagined might have been
of some benefit to my cause, but which I since
find has been regarded as Mutinous— Here I
beg permission to assure your honor in Council—
that when that address was in agitation, and when

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I submitted it to your inspection, I imagined it to be perfectly correct in its principle, and that as tending to aid the purposes of justice, it was highly meritorious, and, to the truth of this assertion I appeal to almighty God — I never could have supposed that the Testimony of Officers, under my Command, in support of the propriety of my procedings in the discharge of my Duty, as Witnessed by them-selves could have been borne the construction that has been attached to it — If I had, I would rather have suffered Death than given it either my Countenance or Sanction — but, the-
Moment I learnt that my Letter to your Honor in Council was obnoxious, I made an early application to have the objectionable passages expunged, and on being informed that the whole was objectionable I prayed your Honor in Council that I might be suffered to withdraw it. —

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but this indulgence was also refused me and as the only alternative left I solicited your Honor in Council to forward the Papers that had relation to me, to the Commander in Chief in India, and for that purpose used the liberty to send all those that were in my possession, submitting to your Honor in Council that I referred myself and my Cause to His Excellency's decision and eventually to the decision of a Court Martial— Shortly afterwards my Papers were returned to me with a Letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe, signifying that Government had resolved not to forward them to Bengal, and the next day the order of Suspension was issued—

Thus, Sir, has every Attempt I have made to vindicate myself to Government and to my Honble Employers, and to obtain acknowledge of the Matters that appeared against me on the Proceedings & Report of Officers for the sole purpose of

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of asserting and Establishing my Innocence been ~
frustrated and termed against me— Had I been
furnished with the accusations as Detailed in those
proceedings, and that Report, and been allowed a
hearing in my Defence, a right secured to the ~
most Attrocious Criminals— I might have regretted
in silence the Sentence pronounced on me, but
I never should have uttered a word on the subject
As Government have now ~
proceeded to the utmost extent of its intention and
has condemned me, I humbly trust your Honor
in Council, will allow me an Appeal which I
here make to the Commander in Chief in India,
and believing that this favor may be granted
I have taken the liberty to trouble you again
with the enclosed Papers, and again with the ~
enclosed Papers and intreat that they may be ~
forwarded with this Letter to His Excellency. ~

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I have the honor to be with respect.—

St Thomas's Mount Honble Sir
" 15th April 1798.— &c." &c."

(Signed) Thomas Geils

The Secretary is directed to acquaint Major General Geils that the Board cannot depart from the regular and established usages of the Service by transmitting his appeal to the Supreme Government.—

For his satisfaction however ordered that Major General Geils be informed that all the proceedings of Government upon his subject including their correspondence with him from the commencement of the mutiny at S. Thomas's Mount to his suspension from the Service have already been submitted to the Governor General in Council.—

Ordered that General Geils's — address to the Supreme Government be returned to him

Read the following letter from Captain Lieutenant Woods.— The

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The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

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

Fort Saint George

Honourable Sir,

From Captain Lieutenant Wood - representing the embarrasment he is exposed to from the want of the Money due to him and expressing his hope that Government will not hold him - responsible for the failure that has happened in the Army Granary, in consequence of the reduction made in the thickness of the Walls. -

I take the liberty to address your Honble Board, in the hope of obtaining some - satisfactory information respecting the probable - period when I may expect payment of the - several sums now due to me by Government - and I trust the necessitous and embarrassed - circumstances to which I am reduced, by the long and unlooked for delay in the regular discharge of the same, will in some measure apologize for obtruding on your Honble Board this - Application for relief, having frequently intimated to your Military Board the difficulties I labored under

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under in consequence thereof, without deriving any other satisfaction, than the knowledge of my claims having been recommended to the consideration of your Honble Board, in order to their being passed for payment, which claims I shall beg leave to enumerate. They are as follows. ~

Amount of allowed P.r Centage, on one Field Officers, & Eight Officers double Quarters finished at Arnee ~ May last ..... 318.. .. ..

D.o D.o on repairs made to Gram Godowns at Arcot ..... 26.. .. ..

Second advance on Account of Amboor repairs due since January last ..... 679.. .. ..

First advance due on Account of Granary ~ repairs at Arnee ..... 398.. .. ..

Amount of allowed Per Centage on a Barrack for 1000 Europeans lately completed at Arnee. 580.. .. ..

Total Pagodas 2001.. .. ..

Independant of the embarrassed State of my Privat finances, owing to the considerable Sums I have ~ advanced

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Advanced to carry on the repairs committed to my
Charge, in the constant expectation of a speedy ~
remuneration; another Motive not less powerful,
& of infinite consequence to my Character & private
Credit, induces me, Honble Sir, to trouble you
with this address. ~ An idea, whence it originates
I know not, but which nevertheless obtains very ~
generally, is that your Honble Board has it in
Agitation to render me responsible in a pecuniary
Mulct, for the success of the alteration now
making to the Roof of the Granary at Arnee,
& that for this purpose the above Sums are ~
withheld; to which the delay in making the ~
requisite advances for carrying on the Work, &
which cannot fail of being publickly known,
from the necessity I am thereby laid under of
taking up small Sums for that purpose wherever
I can obtain them, may perhaps have given
rise

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Rise; certainly affords room for unfavorable conjecture;
& not a little contributes to encrease my embarrassments

But whatever the opinions of others may be, I am
firmly persuaded that your Honble Board could
never harbour such an intention, since it would
be equally repugnant to justice & equity, to make
me answerable in the forfeiture of the expence of a
Work, to the mode of executing which I have most
pointedly objected as replete with danger to the
above Building suggesting at the same time a plan
for performing it, for which I was willing to becom
responsible. — Neither can I believe, that I shall
be subjected to a treatment so rigorous, & so injuri-
=ous to my private fortune, for an error of Judgeme
from which other Officers of longer Standing, & for
greater knowledge & experience than I possess, &
from whom consequently much more might be
reasonably expected, have not, it would appear, been
wholly

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wholly exempt in as much as there is no instance of any one arched Building, constructed upon the same plan, having stood better than those erected at Arnee, since Buttresses were necessary to every one to prevent a total failure. — The error to which I allude, Honble Sir, respects the deviation from the original Plan of the Granary, by a reduction I made in the thickness of the Walls, which if viewed in an impartial & dispationate light, ought not, I humbly conceive, to operate to my disadvantage, since exclusive of wish to bring if possible, the quantity of work in that Building within the compass of the Estimate, this deviation was founded on apparently the most rational principles, justified by a comparatively just and fair inference, such as might have misled one of more experience than me. Viz.ᵗ — That if Walls of a given thickness, with apertures at short intervals such as Doors & Windows, would sustain an arch of

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of a Given form and weight— Walls of the same ~
thickness, solid, & without appertures throughout, ~
would bear a similar arch much better— and ~
although it unfortunately happened that the example
(the general plan for Arched Barracks) I had taken
as the rates, whence this conclusion was drawn, ~
proved to be in itself erroneous, in so far that it
has in no one instance stood the test of actual ~
experiment— yet I trust it will appear to your
Honble Board, that in the exercise of the discretio-
-nary power I erroneously conceived to be vested
in me, to adapt the Plan, of the Buildings, to the
circumstances of the Soil & situation on which it
stands, I was not actuated on the occasion by
any unworthy motives, & that no fraud was intended
to be practised on the Honble Company, as I never
by any means attempted to conceal the alteration
I had made in the thickness of the Walls, but on
the

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the contrary, at the same time I certified the Building to be finished, I transmitted with the measurement of it Sections explanatory of the Calculations, whereon the actual existing thickness of the Walls, was expressed in figures so that there could be no deception. — A review & impartial consideration of these circumstances, which perhaps, upon a cursory examination may have been suffered to operate but too much to my prejudice, will, I presume to flatter myself, entitle my claims to the favorable Attention of your Honble Board, may prove an inducement to passing my Bills for Payment, & thereby obviate any Malicious or ill founded conjectures respecting the cause of the Amount being so long withheld, & by relieving my Pecuniary embarrassments, enable me to prosecute the repairs now carrying on with expedition & effect, during the Present —

favorable

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favorable season of the Year, to which otherwise, the want of the necessary resources must prove an insur=mountable Obstacle.~

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect.~

Yo.r &c.a

Cuddalore 12.th April 1798.~

(Signed) T. Wood
Capt. Lieut. of Eng.r

Minute thereon~

Ordered to be on the table untill the whole of Captain Woods' Conduct can be taken into consideration.~

Read the following letter from~

Major General Brathwaite.~

To Josias Webbe Esq.r~
Secretary to Government,

Sir,

I request you will take an early~ opportunity to lay before the Hon.ble the Governor in Council my request that he will grant permission to Captain de la Salle Marechaize of the Regiment

Servans

From Major General Brathwaite recommending that permission be granted to Captain De la Salle to proceed to Sea for his health and to Mr. Dawras to go to Yanam to settle some private affairs.~

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Servans dans l'Inde, captured in this place and now a Prisoner on his Parole here, permission of absence for six Months (to try what constantly sailing about may do for the re-establishment of his health) without loss of his subsistance, which I hope it may be permitted to his family to receive Monthly during his absence they consisting of an Aged Mother, Sisters, and Nieces, who have some of them their chief dependance on him I would not make this request without well knowing the person for whom I make it and being able to assure you that he is a gentleman of probity and honor, and consequently of respectable Character, free from any disposition to intrigue, and without any further professional hopes or views in India.—

Enclosed I think it necessary to send you a Certificate which he delivered to me when he solicited me to make this request, it is

Signed

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Signed by the French Surgeon under whose care he has been three Years, and by the Surgeon of His Majesty's 36th Regiment who has latterly also attended him, and who has told me, that he has but little prospect of better health, but by keeping at Sea, as much as he can for some Months.— I also request you to lay before the Honble the Governor in Council the enclosed letter which I have received from Mr. Dawras a Merchant of this place, — by it Sir you will see that he is desirous of proceeding to Tanam to terminate a Partnership and close some mercantile Accounts and wishes to proceed from hence by Sea.— If Government is disposed to comply with his request, I imagine it will be necessary to forward to him, the Governor's Passport, without which he may meet with difficulties.— He is a Gentleman who is well known to many of the Company's Servants,

and

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and speaks English very well. ~

I request you also to call the ~

Attention of Government to my letter of the 1st. of ~

March last_ It has in part been replied to in

your Letter of the 17th. of that Month / the contents

of which has been communicated to the, Bishop of

Dolicha / but there are some points on which I am impor-

-tuned, on, which Government has not yet signified it's

pleasure, and I am told that it is not regular that

the Functions of Greffier to the Superior Council, and ~

Curateur aux biens vacantes, should be held by the

same Person, as the Records of the one, are in some

degree a check upon the other_ but this has been the

case since the promotion of Monsieur Geuerre Curateur

aux biens vacantes to the Office of Greffier. ~

I have the honor to be

Pondicherry Do.a Do.a

April 14th. 1798. ~ (Signed) John Braithwaite

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I the undersigned Surgeon, practi-
-tioner in the French Hospitals, do certify that Mr.
De la Salle Marion is afflicted with an Asthma,
for which I have attended him for three Years past
and being of Opinion that his recovery cannot be
completed in the Climate I recommend his taking
a voyage to Sea or his Residence in a colder climate

In testimony whereof I have set my
hand to this Certificate—

in Pondicherry the 9th April 1798.

(Signed) J Pochont

(Signed) Jn. Little
Surgn. H. M. 36th Regt.

a true Translation
(Signed) George Parry
French Transl.—

To Major General Brathwaite
Comm.r at Pondicherry

Sir,

Having some Accounts to adjust
with

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with the House of Sauvages and Co., the firm to which I formerly belonged at Yanam; I am desirous of proceeding thither in the course of the next Month, and shall probably proceed by Sea.~

As it is necessary that my intended Departure should be intimated to the Madras Government I make this communication to you, and request you would, would take such Steps as may be necessary to prevent any impediment to my intended Voyage.~

I have the honor to be with respect

&c &c

Pondicherry
13th April 1798.~

(Signed) Dauzas

A true Translation
(Signed) George Parry
French Transl.r

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letters from Major General Brathwaite and Lieutenant Colonel Muat relative to the Situation of the Widow of Mr. Lavall late a Conductor~

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board.~

To

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To Captain Malcolm

Town Mayor of Fort St. George

Sir,

I have received, on my return to

Papers shewing the long and faithful Services of Derrick Lavalle formerly a Conductor on the Establishment with a view to his Widow being admitted an incumbent on Lord Clive's Funds.

this place your letter of the of the 24th. Ultimo, with some enclosed Papers, which I now return,~ relative to the Widow of Mr. Derrick Lavalle~ formerly a Conductor in the Service, and wishing to derive some information from me before any farther steps should be taken concerning her application for a Pension, chiefly because it had been so long delayed.~ It is a justice I owe to a very worthy Man, and an excellent Officer in his line, to certify which I hereby do, that Lavalle was a conductor in the Northern Division of the Army immediately under my own eye, all the time I commanded it, was a punctual, faithful, and deligent Man, and astonishingly active for his time of life~ he had been near forty Years in the Service, and I understood

from

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from general report, that he had been thirty years a Conductor, and that he had always given satis-
-faction to his Superiors, and his conduct all the time he was within my immediate knowledge -
confirmed such report, I understood also that he would have been long since, brought forward as an Officer, but that being a Foreigner, (a Dutchman I believe) he never could, or did acquire any -
fluency in the English language, or those habits, and manners which would qualify him to associate with Officers. — he was rough in his manners and illiterate, but a most conscientious discharger of any trust reposed in him and had talents competent to the duties, which fell to his lot, he was a good husband, and a good Father, an industrious, and frugal Man, and there cannot be a strong proof of his honesty, than that with his character, after being in an employment of some trust for 30 years,

his

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his whole fortune Amounted to about Six or Seven—
hundred Pagodas of the whole of which he was robbed
at a Choultry in the Masulipatam District, by—
some Natives Armed, as he was going from Ellore
to Vizagapatam to which Station he had been removed
by orders.— This blow was so severe to the poor
old man, as all my efforts with the Chief and Council
of Masulipatam to procure him Satisfaction from—
the Zemindar in whose Country the Robbery was
Committed, proved in=effectual, that from that time
his Spirits entirely forsook him, and he died a few
Months afterwards— I do not know how it—
happened, but it was the generally received Opinion,
that as Conductors were not Specifically Named in
the deed which entitles Widows to Lord Clives bounty,
the Widows of such could not be put upon that
List, and this was told to the poor woman by
many who certainly wished her well, and she
therefore never Applied for it, but continued to drag

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a miserable existence, supported by occasional ~ Charitable donations, her own Industry when she could find any work, and some small afsistance ~ which a Son who was a Writer in one of the Publick Offices in the Circars could afford to give to her, but to those She was obliged to add the Sale of every thing She had that would fetch Money— at last her charitable Friends fell off by death, or removal to distant Situations her eye sight began to fail her, and a new Arrangement in the Circars had thrown her Son out of employ in this melancholy Situation (I think toward the latter end of last Year) She addreſsed herself through Lieutenant Colonel Muat to Mr. Westcott and me, looking upon us as the ~ Friends of her deceased husband and his family— I adviſed her (actually doubting myself whether She was entitled to Lord Clive's Bounty as the ~ Widow of a Conductor) to addreſs a Petition to the Military Board as the Widow of an old Servant

on

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in the Ordenance Department, humbly requesting that
Board to State her case to Government, and solicit some
allowance for her, and I have been informed that the
Military Board were decidedly of opinion, that she
was entitled to Lord Clive's Pension, and directed
Captain Pierce to write to Lt. Colonel Munt to take
measures accordingly. — This Sir, is the cause of the
present application, and the reason why it was not
made sooner, and this I with great satisfaction
Certify to you, hoping that it may induce Govern-
-ment not only to grant to this poor Widow the
Pension to which the long and faithful Services
of her husband so fully entitle her, but also to
take measures that she may not be a sufferer by
her ignorance, and unwillingness to be troublesome,
and that she may receive the arrears due to her,
from the time of her husbands decease.~

I am

Dc" Dc"

(Signed) John Braithwaite

Pondicherry
1st April 1798.~

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

Agreeably to the request of the Widow of Mr. Lavale Conductor of Artillery, in her letter accompanying a Petition which she has addressed to you, I now do myself the honor of forwarding it. —

I farther take the liberty of mentioning that she bears a very respectable character, but is in poverty; and is subsisted by her Son, who earns a small Salary as a Monthly Writer in the Cutcherree of Mr. Collector Scott at this place. —

This goes under a flying Seal to Major General Bridges. —

I am — with the greatest respect &c. &c.

(Signed) Geo. Muat
Lt. Col. Commandt.

Chicacole
18th February 1798. —

This

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This to Satisfy as that Constancea De Neuor —
Daughter in law of Antoney Wood Armorer is Lawfull
Marriage with Dereck Lavale Conductor by adjutant
Lumley by miny concent. —

(Signed) C. Tod

(Signed) T. Madge
Captain 12th Batt.

Mt Ellore
18th June 1769

(Signed) L. Lumley
Adt. —

Chicacole
12th March 1798. — (Signed) Geo. Muat Lt. Col.
Commanding —

Ordered that the Widow of Conductor
Lavale be pensioned with the necessary Certificate to
entitle her to participate in Lord Clives fund from
the death of her husband. —

The Widow of —
Conductor Lavalle
admitted a pensioner
on Lord Clive's Fund. —

Read the following letter from the
Military Paymaster General. —

Josiah Webb Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

The accompanying affidavit and
Bills

From the Military
Paymaster General
respecting Dupliceats
of

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of Bills drawn on his Office in the Year 1792 by Mr. G. Hoar pay-master to the Army payment of which is now claimed by a Native Named Kistniah

Bills of which the enclosed are Copies have been presented to me by Kistniah Bramny the Amount is undoubtedly due to the Holders of these Bills and the sum stands in my Books under the head of Arrears - They were refused payment upon the same Grounds as those which were referred to Government by Mr. De Fries Vizt., because I did not know that the Possessors of the Bills were entitled to receive the Amount but this Matter is now changed by the Affidavits and I have to request the Orders of the Honble the Governor in Council on the Subject and in case he shall determine that they are to be discharged that he will be pleased to point out the mode of Payment.-

I am,

Fort St. George
17th. April 1798.-

Dc. Dc.
(Signed) Benj. Roebuck
M.P.C.

No. 1522.- (Duplicate)
Star Pags. 985. 11. 10.

At fifteen days after sight

please

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Please pay to Errellupen or Order the Sum of Nine hundred eighty five Pagodas forty one Fanams and forty Cash or in the option of the Military Paymaster General in Rupees at the exchange of three hundred and Sixty five for 100 Pagodas for value received of him here which pass to Account with or without further Advice from— Sir,

&c.ª &c.ª

Camp 30th April 1792 (Signed) Geo. Hoar Paymr. to the Army.—

Benjn. Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymr. Genl.
Fort St. George

a true Copy
(Sigd.) B. Roebuck
M. P. Gl.—

Benjamin Roebuck Esqr.
Military Paymaster General

Sir, In reply to your request for an acquittance of any Claim on the part of Mr. Porcher or of the House of Messrs. Porcher Redhead and Co. to a certain Bill No. 1522 drawn on you by Mr. George Hoar Paymaster to the Army under date 30th April 1792—

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1792 in favor of Cerrellupen and endorsed in—
Malabars to Mr. Porcher, We have to say that it
does not appear to Us that Mr. Porcher or—
Messrs. Porcher Redhead & Co. have any Interest
therein whatever.—

We are
Madras Yc. a Yo. a—
21th April 1798.— (Signd) Kindersley Wallis &c.

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

No. 1611 Camp 30th April 1792 Entered 27 Febry 93

Star Pags. 688..18..16

At fifteen days after—
Sight please pay to Vallasthum Pilley or order
the Sum of Six hundred Eighty eight Pagodas—
eighteen fanams and Sixteen Cash—or in the option
of the Military Paymaster General in Rupees at the
Exchange of three hundred and Sixty five for 70 Pags.
for value received of him here which pass to Account
with

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with or without further advice from—

Sir

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Geo. Hoar Paym.r
to the Army

Benj.n Roebuck Esq.r
Military Paym.r Genl.
Fort St. George

(Duplicate) a true Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. Gl.

by order accept
(Signed) Mr. B. Roebuck
M. P. Gl.

No. 1430 Camp 30th April 1792 — Entered 27th Febry 93

Star Pagodas 718..31..40 — At Fifteen days after
Sight Please pay to Rungapah Naig Maistry or
Order the Sum of Seven hundred eighteen Pagodas
thirty one Fanams and forty Cash or in the Option
of the Military Paymaster General in Rupees at
the Exchange of three hundred and Sixty five for
70 Pagodas for value received of him here which
pass to Account with or without further advice from

Sir

&c.a &c.a

(Duplicate) (Signed) Geo. Hoar — Paym.r
to the Army. —

Benj.m Roebuck Esq.r
Military Paym.r General
Fort St. George

(Signed) Mr. B. Roebuck
M. P. Genl.

a true Copy
(Signed) B. Roebuck
M. P. Gl.

The

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The Affidavit of Seenevausiah Head Hircar of the Honble Company.—

The above Named deponent make Oath & Sayeth that in the Month of January 1793 three Persons known by name of Erelapen Velloyada Pilla and, Rungapah Naick brought to Kistneah three, Bills drawn by Mr. Hoar and discounted the same to him and the Money due for the said Bills those three, Persons having received and this Deponent further upon Oath declares that at the time of the Purchase of the said, Bills the said Kistniah requested them to make over the said Bills to Mr. Porcher and they did accordingly make them over to the said Mr. Porcher by writing on the back of the said, Bills and putting their Signatures thereto, and this Deponent lastly upon his Oath Deposeth and saith that the Sum aforesaid is Justly and truly due to the said—

Kistniah

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Kistniah from the Honble Company.—

a true Translation as near as can be

from the Malabar Language.—

(Signed) Ranganaudom

Interpreter

The Affidavit of Kirstniah.—

The Deponent above mentioned maketh Oath and saith that in the Month of January 1793, Valoyada Pillah, Erulapen and Rangapha Naidoo brought three bills drawn by Mr. Hoar on the Military Paymaster General to the Amount of Pagodas 2393..1..16. which bills this Deponent has purchased at Discount and this Deponent lastly upon his Oath deposeth & saith that the Sum aforesaid is justly & truly due to him from the Honble Company

A true Translation as near as can be from the Malabar Language.—

(Signed) Ranganaudom

Interpreter

Ordered

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Minute thereon.— Ordered that the Amount claimed by Kistniah being Pagl. 2393..1..16. be discharged by an Eight per Cent bond of this date and carried to the debit of Military paymaster General.—

Read the following letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.—

To T. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request you will signify his recommendation, that the following promotions may be ordered to take place.—

From the Adjutant General recommending promotions to fill vacancies in the Artillery Corps, and noticing his having passed over Lieutenant Fireworker Noble agreeable to General Orders.—

Artillery

Lieutenant Fire Worker Thomas Cookesley to be Lieutenant, vice Andrew Geils, resigned— Date of Rank the 14th April 1798.

Lieutenant Fire Worker Anthony Weldon to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Geils resigned— Date of Rank, the 14th April 1798—

Infantry

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Infantry

Ensign Josiah Maynard to

be Lieutenant, vice, Sherer, resigned - Date of

Rank the 11th April 1798. -

I have the honor to be

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17th April 1798. -

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) B.y Close
Adjt. Genl. of the
Army

P.S. Lieut. Fire Worker Noble is passed -
over in the above promotion in consequence of
the late General Orders by Government. -
(Sigd.) P.C.

Minute thereon. -

As the Board are not without
hopes that the manner in which they have marked
the conduct of Lieutenant Fireworker Noble in
the Orders of the 13th Instant will excite in
that Officer a proper Sense of his imprudence
they are unwilling on account of his inexperience
& youth to pass him over untill he may have had
another

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another opportunity of declaring better sentiments and better principles— Ordered therefore that the foregoing promotion be not yet published.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Croker.—

To The Honble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris Governor, President in Council &c. &c. &c. Fort Saint George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Croker— enclosing Copies of further questions put to Captains Muller & De Haase— sends sundry original Papers & Evidences to the Presidency on the Snow Gustavus.— and Notices Captain Muller's refusal to embark.—

In compliance with General Dc Meuron's Orders of the 15th January 1798— I have embraced the opportunity of the Snow Gustavus going to Madras; and have now the honor of transmitting you by Captain Stewart all the— Books, papers &c. &c. found on board of the Ship Susannah Amelia, now detained at this Port on suspicion.—

By Captain Stewart, I have also sent four of the Crew as Per Mr. Secretary— Wibley's

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Webbe's letter of the 29th of December 1797, of which four, the present, and former Captain are two the Chief Mate and Boatswain are the other two, and I beg leave to observe that Captain Muller, the present Captain, was third Officer on one of the Dutch Ships taken at the Capture of Columbo — Mr. De Haase, the former Captain, has been in the Dutch Service at Batavia this long time and never has been at Tranquebar — The Chief Mate and Boatswain are also Dutch Subjects, and Dutch Servants and the whole of the Crew, — are partly Dutch and the greater part Malays, who are Natives of Java and consequently — Dutch Subjects. —

As the Gustavus is a private — Merchant Ship, I have in my order for those Gentlemen to be received on board, mentioned to Captain Stewart that the usual Sum would be paid for those Gentlemen's passage, which Sum I must intreat the favor of

your

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your ordering to be issued.—

Inclosed you have Captain Stewart's receipt for the Box containing the Papers &c.a which has been made up, and Sealed in presence of Captain De Haase, Captain Muller, The Chief Officer, and George Mac Mahon Esqr. who also goes Passengers on the Gustavus.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Robt. Croker

Lt. Colo.

Point De Galle
31st March 1798.—

P.S. Since writing the above I am sorry to inform you, that Captain Muller has actually refused to go on board the Gustavus, and protested in consequence of his being ordered to Madras.—

Copy of a few Questions put to Captain Muller and Captain De Hause, respecting the Danish Ship formerly called the Geo Schemelman, now the Swannah Amelia.—

Questions 1st. to Captain De Hause.—	Answer.—
By your original Papers it appears that the Ship belongs to Mr. Smith of Tranquebar.—	Yes— Sir.—

Question

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Question 2nd to Ditto.— Answer.—

How came she to be sold at the Mauritius, and what authority had you for selling her.— I was qualified by the Proprietors to do so.—

Question, 3rd to Ditto.— Answer?—

I believe it is a custom among Merchants to grant to each other a special power of Attorney, to dispose of their Effects, particularly Ships or Houses.— Have you any such Authority."— I have none in Writing.—

Question, 4th to Ditto Answer?—

What did you carry to the Mauritius, that is, what did your Cargo consist of.— Rice, Arrack and a little Coffee.—

Question, 5th to Ditto.— Answer?—

As Supercargo you of course have your Owners Instructions respecting the Sale of the Cargo, and the disposal of the Proceeds which must have been considerable Pray what are become of these for you have nothing in the Ship.— I have Bills on Europe for the Proceeds.—

Question

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Question 6th. to Mr. De Hause.— Answer.—

In disposing of a Ship
it is customary to make over
the original Bill of Sale
to the Purchaser; How is
it that yours is not made
over or Indorsed.— I never was asked for it.—

Question 7th. to Captain — Answer.—
Muller? —

Where is the Bill of Sale
wherein Captain De Hause
makes over the Ship to you — Certified to be Signed in
the Register Office at the Isle
of France.—

Question 8th. to Captain De — Answer?—
Hause.—

Mr. Smith — I observe in
your Original Papers swears
that the Ship was his, on the
27th. of June 1796, where-
as it appears that She was
not sold by the Dutch —
Company untill the 1st. of
October 1796 — How can —
you account for this.— I cannot account for it.—

Question

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Question 9th. to Captain De House.-

The above with the circumstance of your Selling the Ship, without any Authority for so doing looks suspicious.- Can you clear it up.-

Answer.-

I can in no way Account for it.-

Question 10th. to Captain Muller

The Navigation Law of Nations say, that one fourth at least of the Ships Company are to be Subjects to the power to which the Ship belongs- The whole of yours are evident. by Dutch Subjects.-

Answer

If there was a possibility of getting them I acknowledge it, but there was none.-

Question 11th. to Captain Muller

You say there was no possibility of getting Danish Subjects at the Isle of France, and still you in your protest you acknowledge your former Vessel to have been Condemned as Unnavigable. Where or what has become of her Ships Company.-

Answer.-

The Chief Mate a Dane, got a good Appointment at the Isle of France and is gone to Tranquebar on another Ship The Second a Portuguese- remained at the Island and the Crew some run, and some were induced away by higher from other Ships.-

Carried forwards

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Remark.~

Captain De Hause not having any authority, could of course not sell the Ship, and if the Ship belongs to Tranquebar, it is to Mr. Smith of that place.~

Captain De Hause Answered I have however done so.~

We do hereby acknowledge the above to be our Answers to the Several Questions put by order of Colonel Croker Commanding Galle.~

Point de Galle 27th of November 1797

Witnesses
Signed { W.C. Gibson / Joh. Franchell }

Signed { G.F.D. Haas / Neils Moller }

Witness and Interpreter

A True Copy
(Signed) Robt Croker
Lt Colt
Further

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Further Questions to Captain Moller and Captain De Hause, respecting the Danish Ship, formerly called the Geo Schimelma; now the Susannah Amelia.

To Captain De Hause

Question 1st.

As Supercargo, you no doubt have some Papers respecting your former Cargo, will you produce them?

And will you shew your Books, with the Sales &c. of that Cargo?

Answer.

I have no Book but that which you have seen. And all the Papers respecting the Cargo were left with Mr. Moneroa at the Mauritius

Question 2nd to Ditto.

In your Onkost Book I perceive the Sum of Spanish Dollars 500. Charged Voor Papier; What Paper was this?

Answer.

Writing Paper?

Question

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Question 3rd.

500 Dollars was a great deal of Money to be paid for writing Paper for the Ships use Pray is there much of it still on Board? ~

Answer

It was not for the Ships use it was Trade. ~

Question 4th.

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

Answer

The Onhost Book alluded to, is only a Memorandum Book for my Privat Speculations The Paper was my private property. ~

Question

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Question 5th

Captain De Hause

It appears some what Contradictory that a Book should be headed, the Onhost Book, for the Ship Geo: Schimelma and wherein all Charges respecting the Ship such as Pilotage &c.a &c.a are regularly inserted, and still this Book you call a Private Memorandum.—

Answer

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

Question 6th to Ditto

By Captain Moller's Papers it appears that you sold, and that he bought the Ship on the 14th of September and still in your Memorandum or Onhost Book I see on the 17th a Sum entered Pilotage for taking the Ship out of the Harbour.—
Now as a Passenger, how did this find its way into your Private Memorandum Book.—

Answer

Captain Muller paid the Money— and only entered it in my Book, merely as a Memorandum in case of my going back again.—

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Question 7th.

Do you Captains De Hause and Moller, declare that you have no Books, or Papers on Board but what have been produced

Answer by Mr. De Hause

I declare I have none

by Captain Muller

I declare I have none!

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

As Witness our hands this second day of December 1797.

(Signed) G. T. De Hause

Neils Moller.

Witnesses

(Signed) W. C. Gibson

Joh. Tranchett

Witness and Interpreter.

A true Copy

(Signed) Robt. Croker

Lt. Colt.

Point

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Point De Galle 31st. of March 1798.—

Received from Colonel Croker Commanding Galle, a Box containing the papers and Books of the Ship Susanna Amelia, — detained on suspicion, — which Box, was regularly made up, and Sealed in my presence, by George Mc. Mahon Esquire and Captain De Hause former Captain of the said Ship. —

(Signed)

Charles Stewart

Command. the Snow Gustavus. —

Mr.

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Mr. Williams, the Company's Solicitor, being summoned to attend the board, is desired to take charge of the Papers transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Croker, and after taking the necessary depositions of the Witnesses &c.a to report the result for the information of Government.

Minute thereon.—

The original papers delivered over to the Company's Solicitor.—

" Geo. Hanes

Eo.r Saunders

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" E.W. Falkofield

John Turing Esq.r