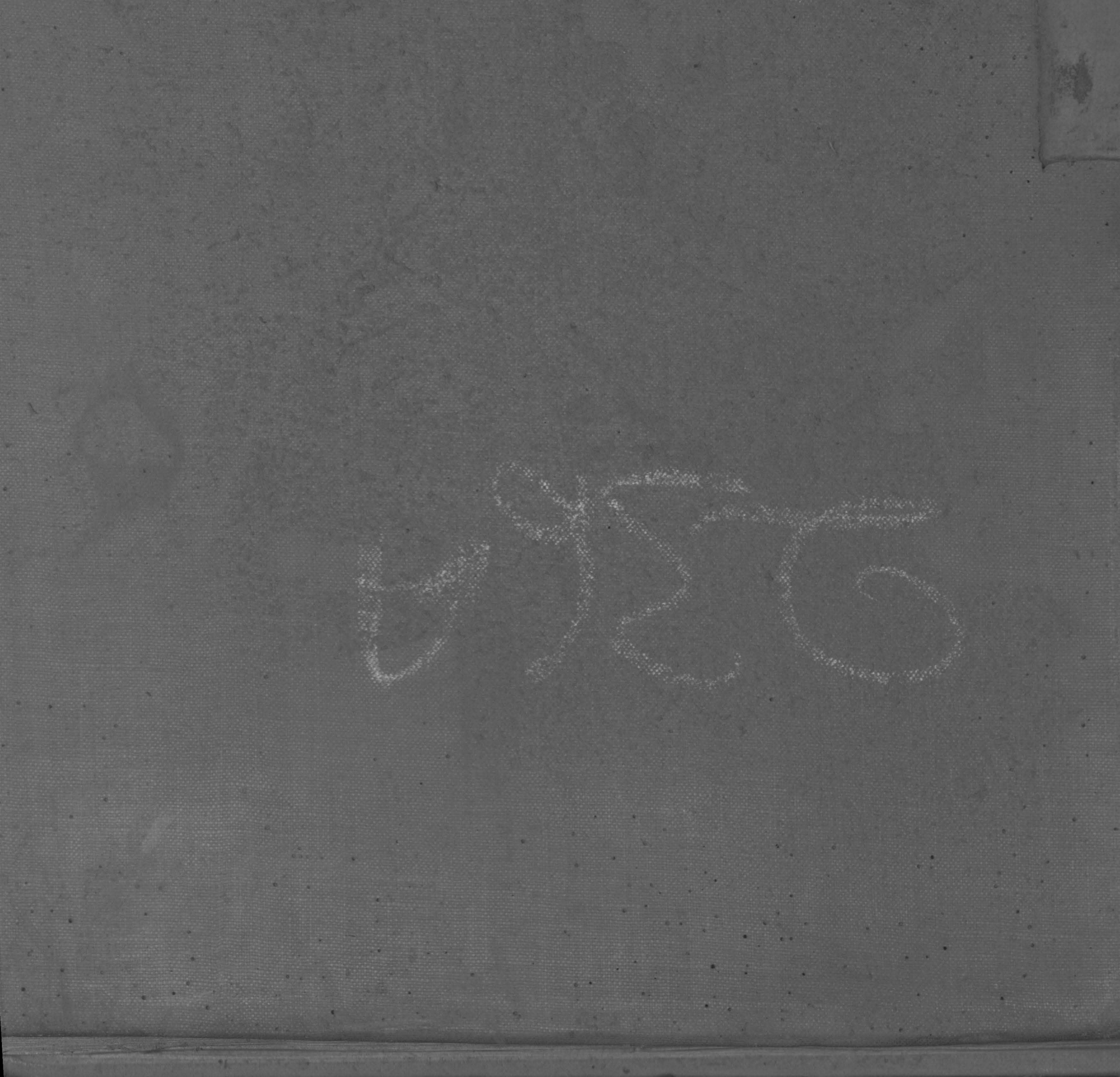


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Diary

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in Mss Nos 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78.—

From the officer commanding the 2d Batt.n Artillery at Mesant

From Colonel David Smith enclosing an application of Lieut Fireworker Craigie for leave to proceed to Sea for the Recovery of his Health

From the Collector in the 1st Division of the Vizagapatam District

From Mr W Brown advising of the arrival at Cassimcottah of two Companies of Sepoys from Samulcottah on their march to Chicacole.

From the officer commanding in the Baramaul District

From Lieut Colonel Read with a Letter from Major Doveton requesting that some allowance may be granted to Mr M'Arthur for attending the Lascars and other persons of that description in the Garrison of Ryotah

From the Commandant at Pomanelle

From Lieut Colonel Campbell advising of the Arrival of the Malay Prisoners from Trichinopore and requesting to be provided with eight Sentry Boxes for the use of the Garrison —

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 2,396. 19. 50

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring

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referring the above Estimate for Examination —

To Lieut Evans — acquainting him

To Lieut Evans — that as the repairs executed by him to the —
Commandants quarter at Rajahmundry do not
appear to have been authorized, Government —
cannot charge the Company with the amount
expended —

To the Hon^ble A Culbraith informing

To the late Chief at Pulicat — him that the Board are not at liberty to increase
the sum already fixed for his Monthly subsistence

Read the following Letters
from Major Doveton and Tippoo Sultaun the
latter entered also in C.L. N° 60. —

To Josiah Webbe Esq^re
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Major Doveton inclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun for the Governor & Copy of one from the Sultaun to himself which accompanied it —

I have the honor to transmit to you
a Kheretah from Tippoo Sultaun addressed
to the Hon^ble the Governor — Copy and translation
of an Enayet-namah from the Sultaun to me
which accompanied the Kheretah. I have also
the honor to send enclosed —

I beg leave to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of the 23d Instant and
of the Kheretah from the Hon^ble the Governor
General

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General to Tippoo Sultaun which has been duly forwarded to Seringapatam

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I have the honor to be
Sir, &c &c
(signed) G. Doveton

Translation of an inaged Namah from Tippoo Sultaun to Major Doveton Dated 29th Ramazan Aug. 1212
13 March 1798—

From Tippoo Sultaun congratulating Lieut Gen Harris on his succession to the government.

After the usual address—

I have received, and understand the contents of your letter which gives me information of the Departure of Lord Hobart Behaudre for Europe, and of the appointment of General Harris Behander, agreeably to the orders of the Court of Directors, to the Government of Madras.

The appointments of General Harris Behaudre to the Government afford me great pleasure— The terms of friendship and connexion and the Strength of the Engagements which subsist between the two Sirkars are clearly known to you— and as the General—

Behaudre

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Behaudre is a stranger and lately arrived, it is incumbent that you explain them fully to him and impress his mind with the sentiments of mutual Friendship—

A Khureeta in answer to the one lately transmitted is herewith sent he pleased to forward it to Madras—

Give me frequent accounts of your welfare—what can I write more.

Amin translateer

(Signed) G. Doveton

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahadur to the Honble Lieutenant General Harris Governor of Fort St George

Dated 18th March 1798

Rec'd 28th Do Do

I have had the pleasure to receive your agreeable letter in the happiest season, informing me of Lord Mobarts resignation of the Government of Madras and of your assuming the reins of administration in consequence of the appointment of the Honble English Company. Circumstance which affords me great satisfaction

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satisfaction—

I request that you will consider me extremely solicitous to cement and consolidate the ties of that friendship which has been established between us, as well as anxious to be favoured with constant and exhilerating accounts of your welfare

may happiness and joy attend you!

A true translate

(Signed) A Folionar

Pro. Sr. to Govt—

29th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mis. Nos. 79. 80. 81.—

From Military Paymaster General) From Mr Roebuck inclosing an additional Estimate of Pagodas 2200 required by the Paymaster at Masulipatam for the present month

From the Collector in the 1st Division of Vizagapatam + District) From Mr Brown advising of the arrival at Cassimcottah of two companies of Sepoys under the Command of Captain Convenant on their March towards Chicacole—

From the Commandant at Ryacottah) From Major Doveton acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webbe's Letter of the 23d Instant.—

Sent the following Letters—

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To Lieut General Harris
President &c Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of the 19th Instant with its inclosures—

As it was impossible that so great a work as the repair of the Black Town wall could have been undertaken without the knowledge of Government, the Commandant of Artillery might have — supposed, and had the positive means of information by enquiry that the plans upon which the repair has been conducted was approved and sanctioned by us—

Having considered the — observations of Major General Floyd together with your report upon the accoutrements of the native Cavalry we approve your suggestions in regard to the saddles, and — have desired the Major General to furnish you with a Saddle and Bridle complete, which is to be sealed by you and forwarded to each of the Regiment as the established pattern.—

We

To the Military Board
reply to the remarks of
some of the Members of
their Board, relative to
the Mode of repairing
the Black Town, with
resolutions respecting
Cavalry accoutrements
as further Buildings
to be made at present
at Arnee—Advances
of Cash ordered on their
recommendation—Bills
presented by the Chief
Engineer referred for
examination—

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We entirely concur with you that
it is unnecessary to keep in Store so large a proportion
of European Saddles, as is recommended by Major
General Floyd for exergencies

As the turbans now used by the
Several Regiments are reported to be good, we
concur with you that it is inexpedient to put the
men to an extraordinary expence in order to
obtain exact uniformity, but if any opportunity
of obtaining this advantage should hereafter
occur we desire that according to the —
recommendation of Major General Floyd the
turban now worn by the 4th Regiment may
be made the pattern of the whole —

We agree with you that
the method of suspending the sword by a Shoulder
belt will be improved by connecting it with
the belt of the belly box according to the
pattern prepared by Major Dallas: and —
desire that each of the Regements may be
accordingly be furnished with a pattern under
the seal of your Board —

We have adopted your —
recommendation in regard to the swords and
Carabines now in use

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For particular reasons we think it inexpedient at present to make any alteration in the manner of supplying certain Articles of equipment now provided at the expence of the men; but shall not fail to attend to the suggestion of Major General Floyd and your recommendation whenever a fit opportunity may occur.

We have no objection to the necessary bags being considered a part of the horse accoutrements to be provided by the Commandants of Regiments without additional expence to the Company.

We approve your suggestions for the future supply of Swords scabbards and have allowed a Moorby to each Regiment for the purpose of completing them.

We do not think it necessary under present circumstances that the buildings at Arnee should be completed to the extent of the original plan nor can we think the Arm racks requisite for the few Europeans stationed in that Garrison

We have authorized the several advances recommended by you except

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to Captain Wood for reasons already assigned —

We enclose for your examination

four estimates of repairs received from the

chief Engineer.

We are

Gent.lemen, &c &c

(Signed) Geo. Harris

&c Council

To Major General Floyd

Sir

For Major General Floyd communicating the Board's resolutions on his Inspection reports on the Arms and accoutrements in use with the Native Cavalry Regiments

Having referred your report upon the accoutrements of the Native Cavalry to the examination of the Military Board, and having taken the whole into consideration the Honble the Governor in Council directs me to inform you that the patterns of accoutrement for a man and horse forwarded by you are composed of good materials well made, and calculated in all respects to answer the purposes intended except the hole in the hinder part of the seat of the Saddle for a third strap to the necessary bag, which he conceives not only tends to weaken the seat of the Saddle but may prove inconvenient to the dragoons. He is therefore

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therefore desires that you will take the trouble of having a Saddle and bridle completed according to the approved pattern, made for each of the Regiment of Native Cavalry, to be forwarded to the Military Board and sealed with their seal as the established patterns whenever new Saddles and bridles may be required.

The Governor in Council has adopted your suggestion for suspending the Sword by a Shoulder belt, and for wearing the cartridge box in the belly together with an improvement recommended by the Military Board for connecting the strap of the belly box with the Sword belt according to a pattern prepared by Major Dallas, which has been sent to the different Regiments.

Though it is certainly desirable that exact uniformity should be observed in the turbans of the Native Cavalry, the Governor in Council has not judged it advisable to put the men to any expence on this account at present, but will avail himself of your recommendation in regard

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to this as well as some other Articles of
equipment supplied by the men themselves when
a fit occasion may occur.

The Governor in Council has
adopted your recommendation for continuing
in use the Swords and Carbines now worn by
the Native Cavalry. He also approves your
suggestion for the future supply of Sword. —
and has allowed a Sloochie
Scabbard, to each Regement for the purpose
of completing them after their delivery —
from the Public Stores —

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

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To Lieut Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army —

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 23d Instant and to
furnish you with the following resolutions of
Government upon the several points therein referred.

1st That as Lieutenant Colonels Clark
and Oldham never did attain the rank of
Colonels, nor consequently the Command of Regts
upon

To the Adjutant General
resolutions on the Claims
respectively, of Major
General Bridges. —
Colonels, Clarke, Oldham,
Bonneaux, and Wyatt
on the off reckoning Fund
for 1795 —

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upon the Establishment they are not intitled to — of reckonings according to the New regulations.—

2d That Colonel Wynch and Bowmaker are not intitled to share in the off reckoning fund from the date of their rank but from the publication of their promotions in orders only according to the invariable usage of the Service on this Coast.

3d That the two Shares which by the foregoing resolutions are not payable to any person be deposited in the Company's treasury till the pleasure of the Court of Directors shall be known —

4 That Major General Bridges having returned with his rank to the Service is entitled to his full share of off reckonings as Colonel of a Regiment from the establishment of the New Regulations

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

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor

To their Military Auditor Genl
additions made to the Office &
Establishment of the Paymaster
in the Barracks division on
the relative claims of the British
Hospital and Native Paymasters
— relative to Cash authorized
to be made to Captain Cannon
and the different agents of
the Cavalry Corps —

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Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of
your Letters dated 24th and 27th Instant.

In consideration of the circumstances
stated by the Paymaster of the Baramahal and
supported by your favorable opinion the Hon.ble
the Governor in Council is pleased to allow an
addition of fifteen Pags. P month to his establishment
of Servants, and authorizes you to remit that
Amount from the retrenchment standing against
his predecessors upon the affirmation of their
honor that it was actually disbursed over and
above the Sum allowed by the regulations for
Servants.

The decision of Government upon
the reference of the Paymaster at Trichinopoly is
herewith returned to desire that it may be
extended to the Paymasters at Madura and
Vizagapatam.

The Security bonds for Lieut.
Colonel Beresford have been delivered up

I inclose a Bill for work
executed at Ryacottah under the Superintendance
of Captain Lennon amounting to
Pags 1918-14- which I am directed to desire
may

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may be passed for Payment

The Governor in Council desires that an advance of Pags 480 may be made to the Gram. Agent of the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry on account of Gram purchased by authority for that Regiment: and in consequence of the Cavalry movements lately ordered that an advance of Pags 400. be made to each of the gram Agents on account of their establishments and current expences.

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

To Chinniah Moodely

In answer to your applica-tion of the 26th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Honble the Governor in Council has no objection to your proceeding to Cuddalore but no further South

To Manally Chinnia Moodely cannot be allowed to proceed to the Southward further than Cuddalore

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By Order of the Honble the Governor in Council
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt

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To Major General Floyd

Commanding the Southern Division

of the Army at Trichinopoly

Sir.

To Major General Floyd an Irregular address from some Officers of the 19th Dragoons — Returned, & order for arrangement for quartering the Officers and Troops at Trichinopoly Warriore and Puttoor —

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward to you the inclosed irregular original application of some Young Officers in his Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons.—

I am also directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated 23d. Instant and to desire that the artillery lately ordered to Trichinopoly may be Stationed at Warriore according to your recommendation the 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry at Puttoor and the 2d. Battalion 3d. Regiment Native Infantry in the European barracks in the Fort of Trichinopoly.—

The Governor in Council has resolved that temporary barracks shall be erected by the

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the barrack Master under your direction for the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry and authorizes you to furnish them with a proportion of tents from the Stores untill the barracks may be completed.—

The Governor in Council desires that the Commanding Officer's quarters at Pulicat now occupied by Colonel Gowdie may be allotted to — Lieutenant Colonel Orr: and in regard to such — Officers as may be without quarters they will be — permitted to draw the usual allowance of House rent

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I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. Webbe
Secr. to Govt

Received also the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council

From the Military Board recommending for payment a Bill for a Barrack for 1000 Europeans erected at Arcot by the late Contractors.—

Honorable Sir

&c. &c. &c.

We have the honor to submit to — Government

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Government a Bill from the late Contractors for Biildings and Repairs Amounting to Pagodas — 23232.41.15. for the erection of a Barrack for one thousand (1000) Men with an arched roof at Arnee which Bill bearing the necessary Certificates as to measure= =ment and to a due execution of the Work by the Superintending and Chief Engineers, We recommend to be passed for payment.—

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We have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Br Close

30 Sent the following letter to Major General Geils.—

To Major General Geils :

Sir,

The Officers who appear to have issued the

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To Major Gen.l Gells calling upon him to produce the original letter addressed to him by the officers of the artillery Corps —

the addresses to you transmitted in your letter of the 13.th Instant having been called upon for an explanation of the circumstances under which they did so have stated some of them that the Copy of the address differs from the original and others that the original itself was interlined and corrected in many places. I am therefore directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to call upon you for the original address. —

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I have the honor to be
S.r
S.r
(Signed) J. Webbe Sec.y to Gov.t

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N.os 82-83-84-85-86-87-88. —

From Commandant at Vellore —

From Colonel Sale requesting to them if he may allow the Nabobs People to commence on the Repair of the Circar Buildings within the Fort. —

From

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From the Adjutant General

From the Adjutant General recommending promotions to fill vacancies occasioned by Captain Darke of Artillery being placed on the Invalid List.

From the Secretary to Military Board

From Captain Pierce requesting that Puvannahs may be procured from the Nabob for passing duty free the Grain to be provided by the Contractors for the different Regiments of Cavalry.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring for examination the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Masulipatam Paymaster for the current Month.

To Do. — Do.

To Do. desiring he will authorize pay being issued for the Month of March to the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry

To the Collector at Cuddalore

To Mr. Harry Taylor desiring he will supply Mr. Shardon with such sum of Money as he may require to enable him to make the

payment

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payment abovementioned —

To the Commandant at Vellore —

To Colonel Sale — desiring him to furnish the Nabob's people with a small guard should they require it for the protection of the Materials &c. to be used in the Repair of the Civicars Buildings. —

Substance of a letter to the Nabob —

Sent Letter to the Nabob enclosed in C. C. N. 61 — requesting he will furnish purvannahs for the transit of the Grain required for the different Cavalry Regiments —

Sent the following letter to Lieut. Colonel Massey —

To Lieutenant Colonel Massey

Sir.

To Lieutenant Colonel Massey in reply to his representation relative to the Mode proposed for discharging the arrears of pay due to him —

In answer to your letter of the 27th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that — under the present existing orders it is impossible for the Governor in Council to discharge your — arrears of subsistence in any way but by an 8 per cent

bond

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bond: if however you should desire it, he has no objection to the bond being returned and cancelled, and your being furnished in consequence with a certificate from the pay Department that your arrears have not been discharged here.——

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I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secry to govt.

April 3. Received the following letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

From the Secretary to the Committee for conducting the Repair of the Black Town Wall requesting that a convenient and proper Place may be allotted the Contractor on which to make the Bricks required for the Repair of the Wall &c.

I am directed by the Committee for superintending the Repairs of the Black Town Wall, to enclose you a Copy of a Letter which has been addressed to them by Mr. Maitland Contractor for the Work under their direction for the Information of Government as the Committee are entirely Ignorant

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Ignorant of the causes which have occurred to prevent Bricks being cut at Vipery, they can only refer the Matter to Government, who they trust — will see the necessity of taking some immediate Measures to guard against the Work being — impeded at a Season when it is of particular Consequence it should be forwarded with as much expedition as possible. —

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I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Malcolm
Secretary

Major General Ross
President &c. Committee for the Repairs of the
Black Town Wall —

Gentlemen

I have the honor to represent to you that having desisted from cutting bricks within the boundary of the fortification of the Black Town by

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by order of the Honorable the Governor and at
Vepary by desire of Mr. Hodgson the Assistant
Collector of the Jaghire that being unable to —
purchase Bricks from the Inhabitants in conse=
-quence of some dispute between the Collector —
and them, I have only bricks sufficient left for
Six day's Work, and see no source from which
I can be supplied, unless you shall think proper
to point out a spot where I may cut them ——

I must take the liberty of remarking
to you that independent of the impediment, that will be caused to the
public Servic by this want of Materials a —
further delay will be occasioned by the loss of my
Bricklayers unless I continue them in my Pay —
notwithstanding I may have no Work for them ——

I hope you will take this letter
into your Consideration and grant me such relief
as you shall think proper ——

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I have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c.

(Signed) R. A. Maitland

Contr

A true Copy

(Signed) John Malcolm

Secretary

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

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Honorable Sir

From the Military Auditor General — report on the Loss sustained by the Troops at Tanjore in the Exchange —

In consequence of the Directions signified to me in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 28th. February last, with respect to the Representation Made by Major General Floyd of the loss sustained by the Exchange at Tanjore, I applied to the Paymaster of that Station to furnish me with every information in his power so as to enable me to make the Report required by Government

on

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on the Subject, but finding from his answer under date the 29th Ultimo that he makes no issue to the Troops except in Star Pagodas, I apprehend that the inconvenience complained of by Major General Floyd can only be remedied by the Collectors or by the Resident at Tanjore, and that the Exchange of Star Pagodas into Fanams must depend upon the internal regulations of the Country, and not upon the Paymaster who pays the same coin to the Troops, in which advances are made to him by the Collectors.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

Your most Obedient and very humble Servant

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Milty Audr. General

Military Auditor Generals Office
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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutenant Genl. Harris

Governor President

Tuesday 3. April 1798 } Edward Saunders and Ernst William Tallofield Esqrs.

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from Bengal.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort S. George

Sir

I am directed to desire that you will lay before the Honorable Governor in Council the enclosed Copy of a Treaty concluded by the Governor General with the Nabob Vizier

From Bengal enclosing Copy of the Treaty lately concluded by Sir John Shore with the Vizier Saadut Ally

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Vizier

Fort William
the 13th March 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Government —

Treaty between the Nawab Vizier Saadut Ali Khan Behader and the Honorable the English East India Company. —

Whereas various Treaties have been concluded at different times between the late — Nawab Shujah-ud- Dowlah Behadur and the Nawab Asoph-ud- Dowlah Behadur and the Honorable the English East India Company to the mutual advantage of their Respective Dominions, The Nawab Vizier-ul- Momalek Yemeen-ud- Dowlah, Nazim-ul Mulk, Saadut Ali Khan Behadur, Mobariz Jung, and Sir John Shore Baronet on the part of the Honorable the East India Company with a view to perpetuate the amity Subsisting between the two States and the advantages Reciprocally Resulting from it now agree to

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to the following Articles.—

First

That the peace, Friendship and Union so long Subsisting between the two States shall be perpetual, the Friends and Enemies of either — shall be the Friends and Enemies of both; and the contracting parties agree that all the former Treaties and agreements between the two States now in force, and not contrary to the Tenor of this Engagement shall be confirmed by it.—

Second

By the existing Treaties between the States the Honorable the East India Compa= =ny are bound to defend the Dominions of his Highness the Nawab Saadut ali Khan against all Enemies, and with a view to enable them to — fulfill this Engagement and at the same time provide for the protection of their own Dominic= =ons

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Dominions the English Company have largely —
increased their Military Establishment by the addition
of new levied Regiments both of Infantry and Cavalry
The Nawab Saadut Ali Khan in consideration —
thereof, agrees in addition to the annual subsidy
paid by the late Nawab Asoph ud Dowlah to
the English Company being Rupees Fifty Six Lacks
Seventy Seven thousand Six hundred and thirty —
Eight to pay in perpetuity the further Sum of —
Rupees Nineteen Lacks Twenty two thousand three
hundred and Sixty two. Making altogether the
Sum of Seventy Six Lacks of Rupees— The said —
Rupees to be Oude Sicca Rupees of the present
weight and Standard.—

Third

The above Subsidy of Oude Sicca —
Rupees Seventy Six Lacks is to commence from the
twenty first Day of January, One thousand Seven
hundred and Ninety Eight the date of the Accession of
the

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the Nabob Saadut ali Khan to the Musnud of Oude, and the said Nabob engages that it shall be punctually discharged Month by Month as it becomes due in Sums of Oude Sicca Rupees Six — Hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred — and thirty three, five Annas four Pice of the present Weight and Standard according to the Kistbundy annexed.——

Fourth

That the Arrears of Subsidy due upon former Engagements, to the twenty first of January One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety eight also be immediately discharged.——

Fifth

The Nabob Saadut ali Khan agrees that an annual allowance of One Lac fifty — thousand Oude Sicca Rupees be made to Vizier ali Khan, and agrees to pay the amount by Monthly Kists of twelve thousand five hundred Rupees to —

the

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the English Company who will pay the same to Vizier ali Khan as long as he shall continue to reside in the Dominions of the English Company—

Sixth

The Stipends to the Begums and Princes at Benares Amounting to Rupees Two Lacks four thousand per annum and the Furruckabad Pensions Amounting to Rupees twenty three thousand Six hundred and thirty eight are included in the above Sum of Seventy Six Lacks of Oude Sicca Rupees.—

Seventh

The Governor General Sir John Shore Baronet on the part of the East India Company agrees that the English Forces Maintained in the Country of Oude for its defence shall never consist of less than ten thousand Men including Europeans and Natives Cavalry Infantry and Artillery,

and

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and if, at any time it should become necessary to augment the Troops of the Company in Oude beyond the Number of Fourteen thousand Men including Europeans and Natives, Infantry and Cavalry and Artillery, the Nabob Saadut ali Khan agrees to pay the actual difference — occasioned by the excess above that Number and in the same manner if the Troops of the Company in oude, from any necessity should be less than eight thousand Men including Infantry Cavalry artillery. Natives and Europeans a — Deduction shall be made from the annual Stipend of Seventy Six Lacks of Rupees equal to the actual difference of Men below the — specified Number.

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As the English Company are not possessed of any forteys in the Dominions of

Oude,

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Owde, the Nabob Saadut ali Khan having the fullest
reliance on the Friendship of the English Company
agrees to make over to their exclusive profession
the Fort of Allahabad with all its buildings and
appurtenances and the Gaunts immediately depen-
-dant upon the Fort together with as much Land
surrounding the fort as may be necessary for the
purpose of an Esplanade, the Company agreeing
to be answerable to the Nabob for the amount
of the Revenues Collected from the said Gaunts
the said Nabob also agrees to advance to the
Company such a sum as may be necessary
for strengthening and improving the Fortifications
of this Fort, provided that it do not exceed the
Sum of Eight Lacs of Owde Sicca Rupees —
and that the said amount or actual amount
of the expenditure not exceeding eight Lacs of
Rupees shall be paid to the Company within

two

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two Years from the date of this Treaty in —
such proportions as may be required for defray=
=ing the Expence to which it is applicable —
and the said Nabob Saadut ali Khan for
the same Reasons, further agrees to advance to
the English Company for the purpose of
Repairing the Fort of Tuttieghur within Six
Months from the date of this Engagement a
Sum not exceeding on the whole three Lacks of
Owde Sicca Rupees. —

Ninth

If for the better protection and
Defence of the Dominions of the Nabob Saadut
ali Khan it should be deemed advisable to —
change the present Stations of the Troops at
Cawnpore and Futtyghur the Nabob Saadut
Khan consents thereto and that the Troops shall
be stationed in such places as may be judged
most adviseable and convenient, and that he will

defray

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defray the expence attending their Removal and making Contonments for the Troops.——

Tenth

As the English Company have incurred a considerable Expence by their exertions in establishing the Right of the Nabob Saadit ali Khan, the said Nabob agrees inconsideration thereof to pay the Company the Sum of twelve Lacs of Oude Sicca Rupees.——

Eleventh

As the payment of the Company's Troops in Oude depends upon the Regular discharge of the Subsidy stated in the 2d. and 3 Articles of the Treaty the said Nabob engages to exert his utmost endeavors to discharge the stipulated Kists with punc=tuality. But if contrary to the sincere intentions and exertions of the said Nabob the payment of the Kists should fall into arrears, the said Nawab —— Saadit ali Khan engages and promises that he will

then

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then give such Security to the Company for the discharge of the existing arrears and the future regular Payment of the Kists of the Kists as shall be deemed Satisfactory—

Twelfth

Whereas by the engagements now entered into between the Nabob Vizier and the Company the Amount of the Subsidy is consider=ably encreased, and many other permanent charges upon his Excellency are incurred, on a Comparis=son of his Disbursements with the Assets of his Country it becomes necessary to make such Reductions in the Superfluous Charges of the Public Establishments, Servants, &c. as may be requisite and are consistent with his Excellency's Dignity and convenience. To that end the said Nabob agrees to consult with the Company's Government and in concert with them, devises the proper objects of such Reductions and the best

means

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means of effecting them.—

Thirteenth

As the Political Interests of the Nabob Saadut ali Khan and the English Company are the same, it is expedient and agreed that all Correspondence between the Nabob ali Khan and any foreign power or State shall be carried on with the knowledge and concurrence of the Company; and the Nabob Saadut Ali Khan agrees and promises that no correspondence contrary to the Tenor of this Article shall be carried on by him.—

Fourteenth.

As the Stipulations in the commercial Treaty between the two States have not been inforced with due attention particularly in the Dominions of the Nabob Vizier, the contracting Parties agree to exert their utmost endeavours to give force and effect to them.—

Fifteenth

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Fifteenth

The Nabob Saadut ali Khan engages and promises that he will not entertain any Europeans of any Discription in his Service nor allow any to settle in his Country without the consent of the Company—

Sixteenth

The Nabob Saadut ali agrees that a suitable Maintenance shall be provided for the Reputed Children of his Brother, the late Nabob Asoph ud Dawlah. and willingly — promises to take them under his Protection—

Seventeenth—

The Nabob Vizier ul Mamaulik Saadut ali Khan Behauder for himself and his Heirs and the Governor General Sir John Shore Baronet on the part of the East India Company respectively promise to observe sincerely and strictly all the Articles contained and settled

in

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in the present Treaty, and they both agree that they will give the greatest attention to Maintain between themselves their Dominions and their — subjects this present Treaty and all the Articles — settled by it that all Transactions between the two states shall be carried on with the greatest Cordiality and Harmony on both sides and that the said — Nabob shall posses full authority over his house- hold affairs Hereditary Dominions his Troops and his Subjects —

Kistbundy (or Instalment) for the Payment of the annual subsidy —

1.st Kist for the Month of January

Payable on the 1.st of February 633,333. 5. 4

2.d Kist for the Month of February

Payable on the 1.st March 633,333. 5. 4

3.d Kist for the Month of March

Payable on the 1.st April 633,333. 5. 4

4.th Kist for the Month of April

Payable

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Payable on the 1st. May ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

5th. Kist for the Month of May

Payable on the 1st. June ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

6th. Kist for the Month of June

Payable on the 1st. July ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

7th. Kist for the Month of July

Payable on the 1st. August ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

8th. Kist for the Month of August

Payable on the 1st. September ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

9th. Kist for the Month of September

Payable on the 1st. October ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

10th. Kist for the Month of October

Payable on the 1st. November ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

11th. Kist for the Month of November

Payable on the 1st. December ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

12th. Kist for the Month of December

Payable on the 1st. January ---------- 633.333. 5. 4.

Total S.R:76.00.000. - - -

(Signed) J. Shore

Signed,

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Signed Sealed and Interchanged at

Luckow this Twenty first day of February in the Year of

our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety eight

in the presence of—

(Signed) J. Sumsden
Resident

N. B. Edmonstone
Persian Trans.r

A true Copy

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secry.

Read the following letter from Poonah—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General G. Harris

Governor of

Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the

receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's letter of the 23. Ultimo

enclosing your letter for the Peshwa announcing your

accession to the Government of Madras which shall be

delivered in the usual manner——

I have also the honor to acknowledge

the

From the assistant at Poonah congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his succession to the Government and enclosing Copy of his address to the Supreme Government Respecting Brokerage due to the agents employed in conducting the pecuniary transactions of the Residency—

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The Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 3d instant to enclose extract of my address of this date to the Governor General, and to be very respectfully —

Poona
19th March 1798

Honorable Sir,

I &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Whitehill

P.S. Enclosed is copy of my letter of this Date to the Secretary at Fort William. —

Extract of a letter from Mr. Joshua Whitehill to the Governor General dated Poona 19th March 1798 —

I have repeatedly noticed to you the Dissatisfaction evinced by Many of Doulut Row Sindea's principal Officers Since the Arrest of Narrain Row Bukshy on the 6th Instant — The latter was the Channel of their Business with the Durbar particularly of a pecuniary Nature and was a Favorite with them from the Conciliation of his Disposition and Conduct — The office of Bukshy is not yet conferred on any one and the Monies who have hitherto —

Relieved

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relieved the Exigencies of the Soldiery by Loans Smarting under the Losses They have sustained by Narrain Rows Arrest decline during the present State of Suspense to make any further Supplies which has reduced Doulat Rows Troops now from three to Six Months in Arrear to great Distress. to this Dissatisfaction and distress is added Distrust from the unreasonableness and Violence of the Conduct of Doulut Row, who is thought to have a Plan in agitation for the Seizure of More of his principal Officers Under these Circumstances a large Body of Doulut Rows Troops. chiefly Cavalry at the Head of whom were Mozuffer Khan. Ashoor Khan — and other Mahommedans, who have large Commands of what are called Hindostanny Troops being Levies made in that Part of the Country and who Submit less tamely than any other of the Sindean Troops to ill Payment or any Kind of ill Treatment posted Themselves under — Arms on the Morning of the 16th Instant Dhurna — over Doulut Row Sindia, insisting on the Payment of

their

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their Arrears and their Discharge or Security for — Regular Payment and good Treatment in future Doulut Row who was in an upper Apartment sent the Brother of Jadoo Row Bhasker to pacify them whom they would not suffer to depart; and kept also by constraint Seyajee Ghautky and Gopaul Bhow who had been subsequently deputed by Doulut Row with a — Message to them. In this State Affairs remained till the Morning of the 28th. Instant during which several Messages passed between Doulut Row and the Troops in Dharna the former proposing the immediate Payment of Half their Demands leaving the Balance to future Examination and adjustment in which the latter professed their Willingness to acquiesce, on Condition of Sankar Security being given for the Payment of the remaining Half. In the Course of these Discussions some Messages passed between Doulut Row and Colonel Filose — through some of the confidential Ministers of the former

and

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and some of the Colonels Troops that had been sent in
Advance were brought back to Camp, which occasioned
a Representation from the Cavalry in Dhuma to the —
European Officers in Doulat Row's Service when the —
latter assured them that if the Payment of their Arrears
was their Sole Object, They would not act against them
and Colonel Filoses Troops have Since returned to
their former Position — The Cavalry are said to claim
an Arrear of two Crores of Rupees and Scruple not
with great Asperity to upbraid Doulat Row with —
Squandering large Sums on his late Marriage and
leaving his Troops unpaid and with admitting into his
Councils low bad Men to the Neglect of the old and
respectable Adherents of his Family During these —
Discussions Doulat Row has been attended by Baunajee
Hugra Fukkeerjee Gaurwesh Baboo Row Angria Jadoo
Row Bhanker, Bikram Cheyla and some other —
Persons of less Note Raijee Patell and Ranjee Patell
two old Marratta Officers of some Respectability have

been

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been employed as Mediators, but to the Period of my Writing, with but little Success; and Colonel Tilose — Major Drugeon, and Major George, the three — principal European Officers in Sendea's Service here were introduced as Mediators on the 28.th The Dhun- -na has not as is sometimes the Case debarred any of the Parties from all Sustenance, Sweetmeats &c. having been destributed among them and some having had their Victuals dressed for them in the usual Manner.—

Colonel Palmer will in all Proba- -bility arrive here on the 25.th or 22. Instant and I shall of Course consider my public Functions at this Residency at an End immediately on his — arrival, or on my first Interview with him Should He wish that to take Place prior to his reaching the Residency — It is at present my Intention as repeatedly intimated to You Honorable Sir to proceed to Bombay with as little Delay as possible

after

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after the Colonel has taken Charge of this Residency

Intelligence has this Instant —

reached Me from Doubut Row Sindeas Camp

that there is a Prospect of Accommodation by the

Payment of a considerable Part of the Arrears of the

Troops in Dhurwa.—

True Extract

(Signed) Ukthoff

To G. H. Barlow Esqr

Secretary at

Fort William

Sir

It is unnecessary for me to Point out to

the Notice of Government the advantages that have

been derived to the public Service through the Chan-

=nel of this Residency Since its establishment under

Sir Charles Malet the beginning of the Year 1786

in the article of pecuniary Supplies, by Bills of —

Exchange for Bombay Presidency the Peshcush to —

Nizam ally Khan the Madras Horse agency and

the

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the Hydrabad Residency. They have been repeatedly fully acknowledged by the Government General & and the Government of Bombay the particulars of which will be found detailed in a Letter Addressed by Sir Charles Malet from Bombay to the Secre=tary to the Government General on the 15th July 1796

As a mark of the importance with which this subject has been received by the Govern=ment General and of the encouragement which they have thought it merited, they were pleased some — Years ago to authorize Sir Charles Malet to allow One ℔ Cent brokerage on his pecuniary negociations to the Agents whom He employes and which was in consequence Regularly Paid to the Middle of the Year 1796 Since when no charge has been made to the — Honorable Company on this account; though pecuniary negociations to a large amount have been Settled — through the Channel of this Residency on very Favora=ble terms.

The object of this address is to solicit

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Solicit in Justice to the integrity assiduity Zeal and
Succes of the agents employed by this Residency in the
pecuniary negociations in Question and to Stimulate
their future exertions in furtherance of the public Service
that the Honorable the Governor General in Council —
will be plased to authorize Colonel Palmer to Pay
the usual brokerage to the agents in Question whom
I shall Point out to the Colonel before I quit —
this Residency —

I have the honor to enclose a General
Statement of the negociations of this Residency during the
period for which brokerage is yet unpaid on account of
Bombay Presidency the Peishkush and Madras Horse
Agency exclusive of the Supplies for the expences of
the Residencies of Poona and Hydrabad which —
have Seldom been on terms less favorable to the —
Honorable Company than Par — The amount will be
found to be 4,78,265 Rupees the brokerage of which is —
4,782½ Rupees —

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The agents in Question have however cheerfully acquiesced in my Suggestion of Submitting to the Government general to Pay them three thousand (3000) Rupees as a Remuneration for their Services which mark of their moderation will I earnestly hope be favorably considered by Government and induce a ready acquiescence in the present application.——

Poona
19th March 1798

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

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Uhthoff

Statement

Statement of Pecuniary Negociations through the Poona Presidency.—

Period	On what Account	Amount		Average Rate of Exchange
November 1796	Bombay Presidency	50,000	Rupees	Par
From June to December 1797 inclusive	Ditto	92,265	Ditto	¼ ℔ cent Loss
From December 1797 to March 1798 inclusive	Madras Horse Agency	80,000	Ditto	3⅓ ℔ cent Premium
From May to August 1797 inclusive	1st Kist of Peshkush for the Fusly year 1206	150,000	Ditto	a Small Fraction less than ¾ ℔ cent premium
January and February 1798	2d Kist of Peshkush for the Fusly year 1206	55,000	Ditto	Par
March 1798	3d Kist of Peshkush for the Fusly year 1207	51,000	Ditto	2 ℔ cent Premium
		478265		

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(Signed) J. Ashthoff

True Copy

Signed J. Ashthoff

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The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.—

Commander in Chiefs Minute in Council April 3. 1798.—

The Commander in Chief finds it necessary to request the attention of the Board to a subject which already appears on the Records and at the present juncture seems to require particular consideration.— He alludes to the claims of the Men of the 5th Battalion of Artillery for Clothing for the Year 1791 a late representation on the subject from Lieutenant Colonel Saxon is now submitted to the Board from which as well as from former correspondence it appears that Clothing for the Battalion for that Year was forwarded in 1792 to Major General Geils, who by his own account thought proper to return it to the Clothing Agents an act for which he does not appear to have had any authority and to which the claims in question solely refer.—

Whether Major General Geils is to be made

Commander in Chiefs Minute recommending that one Months Subsistence be paid to certain Artillery Men in lieu of Clothing to which they are entitled for the Year 1792 states the circumstances connected with the subject and submits how far Major General Geils should be responsible to Government for the Clothing provided and not issued to the Men

made Responsible for the cost of this Clothing will be for Government to determine hereafter,— mean while as the Clothing or an equivalent for it in Money has been unquestionably due to the several claimants for these Seven Years past, and as part of these Men are destined to Embark shortly for Trincomale — which has lately induced them to renew their demands with much solicitude — The Commander in Chief recommends that in lieu of their clothing for the Year 1798 the claimants shall each be paid the Custo= =mary allowance of one Months Subsistence as the justest mode by which their claims can be now — discharged. —

The accompanying Rolls and Abstract shew the Rank and Number of the claimants present on the Establishment. —

The Sums due under the Head of Casualties may be discharged as the several demands are presented for payment certified in the manner which

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returned back the Suit sent by the Agents and — which I believe is the One the Men now claim Payment for. —

The circumstance is so long prior to my command of or even appointment to the Battalion that if what I have above stated should not prove satisfactory I must beg leave to refer you for further information to Major General Geils —

I likewise beg leave to inclose a General Abstract of Clothing due to the 1st. Battalion of Artillery for the Year 1793 with the Casualties that have been given in by Major General Geils — since the former Rolls was Transmitted. —

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22. January 1798

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Saxon

Lieut. Col. Comg. 1st. Batt. Art.y

Minute thereon

Ordered that One Months Subsistence be advanced to each of the Men in lieu of Clothing to which they are entitled for the Year 1793 — and that the

Remainder

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Remainder of this Subject do lie over for consideration—

Read the following Letter from the

Military Auditor General—

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir.

From the Military Auditor General proposing a Form of Affirmation to be made by the Superintendents of the Breeding Studs to their Monthly accounts—

Having in conformity to the Orders conveyed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 13th. Instant prepared the Necessary Instructions respecting the accounts and musters of the Breeding Studs under the Superintendence of Major Barbut and Lieutenant Evans I beg leave to submit whether as it is expressly mentioned that no pecuniary advantage is to be derived by the Superintendents exclusive of the salaries allowed them by Government, it may not be proper that they should Certify their accounts upon Honor in the same Manner as the Agents— Render this Idea I have taken the liberty of enclosing the Form of an affirmation

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affirmation which I propose to be annexed to all the
Charges which may be made by the Superintendents
on account of their respective Studs in order that —
with the approbation of Government they may be
furnished with a Copy of the same for their —
guidance. ——

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S. George
27th March 1798

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Form of Affirmation

I do solemnly declare upon my
honor that the Sums above charged for the purchase
of Stallions and Brood Mares, were bonâfide and
exclusively paid on that account as well as the pro-
portion of Charges for feeding and every other —
expense attending the Stud and that I do not derive
any advantage whatsoever directly or indirectly, as the
Superintendant thereof over and above my Established

Salary

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Salary of 200 Pagodas per Month allowed by Government

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

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Form of Asseveration to be made by the Superintendents of the Company's Stud to their Monthly accounts.—

Read the following letters from the Rajah of Tanjore and the Nabob (entered also in C. C. N.os 62-63.)

Translation of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor &.c &.c dated 8.th March 1798.—

From the Rajah of Tanjore complaining of an armed force belonging to the Nabob having entered his Country and seized some of his Cavilgars &.c—

The letter, which I had the honor of addressing to your Excellency on the 28.th Ultimo will doubtless have been presented to you by my Vakeel — The Polygar disturbances in the district of Alianoor have continued for this year past: as they have now become very serious the Nabob's Aumil of Alianoor impressed with an idea that they take Shelter

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shelter in my Country has sent about two hundred Men with Muskets and ammunition besides — Cavalry— Having entered my Country they surrounded the house of Appoo Naik the Cavilgar of Ayempaut and having seized him were carrying him towards the banks of the coleroon, when the people of Appoo Naik fell in with them and a Skirmish ensued— Some of My Cavilgars fell upon this — occasion; and the people belonging to the aumil of Alianoor having released Appoo Naik fled — after this Appoo Naik and his People returned to their own place— Immediately upon receiving this Intelligence I issued positive Orders to — Mootyam Moopah, Appoo Naik and the Rest of my cavilgars that they should not on account of the Nabob's people from Alianoor having excited disturbances in my Country retaliate by going to excite disturbances there and that if they should create any troubles I should furnish them to —

death

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death — Under these circumstances about four hundred people from Alianoor Yesterday fell upon the Village of Teercotecavil; and having plundered it entirely they beat the Bramins of that place in a cruel — manner and then retired — If sudden descents are made in the Manner of an enemy what can I — say? It has never happened in so long a time that the Nabob's Aumil should enter my country with troops and make war; but the Aumil of — Alianoor has now done so — From the time the disturbances first broke out in Alianoor during the last Year, I have issued positive injunctions to none of my Cavilgar's my Cavilgars, give protection to the people of Alianoor; if therefore if any of them should clandestinely enter my country, I should issue orders upon being — informed of the place of their concealment; but as things have been thus conducted without any attention to this I have felt much concern; and the ryots and people are much alarmed. — It some times happens that some of my ryots and cavil=

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cavilgars go to reside in the districts of Alianoor; would be right on such occasions to send an army to bring them back. I have refrained from the impropriety of entering a foreign country — as the Aumil of Alianoor has behaved in this manner I could retaliate in one Moment; but if after Making your Excellency acquainted with the circumstances there should be no enquiry — there will be no ground to expect that my cavilgars will remain quiet; I request therefore that you will take this letter into consideration and having stated the circumstances to those who ought to be acquainted with them issue positive orders to prevent similar violences on the part of the Nabobs people; and as much detriment will otherwise be sustained I request that this may be done without delay — Believe me always your sincere friend — To a friend why should I write More? —

True translation

(Signed) J. Webbe

M. T. Transl.r

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

Dated 17th. March 1798.

Received Do. — — Do.

From the Nabob — Noticing the Payment of his Nuzzer last — adverts in very [illegible] terms on the Measures — adopted to induce his — acquiescence in a Modi- -fication of the Treaty of 1792 and complains of Embarrassment on the completion of his pecunia- -ary Engagements in — consequence of the Distur- -bances committed by the Cavilgars and Kallars of the Tanjore Country the Warrigripollam and ariolur Districts in the Carnac Lands —

By the blessing of God I have sent you the Sum of One Lak and fifty thousand Pago- =das the Amount of the present Kist and have — received the Receipts of the Company's Treasurer; I Request the favor that you will send me all the Receipts due from the period mentioned in my former Letters and which the Governor in Council omitted to send. —

The adorable and omnipotent Creator of the Universe having instituted at once the four following virtues deposited them among Mankind in this world as the Theatre of their influence the scene of their operation; these virtues are Wisdom and Justice — Fedelity and Honor — The Just / I thereby mean

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mean all the Prophets and Philosophers) have inculcated it as a general Principle that without the Salutary influence of these virtues the human race could not exist.—

Praise and Glory be ascribed to the most High, that during a series of sixty years the Friendship of my family towards the King of Great Britain the English Nation and the English Company hath been characterized by these four virtues and that a Reciprocity of sentiment and a similarity of character hath equally distinguished the friendship of the King of the Nation and the Company towards me.—

My Grand Father, in consequence of assisting the English and protecting Deanampatam by sending a large army under my venerable Father was Killed by the French: my respected Father's friendship for the King the nation and the Company was actuated by these four virtues from

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the time of its Commencement until the final —
Moment which terminated his existance and his
friendship together as for myself I am confident
that thro the aid of my gracious Creator I shall
while I breath be influenced by these qualities and
that the same governing impulse will regulate so
long as they shall live My sons who are to succeed
me. —

I shall here adduce an instance
in which I have experienced the Operation of
these qualities on the part of the King The —
Nation and the Company. —

At the time when my venerable Parent
bed adieu to the World; I was so absorbed in —
grief as to be in a Manner insensible of my —
existence, and the torrent of affliction was so excessive
as to have overwhelmed all the individuals of the
Court in its Resistless Violence. —

During the paroxysm of this
Calamity

Calamity when the weakness of human Nature peculiarly required the alleviating appliances of Consolation and Condolence a tyrannical and unjust proposition was obtruded upon me; which added excess of astonishment to my extreme — grief —

It was at such a Crisis that the Supreme authority in this Country Combining the benign influence of the four abovementioned virtues and inverted in the person of Sir John Shore Bart.; interfered in my behalf and almost at the same time, I was honored with the Receipt of those gracious and Condescending Letters which concentrated the Essence of the four abovementioned qualities: one from my indulgent Father and benevolent friend, my Refuge my protection my King + The King of Great Britain +, and One — from his Royal son and apparent Heir — these welcome Letters; which as they displayed illustrated

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the abovementioned Sacred virtues.—— Subsequently to that also, I learnt with gratitude, the good— intentions of the Company and the Nation with Regard to me.——

I praise God also because the four abovementioned Virtues are implanted my friend in your Bosom and because I have in my hand a correct Volume of these four Sacred Excellencies the Name of that Volume is "The Treaty of the 'Marquis Cornwallis the Plenipotentiary repre= "sentative of the King the Nation and the — "Company of England."——

My friend I was under great Apprehension that I should not beable to compltete the Payment of the present Kist because the Kullers of Heilnaut and Meilnaut in the Madura Tallook who are the Ryots of the Khalsa of my Sirkar have killed my Aumil there and evince a refrac= =tory disposition as well in Respect to praying the

Sirkar's

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Sirkar's Share as in Maintaining their allegiance they also plunder the Sirkar Villages.——

In the Trechinopoly district the Tanjore Plundering Cavilgars having confederated with the plundering Kullers are guilty of —— Murder by night and of Robbery by day.——

In like manner in the district of Alianore and Warriarpallah the Cavilgars and Kullers having united are guilty of Murder and Theft and of plundering the Corps I have learnt by a letter from my Aumil there that — some of the Sirkar Sibbundy have been killed and others wounded.——

I therefore particularly request the favor of you immediately to direct the Collector of Tanjore to deliver over to the Servants of the Sirkar or to permit the Seizure of by the Servants of the Sirkar such of those Thieves as may be pointed out as instrumen=tal in these irregularities so that tranquillity may be restored to the inhabitants and their property be

secure

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same I also request that you will address another
letter to the Commandant at Madura directing
him to send one or if necessary Two companies of
Infantry in order to reduce the rebellious Ryots to
their duty and allegiance and to establish tranquillity
in the district.—

I am anxious to receive your answer
in Regard to Ramnaud.—

What need I write More?

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. Sy. to Government

The President submits to the Board the
following draft of a letter which he proposes should be
written to the Nabob (entered alsoin C. C. N.o 64--)—

To His Highness the Nabob Omdat ul Omrah

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

May it please your Highness!

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your Highness's letter of the 17th Ultimo—
acquainting

To the Nabob—Praising the
embecoming Style of the foregoing
Letter—In respect to the proposed
Modification of the Treaty of 1792
remarks on the general origin
of Poligars and their boundary
which precludes the Intervention
of Government Requesting that
positive Orders may be given for
restraining his Subjects from
entering the Tanjore Country and
that the Expence of the Warrin-
-oreplam and Ambaur Detach
-ments may be discharged—

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acquainting me with the payment of your last due on the 5.th of that Month and confess that I should have received this communication of your Highness's punctua=lity with more satisfaction if it had not been connected with observations on the proposal made to your Highness for introducing a better Government into the Carnatic very inconsistent with that friendship and respect which you profess to entertain for the King, the Nation, and the Company of England.——

The proposal which was made to your Highness upon the decease of your father, and which your Highness is pleased to call tyrannical and arbitrary, was, as you were informed by their letter of the 31.st August 1796 in strict conformity with the wishes and instructions of the Court of Directors and of his Majesty's principal confidential Ministers founded upon a clear and just conception of your Highness's permanent welfare and happiness as well as upon principles of justice humanity and policy;

and

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and I am concerned that your indisposition to meet those wishes and a determination against the introduction of Reform have prevented a renewal of that proposal according to the Orders of the Honorable Court of Directors

If your Highness had upon that occasion been just to your real interests, and the permanent welfare of your Subjects it would not now have been necessary for you to solicit the assistance of the Company's Troops in supporting the authority of your Aumildars:— but since you have again represented the disturbances excited by the Southern polygars it is my duty to recall to your memory the letter of the 9.th May last with your answer of the 14.th in which it was specifically stated in the one and acknowledged in the other that the Revolt of those unhappy Men had been produced by the "tyranny and insupportable oppression of your Aumildars"—

I should regret that these disturbances should be productive of any embarrassment

to

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to your Highness's affairs; but the acknowledged oppression of your Aumildar at Trichinopoly and your refusal of the mediation of this Government under that acknowledgement rendered it then, and still makes it impossible for me to support the power of your Aumildar at that place—

In regard to the disturbances represented to your Highness to have been excited by the Kullers of Madura your present application is as little supported by any explanations of the fact as your demand during last year for assistance against the Polygars of Ahanoor and Dvorriorpollam: having therefore no reason to believe that the conduct of your Aumildar at Madura is different in its operation from that of your late Aumildar at Trichinopoly I have no doubt that upon more mature reflection your Highness will concur with me in the expediency of ascertaining the true causes of this commotion before I involve the Company's Troops in a disreputable warfare and your Highness in the mortification of acknowledging a

second

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second time that the revolt of your Subjects is owing to the tyranny and insupportable oppression of your "Aumildar"

I have already represented to your Highness the irregularities committed by the people of Trichinopoly upon the Tanjore Country, and I now do myself the honor to enclose Copy of another letter from his Excellency the Rajah upon that subject — and as I shall cause enquiry to be made into the depredations said to have been committed upon your territories from the borders of Tanjore, so I have to request that you will restrain the people of Trichinopoly from interference with that Country

I beg leave to remind your Highness that the expence of the detachments at Arialoor and Amboor has not been yet discharged.

I have the honor to be
May it please your Highness
&c. &c. &c.
Signed George Harris

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The Board approve the draft proposed by the president Ordered that it be immediately trans=lated and dispatched to His Highness.—

Read the following letters from the Nabob (entered also in C.C. Nos. 65–66.—

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

Dated 24th. March 1798

Received 2d. ——— 2d.

From the Nabob advising of his having given orders for apprehending the predatory Polygars of the Carangoly District and enclosing a List of defaulters of the Warri=orepollam and allia=moor Districts who have taken refuge in the Tanjore Country.—

Your letter of the 17th. March 1798 mentioning the Depredations committed by certain Poligars in the Company's Jagueer I have received I heretofore also received a Message from you on the Subject of the disturbances made by the Poligar's People in the Carangoly District of the Jaghire desiring me to send Orders to the Amil of Colattoor, not to give them protection and requesting the delivery of three Polygars, whose names were Mentioned.——

My friend I consider the safety and

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and tranquillity of the districts of the Jaghire of my — friends the Company as a primary object and have sent Orders to the Nail at once to apprehend Bomraze — Pankum Swamy and Venda Veeraswamy Naik the Seceded Poligars of Carangooly and to deliver them up to your people, also severely to reprimand the Amil of Colatoor, and to prevent his giving encour= =agement to the Disturbers — My Friend the — predatory Kullers of Warriarpollam and allianoor having taken up their Residence in the Tanjore — Country commit depredations upon those Districts and are guilty of numerous excesses in Killing the Ryotts and Inhabitants and burning their habi= =tations, as I am the sincere and cordial friend of the Company I am persuaded my friends — would not allow the Inhabitants of my Country to be distressed — I therefore request you will be pleased to send immediate and positive Orders to the Collector and to the Rajah of Tanjore to —

apprehend

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apprehend and deliver up to the Sirkars people the undermentioned Disturbers, and should the Tanjorians not be able to apprehend them, that they must not interrupt my people, who by the blessing of God will Seize the Disturbers wherever they may be found, By thesemeans the disturbances in the afore= =mentioned Districts will be quelled. — I addressed you on this Subject under date the 27th Instant — and wait for your Answer. —

Belonging to Worrianpollam —

Wuddiaree —

The Vackeel of Singapriah

Soobriah pillah the Son of Chokanaud pillah

Chinnah Soobriah pillah

Vencatachelliah —

Soobiah the late Renter under Rubdeh Kauder Cawn —

Panah pillah —

Allapa Cherrokar.

Mattapa Cherrokar.

Belonging

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Belonging to Allianoor

The Polygar of Allianoor

The Vackeel of Shamiah

Iyahviyah—

Shamiah purranchee—

Annah Cherrokar—

Vencatadriah Vencatachellapillah—

What need I write More?—

A true Translation

/Signed/ A. Falconar
Dr. Tr. to Government

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

&c. &c. &c. &c. &c. To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 28th March 1798

Received 29th Do. - - Do.

From the Nabob enclosing a paper of Information respecting the conduct of the Warriarpollam &c. plunderers who have taken refuge in the Tanjore Country and requesting that they may be immediately surrendered to his authority.—

On the 17th and 24th of the present Month I stated to you the disturbances committed by certain persons in the Talook of Warriarpollam and Allianoor under the protection of the Tanjore People— I now enclose for your Information a translation

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translation of a letter which I have received from the Renter of that Talookah by which you will see the necessity of apprehending those Distenbers — unless this be done it will be impossible to effect the — arrangement of the Talookah and the tranquillity of the Ryotts — I therefore renew my request — that you will be pleased to furnish me without loss of time with Letters to the Collector and the Rajah of Tanjore on the subject of seezing and delivering up the said distenbers — The Talookah is — entirely deranged by such Robbers

What should I write more? —

A true Translation

Signed A. Falconar
Pr. Tr. to Government

Translation of an Arzedasht from Ramah Shethgerry the Renter of Worriorpollam Dated 2. Shawall 1212 Hegery Answering to 25. March 1798. —

This day wednesday the 2. Shawall 1212 Hegery I have received a Cazan letter from Mayave-

ram

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Mayaveram from my Vackeel to this effect—that Lingapaw Venkatachella Pillah and Soobiah having assembled together and summoned the Collectes of the Tanjore Country they held out to them the hopes of numerous Donations and desired them to join with the rebel veeddiahree and to bring my head to them—the Cazhan letter is sent herewith to the Presence from which your Highness will see fully the Villainy of those Miscreants— although I shall not be remiss in chastising those Men yet I request a letter from the Company to the European at Mayaveram directing that the Circars People may not be prevented from seezing them may be sent to me for they are now residing at Mayaveram together with veeddeahree and I will go under the authority of such letter and seize them.—

Your Highness's favor in this respect is necessary—

Minute

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing letters be

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Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Nabob

be transmitted to the Resident at Tanjore and that he be desired to ascertain the true state of the disturbances complained of by the Nabob, that means may be taken for the preservation of tranquility.—

Ordered also that the Nabob be requested not to authorize any of his Aumildars or troops to enter the limits of the Tanjore Country.—

Translation From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &.&.&.

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor of Fort S.t George

Dated 29.th March 1798

Received — 2.d — — — 2.d

Sawmy Nair the Polligar of the Tallooka of Mannepara depending on Trichinopoly has lately departed this Life — according to ancient Custom — and the established Rules of my Government, the heir of this Man should succeed, by virtue of an Order from the Sirkar — I have therefore directed the Naib at Trichinopoly to send a Person on the part of the

From the Nabob, advising of the Death of the Manapara Poligar and of his having sent Orders to his Naib for the Investiture of the Heir to the Pollam.—

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Sirkar to invest the heir of the Said Polligar.—

What should Invite more?—

A true Translation

(Signed) Alexr. Falconar
Pr. Ft. to Govt.—

Minute thereon—

The President is Requested to address a letter to His Highness the Nabob requiring him to desist from all Interference whatsoever with the Mana=
=parah Poligars; and acquainting him that as soon as the Company's collector reports the death of any Polegar, the Board will not fail to adopt such steps in regard to the succession as may be conformable to existing engagements and the Orders of the Court of Directors.—

Read the following Letter from —

Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase.—

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
Governor and Commander in Chief &c. in Council

From Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase requesting per=
=mission to sell certain — Ordnance and Military Stores to the Vejanis agent

Honble Sir,

Brigadier General De Meuron —
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some time since transmitted to us the enclosed Extract of a letter from from Mr. Secretary Jackson with directions to dispose of Sundry Arms and accou=
=trements deposited in the Arsenal belonging to him. ——

Having endeavoured without succes to sell them under the Conditions Specified in Said —
Extract We take leave to request your Honors —
permission to sell them to a person now in Ma=
=dras / as we understand / with the Sanction of —
Government and Authorized by the Nizam to make
purchases of Arms Aumitton &c. ——

We further take leave to inclose a List of Sundry Stores in Our possession landed from the Alerte and Modeste French Privateers trusting that your honor will give us leave to make a —
tender of them also to this person who has —
produced to us the Copy of a Dustuck from

the

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The Honorable Board.—

We have the honor to be

Madras
2. April 1798.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Chase Sewell and Chase.—

Extract out of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson to Brigadier General De Meuron dated 23. November 1796.—

"There can be no objection to your
"disposing of the Old Arms to European Individuals,
"provided they give Security that such arms are —
"purchased for the express purpose of transportation.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Reynolds.

Memorandum of the following Articles remaining in the Arsenal.—

French Muskets unserviceable	474
Dutch Muskets Received from Pulicat	306
Ditto from Trencamalle	2095
Dutch Muskets Received from Brigadier General De Meuron in deposit	991
Rifled Barrald Guns from ditto in ditto	10
Total	3876

These Muskets I have heard have been offered for Sale by General De Meuron's Agents at Madras.—

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NB Besides the above there are remaining of unservic-
-able Company's Muskets, as ordered by the Militairy
Board to undergo an examenation in order to
their condemnation. ---------- 2157

/Signed/ T. Clarke
C. L.

List of Iron Ordnance and Amunition landed from the
Alert and Modeste French Privateers.

Guns ---------- 18 Pr. ---------- 2
Guns ---------- 9 Pr. ---------- 2
Gun Powder ---- 100 ℔ ---------- 9½ Barrels
Cartridge - 18 Pr. ---------- 67
6 ---------- 87
3 ---------- 144
2 ---------- 84
1 ---------- 18
Shot ---------- 3 Pr. ---------- 497
9 ---------- 98
9 - dble ---------- 6
Grape Shot ---------- 3480

Dble

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D'ble Shot	6 P.r	82
Ditto	Ditto	67
Ditto	9 D.o	37
Shot of Sorts		300
Ammunition Pouches		23
Cartridge Boxes		4
Powder Horns		10
Hand Granades		85

/Signed/ Chase Sewell & Chase
Proje.r Agents

Minute thereon

The Board have no objection to Mess.rs Chase and Co. disposing of the Muskets Stores and ammunition in the way proposed.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Evans.—

To J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Evans with further Information relative to the authority formerly given for repairing the Commandants quarters at Rajamundry.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the —
receipt

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receipt of your letter of the 28th. Ultimo stating that as the Repairs I made were unauthorized by Government they cannot be carried to account a Resolution from which the Governor is determined not to recede — I hope the papers that I have the — honor to enclose will plead My excuse for venturing to bring this Subject once More before the consi= =deration of Government they will I trust shew that the Repairs of the Commanding Officers Quarter at Rajamundry were authorized by Government and though I was not directed to execute them yet I hope the circumstances under which I acted will be thought such as to entitle me to some Remuneration — The paper No 1. will shew that an estimate had been sent to Government by Lieutenant Colonel Gent in September 1792 when the House was barely habitable and by the paper No. 2. it appears that Government were of Opinion that the Sum Originally estimated may not be —

sufficient

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sufficient for the Repairs in the Masulipatam —
District and the Engineer was accordingly Ordered to
make a fresh estimate, none however appears for the
Commanding Officers House at Rajahmundry but
that sent in by Lieutenant Colonel Gent N.o 3. by
which paper also you will see that Government
had approved of the estimate for Repairs in
the District of Masulipatam —

The contractors allowed me to —
make the Repairs and the Engineers Report upon
Honor of the Work I had executed which I
had the honor to lay before Government will
I hope be a sufficient proof of its having
been really executed. ——

The only excuse I can offer
for making these Repairs without More —
Regular and specifick authority is that the —
House was in such a state that it was no
longer habitable as is indeed proved by —
Coll.

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Colonel Gents report N.s Made some years —
before and from the Contractors People having
been all employed in the Repairs at Ellore. —

Madras
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Sir
(Signed) H. Evans
Lieutenant

Extract of a letter from Captain
William Gent Engineer in the Masulipatam District
to the Commanding Officer of the Northern Divi-
-sion of the Army Dated 30th. September 1792,
enclosed in Governments letter to the Military Board
Dated 6th. November 1792 —

"At Rajamundry the Commanding
"Officers House is the only building in want of Repair.
"The Roof is in a very bad state, most of the —
"Rafters and all the Reepers are Rotten, and the
"Rain goes through every part, an immediate Repair
"is absolutely necessary." —

"There are Sepoy Barracks at
Rajamundry

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"Rajamundry of Mud Walls and Tyled Roof in
"good Repair they will accommodate three compa-
"nies of Sepoys."—

Extract of letter from Government to the Military Board
dated 5th. December 1793 with the Boards Resolution thereon—

"We have received your letter dated the
"26th. Ultimo, and authorize you to give the necessary
"Orders for the execution of the repairs stated in your
"Report of the 13th. November 1792, as necessary in the
"District of Masulipatam, provided the Estimate —
"transmitted at that time be not exceeded upon this
"point however Lieutenant Colonel Gent will have
"it in his power to speak, and if he shall be of —
"opinion that a further sum will be required to complete
"the Work, we would have you send orders to the —
"Engineer in the Masulipatam District to make
"out a fresh Estimate of the Expence that will attend
"the repairs now wanting, which must be submitted
"for our approbation before any authority be given

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"to the Contractors"

Military Board's
Resolution thereon dated
9.th December 1793

Resolved to inform Government in reply that from the length of time that has elapsed since the Estimate for the Repairs in the Masulipatam District was given in, Lieutenant Colonel Gent is clearly of opinion that another survey and Estimate will be necessary particularly of the European and Sepoy Barracks and Hospital at Ellore and that we have in consequence directed the Engineer Stationed in that District to make another Survey, and should a fresh Estimate of the Expence be necessary we shall have the honor to submit it for their approbation as directed.

Resolved in consequence of Government's Letter of the 5.th Instant that the Secretary do write the following letter to Captain Johnson of the Engineer Corps at Masulipatam.

Sir

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Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Military Board to enclose you an Extract of a letter from Government dated 9th. Instant and to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel Gent has communicated to them his opinion that as it is so long since the Estimate of the Repairs Required in the District of Masulipatam was delivered in, another Survey is Required, and a further Estimate may become necessary particularly of the European and Sepoy Barracks and Hospital at Ellore you will therefore conformably to the intention of Government make such Survey and Estimate if necessary and Report the same to Lieutenant Colonel Gent for the information of the Board —

Minute

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Minute of the Chief Engineer Dated 27th. February 1794

I have the honor to lay before the Board the Estimates of the Repairs to be done in the Masulipatam District altered according to the present rate of Contract prices and leaving out the Estimates for the Hospital European, and Sepoy Barracks, lately visited: also those Buildings in the Ellore Estimates that were repaired in 1792 when Government permitted 1000 Pagodas to be laid out as should be — determined by Colonel Brathwaite comman- = ding Officer of the Northern Division —

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/Signed/ Wm. Gent

Estimate

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Estimate for Repairs at Rajahmundry

Commanding Officers House—

Estimate for laying open the whole Roof Supplying a great Many New Rafters and Reepers Shifting and Replacing the Flat and Pan Tiles and giving the House a Thorough Repair——

	Ps.	F	C.	Ps.	F.	C.
To laying open the whole Roof Supplying new Rafters Reepers flat and Pantyles 8m. 60 Squares at 4f. Square 3¾ Star Pagodas	225	"	"			
To 25 Square Rough Chunaming Repairing the Walls and floors at 1½ Pagoda per Square	37	21				
To 30 Square White washing at 1f. Square 3 fanams	2	6	"	264	27	—
Carpenters Work Repairing the Doors and Windows				6	"	"

Out Houses—

To 20 Square Shifting and Replacing Tyles 8m. at 4f. Square 25 fanams				10	"	"
			Star Pagodas	280	27	"

Abstract

	Ps.	F.	C.
Bricklayers Work	274	27	"
Carpenters Work	6	"	"
Pagodas	280	27	"

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Signed Wm Gent
Chief Engineer

Resolved

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Resolved to inform Government that in Reply to their Commands under date the 9th — December last that we have now the honor to lay before them fresh Estimates of the Expence that will attend the repairs now wanting in the Masu= =lipatam District accompanied with a Minute laid before us by the Chief Engineer and to recom= =mend that we may be authorized to order the Contractors to carry into execution immediately the Specified repairs which were long since determined to be necessary and are now estimated on the — contractors prices. —

Extract of a Letter from Government to the Military Board dated 13th March 1794. —

The Several estimates you have laid before us of the expence that will attend the Repairs now wanting in the Masulipatam Districts are approved —

True Extracts

(Signed) Fred Pierce

Sec. J. M. Y. Board

Resolved

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from Lieut Evans

Resolved in consideration of the circumstances stated by Lieutenant Evans to reimburse him for the Repairs made to the Commandant quarter at Rajahmundry, to the extent of the Engineers Estimate.—

Read the following Letters from

Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

&c &c &c

Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

From Brigadier general De Meuron relative to the Insurrection of Signo appoe and the vigorous exertions of Major Kinney for the restoration of Tranquility states the — purport of a Conference he has lately had with the — principal adegar of the Court of Candia and Recommends strong by that some valuable presents be made to the King according to former Custom during the Dutch Government—

Since the letter which I had the Honor to address to the Right Honorable the President in Council on the 8th Ultimo I have postponed stating for the information of Govern- ment that Signo Appoe has made an other attempt to disturb our tranquillity — Upon his

entering

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entering the Reygam Corle, he was immediately joined by a crowd of inhabitants and the revolt would again have been attended with serious consequences had not the unwearied activity of Major Kenny produced that succes which I always expected from his experience and precedence in obliging the Rebel to take refuge in the Candian Territory. — Major Kenny having pardoned two of Signo Appoo's principal adherents he is deprived of their assistance and has retired to Rocanelle.

The first Adigar having requested to have an interview with Major Allan who not having time to see him mentioned the circumstance to My Lord Hobart I was advised by his Lordship to meet the Candian Minister in order to endeavour to bring about a good understanding after several Messages had

passed

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paped it was agreed that we should meet at
Settawake —

Being accompanied by Major
Agnew immediately on my arrival at that —
place I sent a complimentary Message in the
usual form to the Adigar who was in Bunga-
-lows on the opposite side of the River with
his suite — The following Morning he came to
my Quarters — although it had been agreed
that this Meeting should take place without
ceremony and be considered as a private —
Meeting between us as Friends, I took three
Companies of the 35.th Battalion and two field
Pieces with me and caused the Adigar to be —
received with Military Honors which seemed to
please him much — He was escorted by a Guard
of More than a thousand Men Armed with
firelocks. — The usual Compliments being over

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I asked him what intention he had in Reques-
-ting an interview with Major Allan — He replied
that the Major was his good friend and that
it would have afforded him great pleasure to
see him we then discoursed in general terms on
the subject of affairs in the Island and the
Treaty of Alliance. — On this he observed that
the Articles presented for ratification were not
conformable to those agreed upon at Candy, that
some had been omitted and made various —
other Remarks of little Moment; — He then
stated that they had been led to hope that
after the Reduction of Trincomalee, one only
wished to possess a spot on this part of the
Island to build a Fort, that in assisting to
expel the Dutch they looked for the restora-
-tion of what they had taken from them
even Columbo, that hitherto nothing had been
given.

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given up to them and he concluded by asking what reason we had to Complain — To this I made no reply and we agreed to meet again the next day ——

In the Morning I sent the — Maha Moodeliar with a few Presents to the Adigar and instructions respecting the grounds for complaint which I conceive Government to have against the Court of Candy. ——

5. When it has been greed between contracting — parties through their respective Embassadors to conclude a Treaty of alliance that according to the custom of European Nations, when such Treaty was not ratified nor exchanged it is an indication that the Parties are no longer on good Terms and are ready to become Enemies. —

2. That the Candian Court has corresponded — with the French by whom they have been deceived

with

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with the promise of a Force to expel the English; that such transactions bare the appearance of very unfavourable dispositions on the part of the Candians.—

3. That since my arrival a Mohottiar (a Secretary) has been appointed by them to act in our Provinces; that they have openly protected the Rebels.— That although such acts are calculated to Offend our Government instead of resenting them have given to the King assurances of their Friendship which they are still disposed to Manifest.—

To the first article he answered as he had done the preceding day that the Treaty had not been Ratified because some points were Omitted and others were not conformable to those agreed upon at Candia— as to the Second and third that neither the King

nor

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nor himself had ever interfered that it was possible that some other persons had communicated with the french, and with the Rebels, but that we ought not to mind a few evil minded People &c.- and that he was Ready to prove his good intentions.—

I had directed the Maha.—

Moodeliar in the event of his finding the Adigar favourably disposed to propose to him to deliver Signo Appoe and the principal Leaders of the Rebels to us and to asure him that a Suitable Reward should be given — The Adigar having expressed his readiness to do what was agreable to Government the Maha Moodeliar made the above proposal to the Candian Ministers who repeated his asurances of doing what might be wished for by us without regard to his personal benefit, that he would state the circumstance to the King, and if His Majesty should not be

desirous

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desirous to act openly in this instance, he would then take Measures to secure Signo Appoe — with two or three of his adherents and deliver them to Major Kenny. —

In the evening we were visited a Second time by the Adigar. — Having at his Request produced a copy of the Treaty, he asked us to explain it to him He made some trifling remarks upon every article — We noticed the 4.th Article to him whereby they promised a Point that was out of their Power to accom- =plish he then requested us to proceed further being come to the 8.th Article he observed that of all that had been taken from them by force was restored there would be no difficulty in giving us such a place as we demanded — He then Asked when we were likely to have a — Peace I told him that the Period was uncertain

last

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but the Dutch Navy being destroyed / for I had received the News of Admiral Duncan's glorious action that Morning / it might be looked for soon — He observed "Should it be the pleasure "of the King of England at a general Peace to "restore Ceylon to the Dutch this would not — "suit our Views — What benefit could we then "derive from a Treaty;" — The tone in which he "delivered this sentence led me to conclude that the real Motive of the Candian Court in not ratifying the Treaty was the uncertainty Mani= =fested in it of our remaining Possessors of the Island at the conclusion of the War. ——

I expressed to him the satisfac= =tion which I derived from his observation — which appeared to me to be Judicious, and I informed him that as he thought the time was not yet come for the conclusion of a durable

Treaty

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Treaty my opinion was that it would be advise=
=able to remain on good terms; that my Lord
Hobart had stated to the King of Candy the
intentions of the British Government, that —
these intentions being favourable it appeared to
me that the Candian Court could not do
better than to meet our wishes in a satisfactory
manner — The Adigar answered that this was
very true, that he concurred with me in —
opinion; but at the same time that there were
many ignorant People who might be of a —
different way of thinking which would hinder
his doing as much with the King as he could
wish; He assured us however that he would
exert himself to the utmost. — We then parted
upon the most friendly terms. —

I must now have the honor of
communicating for your information that during
the Dutch Government the Candian Court —
received

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received Presents every Year.— One in particular of about one thousand Pagodas in Cash and some Clothes was particularly destined for the Adigar— The omission of these presents for — several Years past I conceive is one of their reasons for dissatisfaction and not the least —Having mentioned this circumstance to the Right Honorable Lord Hobart His Lordship was of opinion that it would be Prone — adviseable to conciliate the affections and gain the confidence of the Ministers by a few Presents than to allow them to diffuse the seeds of — discontent among the Inhabitants of our Posses- =ons and be obliged to keep Troops continually in the Field— on this subject I request your orders.——

The Adigar having been called to Court immediately I have no doubt of their devising a Pretext for demanding that an Embassy

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Embassy may be received here from Candy, and this I should consider as a Mark of their conviction that they have acted imprudently and of their — determination to observe a different conduct in — future. —

Head Quarters
Columbo March 25. 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
/Signed/ P. F. De Meuron
B. G.

Minute thereon —

The Board notice with much — Satisfaction the apparent probability of conciliating a better disposition towards the British Government than has been lately evinced by the Court of — Candia, and Resolve to grant a discretionary — authority to Bregadier General De Meuron to make such presents as may in his judgment be conducive to this desirable object. —

Altho the Board cannot disapprove the Motives which led to the conference between Bregadier General De Meuron and the Adigar — at

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at Sillanake. they are of opinion that the negotia-
=tion with the Embassy that may be expected
to arrive from Candia should be conducted by
Mr. Andrews, unless from any Political consi-
=derations not at present known to them, or
from any Indisposition on the part of the
Ministers to treat with Mr. Andrews Brigadier
General De Meuron should have reason to
be satisfied that the objects of the Negotiation
may be more readily accomplished by immedi-
=ate communications from himself in which
case he should be authorized to adopt the Line
prescribed to him on the 30th. September last.

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

Having seen the Corps of

Mallays which have been entertained for the

Revenue

From Brigadier General De Meuron recommends that the Malay Corps serving under Majr. Kenny be provided with Clothing - Want of Rice and steps taken for the temporary accommodation of the Troops - urges the Necessity of establishing a Monopoly of the Salt Trade sends a protest of the Commander of the Susanne Amillia and Notices his having authorized the Master attendants at Point De Galle to take charge of her till further orders

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Revenue under the Orders of Major Kenny who is well Satisfied with their Conduct and Services they requested that they might be supplied with Clothing as all what they had of Cloth to keep themselves decent is worn out.— I therefore beg leave to request that you will please to — Authorize the purchase of two Pieces Nankeen for each Man which will make them two suits of half Mounting till such time as you may be pleased to order a Supply of Jackets and Hatts— They have now been 7 and 8 Months in the Service.——

There having not arrived so abun= =dant a Supply of Rice as was looked for the price of it Rose so suddenly that it alarmed the Inhabitants.— In Order to obviate the inconveni= =ences which were likely to arise I took upon me to order some of the Honorable Company's — Paddy to be Sold daily in Small quantities which produced the desired effect of Reducing its price

and

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and baffling the premeditated designs of the Merchants. I hope that the price at which I Ordered it to be disposed of will suffice to replace a quantity of Rice equivalent to the Paddy issued without any expense for Beating — I have been informed by the Commissary of Grain and Provision that of the Three hundred Garce which he was to have received only 84 8-/2 Garce have arrived of which no invoice has been Sent so that I am unacquainted with what it Costs — It would however be of Service to me to be informed of it for my future guidance in emergencies of this Nature —

Having had some verbal Communication with My Lord Hobart during his Stay here on the Subject of Salt I stated to his Lordship the Advantages which in my opinion might be derived in Securing the Exclusive trade of that Commodity to the Honorable Company nearly upon the principle as that followed

in

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in Bengal, and His Lordship informed me that he Conceived it would be proper to make the necessary disposition for the establishment of that System at the end of August next—

The Merchants considering Salt as One of the Articles the free importation of which is permitted; its Price was fixed at — Twenty Rix Dollars per Last of 75 Parrahs which is advantageous for those who trade on the Coast of Tutacorin— The present Farmer of this Article whose Cowle only comprehends the Bazar of Columbo has More Salt in Store than he Can possibly dispose of till the end of August next, and he is not rich enough to purchase more than Can be consu=med— therefore should any More Salt be imported I shall be embarrassed as I am not authorized to prohibit its importation before it has been publicly announced that the Commerce of Salt in Ceylon is Reserved to Government—

And

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And Should individuals now be
permitted to deal freely in this Commodity it would
be the Means of favouring abuses to the detriment
of the advantages that may be expected when a
System is established for the Management of this
important Branch of Revenue—

The Renter has already purchased
two hundred Lasts on Condition that at the expira
=tion of the term of his Cowle the next Renter —
shall take the Salt that may then remain on hand
unless Government may be pleased to dispose of it
otherwise without Loss to the present Farmer; conceiving
that in a pressing instance this Measure would
tend to prevent any Complaints being made by the
Importers as well as abuses I hope it will be honored
with your approbation and Instructions for my
future Conduct —

I have the honor to enclose a —
Protest of the Captain of the Vessel Susannah
Amilia said to be danish Property —

Fearful

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Fearful lest She might be lost
in the Bay of Galle before the process of her
Condemnation is terminated I caused her to be
taken Charge of by the Master Attendant until
I have the honor of your Orders on the Subject—
I have the honor to be

Head Quarters
Columbo March 25th 1798

&c. &c.
/ Signed / P. F. De Meuron
B. G.

(Translation)

Mr. Johannes Hendrick Brechman

In your Capacity of Notary you will repair
in the Name and on the part of me Niels Möller
Capitain of the Danish Ship Susanna —
Amelia now arrested in the Bay unto and before
Colonel Robert Croker Commandant of Gale —
and Mature and you will in the most respect-
=ful and Civil Manner announce to him. ——
1st That My Officers and Sailors importune me —
daily for the Wages due them, and that I have

no

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no more Money left me to pay them —

2. That all the Rations of Butter Wine Beef &c.
that were on board for the Officers and Sailors are
Consumed and that I am in want of the necessary
Money to purchase more —

3. That it is now more than three Months —
that the said Ship lays Anchored at the same
Cables to which she came to an anchor, That
it is therefore very easy for them to break when
the Sea is rough which would bring the Ship
in Danger of Stranding without that it would
be in my power to afford any assistance whatsoever
to save her not only because I am unable to
procure other Cordage but also because I am in
want of Sailors the most of those that were
on board when the Ship was arrested being
gone on Shore without my permission or that
of my Officers, and it being impossible to get
them again on board without the assistance of
Government That therefore I request Kindly

that

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that the Colonel will issue the necessary Orders — respecting the one and the other do your business well and Protest against the Expences if required you will grant a Copy of this at the expence of the Colonel and within twenty four hours — you will give an a written Certificate of your announciation. ———

Gall the 22. February 1798

/Signed/ Niels Möller

Agrees with the original and this Copy is granted to Colonel Croker at his desire. ——

/Signed/ J. H. Breehman

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Minute thereon

Resolved to allow the Half mounting Money of European Infantry to be issued to the Malay Troops under Major Kenny and to authorize General De Meuron to appoint some person to provide the half mounting should the — Malays appear indisposed to appropriate the Money to the purpose intended. ———

Resolved

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Resolved also to issue Clothing to those troops for the year 1797 on regular Indents.—

The Board approve the issue of the Company's Grain under the Circumstances stated by Brigadier General De Meuron the orders of Government as well on the Subject of Salt or with regard to the Susanna Amelia — have been already Communicated to Brigadier General De Meuron.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

1. We have been honored by the Receipt of Letters from Government of the 14th. Instant with their respective Enclosures.—

2. In consequence of the Paragraph of Government's Letter of the 7th. Instant requiring an

From the Military Board report on ammunition left at the Mount further Instructions on the Subject requested - enclose Statement of Grain & Provisions in Store at the outstations & propose that Sundry articles be sold off - Instructions required relative to a Balance standing against Lieut Heffren for a deficiency of Grain placed under his Charge - propose that a Barrack for Native Troops be built at Trichinopoly - Repairs required to Captain Mc Gregor's Quarter Gunda = pah Maistry Bricklayers recommended to be pensi = oned - Report on the subject of Stores supplied by the Company for the use of the Kings Regiments a reference to Bengal on this Subject recommended - Opinion on the proposal of the Barrack Master for furnishing Salts and

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and repairing temporary Barracks at Masulipatam - a trifling Amendment proposed on the Standing regulations for the Grain & Provision Departments — recommend that a special Committee be appointed to take an account remains of Stores &c. in the Arsenal & Laboratory and at the Powder Manufactory at Fort St. George —

an explanation why their Orders of the 19th. of — January last were not carried into complete execution We do Ourselves the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Commandant of Artillery dated the 16th. Instant; also Copies of the Minutes of the Chief Engineer, Military Auditor General and — Adjutant General; and as the letter from the Commandant of Artillery, dated the 16th. Instant; also Copies of the Minutes of the Chief Engineer — Military Auditor General and Adjutant General; and as the Letter from the Commandant of Artillery is explanatory of the Manner in which the — Orders of Government, and of Our Board relative to the ammunition were understood by him and the Minute of the Military Auditor General states the impression under which the Board — conveyed their Report on the Subject to Government, We beg leave to refer to those two Papers as containing particulars constituting the explanation required and to express Our concern that any circumstance

should

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have arisen connected with the Proceedings of
our Board, to occasion any dissatisfaction to
Government

3d. We have the honor to report
also that a quantity of Ammunition of different
sorts agreeably to the enclosed List thereof still
remains at the Mount, and to request to be
favored with the Orders of Government whether
under present circumstances such Ammunition
is to be removed to the Arsenal of Fort St. George
or be permitted to continue at the Mount to
be used for practice — the Season for which
is far advanced. —

4th. In continuation of Our Report
under date the 26th December last upon the
state of Provision Stores at different out —
Stations, We send accompanying a Statement —
shewing the condition in which from the Reports
of Committee of Survey held thereon the Grain
&c. appears to be at the remaining Stations; and

being

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being of Opinion that no time should be lost in disposing of the Articles reported damaged and Unserviceable. We recommend that — authority be given for Our directing the disposal of the same by the several Garrison Storekeepers on the Coast and Commissaries of Provisions on Ceylon in the Manner suggested in the aforesaid Report —

5th We beg leave to repeat our — former Opinion that until the annual Survey Reports of the Several Military Buildings — shall have been received, and that Measures have been taken in consequence to put the — Store Houses and Granaries into proper repair, no new Grain or any other articles of Provision Stores should be purchased, or laid in, as they — would soon be liable to injury from the same causes as have damaged the Grain &c. now recommended to be sold —

6th We deem it proper to state to Government that on an examination of the

Accounts

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Accounts of the Quarter Master of the late
5th. Regiment of Native Cavalry, it appears —
that of the quantity of Gram belonging to
that Corps upon its reduction, there remains
to be accounted for by him Three Parce, Seventy
Nine Mercalls and Seven Seers, which —
deficiency Lieutenant Kippen represents to have
been occasioned by the Gram adhering to the
Walls, and Floor of the Godown wherein it
was kept, and by the depredations of an Insect
called the Grain Fly; but, as the full rate
of Wastage has been allowed in his Accounts,
We are of opinion that he should be obliged
to pay the value thereof, which at the rate —
charged in the Accounts of the Deputy Gram
Agent to that Regiment Viz.t 62 Pagodas per —
Parce, Amounts to Pagodas 198-10-23-

7.th In reply to the Paragraph in
Governments Letter of the 25.th October 1797 —
calling for Our Opinion on the expediency
of

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was kept, and by the depredations of an Insect
called the Gram Fly; but, as the full rate
of Wastage has been allowed in his Accounts,
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to pay the value thereof, which at the rate —
charged in the Accounts of the Deputy Gram
Agent to that Regiment Viz.t 62 Pagodas per —
Parce, Amounts to Pagodas 198-10-23-

7.th In reply to the Paragraph in
Governments Letter of the 25.th October 1797 —
calling for Our Opinion on the expediency

of

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of erecting a new Barrack for Native Infantry at Putoor. We have the honor to state to Govern-ment that it having appeared to us that it would be more eligible in all respects to build such a Barrack within the Fort of Trichinopoly as a matter both of convenience and security in preference to any situation in its Neighbourhood a communication on the subject was made to Major General Floyd who entirely concurring in that opinion, transmitted a Plan and Estimate for the Barrack required the latter amounting to Pagodas 3816.7.59 agreeably to which, and in the situation Marked Q in the former, We recommend that the erection by Contract, of such Building may be authorized.—

8th

We recommend also that the Estimated Repair for Captain Macgregor's Quarter at Trichinopoly amounting to Pagodas 237.27.28. be authorized and that Cundapah Maistry — Bricklayer on account of his length of Service

and

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and having been disabled in the performance of his duty as stated by Major General Floyd, be pension=ed upon two Pagodas p.r Month.—

9.th In consequence of the receipt of Governments Letter of the 4.th of January forwar=ding for our Report Papers relative to an applic=ation from the Commanding Officer of his — Majestys 27.th Regiment Light Dragoons in Bengal for an indemnification for Arms Accoutrements, and Horse appointments belonging to that Regiment stated to have been damaged or destroyed, on the — passage from England, and by the Surf at — Madras, We referred the subject to the investigation of a Committee of Our Board, Copy of whose — Report thereon with the Letter from Major General Floyd, and the List referred to, We beg leave to — Submit to Government as the most convenient mode of conveying to them Minute information on a subject of such extent and importance.—

10.th A full consideration having been given by Us to the proposal of the Barrack Master

of

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of the Northern Division for substituting Tatts —
instead of Gunnies for the Barracks of the 2nd —
Division of the 2nd Regiment of European Infantry
of the European Invalids and Pensioners and of the
European Hospital at or near Masulipatam it is —
our Opinion that the Adoption of this Measure
will be highly conducive to the preservation —
of the health of the Men during the excessive
hot weather at that Station and that the Compa-
-ny will be put to less expence thereby than they —
have hitherto been for the same Number of Gunnies
as will appear by the Comparative or Statement
herewith Submitted taking it for granted which
should be stipulated with the Barrack Master
that a Tatt of 10 feet Square will answer the
same purpose as a Gunny of 13 feet 6 by 11 feet
3 considering that a portion of the latter is generally
allowed to lap over so as to exclude the Sand —

Winds

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minds whereas it is only necessary that the Tatts should be brought close to each other.—

11.th Should Government think proper to adopt the proposed plan of substituting Tatts for Gunnies We Recommend that they be only allowed to the Barracks and Hospital of the Soldiers upon regular Indents and Receipts from the Officers and Surgeon in charge respectively: countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division: and that the Officers as well at Masulipatam as at all other Stations are to furnish at their own expense the Tatts or Gunnies which they may require for the Quarters allotted to them.—

12.th With respect to the Barrack Masters proposal for Keeping in repair the temporary buildings at the Cantonment in the Neighbourhood of Masulipatam for the Monthly Sum of 20 Star Pagodas

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Pagodas. We have to observe that on a Similar reference to Government in the Month of Septem=ber 1797 respecting the temporary Barrack at Vizagapatam it was decided that the occasional repairs required to be made to it should be executed by the Collector without any extra Expense to the Company. It is therefore submitted to Government whether the Collector at Masuli=patam should not be directed to furnish such Materials as may be wanted for occasional Repairs to the temporary buildings in the Neighbourhood of that place; and that the Artificers in the Engineers Department, assisted when necessary from the Establishment of the Commissary of Stores and some Lascars, be employed in executing those repairs without subjecting the Company to any other expence than the Materials

furnished

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furnished by the Collector.

13th The Military Auditor General has stated to Us that having had occasion to refer to Bengal for information whether the Salaries and Office Establishments of the Commissaries and Deputy Commissaries in charge of the Arsenal and Magazines and of the Garrison, or Provision Storekupers together with the pay of Artificers and Workmen employed under them were included in the annual account of the valuations of the Stores or paid separately as a Military charge he has been told in answer by the Military Auditor General at that Presidency that the Salaries and Office Establishments of the Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Garrison Storekupers and pay of Artificers and Workmen are not included at Bengal in the general account

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account of the value of the Stores but drawn in
Monthly Abstracts, and entered on the Paymasters
Disbursements in the same manner as other —
regular Military Charges — Adverting therefore to
the 10th Article of the Regulations for the —
Department of Grain and Provisions published
on the 19th July 1797 which directs that the Books
of the Military Auditer General and those of the
Military Paymaster General shall debit the
Military Board in the course of each Year "with
"the value of all Grain and Provision Stores. —
"received from Europe, Bengal, or elsewhere for
"the amount purchased and passed on the Bills
"of Officers of Supply for the charges incurred —
"for Freights and Carriage, — and for the amount
"of Salaries of Officers employed in this branch
"and their Office Establishment" We beg leave to

Recommend

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recommend in consequence of the above informa=
=tion from Bengal and with a view to uniformity
of System that the last 16 Words before recited
be expunged from the 10.th Article of the Regulati=
=ons leaving it to run thus after the Words "Bills
"of Officers of Supply" and for the Charges incurred
"for Freight and carriage on account of the same
"The same head will be credited for the Amount
of the proceeds of Sales during the Year &.c &.c
&.c"

The Period being arrived
when according to the Regulations for the Ordnance
and Provision Departments a Committee should
be appointed to take an Account Remains of the
Stock in hand at the Presidency as the same
may stand on the 30.th April 1798 and it being directed
that the Committee for the annual Survey of the
Stores in the Arsenal at Fort S.t George shall be
composed of a deputation from the Military Board

yet

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yet as it appears to be impossible for them, or indeed for any Committee under many Months to count every individual Article of Stores in so large a Magazine particularly such as Grape Shot Musket Balls &.c.a each of which alone would take several days to reckon they must to a certain degree confide in the accuracy of the Commissary of Stores for the exact Number that Officer by the Regulations being held responsible for the quantities under his charge and consequently it is his especial duty to ascertain the precise — Numbers of every Article of Store which a — daily inspection will enable him to do but which it will be impracticable for any Committee to accomplish in less than 5 or 6 Months constant — employment. such as cannot be well expected — from a Deputation of the Military Board occupied as the time of each Individual — Member otherwise is in the official duties of his particular

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particular Station.—

For these Reasons, and as —
Committies of our Board are engaged in the
annual Survey of the Fortifications and Military
Buildings at Fort St. George and on other duties
of importance which will require considerable
time to complete We take the liberty of sub=
=mitting whether it may not be expedient
that a distinct Committee composed of such
Officers as the Honorable Governor may think
proper should be appointed this Year for
the purpose of taking an Account Remains of
all the Stores in the Arsenal Labaratory and
at the Powder Manufactory; and as the whole
will no doubt be completely arranged in a —
few Months in the Most convenient manner
for future inspection a Deputation of Our
Board may probably be equal to the annual
Survey at any subsequent period — To this propo=
=sition

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proposition there appears to be the less objection as it is found that the annual Committee for Surveying the Stores in the arsenal at Fort William is usually composed of a Field Officer of Artillery and two Captains one of whom, is generally of that Corps in Order that the Committee may consist principally of Officers the Nature of whose profession particularly qualifies them to judge of the quality of the different kinds of Stores submitted for inspection.

Fort S.t George
26.th March 1798

We have the honor to be
S.r &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" Wm Sydenham
" B.y Close

To

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To Captain Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board-

Sir

In answer to the paragraph of
Government's letter of the 7th. Instant respecting
the Ammunition not having been all sentin from
the Mount in Consequence of their Orders you will
please to state to the Board that from a Note I
had the honor to receive from the Commander in
Chief on the 19th. of January I sent in the Field
Train and fixed Ammunition as stated in my letter
to you - so that when the Orders of the Military
Board arrived almost the whole of the Field Guns
and Ammunition were in the Arsenal.

The 1130 ball Cartridges destroyed
on the 1st. of February remained in Stores and the 330
Rounds of 3 Pr. fixed Ammunition had been
received on Indent for the two Cavalry 3 Pounders one
of which had been sent off to General Floyd — And

the

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the other was dismounted and the Carriage taken to pieces for the purpose of being altered in my Garden—

Though it was doubtless an omission of Mine from the letter of the Orders in Question, in not sending the whole of the Ammunition away at the time— Yet as there were no 3 Pr. Guns to use it with and every other Gun at the Mount had been Spiked— such a measure could not be attended nor was it with any bad consequences.— The Gun Powder in Store at the Mount had been collected principally from the breaking up of the fixed Ammunition— and is a circumstance that was noticed by me to the Commander in Chief who observed that it was of no Consequence while there was no Shot to use with it—

Mount
16th March 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Thomas Geils.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy M.G. Board Major

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Major General Ross thinks it proper to remark in Justice to Colonel Richardson, Colonel Close and himself that they were absent on another duty when the Report that has incurred the animadversion of Government was made — Therefore hopes no blame can attach to them on the occasion —

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/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engr M. G —

A true Copy

/Signed/ Fred Pierce
Secry Mys Board —

Minute of the Military Auditor General —

In consequence of the Paragraph of Governments Letter under date the 7th March in which the Board are called upon to explain why their orders for removing the whole of the Ammunition from St Thomas's Mount was not carried into compleat execution I deem it incumbent on me to state the impressions under which

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which I acquiesced in the Report made by the
Board to Government on the above Subject in their
letter dated the 28th. January last Viz. Having in
"inconformity to the directions contained in Mr.
"Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 19th. Instant given
"the necessary instructions to Major General Gells
"for the immediate removal to the Fort of the
"whole of the Ammunition in the cantonment
"at S. Thomas's Mount we have the honor to
"report that the whole of the fixed Ammunition
"has been broken up and the Round and Grape
"Shot with the small Stores &c. have been sent
"into the Arsenal"

This Report was formed verbatim
from the Report of the Commandant of Artillery
on the 25th. of January and as it immediately
occurred to me that the Orders of Government
had not then been fully complied with I mentioned
the circumstance to the Commander in Chief
the

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the President of the Board with a view that he might make the necessary enquiry into the cause— —The Commander in Chief in consequence Spoke to Major General Geils on the Subject at the Board and was informed by him, that only one Tumbril of fixed ammunition remained at the Mount which the Commander in Chief directed should be immediately sent to the Fort and which was accordingly done by the Commandant of Artillery dispatching an Order to that effect while sitting at the Board:— I understood that a few loose shot &c. still remained at the Mount belonging to the Guns for practice and believing as I did that those Guns Shot &c. were at same distance from the Mount on the practice ground in a situa= =tion where they could not be made any improper use of, I forbore to press the subject further— on a full reconsideration however of the Matter I am sensible that it was indispensibly necessary

to

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to have stated in the Board's Letter to Government the particular reason why their Orders had not been complied with in the fullest extent and under this impression I can only express my sincere concern that such an explanation was omitted—

It remains to be considered whether the Orders of Government should not now be asked — with Respect to the loose Shot &c. which may have continued thro' Mistake with the Guns designed for practice observing at the same time that this is the season for their being so employed.——

22. March 1798—

(Signed) W. Sydenham
M.G. A. Genl.

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy. to Bd.

Minute by the Adjutant General

As Government have been pleased to call on the Board for an explanation why their Orders for removing the whole of the Ammunition at

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of the Mount to the Arsenal in Fort St. George were not complied with, and as the reply from the Board must be signed by all the Members present I owe it to myself to record that I was absent on public duty when the subject of the Ammunition in question came under the consideration of the Board and was reported to Government; — and to request that this Minute may be accordingly sent in with the Board's address to Government conveying the explanation required. — Mean while as a certain quantity of Ammunition which was suffered to remain at the Mount was destroyed as appears from the report of the Commissary dated 15th February it may perhaps be expedient for the Board to ascertain whether any or what Ammunition now remains at the Mount and eventually for what purpose it may have been detained there in order that it may be disposed of as the intentions of Government may indicate.

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(A true Copy) (Signed) B.y Close A. G.

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy G. Ar. Board

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List of Ammunition of different Sorts appearing by the Return for the Month of February to be at St. Thomas's Mount

Articles		No.
Shot Round fixed to Bottoms	18 Pounder	4
" " "	12 "	133
" " Canister or Quilted	18 "	6
" " "	12 "	41
" " "	9 "	16
Shot Iron Round Loose	24 "	141
" "	18 "	116
" "	12 "	183
" "	9 "	200
Cartridges filled	3 "	32

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(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secry Mn Board

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Return of the State of the Provisions and other Articles connected therewith, in Store at the undermentioned Out Garrisons according to the Survey Reports transmitted to the Military Board in conformity to the General Orders of the 19th July 1797.—

			No. of Bags	Garce	Mercalls	Seers	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State		Remarks of the Com: of the Military Board
At Trincomalee	Arrack	Casks	54	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1 Year	1 Mo.	
	Beer	Do.	26	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			To be sold by public Auction
	Rice		3887	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Dholl		186	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Pease		161	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Bengal Beef	Casks	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			Destroyed by Order of Commandant
	Salt Pork	Do.	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
At Point de Galle	Rice	In good condition	"	1	300	"	"	"	"	"			
	Paddy	damaged	"	14	377	"	"	"	"	"			To be sold by public Auction
	Salt	In good condition	"	8	164	"	"	"	"	"			
	Ghee		"	"	"	"	2	400	"	"			Do. Do. Do.
	Tamarind	Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	7	400	"	"			Do. Do. Do.
	Tobacco	damaged	"	"	"	"	13	270	"	"			Do. Do. Do.
	Sugar	In good condition	"	"	"	"	16	495	"	"			
	Beef and Pork	Do. Casks	86	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Do. Do.	damaged Do.	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			Do. Do. Do.
	Arrack in Seagers	Gallons	2624	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Vinegar	Do.	97	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Firewood	Billets	4,3950	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
At Colombo	Rice	In good condition	"	18	200	"	"	"	"	"			
	Salt	Do.	"	49	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Dholl	Do.	"	1	170	"	"	"	"	"	3		
	Do.	damaged	"	1	20	"	"	"	"	"			Do. Do. Do.
	Arrack		Gall. 5630	Do. 4	"	"	"	"	"	"			
	Wine		1093	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			

Salt

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		No. of Bags	Guns	Mortars	Shot	No. of Bags	Candles	Mounds	Pounds	Period that each Article will Keep for a Serviceable State	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
		Casks								Years Mths	
Salt Provisions	In good condition	283								3	
do	do damaged	104	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do do do
Ghee	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	84	2	5	" 5	
Ditto	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	47	9	18	" "	do do do
Tamarind	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	103	1	21	" 4	
do	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	36	"	2	" "	do do do
Turmarick	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	30	"	10	" 4	
Ditto	Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	"	2	15	23	" "	do do do
Chillies	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	14	5	11	" 4	
Ditto	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	7	6	24	" "	do do do
Pepper	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	"	11	12	3 "	
Tobacco	do	"	"	"	"	"	67	1	18	" 4	
Ditto	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	20	5	11	" "	do do do
Garlick	Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	"	4	2	15	" "	do do do
Biscuit		"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	" "	do do do
Sugar	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	37	19	15	" "	
Candles		"	"	"	"	"	6	10	"	" "	
Firewood	In good condition	Loads 24 1900	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Ditto	Unserviceable	7900	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	do do do
Gallons		No 2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Half Gallons		No 6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Quarter do		3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Dram Cups		19	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Copper Dish		2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Funnel		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Marcaul		4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Measure		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Seers		2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Casks large		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Ditto	Small	14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Half Seagers		5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Kegs		5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	
Wooden Horses		10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	" "	

Palmira

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		No. of Bags	Sicca Rupees	Arcadi Rupees	Surat Rupees	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State — Year	Mo.	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board.
	Palmira Planks	26	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Measures of 10 Cans Copper Spouted	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Large Water Tubs	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Tarpaulins	38	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Mamotties	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Hatchets	27	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Bill Hooks	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Brass Cocks	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Bamboo Measures	34	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Steel Yards	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Scales Pairs	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Arrack Carts	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Platforms ---- do ----	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Ambur	Paddy of the Year 1792 damaged	"	26	206	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by Public auction
	Sumbah Paddy — 96 Serviceable	"	74	140	7	"	"	"	"	3	"	
	Curray ---- Do. " " ---- do.	"	8	200	7	"	"	"	"	3	"	
	Salt ---- " ---- 91 ---- do ----	"	3	51	1/2	"	"	"	"	10	"	
	Ghee ---- 97 damaged	"	"	"	"	"	11	16	13 1/2	"	"	do ---- do ---- do
	Tamarind ---- " ---- in good condition	"	"	"	"	"	12	5	25 7/8	1	"	
	Chillies ---- " ---- Serviceable	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	8 7/8	1	"	
	Garlick ---- " ---- damaged	"	"	"	"	"	"	14	25 7/8	"	"	do ---- do ---- do
	Turmarick ---- " ---- Serviceable	"	"	"	"	"	"	19	23 1/4	"	6	
	Tobacco ---- " ---- " ---- do	"	"	"	"	"	8	4	8	1	"	
	Bengal Gunny Bags ---- do No.	2985	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Ditto ---- do ---- do ---- Repble	1914	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do. ---- do ---- do ---- Unsble	3050	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do ---- do ---- do
	Bullock do ---- do Serviceable	190	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do. ---- do ---- do Repble	310	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do. ---- do ---- do Unsble	765	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do ---- do ---- do
	Tarpaulins ---- Serviceable	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do. ---- Unserviceable	"	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do ---- do ---- do

Twine

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			No. of Bags	Garce	Morahls	Seers	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State		Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
											Year	Mo.	
	Twine	Serviceable lbs	8½	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Firewood	do	Billets	250,00	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Earthen Pots	do	No.	6,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do	Do	Unserviceable	600	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do do or destroyed
	Brass Marcauls	Serviceable		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Do	Seers	do	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Pallamcotah	Paddy of the Year 95/6	Serviceable		"	265	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Ditto	"	damaged	"	2	38	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Salt	"	90/1	do	"	1	66	"	"	"	"	3 or 4	"	To be Sold by public auction do do do
	Ghee	"	96/7	in good condition	"	"	"	"	"	22	18	5	"	7
	Ditto	"	"	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	3	13	2	"	3 do do do
	Tamarind	"	"	In good condition	"	"	"	"	"	16	8	20	"	5
	Ditto	"	"	Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	"	5	9	"	"	" do do do
	Chillies	"	"	In good cond^{n}	"	"	"	"	"	3	11	3½	"	18
	Ditto	"	"	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	18	"	4 do do do
	Turmarick	"	"	in good Condition	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	8	"	7
	Tobacco			do	"	"	"	"	"	17	15	1½	"	10
	Firewood			do	60,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2 or 3	"
	Copper Marcaul			do No.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Ditto	Seer		do	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
At Dindigul	Paddy of the Year 93	Serviceable		"	14	233	"	"	"	"	"	6	—	
	Ditto	"	"	do	"	18	30	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Ditto	"	"	Unserviceable	"	1	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	do do do
	Ditto	"	95	Serviceable	"	79	316	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Ditto	"	"	damaged	"	"	390	"	"	"	"	"	"	do do do
	Ditto	"	96	Serviceable	"	23	384	"	"	"	"	1	"	
	Ditto	"	"	do	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	
	Ditto	"	"	do	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	
	Salt	"	94	in good condition	"	3	193	"	"	"	"	5	"	do do do

Ditto

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			No. of Bags	Garce	Measd. Seers	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable state — Year	Month	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
	Ditto	97	do.	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	
	Ghee		do.	"	"	"	"	20	6	6¼	1	"	
	Turmarick		do.	"	"	"	"	1	15	18⅔	1	"	
	Garlick		Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	1	2	18⅔	"	"	do. do. do.
	Tamarind		In bad condition	"	"	"	"	6	14	"	"	6	do. do. do.
	Ditto		Unserviceable	"	"	"	"	10	14	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Tobacco		In good condition	"	"	"	"	13	11	12	1	"	
	Chullies		do.	"	"	"	"	3	9	"	"	6	
	Firewood long	94	damaged	193800	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by do.
	Ditto Short		do.	11800	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do.
	Pots of different Sizes		No.	14686	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Copper Marcall			1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Iron		do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Vizagapatam	Rice of the year	94	Unserviceable	"	58	398	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by Public Auction
	Paddy		do.	"	1	49	4	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Ghee	95	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	11½	"	do. do. do.
	Firewood		In good condition	2575									Billets
	Rice Bags Single		damaged	No. 2636	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Do. Do.		Unserviceable	"	2680	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Empty Water Casks		do.	"	42	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Paid Socks		In good condition		5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Dholl of the year	795	Unserviceable	"	"	6	14	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
	Tamarind		do.	do.	"	"	"	"	"	1	15	"	do. do. do.
At Ahtoor	Paddy of the year	92/3	damaged	"	1	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by Public auction
	Ditto		Serviceable	"	1	43	6	"	"	"	1	"	
	Ditto	93/4		do.	"	33	242	6	"	"	"	1	"
	Ditto	97/8	In good condition	"	48	3/4	9	"	"	"	3	6	
	Salt	93/4	Serviceable	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	
	Ditto	95/6		do.	"	2	265	"	"	"	6	"	

Ghee

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		No. of Bags	Jaree	Mercals	Seers	No. of Bags Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State: Years	Months	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
Ghee of the year 97/8	Serviceable	"	"	"	"	"	20	10 15 3/8	1	"	
Tamarind	do.	"	"	"	"	"	20	10 15 3/8	2	"	
Turmarick	do.	"	"	"	"	"	1	14 5 1/2	"	1	
Chillies	do.	"	"	"	"	"	3	8 10 5/16	"	1.	
Garlick	do.	"	"	"	"	"	1	14 5 1/2	"	1.	
Tobacco	do.	"	"	"	"	"	13	13 18 3/4	"	6	
Firewood	93/4	Bittles 37500	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	6	
Ditto	damaged	12500	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"	
Ditto	95/6	Serviceable	51500	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
Ditto	damaged	17500	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	
Pots & Chatties	93/4	Serviceable	Nr. 9100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
Ditto	Do.	damaged	400	"	"	"	"	"	5	"	
Ditto	Do.	95/6	Serviceable	15400	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
Ditto	Do.	damaged	100	"	"	"	"	"	6	"	
Wooden Horses		Serviceable	21	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do. or destroyed
Dubbers		do.	123	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Pad Locks		do.	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Copper Marcaub		do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Ditto	Seer	do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Ryacottah Room No. 1 Paddy of the year 95/6		damaged	"	9	166	"	"	"	5		To be sold by Public auction
Ditto 2	Do.	In good Condition	"	11	"	"	"	"	1	"	
Ditto 3	Do.	Unserviceable	"	1	86	"	"	"	"	"	do. do. do.
Gollah 1	Do.	partly damaged	"	14	310	"	"	"	5		The bad to be sold
Ditto 2	do.	Do.	Do.	"	10	30	"	"	6		do. do.
Do. 3	Do.	Damaged	"	11	45	"	"	"	3		do. do.
Do. 4	Do.	partly	Do.	"	8	23	"	"	4		do. do.
		Do.	Serviceable	"	24	342	10	"	6		
Salt of the Year 93/4/5/6		in good Condition	"	3	239	"	"	"	"		
Ghee	96/7		Do.	"	"	"	"	9	10 9 1	"	
Do.	97/8		Do.	"	"	"	"	3	10 9 2	"	

Tobacco

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			No. of Bags	Garce	Maunds	Viss	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a Serviceable State		Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
											Year	Months	
Tobacco	In good Condition		"	"	"	"	"	9	6		1	6	—
Garlick	damaged		"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	3	To be Sold
Turmarick	Do.		"	"	"	"	"	1	1	28	"	2	Do.
Tamarind of the year 96/7/8	In good Condition		"	"	"	"	"	13	11	"	1	"	—
Chillies	97/8	Do.	"	"	"	"	"	2	4	6½	"	3	
Firewood	93/4/5/6	partly Damaged	Billets 950,000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	The bad to be Sold —
Pots and Chuttties		No.	15,541	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Dubbers		damaged	62	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	To be Sold —
Do.		Unserviceable	19	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Wooden Horses			14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Copper Marcaul			1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Do.	Sew		1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Padlocks			3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
H. Namcul	Paddy of the year 93/4	Serviceable		"	24,379	8½	"	"	"	"	1	2	"
Salt		Do.		"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	"
Do.	95/6	Do.		"	"	115	"	"	"	"	"	4	"
Firewood		In good Condition	Billets 218000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	"
Do.		Damaged	55000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	
Do.		Unserviceable	55000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be Sold
Pots and Chuttties		Serviceable	7500	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Copper Marcaul		Do.	No. 1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Do.	Sew	Do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
H. Chunnaroydroog Paddy				"	1268	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Do.	of the year 94/5	Unserviceable		"	468	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Do.	95/6	Serviceable		"	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	
Salt				"	"	300	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Do.	94/5	Unserviceable		"	"	15	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Do.	"	Serviceable		"	"	285	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Firewood		Billets	180000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Do.

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				No of Bags	Garce	Mercauls	Seers	No of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State		Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
												Year	Month	
Paddy of the Year 94/5	Serviceable	"	37	225	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	—
D°	damaged	"	"	300	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be Sold
Salt of the Year 94	Serviceable	"	2	149½	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Several		
On the 4th Line														
Paddy of the Year 95	Serviceable	"	49	285	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	6	—
Pots	D°	No.	29600	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
D°	Unserviceable		400	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D°
			billets											
Firewood 93	In good Condition		200[illegible]	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On the 3d Line														
Firewood of the Year 1795	In good Condition		150000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
On the 2d Line														
Paddy of the Year 1793	Serviceable	"	29	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
D° 1794	D°	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
D° 1795	D°	"	16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
D° 1793/4/5	damaged	"	"	393	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D°
Salt 94	Serviceable	"	4	240½	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Several		
Firewood 93	In good Condition		350000	billets	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
In the Pettah														
Ghee of the Year 96/7	In good Condition	"	"	"	"	"	"	19	4	5	"	3		
Tamarind 97	D°	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	15½	1	"			
Turmerick	In tolerable Condition	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	13	11	"	4		
Chillies	damaged	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	6	21½	"	"		D°
Garlick	D°	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	13	11	"	"		D°
Tobacco	In good Condition	"	"	"	"	"	"	13	7	12	2	"		
Wooden Horses		No.	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Dubbers	Serviceable		85	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
D°	Unserviceable		38	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		D°
Copper Mercauls			2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
D°	Seers		2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Pad Locks			4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		

Weight

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		No. of Bags	Sauce	Mercauds	Sees	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds	Bread that each article will keep in a serviceable state: Years	Months	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
25 lb Weight	Nº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
12½ "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
6¼ "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
4 "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
2 "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
1 "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
½ "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
¼ "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
⅛ "	Dº	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
At Masulipatam Rice of the Year 1797 Unserviceable		"	"	150	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by public auction
Gram of	Dº	"	"	54	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Ghee of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	6	12½	"	"	"	Dº
Salt of	Dº	"	"	10	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Tamarind of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	9	12½	"	"	"	Dº
Chillies of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	4	"	"	"	"	Dº
Turmarick of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	Dº
Garlick of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	Dº
Daneyaloo of	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	Dº
Cummin Seeds	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	"	12½	"	"	"	Dº
Pepper	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	"	10⅞	"	"	"	Dº
Mentooloo	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	"	20⅞	"	"	"	Dº
Onions	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	1	16¾	"	"	"	Dº
Biscuits	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	Dº
Salt Beef	Dº	5 Casks	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Salt Pork	Dº	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Salt Fish	Dº	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Mundays of	Dº	1796 Serviceable	92	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dº
Mullays	Dº	96	Dº	1530	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Rice Patts	Dº	Dº	4000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Water	Dº	Dº	Dº	1246	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Conjee	Dº	Dº	Dº	1300	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Feegals

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			No. of Bags	Grain	Mercauls	Suns	No. of Bags	Candies	Maunds	Pounds—	Period that each article will keep in a serviceable State		Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
											Years	Months	
Tezabs of the Year 96		Serviceable	1150	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Large Chatties		Do.	1840	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Small Do.		Do.	1180	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Grain Potts		Do.	640	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Drain Do.		Do.	640	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Tea Kettles		Do.	614	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Gurglets		Do.	626	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Fire Stands		Do.	640	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Necpsary Potts		Do.	630	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Lamps		Do.	2000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Potts		Do.	644	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Gunny Bags		Unserviceable	675	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be Sold
Gallon Pott with Dram Cups		Serviceable	1										
Bamboos		Do.	14										
Tents Poles		Unserviceable	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Brass Corks		Serviceable	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Empty Leagers		Unserviceable	39	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Casks		Serviceable	4	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Margue		Unserviceable	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Togongs		Serviceable	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Ditto		Unserviceable	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Bullocks not in good Condition			6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Wooden Tubs		Unserviceable	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Do. Funnel		Serviceable	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Buckets		Do.	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Small Log		Do.	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Copper Potts		Do.	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Do.	Do.	Unserviceable	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
At Ellore	Rice in good Condition			"	"	108	7	"	"	"	"	"	
At Rajamundry	Do.	Do.		"	"	190	3	"	"	"	"	"	

At

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			No. of Bags	Pieces	Mercauds	Seers	No. of Bags	Candies	Drams	Pounds	Parcel Matchauks Onlids	Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
											Year Month	
At Condapilly	Rice in good Condition		"	"	40	1	"	"	"	"	"	"
	Sonalloo	Do.	"	"	213	8	"	"	"	"	"	"
At Madurah	Paddy of the year 95/6	Serv.ble	"	92	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Do.	Do.	Uns.ble	"	205	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	To be sold by public auction
Do.	Do.	96/7	Serv.ble	"	2232	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Salt	Do.	95/6	Do.	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ghee	Do.	96/7	In good Cond.n	"	"	"	"	16	4	22	"	"
Tamarind	Do.		Do.	"	"	"	"	16	8	28	"	"
Chillies	Do.		Do.	"	"	"	"	2	14	6	"	"
Garlick	Do.	Uns.ble		"	"	"	"	8	16	"	"	To be sold
Turmarick	Do.	damaged		"	"	"	"	1	4	28	"	" Do.
Tobacco	Do.	In good condition		"	"	"	"	10	19	2	"	"
Firewood	95/6	Double Billets		225000	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Patts and Chutties	Do.			31500	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Gunny Bags	Empty	Serviceable		4135	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Do.	Do.	Unserviceable		515	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Do.
Mercauds				2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Seers				1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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			No. of Bags	Sacks	Maunds	Parrahs	Period that such articles will keep in a serviceable State.		Remarks of the Committee of the Military Board
							Years	Months	
At Kistnagheery	Paddy for the Year 92/3/4 Estimated damage	"	35	200	"	"	"	"	"	The quantity that may be found damaged to be sold by Public auction
D.o	D.o 95/6 1/2	D.o	D.o	"	33	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	
D.o		"	31	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Ghee		"	"	"	"	"	22	16	21¾	"	3	The whole to be sold	D.o D.o
Tamarind	some damaged	"	"	"	"	"	23	3	6	"	"		D.o D.o
Turmarick	In a state of Decay	"	"	"	"	"	1	18	15	"	"		D.o D.o
Salt	In good Condition	"	"	761	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Tobacco	D.o D.o	"	"	"	"	"	15	8	20½	"	"		
Chillies	D.o D.o	"	"	"	"	"	3	8	5	"	"		
Garlick		"	"	"	"	"	1	18	15	"	"	To be Sold by Public auction	
Potts and Chatties	No.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Firewood	Billets	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Pres.t Com.n Military Board

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(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sen.tary Mil.y Board

Estimate

Estimate for a Range of Barracks to hold 750 Sepoys as per Plan No 1

at the Current Prices of Trichinopoly

Sup.ft Squares	Cantt feet	Cubic f. feet			Prices			
		8572½	Foundations	Plain Brick and Chunam				
		4500	Arcade Piers					
		4217½	Center Wall					
		1265	End and Middle cross Walls					
		11400	Over the arches the Cornice &c.ᵃ					
Totals		29955½						
		2400	Arcades	Arch Brick and Chunam	" 2 "	pr. Cubic ft.	1426 18	40
		6392	Main Arches					
Total		8792						
159	60		Three Coats of Chunam to the Roof outside		" 3 "	pr. Dr.	628 "	"
272	25		One Coat of Chunam to the Walls & Pies inside & out & to the arches inside		3 " "	pr. Square	478 33	48
100	50		Paving Brick on Edge in Chunam One Course		1 14 "	pr. Dr.	363 "	"
	600		20 Folding doors Teak Wood 2 Inches thick with Iron Hooks Hinges Bolts &c.ᵃ Complete		3 " "	pr. Dr.	301 21	"
					14 "	pr. Sup.t ft.	200 "	"
							3397	31 8
			Range of 3 Serjeants Quarters as pr. Plan No 1					
		1608	Foundation	Plain Brick and Chunam				
		2040	Walls					
		900	Over the Arch and Cornice &c.ᵃ					
Total		3948			" 2 "	pr. Cubic ft.	188 "	"

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		448	Arch Brick and Chunam	"	3	"	ft. Dt.	31	20	"	
11	28		Three Coats Chunam Plaster to the Roof	3	"	"	ft. Square	33	35	20	
28	20		One Coat of Chunam Plaster inside the Arch and both Sides of the Walls	1	14	"	ft. Dt.	37	25	16	
6	72		Paving Brick on Edge one Course in Chunam	3	"	"	ft. Dt.	20	6	58	
	108		6 Teak Wood Doors one Inch thick with Hinges Hooks &c.	"	8	40	ft. Sqft. ft.	21	36	"	
	18		3 Dt. Windows Dt. with Dt.	"	7	40	ft. Dt.	3	9	"	336 6 14
			Cook Room and Necessary to the Sergeants Quarters								
		270	Foundation								
		468	Walls } Plan Brick and Chunam								
		200	Above the Arch the Cornice &c. }								
Total		938		"	2	"	ft. Cubic ft.	44	28	"	
		100	Arch Brick and Chunam	"	3	"	ft. Dt.	7	6	"	
2	94		3 Coat Chunam Plaster to the Roof	3	"	"	ft. Square	8	34	37	
9	50		1 Dt. Dt. both sides the Walls and insides the Arch	1	14	"	ft. Dt.	12	28	"	
1	50		Paving Bricks on Chunam one Course laid Flat	1	23	"	ft. Dt.	2	13	40	
	33		2 Teak Wood plain doors 1 Inches thick with Hinges &c.	1	8	40	ft. Sqft. ft.	6	28	40	82 12 37
									Total Pagodas		3816 7 59

Plan of Quarters for Sergeants &c. Trichinopoly

A true Copy

Trichinopoly
18th November 1797

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secretary Military Board

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Major C. A. D. C. & Lieut. Colonel
Report

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at the Current Prices of Trichinopoly

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		2400	Arcades		"	2 "	p.r Cubic f.t	1426 18 40
		6392	Main Arches	Arch Brick and Chunam				
Total		8792						
159	60		Three Coats of Chunam to the Roof outside		"	3 "	p.r D.o	628 " "
272	25		One Coat of Chunam to the Walls & Pies inside & out & to the arches inside		3	" "	f.t Square	478 33 48
100	50		Paving Brick on Edge in Chunam One Course		1	14 "	p.r D.o	363 " "
	600		20 Folding doors Teak Wood 2 Inches thick with Iron Hooks Hinges Bolts &c.a Complete		3	" "	p.r D.o	301 21 "
					"	14 "	f.t Sup.t f.t	200 " " 3397 31 8
			Range of 3 Serjeants Quarters as p.r Plan No 2					
		1008	Foundation					
		2040	Walls	Plain Brick and Chunam				
		900	Over the Arch and Cornice &c.a					
Total		3948			"	2 "	p.r Cubic f.t	188 " "

Fort St. George 3rd March 1807

		441	Arch Brick and Chunam	"	3	"	ſ.r D.o	31	20	"	
11	28		Three Coats Chunam Plaster to the Roof	3	"	"	ſ.r Square	33	35	20	
28	20		One Coat of Chunam Plaster inside the Arch and both sides of the Walls	1	14	"	ſ.r D.o	37	25	16	
6	72		Paving Brick on Edge one Course in Chunam	3	"	"	ſ.r D.o	20	6	58	
	108		6 Teak Wood Doors one Inch thick with Hinges Hooks &c.a	"	8	40	ſ.r Sup.t ſ.t	21	36	"	
	18		3 D.o Windows D.o with D.o	"	7	40	ſ.r D.o	3	9	"	336 6 14
			Cook Room and Necessary to the Serjeants Quarters								
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		468	Walls								
		200	Above the Arch the Cornice &c.a								
Total		938		"	2	"	ſ.r Cubic ſ.t	44	28	"	
		100	Arch Brick and Chunam	"	3	"	ſ.r D.o	7	6	"	
2	94		3 Coat Chunam Plaster to the Roof	3	"	"	ſ.r Square	8	34	37	
9	50		1 D.o D.o both sides the Walls and inside the Arch	1	14	"	ſ.r D.o	12	28	"	
1	50		Paving Bricks on Chunam one Course laid Flat	1	23	"	ſ.r D.o	2	13	40	
	33		2 Teak Wood plain doors 1 Inches thick with Hinges &c.a	1	8	40	ſ.r Sup.t ſ.t	6	28	40	82 12 37
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Report

Pay Office Madras 23rd March 1798

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Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Chief Engineer, Military Auditor General, Quarter Master General, and Adjutant General on Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, under date 11th. December 1797 on the subject of an Indemnification claimed by the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 27th. Regiment Light Dragoons, for Arms, Accoutrements and Horse Appointments said to have been damaged on the passage from England, or by the Surf in landing them at Madras, with a return of the different Articles for which such indemnification has been claimed referred in Meeting of the Board 11th. January 1798

5th. The Committee having in their Minute of the 18th. January recommended that Major General Floyd "should be requested to furnish the Board with "a list of all Accoutrements and Appointments which "have been hitherto supplied to the 19th. Regiment "Light Dragoons from the Company's Arsenals or "Magazines distinguishing the Articles which are "furnished in England at the Expense of the Crown

from

"from those supplied by the Colonel from the Offecko-
"=nings, or any other fund, and further that Major —
"General Floyd shall be desired to state for the Boards
"information, whether Saddles, or Horse accoutrements
"have at any time been supplied to the 19.th Regim.t
"at the Expense of the East India Company, and on
"what particular occasion such issues, if any have
"been made" a letter was in consequence addressed
to that Officer which has produced the following
Information contained in his reply N.o Viz.t —

2.d That Carabines, with Bayonets and
Scabbards, Pistols with Wooden Rammers, and the
Horses are furnished to a Regiment of Dragoons at
the Expense of the Crown —

3.d That Swords and Scabbards, Knots
or Strings, Cloathing, Helmets, Cloaks, Belts, Pouches,
Boots, Spurs, all Sadlery, or Horse accoutrements are
furnished by the Colonel from Funds, the —.
particulars of which neither Major General Floyd
or

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or the Committee are acquainted with, and it also appears that Baggage Straps for necessary Bags, Brass Badge for Cartridge Box, Sabrepauch and Badge, are also provided at the Expense of the Colonel, but that the necessary Bag is found by the Dragoon.

4th

It is likewise stated in Major General Floyd's letter that all Articles sent to India by the Colonel for the 19th Dragoons have been regularly ensured, that if any Box or Bale upon Landing has the appearance of being damaged, it is opened and examined by a Notary public who authenticates the Nature and extent of the damage, and that this Instrument is transmitted to the agent of the Regiment who recovers from the Insurers.

5th

The General also states that His Majesty's 19th Dragoons has at different times received Swords, Pistols, Saddles, and Bridles from the Arsenal at Fort S. George, which a reference to the Arsenal Books he has no doubt will shew.

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6th The Committee now proceed to state what has been the practice with respect to Arms, accoutrements &c. supplied from the Stores to His Majesty's Regiments, serving on the Coast, and as the Investigation which it has been found necessary to make on this subject, is of some length, it has unavoidably protracted the Report of the Committee to this Period.—

7th It appears that on a reference from the Government of Fort St. George to the Governor General in Council of Bengal, in the year 1793, it was stated that Kings Corps on the Coast are supplied from the "Company's arsenals with "Arms, Accoutrements, and small Stores, they also receive "for Repairs of Arms, Iron Steel, Borax, Solder, "Paddy Husk, Charcoal, Bees-Wax, Twine, Files, "Smiths Tools, &c. and are supplied with "Barrack Furniture":—

8th In answer to which the following observation

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observation was made by the Supreme Government under date the 12th August 1793

"The Old Regiments should certainly "pay for all Arms and accoutrements they receive from "the Company's Stores; and bear the expence of "repairing their own Arms; and Once think that "Barrack furniture, for the non Commissioned "Officers and Privates should be furnished by the "Company in the same Manner, as it is furnished "for their own Troops".

9th In consequence of this reply and as it appears from Article 27 of the new act repealing the Parliamentary agreement of 1784, between the Crown and Company that from the 24th Day of December 1792, the actual Expenses incurred for the support and Maintenance of His Majestys Regiments in India, shall be borne and defrayed by the said Company, it has been the practice to supply the different Regiments with

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with Arms, Accoutrements, and small Stores of every Kind, from the Company's Arsenals and Magazines, in the same Manner as to their own Troops, without carrying the Amount either in whole or part to the Crown or to the Colonel of the Regiment.—

10th. The Committee have the honor to lay before the Board a List of the Arms Camp Equipage Saddles Horse Accoutrements &c. which have been supplied from the Arsenal of Fort St. George and Magazine of Trichinopoly for the Service of His Majesty's 19th. Regiment Light Dragoons, from January 1790 to December 1797, distinguishing the Articles stated by Major General Floyd to be usually furnished at the expence of the Crown, from those furnished by the Colonel of the Regiment, and classing separately therefrom the Articles of Stores required by that Regiment for carrying on the Service in India and which do not appear chargeable either

either to the Crown or to the Colonel.—

18th The Committee think it proper to remark that in consequence of an allowance having been made by the Company to the "Commandants of the Native Cavalry Regiments of half a Pagoda or 28 fanams per Month for keeping each Saddle and Sett of Horse accou=-trements in complete repair, the same allowance was claimed by the Commanding Officer of the 19th "Regiment of Light Dragoons, which produced the following Decision from Govern=-ment, communicated in a letter to the late "Military Auditor General under date the 16th May 1795.—

12th "The President in Council does "not consider the 19th "Regiment of Light Dra=- "=goons to be similarly situated with the Native "Cavalry in respect to accoutrements, and so long "therefore as the practice may prevail of sending

accoutrements

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"accoutrements from England at the public —
"Expense, Colonel Floyd can only draw an allow
"=ance for the Repairs of such saddles as are in —
"actual use, that is, for the Number of Horses with
"the Regiment" in which period the above allowance
of 25 fanams has been Regularly drawn for —
keeping in Repair each of the saddles and Setts
of Horse accoutrements in actual use with the
19th. Regiment of Light Dragoons —

It appears from the information —
communicated to the Committee by the Military
Auditor General that at Bengal the amount of
Military and Ordnance stores issued to or received
from His Majesty's Regiments or ships are —
distinguished under separate heads in the Books
of the Military Board, and that the amount of
such articles is annually transfered in the Military
Auditor General's Office to the Debit or Credit
of "account Current London" if not paid for
there

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there, which Account is closed annually in that Office as well as every other head by the Balance being transferied from the Military to the General Books.—

14th It is further to be observed that in the Regulations adopted at this Presidency for keeping the Books, the Secretary of the Military Board is directed to furnish the Military Auditor General at the end of each Official Year with accounts of the Amount of Stores furnished in the Course of the Year to any of the Kings Regiments, or to either of the other Presidencies, or to the Civil or Marine Depart=ment, for the Value of which the Military Board will have Credit and Account Current London and the other proper heads be debited.—

15th Here then it is evident that the same practice will obtain under this Presidency from

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from the commencement of the Official Year 1796/7 with respect to Stores supplied to His Majesty's Ships or Regiments as at Bengal, but still no discrimination appears to be made between such Stores as should be charged to the Crown, from such as ought to be charged and paid for by the Colonel of the Regiment — agreeably to the usage of His Majesty's Service, and it is further to be considered whether ammu= =nition and small Stores not comprehended under either of these distinctions, but supplied to His Majesty's Troops in India to be — expended in the Course of the public Service ought not to be considered as a Military charge, separate from both in like manner as the — ammunition and stores supplied to the Company's Regiments or Battalions.—

16.th As the Act of Parliament — directs

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directs that the actual Expenses only, which since the 24th day of December 1792 have been, or shall be incurred for the support and maintenance of His Majesty's Troops in India" shall be borne and defrayed by the said Company, and as no specific Regulations have been at any time laid down with respect to the Manner in which the Crown or the Colonel of the Regiment are to be charged for Stores supplied to His Majesty's Regiments in India, the Committee beg leave to propose that if approved by the Board, the Information contained in this Report with the Letter from General Floyd and List of Arms accoutrements &c. which have been supplied to the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons may be laid before Government for the purpose of being transmitted to Bengal in answer to the reference from the

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Governor General in Council, in regard to the
Indemnification solicited by the 27th Regiment
Light Dragoons, and in order that some
precise Regulations may be established and
the necessary Instructions transmitted to this
Presidency, respecting the mode in which
supplies made to His Majesty's Regiments
on account of the Crown, or the Colonel, or
for the public Service are to be charged in
future, and brought to account on the Military
Books.——

March 27th 1798

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Asst C. M. B.

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(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy M. Board

Captain

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Captain Pierce

Secretary Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor of your letter of the 18th. Instant on the subject of an Indemnifi=cation solicited by the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 27th. Regiment Light Dragoons

I beg to state for the inform=ation of the Board that the Arms Appointments and all the equipment of a Regiment of Dragoons are furnished from the following sources.——

Carabines with Bayonets and Scabbards, Pistols with Wooden Ramrods, The Horses..... } By the Crown

Swords and Scabbards, Knots or Slings, Cloathing, Helmets and Cloaks, Belts, Pouches, Boots Spurs, all Sadlery or Horse accoutrements } By the Colonel from Funds the particulars of which I am not acquainted with

all

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All articles sent out by the Colonel for the 19th Dragoons have been regularly ensured — If any Box or Bale upon landing has the appearance of damage, it is opened and examined by a Notary Publick, who authenticates the Nature and extent of the damage — This Instrument is — transmitted to the Agent who recovers from the — Ensurers. —

The Corps itself is answerable for whatever Articles it has in Charge. —

I do not know whether Arms furnished by the Crown are ever ensured. —

His Majesty's 19th Dragoons has at different times Received Swords, Pistols, Saddles, and Bridles from the Arsenal at Fort St. George — But the Regimental Books being lost in the War and an irregularity in the Adjutants subsequent Books at a particular period make it impossible for me

to

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to ascertain the exact dates or quantities tho' the occa=
=sions are very well remembered—But my Indents
in the Books of the Arsenal will shew—

Some Swords and Pistols were
delivered from the Arsenal to the 19th Dragoons
just before the Regiment took the field in 1790.
—as the Swords and Pistols expected from England
had not arrived.—

In August 1791 Swords, Pistols.
and about 110 Country made Saddles and Bridles
were delivered to the Regiment from the Arsenal
to supply the wear and tear of two Campaigns—the
Regiment being still disappointed of a sufficient
quantity from England.—

Trichenapaly
January 22. 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) I. Floyde
Maj.

A true Copy/
(Signed) Fred Pierce
Secy Mil. Board, Lieut

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List of Arms Accoutrements Appointments &c. which have been supplied from the Arsenal at Fort S. George and the Magazine at Trichinopoly to His Majesty's 19.th Regiment Light Dragoons - distin=guishing those which appear to have been usually furnished at the expence of the Crown, from those supplied at the expence of the Colonel of the Regiment ——

By the Crown — Carbines with Bayonets and Scabbards

Ditto ——— Ribs

Muskets with Bayonets

Pistols Iron with Wooden Ramrods Pairs

Stocks Pistol ——

By the Colonel of the Regement

Bandaliers Buff with Swivels

Belts Buff for Swords

Ditto Leather Europe Shoulder

Boxes Cartridge Carbine

Horns Bugle

Pouches Cartridge Musket Europe ——

Swords

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Swords Troopers

Saddles Country

Scabbards Sword Troopers

Slings Leather Musket

Trumpets

The following are not included in the List of Articles stated by Major General Floyd to be furnished by the Crown or Colonel of the Regiment.

Axes Pick with helves

Ditto hand - - Ditto

Bags Gunny Ammunition

Buntin Blue - - - - - - - - Pieces

Ditto - - Red - - - - - - - - - Ditto

Boards Sheathing

Bellows Smith - - - - - - Pairs

Borax - - - - - - - - - - - - lb.

Beds - - Dooly

Chisels of Sorts

Crows Iron

Chalk

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Chalk ---------- ℔

Copper Solder ---------- ℔

Charcoal ---------- Bushels

Cloth Waxed ---------- Pieces

Ditto --- Long ---------- Ditto

Ditto -- Blue ---------- Ditto

Ditto --- Red ---------- Ditto

Collars Bullock

Cartridge Shotted Musket

Ditto --- Ditto - Pistol

Ditto --- Blunt Carbine

Ditto -- Ditto - Pistol

Doolies with Cover

Emery ---------- ℔

Flints, Carbine and Pistol

Files

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Fifes

Gunny in Pieces

Grease ---------- Kegs

Glue ---------- ℔

Gauges

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Gouges
Gimblets
Glasses time 2 Hour
Hammers Hand
Ditto ------ Claw
Ditto ---- Sledge
Husks --- Paddy ------ Bushels
Hammers or Turn-Keys
Hides Cow Country
Hooks Bill
Iron flat ---------- lb
Ditto -- Square ------ Ditto
" Beak
Line Log
Leather or Sheep Skins
Mamolies with Handles
Match Country ------ Sks
" Cotton ------ Ditto
Needles Sail
Ditto Serving
Needles Gunny
Oil Coconut ------ Gallons
Plates

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Plates Screw with Taps
Prickers
Palms Steel
Planes
Rope Cotton ---------- Skl.
Ditto Coir Cordage 2½ Inch Coils
Reels
Rasps
Rosin ---------- lb
Ramrod Iron
Sponges with Rammer heads -- 3 lbs
Sheet ---------- lb
Solder Pewter ---------- lb
Sal Armoniac ---------- lb
Saws Fuze
Twine Europe ---------- Skl.
Ditto Bengal ---------- lb
Tarpaulins Large
Ditto Small
Ditto Tumbril
Ditto Cart
Tape Cotton ---------- Yds
Thread Ditto ---------- lb
Tents Field Officers
Ditto Officer
Ditto Private
Ditto Sepoy
Ditto Bell
Ditto Necessary
Ditto Square
Tar ---------- Kegs
Tube Water
Vices Hand
Ditto Bench ----------
Wax ---------- Lbs
Worms Screw

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Prest. C. M. B.

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sec.y M. Board Comparative

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Comparative Statement of the expence of making up Gunneys and Tatts on account of the European Barracks and Hospital at Masulipatam, and at the Cantonment of the 2nd Division 2nd Regiment of European Infantry near that Station, upon the supposition that the same Number of Tatts of 10 Feet square is equal to the same number of Gunneys of 13 Feet 6 inches long by 11 Feet 3 inches broad, and of smaller Dimensions which were made up and repaired at those Stations in the Year 1795, 96 and 97.

	Expence for Gunnies	Expence for Tatts	Decrease of Expence
	P. F. 6.	P. F. 6.	P. F. 6.
Amount of the Charges for Making up and repairing of 289 Gunneys in the Year 1795	551. 22		
The Barrack Masters proposed charge for making up and keeping in Repair the same Number of Tatts at 3 Rupees each and at the Exchange of 350 Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas amounts to		247. 30. —	
Saving in favor of making up of Tatts			303. 12. 22
Amount of charges in 1796 for making up and Repairing 427 Gunneys	681. — 40		
Amount of Expence for making up and keeping in Repair the same Number of Tatts		366. — —	
Saving in the Making up of Tatts in 1796			315. — 40
Amount of Charges allowed for making up and repairing 249 Gunneys in 1797	491. 14. 8		
Amount of Expences for making up and keeping in Repair the same number of Tatts		213. 18. —	
Saving in making up of Tatts in 1797			277. 38. 8.
Totab saving in favor of making Tatts in Three Years			896. 8. 70
	Expence of Gunneys	Expence of Tatts	Saving in favor of Tatts
Total Amount for 3 Years	1723. 14. 70	827. 6. —	896. 8. 70
Medium Expence and Saving for one Year	574. 18. 76	275. 30. —	298. 30. 76

/ Signed / Fred Pierce
Sur. M. Board

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List of the Packet

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	Report to Government	26th. March 1798
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10	List of Arms. Accoutrements Appointments &c. Referred to in said letter	
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Military Board
Office 26th. March 1798

(Signed) Fred Pierce
Sec. M. Board

Resolved

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Minute on the fore-going letter and Enclosures from the Military Board.

Resolved that the Ammunition remaining at the Mount remain there for practice.

Resolved to Authorize the disposal of damaged and unserviceable provision Stores in the different Garrisons agreeable to the recommendation of the Military Board.

The Board deeming it essentially necessary that a sufficient stock of Grain should be kept up in the different Garrisons, it is Resolved to instruct the Military Board to complete the whole of the Garrisons to the usual proportions: but concurring in the Justness of the Military Boards observation, it is Resolved to postpone the supply of the other articles untill the Granaries may be repaired.

The Board are of opinion that Lieutenant Kippers should be called upon immediately to make good the value of the Deficiency of Gram placed under his charge.

Resolved

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Resolved to accept the Barrack Masters proposal for supplying Tatts instead of Gunnies for the European Barracks and Hospital at Masulipatam; and to adopt the suggestion of the Military Board respecting the Repair of the temporary Barracks and Hospital at that Station.—

The late removal of the Troops renders it unnecessary to adopt any measure, with respect to covering for the Troops, further than to desire the Military Board to send instructions to the Barrack Master of the Southern Division to build temporary Barracks and Houses for the 3.d Regiment of Native Cavalry, under the immediate directions of Major General Floyd.—

Resolved that a Copy of the Report of the Committee of the Military Board be transmitted to Bengal with a request to be furnished with the decision of the Governor General in

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in Council on the points submitted to their consideration

Resolved that Colonel Gent Captain Jordan and Captain Lieutenant Macintire be appointed a Committee to take the account remains of Stores; and that the alteration suggested by the Military Board in the 10.th Article of the Regulations for the Grain and Provision Department be published in General Orders.—

Read the following Letter from

Lieutenant Colonel Orr.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr replying to the Complaint preferred against him by the Nabob.—

As soon as I had the honor of receiving your letter dated the 24.th instant, enclosing an extract from His Highness the Nabob, respecting a complaint that has been made against some Sepoys and others belonging to this Station, I dispatched a respectable Native Officer to Trivanalore with directions

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directions to wait upon the Renter, who had forwarded the Complaint, and to signify to him that I was entirely unacquainted with the circumstances therein stated, and that every person under my Command denied being concerned in any such outrage; that so far from countenancing any measures or conduct of this Nature, I considered it my duty to prevent by every means in my power the least interference on the part of the People at this Station — to effect which I had issued the strictest Orders and never failed to enforce them when a well grounded complaint was made to me, and farther that the Corps stationed here had been particularly remarked for their regularity and good Order, and in keeping clear of disputes with the Inhabitants. —

The Subedar acquainted the Renter that in case he was not perfectly satisfied with this explanation, I was very willing to bring any Man to a Court Martial he would point out or to —

punish

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punish any follower or Dependant of the Regiment if he for certain could fix upon as having committed an offence — at the same time I had every reason to believe that the disputes he complained of originated between his People and the Grain Merchants, who passed towards the Coast, and gave out that they belonged to the Cavalry Lines. —

The Amaldar seems to be perfectly satisfied with the explanation, and offers I have made him, and as I am now quitting the station, I beg leave to make a voluntary declaration through You as Secretary of Government — That upon my honor I have never been engaged in any Country concern either Grain, Money, or in any way whatsoever since my first appointment to this Command — or previous to my coming here. —

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

Camp near Chemundalum
31.st March 1798

/Signed/ J. Orr
Lieut.t Colonel
Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that an Extract of the forego-
-ing Letter be sent to the Highness the Nabob —

The Commander in Chief lays before
the Board the following Report of the Quarter Master
General on the Barracks &c. at Arcot, and proposes that
it be immediately referred to the consideration of the
Military Board —

The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir

From the Quarter Master General — stating his opinion on the best mode of covering the Men and Horses of the 25th Regiment Light Dragoons at Arcot —

In consequence of the Orders I had
the honor to receive from you before my departure
from the Presidency, I examined with attention the
Barracks and Stabling at Arcot — They were originally
built for two Native Regiments of Cavalry, and
consist of twelve Barracks, each intended for a Troop
with a Store Room, and Gram Godown to each —
Regiment, which with Stabling for 864 Horses in twelve
Ranges

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ranges of Seventy two Stalls each, and a Bungalow
considered the Commanding Officers Quarters form
the whole of the Company's Property at that Canton=
=ment

Half the Barracks and Stabling
become vacant by the Removal of the 4th. Regiment
of Native Cavalry, and may be made convenient —
with some additions and alterations for the Reception
of His Majesty's 25th. Regiment of Light Dragoons —

The dimensions of each Barrack
is 64 feet by 20 besides a Room 20 feet by 12 parted
off the end by a mud wall. — I have therefore —
calculated that a Barrack will contain with —
conveniency 40 Cotts and the Room at the end will
accommodate the Commissioned Officers of a Troop —

As the Six Barracks according to
the above calculation will only contain 240 Men
I would Recommend the conversion of the Store
Room into a Barrack which by having no Room

at

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at the end, and being built on the same place as the Barracks, is larger and will contain with ease 60 Men. There being vacant Stabling for 132 Horses it is probable the 25th. Dragoons may not be able to occupy the whole, a certain Number of Stalls might therefore, be partitioned off with Mud — Walls to supply the place of a Store room; and — should it appear that the Men are too much crouded after the above arrangement the same expediency — might be resorted to, and the accommodation in consequence would be little inferior to the Barracks — The alteration I would propose is — either an enlargement of the Windows or an increase of their Numbers otherwise the Barracks would be too Close and Confined. —

A permanent and weather proof Verandah round each Barrack would be very desirable; but I am apprehensive the Roofs are too low to admit of such additions; and to remove the Roofs in Order

to

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to raise the walls would I should imagine be attended with much inconveniency at this time — I should therefore recommend a temporary Verandah of Bamboos with Arcot roofs and Bamboo Matts which might be erected at a small expence, and although they would not keep out the Rain they would shade and render the Barracks comfortable and healthy —

It has been the Custom of Native Troopers to keep their Saddles in the Barracks but it being necessary for the health of Europeans to have a more extensive and airy accommodation it might be suggested to the Commanding Officer of the 25th Dragoons to having the Saddles on the pillars between the Horses in the Stables; which would be attended with much convenience and equally good for their care and preservation —

As there does not appear any place that could be conveniently converted into an Hospital, I have been induced to mention an

offer

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offer made by Lieutenant Charles Dallas of his House and other buildings to the Company for Pagodas 800 — The Bungalow is newly erected, and the other buildings having lately undergone a thorough repair, appear to be in excellent order and well — calculated for an Hospital for one Regiment —

Should you think it proper, Sir, to recommend this circumstance to the attention of Government, and should it be deemed adviseable to make the purchase, an Engineer or such other persons as might be thought proper may be ordered to make plans and estimates of the Ground, and Buildings, in order to ascertain whether it may be an — eligible purchase at the price specified by Lieutenant Dallas. —

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I have the honor to be
S.r &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Jn. Richardson
D. Adj. Genl. of the Army

Approved

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Minute thereon—

Approved and Ordered Accordingly—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing Statements furnished by the Rajah and Serfoge of Payments made to the Resident & Sums Received by Serfoge on account of the late Rajah's Family—

In my letter to you of the 19th Instant I requested you would inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that the Rajah of Tanjore desired to defer the consideration of his letter to a future Opportunity— As I did not hear from His Excellency on the 20th or 21st I sent to know when it would be convenient to receive me on the Company's Business, and obtained an Audience on the following Morning; but only to learn that the Ceremonies of Stree Rama Navamy Feast and personal Indisposition compelled him to postpone all public Matters for five or Six days—

I informed His Excellency with all due

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due deference, that I was charged with the investigation of some subjects which did not admit of delay, and Mentioned the Complaints of Serfogee and the Queen of the late Rajah in Regard to their Stipend — That on this point in particular I had received the — positive Instructions of the Honorable the Governor in Council and however inconvenient I must entreat His Excellency's attention for a few Minutes — The Rajah instantly declared that he had made his — Payments on this Account in full to the late — Resident as the Receipts at a More convenient Opportu= =nity would testify, but as he could not then enter into the Examination and was aware of Serfogees Distress — He voluntarily offered a thousand Pagodas for His immediate use — The Money was accordingly paid to me, and very joyfully received by the Prince the same Morning, and on the Day he returned — from a Visit to the Queen at Trivicar by which the Relief directed by Government in your letter of the 11th Instant

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Instant was afforded without the least delay and without appearing to prejudice the point at issue — I have no doubt of obtaining further advances — from the Rajah on this account should they be required and have duely informed Serfogee of the — Governor's attention to his wants. —

That the Honorable the Governor in Council might not be kept in suspence any longer than was unavoidable relative to the serious Complaints preferred by Serfogee &c. I requested the Rajah to send me His Accounts of this Dis=bursement for my Examination, and I required at the same time from the Prince, a Statement of the Money paid to him with Copies of all the Receipts he had granted to my Predeceſsor. — It was not till Yesterday Evening that I was informed the ceremonies of the Feast were over, and that the — Rajah would see me on the busineſs in question — — His Excellency delivered into my hand the inclosed —

account

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Account in Marattas and English N.o 1 with the Receipts of Mr. Macleod to vouch for every Item except the three Sums specified for 2000 Pagodas and which I am informed is not denied but only delayed for the — Adjustment of some smaller Accounts between the — Resident and late Commanding Officer — It may be necessary for me to add that I have compared this account with Mr. Macleod's original Receipts and find it to be correct to the Amount of Pagodas 36517.17.22 which with the 3 Receipts forthcoming (for 2000 Pagodas) make a Total of 38517.17.22 —

A little disagreement however appears between this account and the enclosed original Statement N.o 2 from Serfojee as to the dates and Periods from which the Rajah's Payment of the Family Stipend was to commence at Tanjore — The Rajah altho' his first payment is in May 1796 — debits himself for the Stipend from January 1796 to February 1798 — but Serfojee declares he received the allowance for

the

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the first three Months of the Year 1796 in
Advance from the Company's Treasury at Madras
previous to his departure; and believing he was
always to be paid by Quarterly Instalments in advance
he has accordingly debited the Resident of Tanjore with
the Stipend from 12th April 1796 to 12th April 1798
but this is a matter not directly in point and only
serves to shew that the Rajah has paid the allowance
for a Period of three Months anterior to Serfogees
claim — as nothing appears on the Tanjore Records
upon this subject I must leave it for future adjust-
=ment and proceed to Examine the account delivered
in by Serfoge and accordingly to which he declares he
has granted Receipts for Pagodas [illegible] of Mr. Macleod's
Payments to him — by Prodeceso[illegible] to Pagodas —
26372. 16. 10 — The difference that I was infor[illegible]fojee's —
Account and the Sum for which the Rajah has —
actually produced Mr. Macleod's Receipts is Pagodas
10145. 4. 12 — and between the Sum which the Rajah
declares

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declares he has truely paid of Pagodas 12,145.1.12.

Serfogee's Original Letter to me and his Copies of his own Receipts go enclosed.—

The Honorable the Governor in Council in his Instructions to me has desired that this Explana= =tion should be full and explicit. I hope I have not omitted any circumstance which the means in my power could produce— The Result seems at present very unfavorable but before this conclusion can be admitted, it will be necessary to ascertain the truth of Serfogee's account by a comparison with his Original Receipts. Theseare in Mr. Macleod's possession and may be obtained on his return to the Presidency — On this subject I have strictly followed my Instruc= =tions, and held no official communication with my predecessor, but on all other Matters Relative to my Station I am to acknowledge myself indebted to Mr. Macleod for the readiest information—

The Rajah's indisposition rendered him very

uneasy

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Uneasy as we closed this Enquiry and I had only time to deliver to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor's Letter of the 14th Instant which addresses together with the letters I have had the honor to deliver he has reserved for future consideration — In my visit to the Rajah on the 22 Instant I had noticed to him the many subjects prescribed by the Governor for my Investigation, and I again reminded him of them, but I could not persuade His Excellency to appoint any day for the Enquiry and as I apprehend it may be some time before he will be able to give personal attendance, I have requested him to send me a confidential Servant in the hope of forwarding our Business by previous information on the leading points.

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Signed/ Benj.n Torin
Resident —

Tanjore
30th March 1798

List of Enclosures—

No 1 - Rajah of Tanjore's Letter to the Resident with His Excellency's Mahratta Account and his English Translation.—

No 2 - Serfojee's Original English Letter and Statement with his Copies of his own Receipts.——

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My Dear Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to send you agreeably to your desire the receipts given by me to Mr. Macleod since I arrived here from Madras viz Copies of fifteen receipts of our allowance with an Account of our Ballance due.—

This Account differs from the account transmitted by my Mother to Government in February last to the Amount 988 Star Pagodas paid to me by Mr. Macleod since the above date.—

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Tanjore
30th March 1798

Signed Serfojee

No 1 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr Resident at Tanjore the Sum of One thousand Six hundred and Sixty (1660) Star Pagodas in part Payment of the allowance to myself and my Mothers.—

Tanjore
25th may 1796

Signed Serfojee Star Pags 1660—

Received

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№2 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 8000 Chuckrums which at 22½ fas. Fs. a Star Pagoda Amounted the Sum of three thousand four hundred Eighty Seven Star Pags. 8 16½ fanams (3487 Star Pags. and 16½ fas. in part Payment of the allowance to Myself and my Brothers.

Tanjore
17th July 1796

(Signed) Serfojee

№2 3487 16½ fs.

№3 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 10,000 Chuckrums which at the rate of 23 fas. Fs. a Star Pagoda Amounted the Sum of four thousand three hundred and forty seven Pagodas and Nineteen fanams (4347 St. Pags. 19 fas. in part payment of the allowance to myself and my Mother

Tanjore
5th October 1796

(Signed) Serfojee

№3 4347 19 fs.

№4 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5000 Chuckrums which at the rate of 23½ fas. Fs. a St. Pagoda Amounted the Sum of 2168 Star Pagodas and ½ fanams in part payment of the Allowance to myself and my Mother

Tanjore
14th October 1796

(Signed) Serfojee

№4 2168 ½

Received

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Cash Issued to Sarfoge from 20.th May 1796 to 18.th February 1798.

Years	Months	Date		Receipts	Chuck.s S.	C.	S.A.P.	Exchange	M.s Rup.s S.	C.
1796	May	20.th	To Cash Paid to Mr. Macleod for his	1	"	"	"	"	1660	"
	July	15.th	Do. Do.	1	8000	"	"	22 15/16	3487	12
	October	5.th	Do. Do.	1	10000	"	"	23	4347	19 16
	"	15.th	Do. Do.	1	5000	"	"	23 1/16	2168	" 12
	"	18.th	Do. Do.	1	5000	"	"	23 1/8	2162	3 9
	"	30.th	Do. Do.	1	2555	8	"	22 15/16	1114	6 "
1797	January	2.d	Do. Do.		2800	"	"	23 1/8	1172	18 12
	"	10.th	Do. Do.		200	"	"	23 7/8	84	15 24
	"	24.th	Do. Do.		1800	"	"	23 3/4	757	21 24
	"	29.th	Do. Do.	1	1713	2	"	23 3/4	721	7 25
	July	8.th	Do. Do.		2368	7	"	23 9/16	1000	" "
	"	15	Do. Do.							
	March	26.th	Do. Do.	"	5000	"	"	23 11/16	2110	19 16
	"	"	Do. Do.	1	5552	8	"	24	2353	13 16
	"	"	Do. Do.		"	"	500	15 3/8	423	3 "
	May	1.st	Do. Do.	1	2991	7	4	24	1246	12 9
	"	3.d	Do. Do.	1	7200	"	"	24	3000	" "
	June	4.th	Do. Do.	1	5000	"	"	24	2083	7 30
	August	6.th	Do. Do.	1	2500	"	"	23 1/2	1063	19 19
	October	24.th	Do. Do.		2337	5	"	23 3/8	1000	" "
	Novem.r	5.th	Do. Do.	1	1000	"	"	23 1/4	430	" 25
	"	8.th	Do. Do.		1328	5	"	23 5/16	569	21 8
	December	13.th	Do. Do.	1	2350	"	"	23 1/2	1000	" "
	"	28.th	Do. Do.	Wanting	1159	3	"	23 3/16	500	" "
	"	29.th	Do. Do.							
1798	January	12.th	Do. Do.	1	1168	7	"	23 3/8	500	" "
	"	22.d	Do. Do.	1	940	"	"	23 1/2	400	" "
	"	"	" " "		"	"	"	"	200	" "
	February	11.th	Do. Do.	1	3543	7	"	23 5/8	1500	" "
	"	12.th	Do. Do.	Wanting	2362	5	"	23 5/8	1000	" "
	"	18.th	Do. Do.	D.o	1171	8	"	23 5/16	500	" "

Star Pagodas ------ 32517 1722

Cash

Cr. — Cash Account with Serfogee and Rajah — Dr.

			M.Ps.	F.	C.		M.Ps.	F.	C.
March 1798	28th	To Cash to Manabasaibe from 1st October to 31st December 1796 @ 3 Months fr. E. Month 2917	874			March 1798	28th By Allowance due to Serfogee from 1st January to 31st December 1796 @ 12 Months fr. E. Month 1660 Mar Pagodas as fr. Account	19920		
		To Cash to Mr. Macleod as fr. Account	32517	17	22		By Allowance Do — Do. from 1st January 97 to 28th February 1798 14 Month as fr. Account	19156	1	16
		Total	39392	11	22		Balance	39076 316	1 10	16 6
							Total	39392	11	22

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No 9 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the sum of 2337 Chuckrums and 5 fas. which at the rate of 23 3/8 fanams pr. a Star Pagoda is one thousand /1000/ Star Pagodas in part payment of the allowance to Myself and my Mother.—

Tanjore
24th. October 1797

/Signed/ Serfojee

No. Pags. 1000

No 10 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 1000 Chuckrums which at the rate of 23/4 fas. pr. a Star Pagodas is four hundred and thirty /430/ Star Pagodas and two and half /2/2/ fanams in part payment of the allowance to myself and My Mother.—

Tanjore
6th. November 1797

/Signed/ Serfojee

No. Pags. 430 2/2

No 11 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 1328 Chuck. and 5 fanams which at the rate of 23 5/16 fas. pr. a Star Pagoda is five hundred and Sixty Nine /569/ twenty and 3/16 fanams in part payment of the allowance to myself and My Mother.—

Tanjore
9th. November 1797

/Signed/ Serfojee

No. Pags. 569 20 3/16

Received

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Nº12 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 1500 Chuckrums wch. at the rate of 23½ fas. ₹. a Star Pagoda is Six hundred and thirty Eight/638/ Star Pagodas and /7/ fas. in part payment of the allowance to Myself and My Mother.——

Tanjore
11th. January 1798

/Signed/ Serfojee

St. Pags. 638 — 7 fs.

Nº13 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. the Sum of 1151 Chucks. and 6/4 fanams and two Star Pagodas makes 4 Chs. 6/4 fas. the sum amounted 1156 Chs. and 2½ fans. which at the rate of 23½ fas. ₹. a St. Pagoda the sum is five hundred /500/ St. Pags. in arreas of my allowance.——

Tanjore
24th. March 1798

/Signed/ Serfojee

Nº14 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. the sum of 1105 Chs. which the rate of 23¼ fas. ₹. a Star Pagoda is four hundred and Eighty Eight /488/ Star Pagodas and four /4/ fanams in arreas of my Allowance.——

Tanjore
26th. March 1798

/Signed/ Serfojee

* Nº15 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of five thousand /5000/ Chuckrums in advance

Tanjore
19th. March 1797

Signed Serfojee

Allowance

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№5 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5000 Chuckrums which at the rate of 23/8 fas. Fl. a Star Pagoda — Amounted two thousand & one hundred Sixty two Pagodas and 3/4 fas. / 2162 Star Pagodas and 3/4 fas. inpart payment of the allowance to Myself and my Mother —

Tanjore
18th. October 1796.

(Signed) Serfojee — St. Pags. 2162 - - - - - 3/4

№6 Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr. Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 2555 Chuckrums and 8 fanams which at the rate 22 15/16 fans. Fl. a Star Pagoda amounts the Sum of One thousand One hundred and fourteen St. Pagodas five and 3/4 fas. / 1114 Star Pagodas 5 3/4 fas. inpart Payment of the Allowance to myself and my Mother —

Tanjore
30th. October 1796.

(Signed) Serfojee

St. Pags. 1114 - - - - - 5/4

Total St. Pags. - - - - - 14940 —

To the Year of 1796 for three Quarterly Allowance being 15000 St. Pagodas

Received by the said 6 Receipt the sum of - - 14940 —

Balance - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 60

15000

Rec

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* Here enter Receipt for advance of 5000 Chuck.s Pagoda

2077-22 3/16 —

№7 Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.r Resident at Tanjore

the sum of 5552 Chuckrums and 5 fanams and 500 P.

N.o Pagodas which at the rate of 20¼ fanams pr a P.

N. Pagoda is 1012 Chuckrums and 5 fanams Together

which is Amounted 6565 Chuckrums which at 24 3/16 fa.s

pr.a Star Pagoda — makes the sum of two thousand

seven hundred and twenty Eight /2728/ Star Pagodas

and Seven and half /7½/ fanams in part payment

of the allowance to myself and my Mother as abovemen=

=tioned price of P. N. Pagoda is of the 26.th March 1797

Tanjore

April 10.th 1797

/Signed/ Serfojee

Sl.r Pag.s 2728 — 7½ fa.s

№8 Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.r Resident at Tanjore

the Sum of 7200 Chuck.s which at the rate of 24 fan.s

pr.a Star Pagoda Amounted Sum of three thousand

(3000) Star Pag.s in part payment of the allowance to

Myself and my Mother. —

Tanjore

May 2 1797

(Signed) Serfojee

Star Pag.s 3000 — "

Received

Cr. — My Allowance from 12th April 1796 to 11th April 1798 —

Cash Received from Alexander Macleod Esqr late Resident at Tanjore for my Allowance from May 1796. —

Dr.

	M.s Pags	Year	Month	Date		Receipt	Chuckrums f.s	Exchange	M.s Pags	Fans
		1796	May	25th	Cash Received from Mr. Macleod for May	1	3921 7	@ 23/3	1660 —	"
To the Allowance for 9 Months of the Year 1796	15000	Do.	July	17th	Do. Do. Do.	1	8000 "	22 5/16	3487	16 11/16 —
		Do.	Octob.r	5th	Do. Do. Do.	1	10000 "	23	4347	19 —
To the Allowance of the Year 1797 Star Pagodas 20000 but of which 3500 Star Pags must be deducted for the Allowance of Moganah Baisahel	16500	Do.	Do.	14th	Do. Do. Do.	1	5000 "	23 1/16	2168	7 —
		Do.	Do.	18th	Do. Do. Do.	1	5000 "	23/8	2162	3 1/4 —
		Do.	Do.	30th	Do. Do. Do.	1	2555 8	22 5/16	1114	5 3/4 —
		1797	March	19th	Do. in Advance Do. Do.	1	5000 "	24 1/16	2077	22 3/16 —
To the Allowance for the first 3 Months of the Year 1798 viz from 12th January to 12th April	4125	Do.	Apl.	10th	Cash Recd from Mr. Macleod for my	1	6565 "	24 1/16	2728	7 1/2 —
		Do.	May	2d	Do. Do. Do.	1	7200 "	24	3000	"
		Do.	Oct.r	24th	Do. Do. Do.	1	2337 5	23/3	1000 —	"
		Do.	Nov.r	6th	Do. Do. Do.	1	1000 "	23 1/4	430	2 1/2 —
		Do.	Do.	9th	Do. Do. Do.	1	1328 5	23 7/16	569	20 3/16 —
		1798	January	11th	Do. Do. Do.	1	1500 "	2312	638	7 —
		Do.	March	21st	Do. Do. Do.	1	1156 2/3	23/3	500	"
		Do.	Do.	26th	Do. Do. Do.	1	1135 "	23 1/4	488 —	4 —
					Total	15	61699 7 1/2		26372	16 5/16 —
					Balance				9252	6 15/16 —
Pagodas	35625				Pagodas				35625 —	

(Signed) Serfojee

(Signed) Serfojee —

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Minute thereon —

The Board approve the plan — adopted by Mr. Torin for ascertaining the Balances due to the Family of the late Rajah. ——

Resolved to transmit Copies of the Statements furnished by the Rajah and Serfogee to Mr. Macleod, and to call upon him to produce Serfogees Original Receipts for the different Sums paid to him —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Letter from Captain Lieutenant Hamilton Hall — and recommends Lieutenant Josiah Marshall for the Appointment of Quarter Master to the 8th Regiment of European Infantry vice Hall, Lieutenant George Lang for the Adjutancy of the 1st. Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry vice Marshall. —

Commander in Chief's recommendation of appointments in consequence of Captain H. Halls application to resign the Quarter Master ship to the 8th Regt of European Infantry. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Sir,

Captain H. Halls application for leave to resign the Qr. Master ship of the 8th. Regiment of European Infantry. —

I have to Request that you will do me the honor to solicit the Commander in Chiefs permission for me to Resign my present Staff Appointment as

Qr.

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Quarter Master to the 1st Regiment of European Infantry

Soonamalee
31st March 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) H. Hall

Lieutenant J. Marshall appointed Quarter Master to the 1st Regiment European Infantry vice Hall resigned and Lieutenant G. Lang Adjutant of the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Native Infantry vice Marshall

Resolved that the Appointments proposed by the Commander in Chief be published in General orders.

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.

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

Honorable Sir,

Auditor Generals report on the General Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster general for April

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of April 1798 I have the honor to Report that the Sum of three Lacks Four thousand Six hundred and forty Six Pagodas, three fanams and Sixty Seven Cash (Pagodas 3,04,646. 3. 67) is Required for the payment of

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of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Viz.t—

From the General Treasury ..... 2,01,621.. 6.. 24 ½

By Bills on the Military Paymaster General 103,024.39.43 ½

Pagodas ..... 3,04,646.. 3.. 6½

The encrease in this Months Estimate on a comparison with the usual Monthly demands arises from the Amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters on foreign Service which in the Estimate herein reported upon is stated at Pagodas Twenty eight thousand three hundred and three. thirteen fanams and forty three Cash (Pagodas 28303. 13. 43. —) to answer the drafts from Columbo and Trincomale and from the encreased Rates of Pay allowed to and drawn for the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of the European Corps serving under this Presidency.—

I have the honor to be—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W.m Sydenham

M. A. General —

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th. March 1798—

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The Honorable Lieutenant General George Harris

President and Governor in Council

of Fort S. George

Honorable Sir

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter

Auditors report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for March

of Yesterday's date accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the present Month and Amounting to Twenty three thousand and Ninety six Pagodas Nineteen fanams and fifty Six Cash (Pagodas 23096. 19. 56.) I have the honor to report that this sum is unobjectionable and may be issued from the Treasury being required for the purpose of complying with the directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 22d. Instant regarding Advances of Cash to the Gram Agents of the European and Native Regiments of Cavalry and to the Agent for the supplying of Military Stores.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

M. A. General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S. George
29th March 1798

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The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honorable Sir

Auditor's Report on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Masulipatam Paymaster for March.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr.r Secretary Webbe's letter of Yesterday's date accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Masulipatam for the present Month Amounting to Two thousand two hundred Pagodas (Pagodas 2200) of which Pagodas Seven hundred is Required to discharge the difference between the Old and new Rates of Pay established by the Government Orders of the 28.th Ultimo to the 2.nd Division of the 2.nd Regiment of European Infantry for this Month and the Remaining three viz.t Pagodas fifteen hundred (Pagodas 1500) for the purpose of paying Bounty to Men of that Corps which I conceive may be admitted as the period of the Year at which their time of Service generally expires is near at hand.

The

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2 The Amount of this Additional —
Estimate will be discharged at Masulipatam for —
which the Paymaster of the Station will Grant Bills
on the Military Paymaster General in the usual —
Manner. —

I have the honor to be with great respect.
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
M. A. General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort S. George
3d. March 1798.

Ordered that the following Sums
be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster
General —

Advances of Cash Ordered to be made from the Treasury in consequence of the foregoing reports

	P.	F.	C.
On account of additional Estimate for March	23096	19	56
On account of his General Estimate for the Current Month	201621	6	24
Pagodas	224717	26	

The Board proceed to pass the
annexed Resolutions on the following proceedings
of the Medical Board. —

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Resolutions of Government in Council 3d. April 1798

From the Medical Board propose that Messrs. Wise Street and Anderson be be appointed to take charge of the Sick of the Artillery Details lately Ordered to Arnee Trichinopoly and Masulipatam and that Mr. Inverarity be attached to the 2d. Battalion 3d. Regiment Native Infantry

Approved

Medical Board 2d. April 1798

As the several Detachments of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery will require Medical attendance upon their arrival at their respective Stations We recommend that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Henry Wise be directed to do duty with the Company at Arnee Mr. Assistant Surgeon Joseph Street with the Detachment at Trichinopoly and Mr. Surgeon Alexander Anderson with the Company at Masulipatam and as Mr.

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Directions to be sent by the Medical Board —

Mr. Anderson has no Assistant We recommend that the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon who may doing duty with the Native Corps in the Garrison of Masulipatam be directed to render him such Assistance as he may require. —

We recommend that Mr. Alexander Inverarity — Assistant Surgeon be appointed to the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry —

Mr Ogilvie to resume his duty at the General Hospital —

Mr. Ogilvie has reported himself so much recovered from his late — Illness as to be able to resume his duty at the General Hospital

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council

The

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20,000 Rupees ordered to be sent to Malacca on the Danish Ship Keen Pumpson for the use of the Troops.—

The President proposes that a supply of twenty Thousand Rupees for the Troops at Malacca be forwarded on the Danish Ship Keen Pumpson the Commander having Offered to take it at 2% Freight

Approved and Ordered that the above Sum be accordingly issued from the Treasury.—

Read the following letter from Captain Robert Powney of the Nabob's Service.—

From Captain Robert Powney of the Nabob's Service stating the Nature of his pecuniary concerns with the Nabob and claiming the assistance of Government in recovering the amount due to him from His Highness. Notices the commission in the Tinnevelly District between the Nabob and a Panjaut & Mr. Thomas Parry.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c. in Council

Fort S. George

My Lord

I was appointed by His Highness Wallajah Nabob of Arcot &c. &c. his Agent in the Tinnevelly Province for the avowed Purpose of procuring him Money to enable him to Pay his Visits to the Honorable Company, and this Appointment being sanctioned by Sir Charles Oakely, I conceive Myself authorized to appeal

to

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to your Honorable Board for Justice —

His Highness Omdat Ull Ull Omrah upon the Death of his Father confirmed my Appointment and agreeable to his requisition and Instructions. I advanced all My own — Property and procured Loans from others — as security for these Loans Assignments were — given upon the Country and His Highness's — Faith pledged under his Seal and Signature that they should remain in my Hands till all the debt was paid off —

When I saw the Advertisement of Government the 20th. of October 1795 respecting — Loans on Mortgage I took the opinion of two or three Friends (whose Judgement I could depend upon) to know if it was applicable to me their answer was that altho' a Servant of the Nabob's and — residing in the Tinnevelly province it applied to me as a British Subject — in consequence of his opinion I determined to withdraw as soon as

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Highness of such Arbitrary Acts of Injustice.—

As I cannot owe Obedience to a Government who have not Power to Protect me from Oppression, I now speak in confidence of obtaining redress from the Candor and Impartiality of your Honorable Board

I have the honor to be

S.r

Tinnevelly
February 12.th 1798

Sign'd Robt Powney

Mesrs Hudleston

Though the object of the foregoing letter is the hope of redressing a private injury, yet it involves matter of weighty consideration, in regard to those usurious transactions which have been so frequently represented to the Honorable Court of Directors, and which are fully explained and corroborated by Captain Powney's letter.—

As the Board can have no doubt that those representations will have attracted the serious notice of the Court of Directors, and that their dispatches by the Virginia will among other important matters contain specific directions for the guidance of this Government upon cases of this nature. Resolved that the consideration of the foregoing letter be postponed untill after the arrival of the Virginia in order that instructions of the Court of Directors may not be embarrassed by any measures which the Board might now take without a knowledge of their Sentiments.—

Geo. Harris

Edw.d Saunders

E Hatchfield

John Turing Esq.r

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Diary

Received the following Letters. ~

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

Sir,

From the Commandant at Nellore arrests some People proceeding under a very extraordinary Passport to Colonel Finglass of the Nizam's Service and requests instructions respecting them. ~

I have the honor to transmit you a Passport, for two Sepoys and four Servants belonging as they inform me to a Colonel Finglass in His ~ Highness the Nizams Service and not deeming it sufficient Authority for my permitting them to proceed, shall detain them here until I receive ~ further instructions from you. ~

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Nellore
29th March 1798. ~ (Signed) Nat. Forbes Capt.
Comm.r ~

Please

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3rd.

Please to pass this two Sepoys and one Dubash, and one Cook and one Maty 1 Syrang - they goes for Hyderabad for Colonel Kinglass Service they all goes by Order of the Ensign Goolamier, in the Nizam Detachment. -

Madras (Signed) Nicola Jannes Goolamier.
25th March 1798. -

Names -

1 Sepoy ..... Govindo -
1 Do ..... Ram Sing -
1 Dubash ..... Verasawmy -
1 Cook ..... Raguan -
1 Maty ..... Ramasawmy -
1 Syrang ..... Condole. -

(A true Copy)
(Signed)
George Parry
Sub. Secy. -

* The original forwarded to Hydrabad. -

Josiah

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To Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I herewith enclose for the informa-

From the Asistant Resident at Hydrabad with Copies of his letters to the Collector at Masulipatam relative to the ravages committed by a Tyger infesting the high Road between Sooria-pet and Mungaud, & a representation made by Nagel Mahomed, an Inhabitant of Masulipatam, respecting the Seizure of his property at Hydrabad

-tion of the Honorable the President in Council, Copies of Letters addressed by me under date the 16th and 24th Instant, to the Collector at Masulipatam.

I am

Hydrabad
27th March 1798.

&c.a &c.a

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

To Thomas Oakes Esq.re
Collector at Masulipatam

Sir

Having been hitherto unsuccessful in all my endeavors to put a Stop to the ravages Committed by a Tyger or Tygers, on the Dawke road, between Sooriapet, and Mungaud, in which space, no less than three Hurkarrahs of the Dawke under my Charge, have

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have been carried off within these last three Months, — while conveying the Public Mail from one Stage to the other, — Permit me to request, that you will send such directions to the Border Zemindars under your Controul in the Mungaul Quarter, as may Appear to you best calculated for the removal of an evil, which if suffered to exist much longer, would be attended with such serious inconvenience to the public Service, as it must be superfluous to point out to a Gentleman of your knowledge and experience. — Permit me at the same time to submit to You, the expediency of transmitting to me Duplicates of your letters to the Bordering Zemindars, by way of intimation to them of the earnestness with which a Compliance with their Contents is looked for — Nursing Rao if I am rightly informed, is the Zemindar whose exertions towards the removal of the existing evil, are most likely to be attended with the desired effect. —

I have the honor to be,

Hydrabad
16th March 1798.

Do." Do."
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

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Thomas Oakes Esquire
Collector at Masulipatam

Sir,

I lose no time in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 20th Instant, with its several enclosures, in order to return you my best thanks for your very ready and satisfactory Compliance with the request contained in my Letter to you of the 16th.

I shall not fail to report to his Highness the Nizam's Ministers, the progress you have already made, in the affair submitted to you in my letter of the 3d Ultimo, and would fain hope, that the obliging readiness you have thereby evinced to comply with his Highness's Wishes, may contribute to the Success of your representations in behalf of Haje Mahom-med, whose case would certainly appear, from the Statements you have been so good as to favor me with, to be a very hard one. On this Subject however, I cannot of course venture to offer any decisive Opinion untill I shall have ascertained the alledged fact of

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the Sequestration of his goods here, together with the plea upon which such Sequestration took place.— Should the result of my enquiries for the above purposes prove as they certainly are not unlikely to do— Hoja Mahomeds Complaints to be well founded, you may rely upon it, that no exertions shall be wanting on my part to obtain for him, the redress he will be so well entitled to.—

I have the honor to be

Hydrabad
24th March 1798.—

Do. Do.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.—

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

To the Honorable Lieut. General Harris
Governor in Council
Do. Do. Do.

Honorable Sir

From the Military Board recommending Payment the Contractor's Bill for Clothing supplied for the Detachment of the Wirtemberg regiment at Amboyna— That an advance be made to Lieut. Colgrave on account of Works carrying on at Amboot— propose that a part of the Grain at Tiagur be sold off— and

1st

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's Letter of the 22nd Instant with Enclosures.—

2nd

In consequence of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 16th December last calling upon us for a

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and request Instructions relative to some Stores remaining at Sedout.

3rd. a Statement, shewing the quantity of Stationary which will be required Annually for the use of our Board, and for the Departments immediately under its Controul; and Signifying the desire of the President in Council that such Statement may be carefully examined, and reduced as much as the Public good of the Service can possibly admit, We do ourselves the honor to submit to Government the accompanying general Statement of Stationary, which has been founded on communications from the different Departments, stating the several quantities hither to drawn for the use of their respective Offices, and Specified therein to be the lowest that the public good of the Service can possibly admit, and as We do not posses the means of checking by any given Rule the quantities therein mentioned, but consider them only as estimated on the Idea of probable expenditure, We have therefore deemed it most expedient to enjoin the several Officers, and Departments, that Should any quantity of either of the Articles remain at the end of the Year, the same is to be deducted from the Indent for the Year following, and such Indent regulated

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3d. regulated according to the consumption of the preceding Year.—

3rd. We have the honor to report that, upon an examination of the late Contractors' Bills, herewith returned, which were referred to Us for that purpose with Government's Letter of the 24th. January, it appears that the rates charged for the Clothing of the Artillery, and Wirtemburg Company of Infantry, on Service to the Eastward, are conformable to the Contract prices: but that those charged for the three Pattern Coats greatly exceed those prices, the Cloth thereof being of a superior quality, and the Coats ornamented with a richer Lace than the Clothing in ordinary use with Troops, which Coats, were made up for our inspection, agreeably to Musters procured from the Regiment De Meuron.—

4th. It appearing to Us that the Stock of Paddy in Store at Tyagur, Viz. about 70 Garce, is considerably greater than the quantity required for the present Garrison of that place, and the Officer in Command there having reported that, as Grain is more scarce, and

consequently

3rd " consequently much higher priced, than last Year, the same might be disposed of to advantage, although it has suffered in quality from long keeping. We therefore recommend that the Sale by Public Auction of one half of that quantity may be authorized.—

5th " We beg leave to submit for the information of Government the enclosed Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Fireworker Lindsay, to the acting Commissary of Stores at Fort St. George, with List of Stores said to have been lodged in Sedoul.—

6th " As you have been pleased to signify your Resolution not to authorize any payments to Captain Lieutenant Wood of the Engineers, until the whole of that Officer's Conduct shall be taken into consideration, in regard to the Public Works entrusted to him; and Lieutenant Colgrave having been appointed by Government to superintend the repair of the Works &c.a " carrying on at Amboor, We recommend that an Advance to the latter Officer of Six hundred and

Seventy

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3d " Seventy Nine (679) Pagodas may be made on that account. "

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
31st March 1798.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) " Patrick Ross
" Thomas Geils
" W. Sydenham
" Bry Close

Major Clarke

&c." &c."

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a List of Military Stores that were left at Sedout near Cuddapah by Captains Scott and Bell, when respectively in command of the Artillery attached to the Detachment serving with the Nizam; which List, Captain Bell delivered to me with other papers on the 10th of May 1796, on his quitting the Detachment. I have reason to think that the several Articles stated therein still remain at Sedout, and for which reason, I conceive it to be my duty to make this report of them, that Steps may be

taken

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3rd taken to bring them to Madras, if the Military Board should deem it necessary.—

I am very respectfully

Dc.a Dc.a

Madras
23rd March 1798.—

(Signd) Henry Lindsay
Lt. & F. W. artl. Dt. Cy. of Stores.

A true Copy

(Signd) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board.—

List of Stores left at Sedout by the Nizam's Detachment.— 2 Tumbrils, 300 Rounds of Shot and 69 of Grape.—

Bullock Loads.—

51..... of Round Shot 6 Pdr.—
21..... " Grape..... Dr.—
59..... " Powder Barrels—
3..... " Firelocks—
1..... " Bengal Match.—
4..... " Mamoties, Hatches, and Pick axes.—
2..... " Cartridge Paper.—
4..... " Tarpaulins.—
1..... " Dammer.—
1..... " White Serge—
4..... " Wax Cloth.—
2..... " Blank Musket Cartridges

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3d " Bullock Loads
6..... of Iron Barrs
1..... " Portfires
1..... " Linseed Oil.
1..... " Ramrods & Bayonets.

Total B. loads 162.

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

4th " Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.

From the Commandant at Ahtoor. From Captain Lindsay, representing that the publick quarters and Sepoy Barracks at Ahtoor are in great want of repair.

From the Superintendant of the Breeding Stud at Delft. From Major Barbutt, acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Webbe's Letter of the 14th Ultimo.

From the Adjutant General of the Army From Lieutenant Colonel Close enclosing a distribution of the Offreckonings for the Year 1796 and proposing that it be examined prior to its publication in orders.

From Ditto. From Ditto recommending that some Horses belonging to the Cavalry detail at the Presidency be sold by public Outcry.

Sent

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5. Sent the following Letters.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding the Forces on Ceylon
at Columbo

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the—
receipt of your letters dated 21st Ultimo.—

The Governor in Council is extremely
well pleased to observe from your Communication with
the Adegar, that there is an apparent probability of—
conciliating a better disposition towards us than has been
lately evinced by the Court of Candia; and, as he thinks
it of importance that it should be preserved, whatever—
may be the event of Peace in Europe, he desires that
you will use your discretion in making such presents as
may in your judgement be conducive to this desirable—
Object.—

The President in Council is—
desirous that this sort of Communication should be—
continued through the Channel of the Resident Mr. Andrews
and particularly desires that if that Gentleman should

have

To Brigadier General De Meuron. Sentiments on his late conference with the Ministers and instructions for his—guidance, discretionary authority given him to make presents to the Court, his Sale of the Company's Paddy approved— the orders originally issued for sending grain from Ramnad to Columbo Noticed— orders— respecting the Susanna Amelia, and the Clothing of the Malay Troops serving under Major Kenny—

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have returned from the Pearl fishery, when the embassy which you expect may arrive from Candia, the negotiations may be conducted by him. His former negotiations will enable him to meet the Candian Ministers upon the points of difference, which they have stated to you, and by that means limit the conferences to distinct objects, which from the conversation of the Adigar appears to be requisite.

If however from any political considerations not at present known to the Governor in Council, or from any indisposition on the part of the Ministers to treat with Mr. Andrews, you should have reason to be satisfied that the objects of the Negotiation may be more readily accomplished by immediate Communications from yourself, it is not here meant to interfere with the General and controuling authority vested in you, provided you do not exceed the limits pointed out in my letter of 30th September last.

The Governor in Council approves your Order for bringing the Company's Paddy into the Market for the purpose of reducing the Price.

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In regard to the deficiency of Paddy from the Collector of Ramnad, I am directed to inform you that he was ordered to beat One hundred and fifty garce into Rice before its embarkation for Colombo, and to draw bills upon the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for the Amount, and as no communication has since been received from Mr. Jackson, the Governor in council concludes that his Orders will have been executed.—

You have been already furnished with ultimate instructions in regard to the Surranna Amelia in my letter of the 16th Ultimo; and according to them the Governor in Council desires that the release or condemnation of the Vessel may be immediately determined.—

As it is unusual to issue half Mounting to the troops, the Governor in Council desires that the usual half mounting Money of European infantry may be issued to the Malays under Major Kenny; and that regular indents may be made for clothing for the year 1797; the Amount of half mounting Money so issued to be reported to the Military Auditor General.—

If from the disposition of the malays you should judge them unlikely to supply themselves with

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with half mounting upon the issue of Money to them, the Governor in Council has no objection to your authorizing some Person to purchase it for them.—

In regard to your observations on Salt, you have already been furnished with the directions of Government from the Revenue department.—

I have the honor to be

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4th April 1798.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy. to Govermt.

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

Gentlemen

We have received your letter of 26th Ultimo with it's several inclosures.—

To the Military Board orders respecting the ammunition at the Mount the Sale of perishable articles of Provisions & Storing of Grain in the different Garrisons—Lieutenant Kippen to be called upon for the Balance due—resolutions respecting quarters &c at Trichinopoly Warriore & Pootoor—Barrack Master's Proposal for furnishing Tatts at Masulipatam accepted. temporary Barracks—Store room to be repaired—a Committee appointed to state the accounts remains in the Arsenal &c.a authority given for the Sale of Dutch Muskets

We desire that the Ammunition at present at the Mount may remain there for practice.—

We authorize you to direct the disposal of the damaged and unserviceable provision Stores at the different out garrisons according to your recommendation; and though we concur in the justness of your remark that grain and provisions should not

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Muskets of the Minorca Regiment now in the arsenal. ~

be laid up in the present State of the granaries, We do not feel ourselves at liberty to have the different garrisons ~ without a sufficient supply of grain in Store; ~ We desire therefore that the supply of grain may be completed to the usual quantity in the different garrisons; but in regard to the other articles of Provision Stores, the supply of them may be postponed untill the granaries may be repaired. ~

We desire that Lieutenant Kippen may be peremptorily called upon for the Payment of the balance due by him to the Company. ~

The late remove of the troops, renders it unnecessary at present to erect barracks for a battalion of Native infantry at Pootoor; but We desire you will send instructions to the Barrack Master of the Southern division to build temporary barracks and Stables for the 3.rd Regiment Native Cavalry under the directions of Major General Floyd. ~

According to your recommendation We adopt the Plan proposed for substituting tats ~ instead

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instead of gunnies in the Northern Circars; and desire that you will in consequence make the necessary Arrangements with the Barrack Master.

We shall order the Collector at Masulipatam to afford such assistance as may be necessary for keeping in repair the temporary barrack there without expence to the Company.

We have made the alteration recommended by you in the 10th Article of the regulations.

We have appointed a Separate Committee consisting of Colonels Gent, Captains Jordan and Mac Intire to take the account remains of Stores and have ordered that their Proceedings should be reported to your Board.

We have permitted the Agents of Brigadier General de Meuron to dispose of the dutch Muskets and rifled barreled guns belonging to the Swiss regiment now deposited in the Arsenal.

We are

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&c. &c.
(Signed) George Harris
&c. Council

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No. 5.

To G. H. Barlow Esq.r

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir

To the Secretary at Bengal. Copy of the Military Board's report respecting Stores supplied by the Company for the Kings Regiments inclosed particular Instructions on the subject requested with a view to maintain uniformity of System at the two Residencies

Having referred the subject of your letter dated 11.th December last to the consideration of the Military Board at this Presidency, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Governor General in Council the inclosed Copy of a report from a Committee of that Board on the mode hitherto in practice for supplying the Regiments of his Majesty's dragoons with Stores and accoutrements; and I am further directed to express the wish of the Governor in Council that he may be furnished with the decision of the Supreme Government upon the different points submitted to their Consideration by the Committee, in order that an uniformity of System may be observed at both Presidencies.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
11.th April 1798.

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

To

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To Mr. Alexander Macleod,

Sir

To Mr. Macleod enclosing Statements, furnished by the Rajah of Serfoge, of payments made to him on account of the Family of the late Rajah, and Sums received by Serfoge and requiring his explanation on the Subject and the Production of certain receipts supposed to be in his Possession.

I am directed to furnish you with the enclosed account of Sums paid into your hands by his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour on account of the family of the late Rajah amounting to Pagodas 38,517..17..22.

This account having been examined is supported by your original receipts at the Palace, except for three sums amounting to Pagodas 2000, which however the Governor in Council understands to have been paid into your hands

I am also directed to furnish you with an account of Sherfoges receipts from you amounting to Pagodas 26,372..16..10. delivered by himself on behalf of the family. The difference between the accounts is Pagodas 12,145..1..12. which you appear to have received from the Rajah without having paid it to the family.

Before the Governor in Council decides upon the result of an examination at present so unfavorable to you, he was desirous that the correctness of Sherfoges account should be ascertained by a comparison with his original receipts. These the Governor in Council is surprised to understand are not deposited in the public records of Tanjour but are supposed to remain in your private possession. I am therefore directed to call upon you for the original receipts of Sherfoge in order that Government may be enabled to come to a final determination upon this affair.

I am

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

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To Benyamin Torin Esq.r
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Resident at Tanjour

Sir

Having received from his Excellency the Rajah a Representation respecting the disturbances upon the borders of his Country by the People of Meanoor the Honorable the Governor in Council has requested that Orders may be issued by his Highness the Nabob for the suppression of their irregularities, and particularly for preventing his Aumildars and Troops from entering the territories of Tanjour; but having at the same time received from his Highness a Counter representation stating that his disaffected subjects find protection and Shelter from the Poligars of Tanjore, the Governor in Council directs me to furnish you with extract of his Highness's letter and to desire that you will endeavour to ascertain the true state of these disturbances by Communi=cation with his Excellency and the Collectors in Order that means may be taken for the preservation of tranquility.—

To the Resident at Tanjore orders for prevent=ing the Irregularities Stated by the Nabob to be committed in His Highness's Country by the Tanjore Poligars—the plan adopted by him for ascertaining the Balance due to the Serfoge &c.a approved.—

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The Governor in Council directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th. Ultimo and to inform you that he approves the plan adopted by you for ascertaining the balances which are due to the family of the late Rajah of Tanjour.

I have the honor to be

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&c.a &c.a

(Signed) T. Webbe
Secy. to Govermt.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable Governor in Council to inform you that clothing is due for the year 1791 to certain Men of the 1st. Battalion Artillery according to the inclosed rolls and abstract; and to desire that in lieu of this clothing authority may be passed for paying to each of the Claimants the customary allowance of one Months Subsistence.

The Sums due under the head of Casualties may be discharged as the several demands are presented for payment certified in the manner which

To the Military Auditor General — Compensation to be made to certain Artillery in lieu of Clothing to which they are entitled for 1791. — Cundapah Maisty Bricklayer pensioned proposed form of allowance to be made to the Accounts of the Superintendents of the Breeding Studs approved — Amount allowed Lieutenant Evans for repairing his Quarter at Rajah Mundry — application of Assistant Surgeon on refund — Sum to be allowed to the Barrack master for Tatts furnished at Masulipatam.

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which the nature of them may require.—

The Paymaster at Columbo will be—
authorized by Brigadier General De Meuron to issue half
mounting Money to the Corps of Malays doing duty with
Major Kenny for the Year 1797.—

The Governor in Council desires that
Cundapah Maistry bricklayer at Trichinopoly may on—
account of his Services and being disabled in the execution
of his duty be pensioned for life on two pagodas per—
Month.— The Governor in Council approves
the form of asseveration to be made by the Superintendant
of the Company's Stud to their Monthly accounts.—

As it appears that authority did
pass the Board for executing repairs in the Northern
Circars upon estimates laid before them in the year 1792
the Governor in Council overlooks the irregularity of Lieuten-
=nat Evans's having repaired himself the Commandings—
Officers quarters at Rajahmundry and directs that he may
be reimbursed in the Amount of the engineer's estimate
being Pagodas 280..... 27.—.—

I am directed to refer to you the
inclosed

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inclosed Copy of a letter from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Orr at Columbo.—

The President in Council having accepted a proposal made by the Barrack Master in the Northern division for furnishing Tatts, of ten feet Square, for the European, Barracks and Hospital at Masulipatam, instead of the Gunnies hitherto allowed, at the rate of three Rupees each, he desires that the Paymaster at that Station may be authorised to discharge the Barrack Masters Bills on this account, when supported by the Indents and receipts of the Officers in charge, respectively, Countersigned by the Command-ing Officer of the Northern Division.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Webbe

Secy. to Govt.

Fort St. George

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To Major P. A Agnew

Adjutant General

on Ceylon.

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you to request your attention to some circumstances which I shall have the Honor of stating relative to the Number of people of various

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5. various descriptions (Europeans as well as Natives) employed in the Publick Service in the Garrison to whom I have been under the necessity of affording Attendance and Medecines for a great length of time past.— The Obligation on me to attend people of this description arises from an Order issued early in the year 1796 by General Stuart directing Mr. Brown Assistant Surgeon to take charge of the Sick of the Store and Tent Lascars, and in general, people of all descriptions in the Public Service not attached to Corps with Surgeons; an Hospital was allotted for this purpose in the Pettah, and an Allowance of 25 Pago=das Monthly for Medical Servants and Country Medecines granted to the Surgeon?.—

I succeeded Mr. Brown in this charge about the end of the same year, and soon found the Allowance to be totaly inadequate to the extent of the Charge, not only from the extravagant price of every Article coming under the denomination of Country Medecines, but also from the impossibili=ty of procuring any other Medical Assistants than the Native Portuguese of the Island, to one of whom I have ever since been under the necessity of giving a Monthly Salary of 10 Pagodas for the sole Purpose of attending under me the Lascar Hospital.— To you Sir, who are so well acquainted with the Subject, it will be unnecessary for me to enumerate the

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5th the Number of Officers employed in Colombo on the Staff, and of Conductors & Sub-Conductors of Ordenance employed under the Commissary of Stores, but I beg leave to call your particular Attention to the Number of Prisoners in the Provost Marshals Guard which has been encreasing rapidly for some Months past, & now Amounts to 13 Europeans & 21 Natives, a great majority of which, from the Nature of their Diet, uncomfortable Accomodation, & want of Liquor, are constantly sick & affected with Complaints of such a Nature as to render an Allowance of Wine indispensably necessary. —

From what I have already mentioned, I trust it will appear to you that the Allowance of 25 Pagodas (from which is to be defrayed not only the expence of Country Medecines but also a Native Doctor &c.) is totaly inadequate to the Number of people who have a claim upon me for Attendance & Medecines. —

In other Garrisons, where there is a Garrison Surgeon, people of this description come under his care, and I hope it will Appear to you from the Extent and importance of Colombo, that an Appointment of the kind is at least as necessary here as in many Garrisons under the Presidency of Madras. —

Having Stated the above circumstance, I have to request your favorable mention of them to Brigadier General De Meuron, in order that such encrease as may be deemed proper may be granted to the allowance I already draw, & with a retrospect to the length of time, during which, I have discharged the duties of an extensive & important charge attended with considerable extreme & much personal trouble. —

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

(Sig.d) John Orr
a/s. Chagin

Colombo
March 20th 1798. —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. —

Sent Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. N.o 68, requiring him to desist from all Interference with respect to the succession to the Manapar Pollam, & to send orders for preventing his Subjects from entering the Tanjore Country & enclosing Copy of Lieut.t Colonel Orrs reply to the Complaints preferred against him. —

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Dispatched also the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mo. B. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,

14, 15, 16.— To the Military Board, pointing

To the Military Board.— out certain Articles not included in Messrs. Goldingham

and Lys's Proposals for the Gun Carriage &c. Contract

and desiring them to call upon these Gentlemen to state

the terms on which they will engage to furnish them.—

To Ditto referring for their consider

To Ditto —ation Copy of the quarter master General's report upon

the public Buildings at Arcot.—

To the Honorable Basil Cochrane—

To the Military Paymaster.— desiring him to sell by public outcry five Cast Horses

which will be delivered over to him by Lieutenant—

Montgomery.— To Lieutenant Montgomery—

To the Officer Command —ing the detail of the Cavalry at the Presidency. desiring him to deliver over the five Cast Horses to Mr.

Cochrane.— To Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase

To Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase— authorizing them to dispose of the Muskets and Stores

mentioned in their Letter of the 2nd. Instant to the—

Nizam's Agent.— To Lieutenant Evans, consenting

To Lieutenant Evans— on the late explanations offered by him to indemnify

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him to the Extent of Pags. 280.. 27.- for the repairs made by him to the Commandants quarter at Rajah Mundry.-

To the Military Paymaster Genaal.

To Mr. Roebuck - enclosing Copies of the Auditors reports on the estimates which accompanied his Letters of the 28th. and 29th. Ultimo, and informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 2,74,757.. 26.. will be issued to him from the genral Treasury. -

To the Collector of the Jaghire. -

To Mr. Place, desiring that a convenient spot of ground may be allotted to the Contractor for repairing the Black Town Wall on which he may burn the Bricks he requires for completing the work on hand. -

To the Committee for superintending the repair of the Black Town Wall -

To the Committee for superintending the repair of the Black Town Wall. communicating the Orders sent to Mr. Place. -

To Major Genral Bridges, communica-

To the Officer Commanding in the Northern Division at Masulipatam. -

-ting the Board's resolution to abolish under certain restric-
-tions the Customs hitherto collected on Articles passing thro' the Country for private use - intimating at the same time that the Collector Mr. Oakes acted with strict propriety in enforcing payment of the duties under the former regulations. -

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

To the Commandant at Malacca.—

To Messrs. Barlow and Uhthoff and Captain Kirkpatrick— communicating Mysore Intelligence

To Lieutenant Colonel Campbell—

informing him that 20,000 Rupees will be delivered to him by the Commander of the Ketch Princessa and— desiring that the amount of the Freight at 27 ₹ Cent may be paid on receipt of the Money.—

Received the following Letters.—

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad receives a Confirmation of the Intelligence of the entire Disposition of the Troops formerly encamped at and near Gooty.—

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable the President in Council Translate of the Report of a Pair of Hurkarrahs whom I sent to Goote with the view of ascertaining what Credit was due to the Reports in circulation from various quarters for some time past of a Considerable Force having proceeded to that Place.— The result as you will perceive is, that even the small Detachment under Sheer Baig the Arrival of which at Gooti, was duly notified to you in my Letter of the 18.th February last, is now no

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longer there. I am

Hydrabad
30th March 1798.

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

Translate of Intelligence from Gooti, brought by a pair of the Residents' Hircarrahs, who left it on the 18th March 1798 and arrived at Hydrabad on the 29th.

We left this on the 4th March, and arrived at Gooti, on the 11th where we found a Force encamped Consisting of Five hundred horse, and fifteen hundred Infantry Commanded by Sheer Beg, Mahommed Ali Khulluck, and Surry Nowas Rao. The Garrison in the Fort Consists of five hundred regular Infantry and Five hundred Payadahs. We learnd at Gooti, that Mustaun Saheb, the Aumil of the District, after having issued two Months Pay to the Troops above mentioned had gone to Pungoondah, from whence it was reported He intended to proceed to Roy Droog. We also learned that Timayah Naik the Zemindar of Annagoondy and the Rannee of Nargoond Neeveldgoond of the Family of Morar Rao, Ghorpoorah * in conjunction with the Goklah, had fallen

* This is the family of the famous Mahratta Morar Rao, who held

for a long time Govt as a principality which was wrested from his Family by Hyder. ~

fallen on the populous Villages of Durogeghy, Kumlapoor, and Junt=kull, (in the Talook of Anngoondy) and after plundering the same, they attacked and took the Gunny's (Citadels) belonging to them, putting to the Sword the Killedars with their Garrisons, and replacing them by their own People; taking possession at the same time of the Gunnies of thirty two smaller Villages dependant on them. ~ That the ~ Zemindarree of Kunchun=Ghood, which is twelve Coss from Adoni, following the example of these Revolters, had taken possession of the Kusbeh of Kunchun=ghood, and disclaimed all allegiance to the Sultaun. That upon this Intelligence reaching Tippoo; he had dispatched Hyder Nowaz Khan, Budder-ud-deen Khan, and Rubber Jung with a Considerable Force of horse and foot, to the Annagoondy ~ District, for the purpose of quelling these disturbances. — That upon the arrival of this Force at Chittledroog, a thousand Horse, and three thousand foot, were detached from it, ~ which had Arrived at Hundy Anuntpoor, on their way as it was said to Gurrumcondah, that the main Body under two of the three above-mentioned Chiefs, was still laying at Chittledroog. — That Timappah (or Timayah) Naick, upon ~

learning

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17th learning that the Family of Budderad dien Khan was at Gungawotty, had surrended that place, but was obliged to retreat, in consequence of a Detachment of horse and foot, dispatched by Budderaddien Khan from Chittledroog coming timely to its relief.—

Whilst we were at Gooty orders arrived from the Sultaun directing Sheer Beg the Officer Commanding there, to assist if necessary Budder-addien Khan in the reduction of the rebel Zemindars.—In consequence of this order Sheer Beg taking three pieces of Cannon with a proper Complement of Amunition &c.a out of the Fort of Gooty, on the 17th. March moved off with the whole of his Detachment intending, as we understand to join Budder-addienkhan by the route of Doy Droog, and Koompully.—

The Sultaun was encamped (it was said) near the Moty Talaub, where his Forces were assembling In consequence of the disturbances excited by the Koorgh Rajah, he is said to have sent Syed Ghuffaar at the head of five thousand horses & foot, to that quarter of his Dominions.—

Upon a rumour of the Sultaun's intending

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intending to make an excursion in Person towards the Bulhare quarter, Ajoud Alikhan the Niram's Manager of Kurpah, had sent a party of two hundred Afghans as a re-inforcement to the Garrison of Bulhari. That Chiefs' Nephew Munsoor od dowlah, had returned (it was said) from his late Expedition to Gudwaud and upon his Arrival at Nuggurdenee, in the Rachore District, discharg near a thousand horse, to whom the Ranee of Nurgood- Neewulgoondah (mentioned in the former part of this Paper) immediately sent Proposals to enter his Service, which they were accordingly doing in great Numbers.—

We heard on our way back, that Gaklah was encamped with a Force Consisting of Three thousand horse and two thousand Infantry at Toom,— from whence he over runs at pleasure the whole District of Mudkul (belonging to the Nizam) without meeting any opposition from the Talookdar, Sufdur Jung, since the severe defeat he gave him some time ago.—

A true Translate

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

To

2306 Fort St. George April 17th 1798.

To the Hon.ble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board Bill for the repair of the Gun Shed at Wallajahbad recommended for payment Instructions required as to the Amount of the Security to be taken from the Grain Agents propose that an Engineer be sent to Arcot to complete the Barrack &c.a for the 25th Dragoons recommend that the Amount due to their Secretary for Lascar Clothing provided for the year 1796 be discharged and that proposals be advertised for, for the Clothing of that body of Men for 1797.

We have been honored with Letters from Government under date the 28th Ultimo, and 3rd Instant; and have received Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 4th Instant, with their respective Enclosures.

Colonel Gent having transmitted to Us the accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 2552...33...36.. for repairs executed under his Superintendence to the Gun Shed at Wallajahbad, together with the necessary Voucher in support thereof, We beg leave to recommend that the Bill be passed for Payment.

It being directed by the 6th Article of the Regulation under the head "Gram Agency" that a Bond, or Obligation, in proper Form, shall be taken from each of the Agents, jointly with such Persons as Government shall approve, in a penal Sum to secure the Company from loss by advances to the Agents, We request to be informed

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7th informed if it is the pleasure of Government that our Board shall call upon the Gram Agents for such Bond, or Obligation; and, in this case, We submit whether the Sum of two Thousand (2000) Pagodas will not be an adequate Security from each Agent.

4th On a full consideration of the Quarter Master Generals' Report, respecting the Barracks and Stabling for Cavalry at Arcot, referred to us with Mr. Secretary Webb's Letter of the 4th Instant, We are of opinion that the alterations which the Quarter Master General has suggested as necessary to be made for the accommodation of His Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons are highly deserving of attention, and accordingly recommend that an Engineer may be ordered thither as soon as possible for the purpose of putting the Barracks &c. in a proper State for that Regiment: either in the mode proposed by the Quarter Master General, or such other, as on a personal examination, he may consider best calculated for the purpose and, that he be further instructed to inspect the House, and other Buildings, offered for Sale, by Lieutenant Charles Dallas, and to report his Opinion whether it will be an eligible purchase for an Hospital on the Terms proposed, and if not, at what value it ought to be rated.

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5th We have the honor to lay before Government the enclosed Account Current with the Honorable Company for Clothing made up, and delivered, by our Secretary to the Garrison Lascar Establishment under this Presidency for the Year 1796; and as, on reference to the Military Auditor General, the Account is stated by him to be supported by proper Vouchers, and the rates the same as those charged for the preceding Year, We recommend that Payment of the Balance due on that Account, Amounting to Pagodas 1791.3.13. be authorized.

6th As the Regulations for y^{e} Store, and Tent Lascars, published on the 6th June 1797. direct that they shall be clothed in future by Contract, We would suggest to Government the expediency of causing Sealed Proposals for that purpose to be advertized for, and to be delivered in on, or before, the 10th day of May next. The Advertisement, We conceive, should specify that Cloth will be issued to the Contractor from the Company's Stores at the Invoice Prices of the present Year upon Indents submitted to, and approved by, the Military Board; and that advances of Cash will be made to him in the same proportions as have been regulated in the Contract for the Clothing of the Native Infantry for the

Year

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7th Year 1797, upon a computation made by the Military Auditor General according to the Number of Lascars to be Clothed, an Abstract of which, will be furnished to him by the Secretary of the Military Board.—

We further recommend that the 7th Accounts of the Contractor for Lascar Clothing be submitted to the examination, and Report, of our Board; and the Indents Signed by the Officers, or others, in charge of the Lascars respectively, countersigned by the Secretary to the Board.—

We have the honor to be

Fort St. George
6th April 1798.—

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
B.y Close

To Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of the 28th Ultimo I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds has been desired to make the Communications required of him as well as to open a—

From the Secretary at Bombay—orders have been given to Lieutenant Colonel Reynolds to communicate with Captain Mackenzie in the mode proposed.—

correspondence

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Correspondence with Captain Mackenzie on the subject thereof for the general advantage & promotion of this branch of the Public Service.—

I have the honor to be

Bombay Castle
23rd March 1798.—

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) R. Rickards
Secy to Govt.

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

Hble Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron, desiring Instructions respecting the repairs required to the Public Buildings at Caltura Negumbo & Columbo Intelligence of the Minerva & Hannibal having arrived at Point de Galle.—

As I entertained the hope that the Services of the People would again have been Established, I did not do myself the Honor of Stating to Government any thing respecting the necessary repairs to be made to the Public Buildings in the Country, because according to the old system such repairs were done by the inhabitants These Buildings (or Choultries) were of great use particularly between Point de Galle & Columbo as they afforded accommodations for such Troops as were occasionally sent from one place to the other and that no Camp Equipage was secured many of them are fallen to ruins—The—

House

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7th House of the Commandant at Caltura was in very good repair, but nothing having been done to it since two years, the approaching Monsoon may occasion — Considerable damage to the Building if some thing is not done to prevent it. — The Expence for Shifting the Tiles, Chunam and Labour will not exceed Eighty Rix dollars, if you will be pleased to authorise its being done, this good House will be preserved. — The Buildings of this discription at Negumbo are in the Same State and as one Hundred Rix dollars will be equal to the expence of putting them in Condition to resist the effect of the Monsoon I think it my duety to inform you thereof. —

I have the honor to inform you that Lieut.t Colonel Dalrymple has reported to me that the Barrack where his Company is quartered was in a very dangerous Condition, and to inclose the report of a Committee which I ordered to examine it together with an Estimate of the Expence and a Letter from the Engineer — I beg leave to request that you will take into Consideration the report of a Committee assembled

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Assembled on the 21st. January 1797 to Survey the Public Buildings at Columbo, and that you will favor me with your orders that I may be authorized to do what is necessary.~

I have received a Report of the safe arrival at Point de Galle of the Harriot and Minerva from Bengal, the former is gone in the Bay to unload Rice and receive the Cinnamon, the latter is hourly~ expected to arrive here.~ They saw no sail on their passage, and I hope their stay here will be short.~

I have the Honor to enclose for your information Copy of a Letter from Colonel Champagné announcing the reduced State of the Treasury at Trincomalee.~

I have the Honor to be

Head Quarters
Columbo 29th March 1798.~

Yo.r mo.t Ob.t
(Signed) P. T. de Meuron
B. G.~

Procedings of a Committee ordered by Brigadier General De Meuron to Examine and Report the State of a Barrack on the Amsterdam Bastion at Columbo~
March 24th. 1798.~

Lieut.t Col.o Dalrymple ~ President
Captain Forest } Members { Lieut.t De Morgan~

The

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The Committee having assembled proceed to examine the Barrack now occupied by Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymples' Company of His Majesty's 19th Regiment and find the end Wall cracked, & having deviated from the Perpendicular Eight Inches; the Rafters of the Roof having given way with it. — The Committee is of opinion that the troops should be immediately removed, as the state of the Building is such as to require the roof to be taken off & the Gable wall rebuilt to render it secure. —

(Signed) Geo. Dalrymple
Presidt.

" Arthur Forrest Capt. Engr.
" T. De Morgan Lieut.
Adjt. & D. M. 6th Regt.

Major Agnew
Adjutant General

Sir

You will please inform Brigadier General de Meuron that there is not quite (4000) four thousand Pagodas here belonging to Government & that if a supply of Cash is not very soon sent to the Paymaster at Trincomallee the Troops will be much distressed for want of Money. —

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. Champagne
Colonel

Trincomallee
March 16th 1798. —

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds
Secy.

Sir

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7th Sir

I forward the Estimate according to your Orders. — as the Prices of Bricks Tyles and Chunam are now so exhorbitant here, I found it impossible to bringing the Estimate so low as the Madras Prices. —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) Arthur Forrest
Captain Engineers

Columbo
26th March 1798. —

Estimate Expence of Repairs required at the European Barracks on the Amsterdam Bastion Colombo March 20th 1793. —

Barracks consisting of one Room 93 feet long by 25 Feet broad —

One Room 86 Feet long by 15 F. ... 9 I. broad —

One Room 70 Feet long by 15 Feet broad —

Inside Measurment. —

The Roofs require to be resetd and new tyled, the Gable of the middle Room requires being taken down & to be rebuilt with Brick & Chunam the whole of the Barracks to be white washed. —

The Iron, Nails & Jaggary to be supplied from the Stores. —

The 110 Cubic Feet of Masonry in Brick & Chunam to building up the Gable End. —

The

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		P.	F.	C.
1.	The Work sixteen Feet from the Floor including Scaffolding at 6 Fanams P cubic Foot	11.	30.	-
	To 28½ Square of Roofing one Room repairing and resetting Palmiras & Reepers & new Tyling - at 4 Pagodas P Square	114.	-	-
	To 16½ Squares of Roofing to Repair of Tyling only; taking off old Tyles & new Tyling - at 2 Pag.s P. Square	32.	22.	40.
	To 11¾ Squares of Repair to single Roof, repair =ing the Rafters & Reepers taking off Tyles & new Tyling the Roof at 3 Pag.s P Square	111.	11.	20.
	Total	205.	18.	60.

Two hundred & five Pagodas eighteen Fanams & Sixty Cash. - (Signed) Arthur Forrest
Captain Engineers -

Received Letters from the Nabob and

Substance of letter from the Nabob & Bomraure

Bomraure entered in C.C. Nos. 69, 70. the former enclosing Copys of his Orders to his Aumil at Tiagar for preventing the Inconveniences complained of by the Commanding Officers as also the Dustucks required for passing the Grain to the Cavalry Regiments - the latter advising of his having appreh -ended an European Deserter, and sent him properly escorted to the Presidency. -

Received

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7th

Received also the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.B. Nos. 17. 18.~

From the Collector at Manulpatam.~

From Mr. Oakes advising of his having received a suitable apology from Lieutenant Buchan.~

From the Commissioners at Calicut.~

From the Commissioners at Calicut~

Communicating Intelligence of three French Ships having been seen off Columbo on the 28th. February.~

10th

Received the following Letters.~

To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris

President and Governor

In Council

Honble Sir

From the Attorney General opinion on the appeal demanded by Mr. Mercie from the Chouldry Court at Pondicherry to the Court of revision and on the measure of re establishing the Registry of Mortgages at that place.~

In obedience to your orders I have perused Major General Brathwaite's Letter to Government of the 1st. Ultimo with its enclosures, and have the honor to observe that though by the late regulations for the administration of Justice at Pondicherry, the Court of Revision is excluded from the Cognizance of Suits decided in the Superior Council on appeals from the Chouldry Court, this exhibition was meant to refer to such Suits only as should be decided by the then reformed Council, and was not intended as I conceive to preclude it from

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10th. From revising those determined by the former Council, whose gross partiality and injustice had occasioned the reform: upon this ground I apprehend it was that similar causes have been revised since the regulations were formed, and I therefore see no reason why a revision should be denied in the suit between Monsieur Mercier and Naina Divan, if the Amount required by the Ordinances be lodged with the greffier of the Court.— I have the honor further to submit to you that I conceive a Registry of Mortgages at Pondicherry indispensibly necessary to the prevention of fraudulent Conveyances, and I therefore offer it as my Opinion that this Office; which was some how ever looked when the Courts were allowed to resume their functions; may with propriety and advantage to the Inhabitants of that Settlement be re-established.—

I have the Honor to be

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Vo. Vo.
(Signed) Benjn. Sullivan

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

Hon'ble Sir

I have the honor to transmit in the—
usual

From the Military auditor General— rectifying an oversight in his late report on the Balances in the hands of Major Hart deputy Paymr.

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Paymaster to the Kings Troops.—

Usual manner, the enclosed Re-audit on the Accounts of Lieutenant Colonel George Hart Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops from the 25th. August 1792 to the 24th. October 1793 amounting to Pagodas 332.. 32...55. which in consequence of a communication with Captain Young the present Deputy Paymaster General, I found had been struck by Government to be passed to his Credit on the 6th. of December 1793, but which I was not acquainted with on the 3rd. Instant, when I had the honor of reporting in what manner the difference arose between the Balance Stated by Captain Young to be in Lieutenant Colonel Harts hands on the 24th. December 1792 and 24th. March 1795, and the Balances Stated to have been in his hands at the same periods by Colonel Malcolm.

2. This adjustment establishes an exact coincidence between the Records of the Kings Pay Office and those of the Military Auditor General, with

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10th

With respect to the Sums disbursed by Lieutenant Colonel Hart during the time of his being Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Troops.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

Do.ᵉ Do.ᵉ

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St George 10th April 1798.— (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.ʸ Aud.ʳ Gen.ˡ

Received also the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 19. 20.—

From Brigadier General De Meuron

From Brigadier General De Meuron

Submitting an application from Lieutenant Colonel Hugues for leave for himself and his Son to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and to draw their subsistence there.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson

From the Commandant at Amboor.—

requesting to be permitted to draw House Rent on the tent Allowance of his Rank during the period that his Quarter is undergoing a thorough repair.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday 10th. April 1798.— The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor — President, Edward Saunders and Ernst William Stallofield Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letters from Hyderabad,

Memorandum

The Letter from Captain Kirkpatrick 26th. April enclosing the following Papers has been mislaid.— (Signed) George Parry Sub Secy.—

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating the purport of different conferences with Meer Allum respecting the restitution of the Deserters from the Company's Service.—

Extract of a letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick — Assistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General dated 25th. March 1798.—

"3d. Upon the receipt of the Letter No. 1 from the Government of Fort St. George, I addressed the Note (No. 3) to Meer Allum, but conceiving that the Subject of it required to be stated as impressively as possible, and more at large than was suitable with the usual limits of a letter, I directed the Resident —

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Resident's Moonshee to wait in person upon Meer Allum, with the Note he had just written to him.— The result of their conference on this occasion, will be found in the Translate N°. 2.—

"4th Abundant time having elapsed for my receiving an Answer to my address of the 27th January, in the 9th Paragraph of which I submit the expediency of postponing to a more suitable period the demand which I was desired to make by the Government of Fort St. George for the delivery of the Numerous Sepoy Deserters from Ongole and Guntoor, I did not think myself Warranted to defer any longer compliance with their application to me on this head, especially as the apprehended attack on this State from Dowlut Rao Sindeah which I assigned as a reason for the proposed delay, does not appear quite so threatening as it did at the time I made the reference above alluded to; and as the detention of a Party of Sepoys belonging to Mr. Raymond at Rampore, seemed to offer a fair occasion for making the deferred Representation with some additional effect. I am sorry to say however, that notwithstanding all my endeavors, I still see little chance of our obtaining the requisite Satisfaction from this Court until it shall be thought advisable to adopt the high Language

towards

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towards it so reputably recommended by Mess Allum and untill I shall be authorized in short, to tell the Ministers, that acquitting ourselves as we do with scrupulous strictness of all our Engagements to his Highness, we are determined to exact a due observation of them on his part.— Scarcely a doubt I apprehend can at the same time be entertained that the remedy pointed out by Mess Allum to Azeez Oollah in the close of their conference on the 17th Instant, would be the radical one; and nearly as little, that the vexatious and unjustifiable system of evasion pursued more particularly of late by the Minister in most of his transactions with me, has been suggested by the shallow expectation of influencing and hastening thereby the determination of Government on the subject of his propositions for a closer Connexion, and enlargement of the present subsidiary Engagements, which have been under Consideration ever since September last, but as yet unanswered."—

"18th In reply to the Minister's repeated Applications for the release of the Guard belonging to Mr. Raymond detained with Treasure at Rampore, and to the explanations he has entered into on that subject, I have

Signified

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Signified by Note to Meer Allum, that I shall make known both the one and the other to the Governor of Fort St. George, who would no doubt soon come to a determination on the Matter: but that I could have wished the Ministers Application and explanatory— observations had been accompanied by some assurances of restitution of the Numerous Deserters from the Company's Service, who had enlisted with Mr. Raymond, that I might have been enabled to set General Harris's mind at ease on this point.—

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

Translate of a Note from Moonshee Azoor— Oollah to Meer Allum, dated the 17th March 1798.—

At this time, a Subadar, two— Havildars, and twelve armed Sepoys belonging to Mr. Raymond's Troops Stationed in the Khummum District have been discovered without any passport in the— Honorable Company's Territories having Treasure in their Custody to the Amount of about Four thousand Pagodas

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The Commanding Officer at Rampore, full of astonishment at so irregular a proceeding, caused the Party to be detained reporting without delay what he had done to the Governor of Fort St. George.—

As the being provided with a Passport when removing from the Territory of one State into that of another, is among the things indispensibly requisite in all Governments, and as it is a rule invariably attended to, on the part of the Company, the Resident never failing to apply to the Sirkar for Passports for all Goers and Comers, judge how improper it must be considered in any of his Highness's Subjects— and more especially in any of Mr. Raymond's people entering the Company's Territories unprovided therewith.' accordingly Captain Kirkpatrick has this day received a Letter from the Governor of Fort St. George Containing heavy Complaints on the forgoing Subject— The pen of friendship traces this for your information, may your favor be upon me.—

a true Copy and Translate
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Translate

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Translate of Report of a Conversation between Meer Allum and Moonshee Azeez Oollah, during a visit to the former on the 17th Instant. —

After presenting your Compliments to Meer Allum I proceeded to obey your directions by observing to him, that considering what had happened about two years ago in the case of Monsieur Baptiste who without any license or Passport from the President (accompanied by some of his own Sepoys) had presumed to go to Madras, from whence he had been shuffled to — return only at the particular instance of his Highness, and upon special assurances that no such irregularity — should again be Committed, it was matter of Surprize that any thing of the kind should again occur, as he would find however to have been actually the case, upon perusal of the accompanying Note — saying which I immediately put into his hands the Note (N.3) I had previously written in conformity to your Instructions, adding that its Contents would sufficiently account to him for the detention of the four Thousand Pagodas at Rampore, of which the Minister had a few days ago —

complained

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Complained to you (Capt. K.) with an application at the same time for its restitution.— after Meer Allum had opened, and perused the Note, I delivered to him; I proceeded to say, that the undeniable fact of several hundred of the Company's Sepoys (whom you were authorized by the Madras Government to demand the Surrender of) having been enlisted, and probably inveigled away by Monsieur Baptiste, gave sufficient reason to suspect, that the errand of the Party of Mr. Raymond's Sepoys, now detained at Ranipet, was not solely to escort a trifling Sum of Paishcush money due from the Venkatagherry Rajah:— a Surmise, which acquired Strength from the circumstance of a Subadar, besides two Havildars, being with so small a Party as twelve Sepoys. That the real Object however out of the question, he would no doubt allow it to be highly irregular for a Party of foreign Sepoys to enter the Company's Territories, without a Passport, and especially Sepoys belonging to Mr. Raymond. That neither the present or any former abuses of the kind here complained of would ever have been Committed, if the Province of Khurrumcondah had not been entrusted to Mr. Raymond, and that you (Captain K.) would

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persuaded, nothing but his removal from thence would remedy the evils in question— nay, you were even apprehensive, that if this Frenchman— in Spite of your repeated representations on the Subject (founded on the actual State of Warfare— subsisting between his Nation and yours) was sufferd to continue in charge of that Frontier District the consequences might one time or other be very disagreeable— After listening attentively to the above address, Meer Alleum replied to it as follows.— "I subscribe perfectly to the truth of "all you have here said, but Azim ul Omrah whose temper "is a very curious one, is, as you well know immoveable "in his attachments, however unworthy the object of them.— "Was it in the Power of Lord Cornwallis himself (highly "even as Azim ul Omrah professed to admire the greatness "of that Nobleman's Character, and actions) to persuade him "that Aoud ale Khan was a Traitor, or to dissuade him "from conferring Kurpah upon that worthless favorite.— What "thanks did Sir John Kennaway get for charging Meeran "Nyar Jung (Esaw Meeah) with a Correspondence with— "Tippoo Sultaun in the late War, or I myself by producing

in

"in support of this Charge, Letters that had passed between them,
"and which by accident had fallen into my hands." Why, Meer
"Ul Omrah upon perusal of these Papers, could not be said but
"allow, that the Seals were the Seals of the Sultaun and Esaw Mauk
"and that the hand Writings were very like those of Esaw Mauk's
"Moonshee, and of the Sultaun's usual Secretary, but could never
"persuade himself notwithstanding, that they were any thing
"more than Forgeries. Thus on the present instance also, you
will find that he will listen to nothing tending to the
prejudice of Monsieur Raymond.—

Meer Allum having thus made an end
of his discourse, I answered it by saying, that whatever the
Ministers prejudices or incredulity might be, there could be
no doubt I trusted, of his acting up to the Engagements subsis-
ting between His Highness and the Company, by delivering up
the Numerous Sepoy Deserters from the Company's Service,
who (as you long ago gave Meer Allum to understand) had
been entertained by Mr. Raymond, and whom in Conformity
to a requisition long since made to you by the Madras
Government, you now formally demanded the surrender of.

Meer

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Meer Allum hereupon said, that he ~
should of course not fail to make known to the Minister
your demand for the Surrender of Deserters from the
Company's Service said to have been enlisted by Mons.r
Raymond, at the same time that he reported to him the
the detention of the Treasure and Guard at Rampore, but
that Mr. Raymond when called upon, would in all
probability return the same Answer as he had hitherto
invariably done on all similar occasions, viz.n that he
had no English Soldiers or Sepoys in his Service. ~

I replied, that tho' such falsehoods ~
had hitherto answered Mr. Raymond's purpose, it was
not likely to do so in the present instance, as the ~
Deserters in question were much too Numerous to escape
research. ~ "I wish (replied Meer Allum) with
all my heart, that a research may be successful, but
I must be allowed to say, that you yourselves meaning
the Company's Government) "are chiefly to blame, for
"were you only to agree to Station four more Regiments
with

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"with the Nizam as he has been so long importuning you
"to do, you would never have cause to Complain hereafter
of French Influence in this State. ~

Mustakeem ud Dowlah who was present
during the whole of this conference, said to me just as I was
taking leave, that he sincerely hoped, the Party of Ray-
-mond's Sepoys detained at Rampore would not be released
until some satisfaction had been given you by the Minis-
-ter, on the score of the Numerous desertions from Ongole,
and Guntoor. ~

a true Copy and Translate.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
assistant.

Extract Translate of Moonshee Azeez
Oollah's Report to his visits to Meer Allum, Nizam
ul Omrah, and his Highness the Nizam on the 20th
March 1798. ~

"Meer Allum next told me, that
the Minister wanted a Bill on Madras for Five ~
thousand Rupees on account of what remained due
of the 2d Kist of Peishcush for 1206. ~ I replied
that the Balance still due on that Kist was ~
already for Payment here, and that you (Capt. ~
K.) could not therefore (I imagined) draw upon
the

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the Madras Government for any part thereof, but that if a receipt in full was given you for Pardaunth up to the end of 1205, you might perhaps, from a wish to accommodate the Minister, grant him a draft on the Government of Fort St. George for the Five thousand Rupees he wished to receive there, and give him at the same time an order on the Masulipatam Treasury for the small Balance still due to his Highness on the last Kist of that year.— Mustakeem ul Dowlah who was present, said, that the Minister had determined not to give the desired receipts in full, untill the Contested point, with regard to the advance of a thousand Pagodas made to Mhedy Khan at Madras, should be finally adjusted one way or other, and Meer Alleum taking up the Speech added, that the Minister was much hurt of late, by several parts of the Conduct of the Company towards him.— Such for instance, as the importunities which had obliged him to give a reluctant Consent to the recall of the Khummumood Dolachoo and the disobliging repugnance testified by the—

Madras

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Madras Government to the least Compliance with his repeated applications for a supply of Condemned Arms, and Military Stores.—It being sufficiently obvious what inference Meer Allum intended should be drawn from this last remark of his, I replied to it by saying, that you (Capt.n K.) would no doubt be much grieved to learn, that the Minister had taken offence at any part of the conduct of your Government, which had invariably studied to oblige him in all reasonable points, but that you would also console yourself with the reflection that no just cause of displeasure had been offered him.— After this we got into our Palanquins and proceeded in Company to the Ministers."—

"On my way home, I observed to Meer Allum, that the Minister had not said a word to me on the Subject, either of the Guard of Mr. Raymond's Sepoys detained at Rampore with some Treasure belonging to his Highness, or on that of the Sepoys from Ongole and Guntoor who had enlisted with Mr. Raymond, and whom you had demanded the Surrender of, as Deserters from the Company's Service; though you (Captain K.) were very desirous

desirous of an Answer upon both these points, for the
information of the Government of Fort St. George.
Mustakeem ud Dowlah hereupon told me, that very little
business had been done for several days past, or would be
transacted for some days to come, on account of the present
Festivals, that he had mentioned however, the points in
question to the Minister, who had replied to them generally
for saying, that he hoped you (Captain K.) would write
to the Government of Fort St. George to release the Guard
detained at Rampore, with the Treasure belonging to his
Highness; and that more regularity should be observed on
this point in future, that with respect to the Deserters from
the Company's Service whom you (Captain K.) affirmed
to have enlisted with Mr. Raymond, and whose surrender
you demanded, he (Ateim ul Omrah) could give no
other Answer than that he had already repeatedly given
upon similar applications from you."

a true Extract

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copies of Papers relative to applications made to the Minister for removing the French Party from the Khummum District and giving up the principal Deserters from the Company's Service.

I herewith transmit for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, Extract from my Dispatch of this date to the Honorable the Governor General.

Should the Compromise therein spoken of be accepted by the Minister, the Honorable Board in consideration of the importance of the object thereby aimed at, will be induced I trust, to confirm the expectation I have held out of their being satisfied provisionally with the surrender of the principal among the Deserters, who would seem indeed from the tenour of your Letter of the 6th March, to have been considered and with great justice by the late Right Honorable President in Council, as the fittest objects of resentment and most proper subjects for example.

I am

Hyderabad
31st March 1798.

&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Asistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor— General dated 31st March 1798.—

"1st I have now the honor to submit in Translate to your Notice Moonshu Azeez Oollahs'— Report of what passed between him and Meer Allum at the visit spoken of in the 6th Paragraph of my address of the 28th Instant."—

2d The substance of my exhortatory Address to Mustakeem ud Dowlah at the short complementary visit he paid me in the forenoon of the 26th Instant and spoken of in the outset of the enclosed Paper, was this. "That adverting to the friendly Solicitude for the interests of this State which had invariably been advanced by the Company's Governments, as well as to the readiness with which all applications from his Highness for the surrender of his fugitive Subjects or Servants, and for the adjustment of even the private claims of Individuals in any way connected with this Government, though living under their Authority

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Authority had been attended to; I assured myself that Azim ul Omrah who professed to be and was truly ~ considered as a Warm Advocate for and Supporter of the happy Union subsisting between the two Governments, ~ would prove the Sincerity of his professions, by a ready compliance with my present demand for the surrender of the Sepoy Deserters from the Company's Service, who had enlisted with Mr. Raymond. That reciprocity in the due observance of Mutual Engagements was indispens~ ably requisite to harmony, and that well disposed as the Government of Fort St. George at all times were both to gratify his Highness and fulfill Engagements by every possible attention to the frequent applications from this Court for the apprehension of fugitive Zemindars and others, their future Conduct in such cases (I was authorized by that Government to say) would entirely depend on the degree of attention paid to the demand now preferred by me in their behalf." ~

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3d The unanswered State of Azeem ul Omrah's Propositions for an enlargement of the subsidiary Engagements, furnishes him, as you will perceive Honble Sir, with a convenient pretext for avoiding a decision on any representations of mine having reference to the French Party while the tenour of Meer Alleem's Communications to Azeez Oollah affords sufficient ground to suspect, that the Ministers exertions for the apprehension and delivery of the Sepoy Deserters as well as in all future cases of a similar description, will depend on the nature of the reply which he may eventually receive to those propositions."—

4th The compromise proposed to Meer Alleem in the 6th Paragraph of the enclosed Paper, was suggested by a Consideration of the advantages that would accrue to us from the total exclusion of the French Party from the Province of Khummum joined to a due attention to the reiterated Instructions on this head from the late Governor General, recently repeated in the 3d Paragraph of his Commands to me, of the 8th February last from Lucknow and will therefore I trust not meet with your disapprobation.

a true Extract
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.—
Pro tempore

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Extract Translate of Moonshee Azeez Ollah's
Report of a Conversation with Meer Allum, during a visit
to him on the 27.th March 1793.~

"After the usual friendly enquiries, I~
began by observing to Meer Allum, that I took it for~
granted, Mustakeem ud Dowlah, had reported to him,~
what, from the warmth of your (Capt.n K.'s) good wishes
for the Welfare of this State, you had been induced to say
to him at his short visit to you yesterday Morning, on
the Subject of the unremitting and too successful Attempts
of Mr. Raymond, to inveigle away the Sepoys from the
Company's Service. – Mustakeem ud Dowlah who was
himself present, assuring me that he had not failed to
do so, I proceeded to aske Meer Allum what Money he
intended devising for an evil which was considered a
very Serious one by your Government, and which, that
of Fort St. George in particular, had for several Months
past, been in expectation of receiving some Satisfaction upon"
Meer Allum] ... "The Minister wishes to postpone any
remedy

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remedy to the evil complained of, untill he receives an—
answer, to the propositions for an enlargement of the—
Subsidiary Engagements, made by him through Capt.—
Kirkpatrick to the Governor General half a year ago at
last.—"

Azeez Oollah J. "What has the evil now complained of,
to do with the Ministers proposition for an enlargement of
the Subsidiary Engagements.? I fear Captain Kirkpatrick
will consider this as a mere subterfuge, the Minister ought
moreover to recollect, that such procrastinations on his part,
may chance to retard instead of hastening the accomplish-
=ment of his wishes."—

Meer Allum J "The Ministers reason for wishing
to wait for an answer to his propositions, was, that he might
regulate his conduct on the occasion of the claimed Deserters
according to the nature of such answer, which if favorable,
not only would effect the surrender of those Men, but
likewise the dismission of the whole of the French Party
whose place it would then be incumbent on the
Company to supply, by such means as should appear
most

most proper to them. For my own part, it is utterly unaccountable to me why the Company hesitate at closing with the Ministers' propositions, abounding as they appear to me to do, with such advantage to them: for would not a simple compliance with them exclude (for instance) the French for ever from this State and enable the Company to keep up a large additional Body of Troops without any additional Expence; and place moreover the whole resources of this State, as much at their disposal in the course of a few years, as those of the Nabob's of Oude and the Carnatic? What then, I once more ask, considering the magnitude and importance of the object, prevents the Governor General from closing with the Ministers Proposals?"

Azeez Ullah] "Captain Kirkpatrick has repeatedly told you from the Governor General, as well as from himself, what it is, that prevents a full compliance with the Ministers wishes; and with regard to his limited propositions for an enlargement of Subsidiary Engagements,

these

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these you know, are still under Consideration, for as to genral defensive ones, no Governor General (as you have been told from the highest authority can enter into them with any Power in India, without Special Orders from England, or without some such case of emergency as does not at present exist."—

M: A: 1 "As a well wisher then of both Sirkars, whose mutual interests I have truly at heart, I cannot help wishing, either that the necessary Orders be soon sent out, or that the case of emergency may soon occur, that can justify a Governor General in acting from himself— without them."— "Meer Allum after, this, desired me to let him know, the Exact Number of Deserters claimed, together with the Ranks they respectively held in the Company's Service. This I told him should be done forthwith, and the men pointed out by those who were well acquainted with them, whenever the Minister should fix a time for the purpose.— Here I added (in conformity to your particular Instructions) that what you looked for from him,—

(M.a.)

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(M. A.) who was so great a well-wisher of the two Sirdars, and connected, in fact, with both, was that he should not only bring this Matter to an early and satisfactory issue, but look also to the future prevention of such evil: in other words, that he would leave no Arguments to prevail on Azim ul Omrah to take the Province of Khummum out of the hands of the French Party and confer it upon some one of the many deserving natural Subjects of this State, in which case, the Detachment might, if the Minister thought proper, be Stationed in that District, and that should this recommendation of yours (Captn. K.) meet with due Attention, you might possibly be able to prevail on the Madras Government to be contented with the Surrender of the principal among the claimed Deserters, such as the Subadars, Havildars and Naicks."—

"Meer Allum after listening attentively to the foregoing Address, desired me in reply to request you (Captn. K.) would have patience for a Week or two longer, in which time, he trusted, that the Minister's infant

Son.

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Son, who was lately seized with the small Pox, would be sufficiently out of danger to enable the Father to attend again to public business, when he would not fail to lay your proposals before him, and as there could be no doubt of the goodness of his inclinations towards the Company, he (M. A.) was not without hopes of his evincing a ready compliance with them.—

a true Extract,

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
assistant

However inclined the Board may be to meet the wishes of the Minister at Hydrabad it is impossible for them 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 encreased by a repetition of this irregularity in the march of the party under the passport of a french Officer lately apprehended at Nellore.—

Read

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the assistant Resident at Hydrabad.—

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Read the following letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered also in C.C. No. 71.—

From the Rajah of Tanjore representing the situation of his Pesthcar, Pusherwan by name and requesting that he may be released from his present confinement & exempted from the suits instituted against him in the Mayor Court—

Translation of a Letter from the Rajah of Tanjore to the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor &c.a &c.a &c.a — dated 3d. April 1798.—

In order to discharge the heavy kist of One lack fourteen thousand Pagodas and upwards, which became due in the Month of July last year, I resolved to obtain bills for different Sums for the purpose of completing it: Having accordingly made arrangements with the drawers of the Bills, I am preparing for the payment of the above mentioned Kist: under these circumstances Major Monson sent to inform me that if an Arrangement should be made for paying the money to him he would assist me by drawing bills upon Madras In consequence of this communication from a gentleman of rank I took from him two bills upon Mr. Tulloch for Twenty thousand Pagodas. These bills were presented by my vakeel to Mr. Tulloh for payment; but he refused

to—

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to accept them, which the Vakeel reported to me: I— therefore sent to acquaint the Major that Mr. Tulloh had refused to accept the bills which he had drawn; and in consequence the Major gave me a letter to Mr. Tulloh upon the subject of accepting the bills. Having presented this letter and demanded the Money the Vakeel was informed by Mr. Tulloh that he never would accept the bill nor pay the Money as the Major's bills were not honored, I received back the Money, which had been paid from the Circar for them. One Year has elapsed since that period. Things were in this situation, when I sent my Peishkar— Vishwanant Ayah to Madras upon some business: he remained there continuing to pay the Company's Rists under these circumstances Mr. Abbott sent to inform Vishwa—nant Ayah that he had some thing to communicate to him and desired that he would come to visit him: these Messages were continued for fifteen days through the means of Mr. Abbotts dubash. Vishwanant Ayah reflecting that he had received these Messages from a Sirdar of rank

went

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went at length to Mr. Abbotts garden under pretence of conversing with him Mr. Abbott deceived Vishwanant~ Ayah; and had prepared a Serjeant of the Honble Mayor's Court with a warrant of arrest accordingly when Vish.~ =wanant Ayah was leaving Mr. Abbotts garden, the above mentioned officers of the Mayor's Court took him out of his Palankeen put him in an hackery and confined him in the jail of the Court I am informed it is the practice of the Court to issue a Notice & to Summon parties three times, that if no Answer is made to these Summons, a warrant of arrest is then granted. While this was the custom Mr. Abbott suddenly without any communication to Vishwanant Ayah under pretence of friendship and in the Night time has acted in this Manner. This has given me more~ Concern than I able to express. As Major Monsoon's bills were not honored what reason can there be for throing Vishwanant Ayah into prison.~ As you are a Sardar of rank and justice, I beg that you will cause full~ enquiry to be made and punishment to be inflicted on those who have been the authors of these intrigues with false

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false bills. otherwise my honor & dignity will be much impaired. I therefore pray that your Excellency will order the affair to be fully investigated. I had sent my peishkar Vishwanant Ayah for the purpose of paying the Company's Kists, but as he has been thrown into confinement by the Mayor's Court, I request you will send immediate instructions to the people of the Court for enquiring into the circumstances of the bills when Vishwanant ayah will give a full explanation. From this every thing will be made known to your Excellency. — Believe me always your Sincere friend. To a friend why should I write more. –

True translation
(Signed) T. Webbe
M.T. –

Read also the following Petition of His Excellency's peishcar entered also in C.C. No. 72. –

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To Lieutenant General George Harris

President in Council and Commander in Chief.—

On the Coast of Corromandell &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Visvanadiah Peshcar

of the King of Tanjore.—

Humbly Sheweth—

From Vishwanaud Eyer peishcar to the Rajah of Tanjore representing the circumstances of his arrest and Imprison=ment and soliciting the Interposition of Government.—

That your Petitioner from his long and approved Services in the affairs of the said King of Tanjore was at length appointed to the Chief management of the same with this Honble Government under the time of your Excellency's predecessor Lord Hobart to whom your Petitioner had and still has the necessary Letter of Credit but now sends the same to your Excellency in Council in Testimony of this his assertion.—

And your Petitioner humbly Sheweth that Lord Hobart Embarked for Europe before your Petitioner could manifest his powers or act effectually under the same and so represented the fact to his King to have the necessary instructions for his future guidance.—

And your Petitioner further humbly Sheweth that after so dispatching his representations to the

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the intent aforesaid to his Sovereign that he was arrested by some Process of the Mayor's Court of Madras at the Suit of Mr. William Abbott the Mayor of the said Court for a supposed Debt against which your Petitioner had he same been really a just one would not have claimed the Sanction and Priviledge of the Madras Government to which he now as a Minister of a Sovereign Prince prefers his title to be Excempted from arrest.—

Your Petitioner does not deem it Expedient at the present moment to enter into the principles of the Suit of the said William Abbott satisfied that your Excellency in Council will deem it sufficient for the necessary interference of Government in his behalf to vindicate the insulted Prevelidges of his Prince in the Person of his Servant arrested by a subject of the British Government whom in actual negotiation in such behalf with that Government.—

Your Petitioner therefore prays due Attention to his situation now confined in the Jail of Madras for fifteen days.— And your Petitioner shall Ever Pray

Madras Jail April 10th 1798.— (Signed) Vesevanadiah

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The President is requested to inform the Rajah that as his Agent, who was never accredited as his Vakeel, has been thrown into Confinement upon a Money transaction of the Mayor's Court it is impossible for this Government to interfere or to prevent the process from coming to an issue according to the established forms of law.—

Minute on the two foregoing Letters.—

Read the following letters from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Having this day received the enclosed Papers relative to the Susannah Amelia detained at Point de Galle I lose no time in forwarding them with their transactions for the information of Government.—

From Brigadier General De Meuron Captain Moller relinquishes the command of the Susanna Amelia, protesting against her detention.—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

Head Quarters
Columbo 22d March 1798. (Signed) P. F. de Meuron
B. G.—

Translation

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Translation

Mr. John Henry Brathman
Notary at this Place ~

At the Seizure of the Private danish Ship Swianna ~
Amelia, anchored in this bay, it was announced to me by
Colonel Croker, Commanding Galle & Matura, that I, as ~
Captain of that Vessel, remained in the Command of her
as before; but on the Sixteenth of January last, a Sailor
I had on board, and had ordered to be put in Iron, was ~
brought a shore with his things, by order of the said Colonel
Croker, without my knowledge, and against the Prohibition
of my Officers who were on board. ~ Without delay I ~
preferred the next day my complaint against it, officially
as well as privately to Brigadier General de Meuron, ~
Commanding this Establishment, but have not had the honor
yet of receiving an Answer to the same. ~

Again on the 8th. Instant the topmasts &
Said yards of that vessell were taken down by the boat=
swain & some crew of the warff, without I, who was then
a Shore

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a Shore, knew any thing of it.— From this it evidently appears that the Command of that vessel is left to me only for the Repute.— Therefore, as I will absolutely be no longer Nominal Commander, I intend on next Saturday the Seventeenth Instant, in the forenoon, at ten o Clock, to go a Shore with my Officers & Crew, and after I shall have taken out of the Ship & landed all that belongs to myself, my Officers & Crew, to leave the Ship with all in it, belonging to the owners, without command or watch, for account & responsibility of those who in good time shall be found to be the real cause of my having not been acknowledged in the command in which I have been left by the Colonel. —

Please therefore to repair to the Colonel & to announce all the above-mentioned to him, in the most polite & respectfull manner, in order he may, if he wishes it, appoint Commissioners at the fixed time, to see the aforesaid goods of my self, my Officers & Crew landing, &. thereupon to take charge of the Ship and Cargo, should he think it necessary. — Please moreover to protest in

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the strongest manner against all damage & responsibility, which may herefrom arise to the Ship & Cargo.—

Do further what is requisite, & give Copy hereof if required, but for account of the Denounciated, and within thrice twenty four hours procure me a written Evidence of the Declaration having been made.—

Galle 12th March 1798.—

(Signed) Neils Muller.—

A true Copy of the to me delivered Declaration, granted to Colonel Croker, upon his Requisite.—

Galle 13th March 1798.—

(Signed) J. H. Breitkman.—

Translation

To Colonel Robert Croker

Commanding Galle & Matura &c.a

Sir, John Andriessen, 1st Mate; Joachim Jansen 2d Mate; Nicholas van Ameiden, 3d Mate; Johannes van den Berg, Boatswain; and Joseph Zwirk, Coatswain

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boatswain's mate, have this day perceived from a Declaration of their Captain Niels Moller to you, and from your Answer thereto, that the said Captain is leaving the Ship ~ Susanna; Amelia, which arrived here, & was till now, under his Command, and on board of which the under Signed are Stationed in their aforesaid quality; because the said Ship is arrested, and he not duly achnowledged as his Captain. ~

The Petitioners are obliged to follow their said Captain, a Shore, as they can, nor will not take the responsibility of the Ship upon them; but Whereas they have since a long time existed upon credit, because their Captain was not able to issue their pay & for that very same reason, now absolutly refuses to make any disbursement, the ~ undersigned request of you that they may have the pay always due them: and that their further pay or a subsistance might moreover be granted them Monthly. ~

Shall ever pray

Galle 17th. March 1798. ~

(Signed) I. Andriessen 1st. Mate ~
I. Jansen ... 2d. Mate ~
N. Van Ameiden 3d. Mate ~
John Van den Berg,
Joseph Zwik. ~

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Minute thereon

As Brigadier General De Meuron has already been furnished with the ultimate orders of the Board they have only to repeat their desire that the affair of the Susanna Amelia may be brought to a conclusion without farther delay.—

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

To, T. Webbe Esq.

Sir

From the Adjutant General of the Army proposing that a General Order be published limiting the Issue of Family Certificates to Troops employed on Foreign Service or on the Army's taking the Field.—

In consequence of a late representation from the Auditor General in a Letter to the Adjutant General of the Army which is herewith enclosed, the Commander in Chief has directed me to signify his wish that the same may be submitted to Government with his Recommendation that to prevent repetition of the practice alluded to, an Order of Government may be published to the following effect.— Proposed Draft of a G.O. By Government

"As great Inconvenience has resulted from

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"From a late practice which has lately obtained of granting
"Family Certificates to Sepoys on their being removed or ordered
"on duty from one Station or District to another_ and as ~
"the Indulgencies of granting such Certificates was never
"meant to be allowed except on particular occasions, such
"as the Army taking the field, or when Troops embark or
"Foreign Service, the Honorable the President in Council is
"pleased to direct that family Certificates shall never be
"granted to Corps or Detachments when employed on ~
"temporary Service or removed from one District to ~
"another." ~ "But as at once withdrawing the whole
"of the Certificates which have been already improperly ~
"issued, might subject the families to distress, the Honble
"the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction their being
"paid Monthly 'till such time as Officers in charge of
"Corps or Detachments, for whom such Certificates have
"been granted, shall be enabled to recall them, and to
"accelerate this object Officers so in charge will use every
means

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"means in their power to induce the families to join their

"respective Companies."—

I have the honor to be

Adjt. Genls. Office
Fort St. George
7th April 1798.—

&c. &c.—
(Signed) R. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the
Army.—

Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General of the Army.—

Sir

The public Inconvenience which is likely to result from a practice lately introduced by Officers in the Command of Detachments of Native Corps to the Northward, of giving Pay Certificates to the Families of Sepoys removed or ordered on Duty from one Station or District to another, induces me to request that you will represent it to the Commander in Chief, in order that such measures may be taken as he shall deem proper on the occasion.— It is evident that whatever tends to strengthen or confirm local attachments in Soldiers must be in a great degree injurious to the Service, & nothing in my opinion

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Opinion can have so decided an operation in producing this effect, as encouraging the Sepoys to leave their Families behind them, when they are ordered from one Station to another in time of Peace.-

Family Certificates have never been authorized, except when the Army is ordered to take the Field, or that the Troops embark on Foreign Service, and it must be apparent that if they are extended to every occasion, the impression of its being a particular indulgence will cease, besides the Additional consideration that as such indulgence is always productive of Loss to the Company from the delay in Communicating Casualties, especially from distant Stations, it should only be allowed in cases when the public Service absolutely requires it; my addressing you on the subject at present is owing to the enclosed Letter from Captain Peter Moore in the temporary Command of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment, who has granted Family Certificates to the Families of 3 Companies of that Corps ordered into the Virragapatam District, & a

similar

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Similar Instance lately occurred in the case of the Detach-
=ment Commanded by Captain Watkins, marching from—
the Northward to Walajabad &c.a.—

I have the honor to be

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 26th March 1798.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signd) W. Sydenham
M.r Aud.r Gen.l

Ordered that the general order recommended
by the Commander in Chief for preventing the unnecessary
issue of family Certificates be published.—

General order to be published on the foregoing Subject.—

Read the following letters from the
Military Auditor General.—

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

Honble Sir

Conformably to the directions contained

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the cause of the difference between the Balances stated by

in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 22.d Ultimo,

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by Major Hart to have been in his hands & the Accounts delivered in by the late Military Auditor General. ~

I have the honor to enclose Statements, N°. 1, and 2, Shewing how the difference arises between the Balances Stated by Captain Keith Young Deputy ~ Paymaster General to the King's Troops to have been in Major Hart's hands on the ~ 24th December 1792 on account of the New Regiments and Royal Artillery, and on account of his Receipts & Disbursements from the 25th December 1792 to the 24th March 1795, ~ and the Balances Stated to have been in his hands at the same periods by Colonel Malcolm late Military Auditor General, in his Letters to Government under date the 25th March & 30th November 1795. ~

2d. It appears from the enclosed Statements, that this difference arises from Major Hart's having closed his Accounts on the 24th December 1792 according to the

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the construction which he put on the Act of Parliament passed in the 33rd Year of His present Majesty, Whereas the late Military Auditor General reported on the Accounts of the King's Pay Office with a reference to the purposes for which the Advances had been made.—

3 It becomes however necessary to State, that there does not appear to be any difference between the Receipts & Disbursements of the King's Pay Office during Major Hart's charge, as delivered in by Captain Young, and the same as entered on the records of the Military Auditor Generals' Department excepting a Retrenchment of Pagodas 332..32..55 made from Major Hart's Accounts which has not been admitted to his Credit, no reply having been given to the Retrenchment, nor any order received in the Office of Audit to write off the Amount.—

I have the honor to be with great respect
&c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Gl

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Statement

Shewing how the difference arises between the Balance in Major Hart's hands on the 24th December 1792 on Account of the New Regiments and Royal Artillery as Stated by Captain Keith Young Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops and the Balance reported to remain in his hands the same day and on the same Account by Colonel Henry Malcolm late Military Auditor General.–

Balance in Major Hart's Hands as Stated by Captain K. Young Dep.t Paym.r Gen.l to the King's Troops		7937. 9. 40.
Balance in Major Hart's hands as Stated by Colonel Henry Malcolm late Military Auditor General on the 25th March 1795		2735. 21. 40.
Difference	Pagodas	5201. 30.

Thus Accounted for

Major Hart received on the 13th December 1792 Pagodas 5300 for the purpose of paying the new Regiments & Royal Artillery for the 25th December 1792 to the 24th January 1793 but which is brought to account against his Disbursements from — June to December 1792 .... 5300. " "

Deduct therefrom Retrenchments made from Major Hart's Disbursements to the new Regiments and Royal Artillery between the 25th June and the 24th December 1792 which has not been admitted to his Credit by the Military Auditor General General, no reply having been made to the Retrenchment, nor any Order received in the Office of Audit to write off the Amount ..... 98. 12. " 5,201. 30. "

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud.r Gl.

Military Auditor General's Office
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