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Diary

Sent the following Letters

To Major General Gells

Sir,

To major General Gells acquainting him that Copies of all the Papers relating to the mutiny at the Mount and his consequent suspension have been forwarded to Bengal - declining at the same time to transmit his appeal to the Supreme Government —

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 15th Instant and to acquaint you that the Honora= =ble the Governor in Council cannot depart from the regular and established usage of the service, by transmitting your appeal to the supreme government — For your satisfaction however I am directed to add that all the proceedings of Government upon your Subject including their correspondence with you from the Commencement of the meeting at St. Thomas's Mount to your suspension from the service have already been submitted to the Governor General in Council —

Your

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Your address to the Supreme Government is therefore again returned to you—

I have the honor to be—

Fort St George
the 13th April 1798—

Yr. Mo. Hble
Signed Webbe
Secretary to Govt.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters Dated 12. and 17 Instant with their several enclosures.—

To the Military Auditor General—The pleading of the Stad under charge of Lieut. Evans to be brought to account at a fixed rate in the manner proposed—Intimation of the orders sent relative to the Payment of the Travancore Troops—authority to be given for Paying 1 Assistant Surgeon Over the usual allowances for attending the Travancore mission and Garrison Staff at Coleimbo and for passing the Paymasters charge for Thirty Dogs killed at Ganjam 4

Upon due consideration of the circumstances Stated by Lieutenant Evans the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Expence of Feeding the Company's Stud should be brought to account upon a fixed average Rate according to the original proposal of that officer and that only the

expence

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Expence of Stallions mares and buildings shall be brought to
Account according to the first asseveration suggested by you he therfore
desires that the form of asseveration now recommended may be trans
mitted to the Superentendants together with an explanation of this
resolution.—

In order to save time the Paymaster at —
Madurah has been ordered to discharge the whole amount of
Surat Rupees 57720 due on Account of the Travancore Battalion
deducting the sum of Pagodas 4895. 1. 40. advanced at Madura
to M. Gregoire. The balance should be paid at the same exchange
at which pay is issued to the company's troops and carried to the
Head of charges military.—

A Copy of the Statement receives from —
Travancore has been Transmitted to the Government of Bombay
in order that any Adjustments which They may deem necessary
in regard to the rates charged may be made with the Rajah
of Travancore.—

The Governor in Council desires that —
authority

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Authority may be passed to the Paymaster at Columbo for paying to Mr. Assistant Surgeon Orr the usual allowance for attending the conductors, Sub Conductors, Sergeants and European Staff not included on the Strength of Corps according to your Recommendation.—

The Governor in Council desires that authority may be passed for paying the usual allowance at Ganjam for destroying pariah Dogs.—

I have the honor to be—

Fort St. George
18 April 1798.—

Y.e Y.e
Signed J. Webbe
Secretary to Government

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss. Nos. 43–44–45–46–47–48–49–50–51–52–53–54–55–56–57.—

From the Commander of the Snow Gustavus

From Captain Stewart requesting that a Bill enclosed for the passage of Captain De Hauwe, the Mate, and Boatswain of the Susanna Amelia may be discharged.—

From Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co. attorneys to major E. Sowden.—

From Messrs.o Kindersley Watts and Company enclosing an original Transfer of certain Hog Hill claims to them constituents

And

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and that the Certificates for Compensation &c. may be delivered up to them.—

From the Commandant at Ryacottah.—

From Major Doveton acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webbes Letter of the 12. Instant.—

From the Resident at Poona.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledging receipt of Mysore Intelligence transmitted to him on the 22d. Ultimo.

To the Secretary at Bengal and assistant residents at Hyderabad.—

To Mr. Barlow and Captain Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence.—

To the Resident at Poona.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledging receipt of his Letter of the 29th. Ultimo; and forwarding Mysore Intelligence.—

To the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad

To Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing extract of a Letter from the Accountant General, and desiring him to furnish the Statements therein required agreeably to the Instructions such to him on the 21st. October last.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board informing them that Government think it unnecessary to make any charge at present in the situation of the Masters Artificers at the Presidency, and authorizing the repair of the Shed on the esplanade attached to the

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The Garrison Storekeepers Department_ Bills of the late Contractors for additional Work to the Barracks at Arnee passed for Payment_

To the Commandant at Madura_

To Lieutenant Colonel Ocam_ Authorizing him to adopt the Measure he has proposed for receiving the Sepoys from Embarrassment in the Event of Inattention on the part of the Nabobs servants to the orders which His Highness has been requested to issue on this Subject_

To the Paymaster at Madura_

To Mr Hughes_ desiring him to discharge the Amount due to the Travancore Sepoys Surat Rupees 57720/ according to the statement delivered in by the Vackeel, after deducting the Sum of Pagodas 4895. 1.40. Advanced to Mr Greystac and Authorizing him to indent upon the Collectors for such Sum of Money as he may require for this purpose_

To the Commandant at Pondicherry_

To Major General Braithwaite enclosing a Passport for Mr Dunjar to proceed to Yanaon, and authorizing Mr La Salle Marechaige to proceed to Sea for the benefit of his Health without prejudice to his claim to Subsistence_

For

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To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon

To Brigadier General De Meuron — informing him that Assistant Surgeon Orr's Claim for an allowance for attending the store and Lascars cannot be admitted, but that he will be allowed to draw the regulated Sum on Account of the non-commissioned Garrison staff — desiring that the Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops Lieutenant Rose may be called upon for Security by personal Bond for 2000 Pagodas and two securities in the Amount of 4000 Pagodas each, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office —

To the Commandant at Palamcottah —

To Major Smart — desiring that the Travancore Battalion may proceed on its march immediately on receipt of the Arrears due —

To the military Auditor General —

To Major General Sydenham referring for examination an Estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at Tellicherry —

To Lieutenant Edwd Boardman —

To Lieutenant Boardman, acquainting him that the Board are not at Liberty to depart from the orders of Court of Directors in regard to the Liquidation of his Bond —

Sent —

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Substance of a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore

Sent a Letter to the Rajah of Travancore (entered in C.C. N.° 80) Congratulating him on his Investiture with the Insignia of Government informing him that orders have been given for the return of His Troops lately serving in Madura and Palamcotah, and for the payment of the Arrears due to them.

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.° 58–59–60–61.

From the Secretary at Bengal.

From Mr. Barlow stating that 36 Gun Lascars for this Establishment will be embarked on the Henry Dundas.

From Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional Indent for Pagodas 9624: 21: 73 required for the current Month.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Lydenham exposing the above Estimate for Examination.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Barlow enclosing a Letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General.

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.os 62–63–64–65–66.

From Lieut.t H. Montgomery of Cavalry.

From Lieutenant Montgomery requesting that the Barracks, Guard Room &c.a of the Cavalry detail under his Command

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Command may be surveyed and the requisite Repairs authorized.—

From Captain Fleming—Requesting that his

From Captain J. Hamming of Invalids—

arrears of Pay may be discharged reckoning from the period of his —

arrival from England in Bengal.—

From the Commandant at Ponamallie.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell—Requesting that the Wells from which Water is at present drawn for the Troops may be repaired—and that a new well may be sunk within the Body of the Fort.—

From Military Paymaster General—

From Mr. Roebuck—enclosing Copy of a Letter addressed to him by Captain Parkison in which he is informed of that officers having taken charge of the Paymasters Department at Trincomalie on Captain A Tulloys Departure for Columbo.—

From D.— D.

From D. enclosing his General Cash Estimate for May.—

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders

and

Tuesday 24th. April 1798

Ernst William Falloofield Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation Read and —

Approved —

Read the following Letters from the Assistant

Resident at Hydrabad —

Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the informa-

tion of the Honorable the President in Council Extract from my

Address —

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of his Letter to the Governor General containing Remarks on Mysore Intelligence communicated by Kauzem ally - Hint a prospect of Prevailing on the Minister to resume the whole of the Districts transferred to the French Party —

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address of yesterday to the Honorable the Governor General, the Enclosure of which as you will perceive, is Translate of the Letter from Mirza Kauzim ali Khan, forwarded to me in your Letter of the 16th. ultimo.

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick.

Assistant

Hyderabad

the 11. April 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General dated 10. April 1798.

1st. I have the honor to enclose for your notice a Translate of a Letter from Mirza Kauzim ali Khan, which reached me so far back, as the 24. Ultimo by the way of Madras, but as no part of the information Contained in it appeared to me of a nature to require immediate Communication I ventured to defer Submitting it to you until my leisure would admit of my doing so in its present translated Form.

2nd. Trivial as many of the occurrences no doubt are which the Writer has noticed in this journal yet I did

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did not judge it advisable upon mature reflexion to suppress any of them,
as they serve in some measure to Connect the narration, and go to prove
that the Narrator is apparently at least solicitous of fulfilling one of the
objects of his mission, by keeping as watchful an eye as Possible on all
the motions of Tippoo.— His intelligence on points of real importance
is certainly brought forward in a questionable shape; it appearing some
what extraordinary no doubt, that in a Government so superlatively strict
and jealous as that of Tippoo, two of his principal and Confidential officers,
should venture to talk on State affairs to any one, much less to a foreign
adventurer like Mirza Kauzim, strongly however as it must be allowed
this objection presses, against that Intelligencer's general veracity, I cannot,
I confess, persuade myself, to reject entirely his information on this
ground alone.— To those acquainted with the Love habits, which prevail
(I believe) more or less in all Eastern Courts, the Communicativeness
of Tippoos Eunuch and Moonshee, to Kauzim ali Khan, will
not perhaps appear a matter of great wonder.— for Secrecy as far as at
least as my opportunities have enabled me to observe— would not seem to
be either in much estimation, or practise among the Statesmen of the

East

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Ead; and Mirza Kausimes Informants besides may not have deemed the information he discribes himself as indebted to them for, of sufficient consequence to be particularly studious of its Concealment."

"3. Improbable also, as it may at first sight appear that a Prince not generally accused of indiscretion, should indulge in such invectives as Tippoo is frequently discribed by Mirza Kauzim as uttering against Nizam and the English, yet is there no want of Corroborating evidence from various quarters, to prove that that Intelligences has by no means exaggerated, in his Accounts of the Sultan's invetiracy against either the one or the other; and that they have reached the Nizam's ears, is also pretty evident from a Communication made in October last to Medena Saheb as stated in a Note from Bhaskee Pundit inclosed in my Address (N.° 12) of the 26th of that Month, and is as follows — "a person has made known to Medena Saheb Certain expressions made use of lately by Azim ul Omrah amongst his friends — The substance of them was, that the Edge of the Sultaun's discourses respecting the Nizam had cut so deep into the side of

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"of his Highness that the wound was not yet healed. upon which occasion
"Azim ul Omrah repeated the following verse — The wound of the life
"distroying sword, is not so inveterate, as that inflicted by the sword of
"the tongue, of man." — Having thus stated what Mirza
Kaugim's charges against Tippoo on the Score of intemperance of
language, are not unlikely to be Sufficiently Correct, I shall proceed
to offer a few observations on one or two other important points of
information, which occur in the accompanying Papers —

'4 Utterly groundless, as was the alarm which
Tippoo is described by Mirza Kaugim to have taken upon an —
apprehended attack from the three allied Powers, yet adverting to the
Consciousness he probably felt of having rendered himself highly —
obnoxious to two of them at least by his reported intrigues with —
French it is not I Conceive to be wondered at, that he should have
entertained some apprehensions for the consequences, acquainted as he
must have been through his Vackeel here, with Azim ul Omrah's
Sentiments on the occasion, and thence have been induced to
hold that Council in the Leol Baugh on the 5.th December, —
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spoken of by Mirza Kauzim:—Upon no other rational principal at least can the measure that immediately followed be accounted for.— —I allude to that of breaking down the banks of the Mootee Talaub which that he did meditate, if not even actually execute is corroborated by the Intelligence of that period from Major Doveton and Captain Macleod:—from whence follows a deduction favorable to the General Veracity of Mirza Kauzim's Communications Viz.t—that if such Orders were really issued with respect to so Noble a Reservoir as the Motee Talaub, they may well have extended as stated to have been the case by Mirza Kauzim) to other Tanks likewise:"—

"5.th The event of the Seizure of Nanna Furnaevese by Dowlut Row is reported with strict chronological accuracy by Mirza Kauzim, and the anecdote of the public thanks-givings offered up at Seringapatam on the occasion, is curious and interesting inasmuch as it shews the inveterate antipathy in which Tippoo holds the unfortunate Captive Marattah Minister".

"6.th The Continued and close intercourse between Doulut Row and Tippoo noticed towards the Conclusion of the accompanying

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[illegible] Paper, does no more than correspond with Similar Reports for several Months back from various quarters, and Mirza Kausim's Account has its weight therefore in inclining me to give some credit to them — The Circumstance of Hyaat Khan's name introduced as it is in the pretended Letter from Dowlut Row to Tippoo appears too particular to be a — more invention." —

"7 Mirza Kausims statement of the present effective Numbers of Tippoo's Forces seems sufficiently moderate to entitle it to Credit and upon the whole I am not without hopes that with due attention to the Caution I thought necessary to be given him against dealing either in exaggeration or trifles, that he may prove a useful acquisition in a quarter, from whence Authentic Intelligence is at all times so peculiarly desireable —

8. I have great pleasure in informing you — Honorable Sir that there is just now a flattering prospect of the whole of the vakeels of the French party being resumed by the Minister, who has long (there is reason to think) only wanted an opportunity for the purpose, and which is now afforded him by the

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Demise of Raymond and the dissensions between Pitron and Baptiste the latter of whom it is still pretended, is determined on the dereliction of the Districts under his charge.—

4th. I have this moment received a letter from Mr. Pitron delivered to me by one of his Officers requesting my transmission by Dawke to Madras of a letter from him to Mr. Sautoux, a Merchant there accompanied by an authenticated Copy of Mr. Raymond's will left upon for my perusal— This request I felt no hesitation in Complying with, and propose doing myself the honor in my next address of Submitting to you Copy of Mr. Piron's letter and of the accompanying one for Madras together with copy of my answer to the same.—

A true Extract.

(Signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick.

Assistant—

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of Mons.r Raymonds Will.—

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of the last Will and Testament of M.r Raymond being the only material Paper contained in the Packet from M.r Piron to M.r Latour, spoken of in the 5.th Paragraph of my address of the 10.th Instant to the Honorable the Governor General. Extract from which was duly forwarded to you.—

Hyderabad
12.th April 1798.—

I am
S.r S.r
(signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

In

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In the Name of Almighty God

I Joachim Raymond, chief proprietor of the French Corps in the Service of his Highness the Nizam, being affected with bodily sickness but of sound mind and understanding, and considering as well the certainty of Death, as the uncertainty of its operation, do make my last will and testament to the following purport.—

I do hereby declare and nominate Mr. Henry Piron second in command of my Corps, to be my sole Legatee (intending that the whole of my fortune in India, as well that connected with the Corps as of every other discription, shall devolve to him, after having paid the different Legacies hereinafter mentioned.—

1st I give and bequeath to my Father Francis Raymond residing at Lectoure on the Western discrict of Tournagne in Gascony, or in the event of his demise, to his Heirs, the Sum of fifty thousand Livres, French currency.—

I give

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2d. I give and bequeath to Mr. Jean Baptiste Talbiac Commandant of the 4. and 13. Regiments of my Corps the sum of three thousand Madras Pagodas and I also make over to him the Arms & Clothing and accoutrements of those two Regiments

3d. I give and bequeath to Mr. Chemitte Commandant of the 6th. Regiment the sum of Two thousand Madras Pagodas —

4th I give and bequeath to Mr. Jean Custeau, the Son, whose Father commands the 3d. Regiment of my Corps the — sum of one thousand Madras Pagodas. —

5 I give and bequeath to Mr. Francois Saturnave Commandant of the 9th. Regiment of my Corps the Sum of — Fifteen Hundred Madras Pagodas. —

6 I give and bequeath to Mr. Jacque Poyuz — Commandant of the 1st. Regiment the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Madras Pagodas. —

7 I give and bequeath to Mr. Pepin Commandant a la suite in my Corps the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Madras Pagodas. It desire farther that he be not molested by any one —

on

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on Account of his having charge of the Magazines of my Corps and other matters which I have committed to his Management

I give and bequeath to Mr. Tardwelle Commandant of the 10th Regiment of my Corps the Sum of One thousand Madras Pagodas.—

I give and bequeath to Mr. Ruynier the elder Commandant of the 11 Regiment the Sum of One thousand — Madras Pagodas —

10. I give and bequeath to Mr. Govin Commandant of the Seventh Regiment the Sum of One thousand Pagodas of which three hundred received from Anamcanda are already deposited — with him & form a part of the above Sum —

I give and bequeath to Mr. Christopher — Commandant of the 12th Regiment, the Sum of one thousand Madras Pagodas —

12. I give and bequeath to Mr. Heron who has charge of the general Stores the Sum of One thousand Madras Pagodas —

I give

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13 I give and bequeath to Mr. Baland Zeun who has Charge of the heavy Artillery Park the Sum of five hundred Madras Pagodas.—

14 I give and bequeath to Mr. Bunge Surgeon of the Corps the Sum of five hundred Madras Pagodas

15 I give and bequeath to Mr. Sauvel also a Surgeon of the Corps the Sum of five hundred Madras Pagodas—

16 I give and bequeath to Mr. Lavelle an Officer of the Corps and Superintendent of the Music, the Sum of five hundred Madras Pagodas.—

17 I give and bequeath to my God Son Mr. Joachim Cominado the Sum of One Thousand Madras Pagodas.—

18 I give and bequeath to Miss Luguene a Portuguese of my house the Sum of two hundred and fifty Madras Pagodas

Having made this arrangement of my Affairs—I do hereby appoint Mr. Jean Baptiste Tulkinde to be the executor of this my last Will and Testament which I request he will see carried into Effect.—

Done

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Done and executed at our French Head Quarters this 12th. March 1798 in the presence of Messrs. Francois Salavave Jaques Proquez, Pepin, and Beauge, hereunto Subscribing Witnesses —

Raymond

So signed in the original of the present Copy — Beauze. Pepin Salanave, and Proquez

True Translation

/Signed/ George Parry
French Transr.

Copy conformable to the Original
/Signed/ B. Salhiade - Peron

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J A Kirkpatrick Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information of the

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with Copy of a Letter to the Secretary at Bengal relative to the State of his Account with the Masulipatam Treasury - and the Receipts and payments on Account of Subsidy from the date of the arrival of the Bengal Detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman —

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the Honorable Board. Copy of a letter addressed by me under date the 10th Instant to the Secretary of the Supreme Government, together with Copies of the three Inclosures therein referred to —

Hyderabad
the 13. April 1798 —

I am
Yr. Hble Servt
Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

To H Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort William

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit for the notice of Government, the undermentioned Papers —

N.1 Account Current with Mr. Collector Krangham from the year 1797 —

N.2. Memorandum of sums paid by the Residency to the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment from its first arrival at Hyderabad upto the 31st March 1798 —

N.3

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No 3 Account of Subsidy money paid to the Bengal Detachment up to the beginning of this month, and which closes the Subsidy Account for the year 1797.—

In addition to the Marginal Notes in Nos 1 and 2 only two explanatory remarks on these Papers occur to me, and which are as follows.—

On the Account No 1 I give Mr. Wrangham Credit for 17,340 Rs. 7 a. 10 p. as an Excess to my remaining demand upon him for 5426 Rs. 4 a. 6 p. accruing from the nominal Conversion of the 17990 Madras Pagodas brought hither by Major Hyndman whereas in the Account No 2 the Sum of Pagodas in question converts only into 63,324 Rs. 12 a. 3 p. which unless explained might seem to require a proportionate reduction of 5,422 Rs. 1 a. — in the excess for which I give credit to Mr. Wrangham; I therefore beg leave to observe that this difference arises from the Calculation in my Account Current No 1 with Mr. Wrangham, being necessarily made in Arcot Rupees at the Company's fixed

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fixed rate of 382¼ Rs. for 100 Madras Pagodas, and in the
Detachment Account N.o 2. the (nominal) Conversion of Pagodas
into Sonaulk (or Hyderabad Rupees being made as
explained in the Marginal Note) at the rate of
352 Rupees per 100 Madras Pagodas. —

On the Paper N.o 3 I have to observe
that tho' the two last Sums of 53713.. 5.. 3 each noted therein
for the sake of clearness and accuracy as "Cash received from
the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam." were of course
actually issued by me to the Commanding Officer of
the Hyderabad Detachment on the dates specified, yet did
I not in fact compleatly realize until this very day the
Drafts upon the Bankers given me by this Government
about two months ago in discharge of Subsidy for November
and December last, though upon the Strength of those
Draughts and under the presumption that they

would

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would have been discharged, as soon as they became due, I took upon me to make the above issues from the Paisheush money for the D.o Risk of A. F. 1206, as duly adversed, and sufficiently I trust Accounted for, in the 5.th Paragraph of my Address to the Governor General of the 12.th February last, and 3.d and 5.th Paragraphs of the 28th of the same Month.—

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad
10.th April 1798.

E.a E.a

/Signed/ J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

/A true Copy/

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

Mr.

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Dr. Mr Collector Wrangham in Account particular with Captain Kirkpatrick
on Paisheeush for Subsidy from December 1796 inclu

1797 January 31st	To an Assignment received from his Highness the Nizam on the Balance of Paisheeush of 2d. Fusl of A. H. 1205 being Subsidy for December 1796 and January 1797	1,07,426	10	6
June 11th	To an Assignment received from his Highness the Nizam on the Balance of Paisheeush of 2d. Fusl of A. H. 1205 being Subsidy for April & May 1797	1,07,426	10	6
July	To an Assignment received from his Highness the Nizam on the Balance of Paisheeush of 2d. Fusl of A. H. 1205 being Balance Subsidy for March 1797	31,000	.	.

Total Arcot Rupees 2,45,853 5. .

Hyderabad
E. E
Signed J. A

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for Cash issued from the Masulipatam Treasury in discharge of Assignments } &c.

sive.—

1797 February	3	By a Bill drawn this day on the Collector of Masulipatam at 15. days sight payable to Bearer	12,500..	..
		By D^o D^o D^o D^o D^o	12,500..	..
	15th	By a Bill drawn this day on the Collector at Masulipatam payable at 15. days sight to Mutteados	12,000..	..
April	30th	By D^o D^o payable to Mobance Ali	9000..	..
May A	9	By D^o D^o payable to Major Hyndman for 61,426. 4. 6. but restricted by my Letter of the 11th to Mr Collector Wrangham to	51,426.. 4.	6.
A	12th	By D^o D^o payable to Bearer being in full liquidations of my original Bill of 9th May for R^s 61426.. 4.6	10,000..	..
	22nd	By the amount of a Bankers Bill on this place transmitted me by Mr Wrangham	50,000..	..
July	3	By excess (when Converted into Rupees) in the two Chests of Treasure sent by Mr Wrangham in may to Major Hyndaman to my Bill 9th May for R^s 61,426.. 4.. 6. reduced as it was to 51,426. 4. 6. by my Draft on Mr Wrangham 12th of May	17,340..	7.. 10.
B		By Balance	71,086	9. 8.
		Total Arcot Rupees	2,45,853..	5. ..

31st March 1798 A A The Residue of my demand on Mr Wrangham on account of the Subsidy Assignment for December 1796 and January 1797 on the Balance of Paisheush of 2d Kist of A.F. 1205 was R^s 61,426. 4. 6. for which Sum Major Hyndman a Bill dated the 9th may on the Masulipatam Treasury which Bill however underwent a subsequent reduction of Rupees 10000 by my Draft of the 12th may to that amount on Mr Wrangham. It was in discharge of the above order of mine on the Masulipatam Treasury, in favor of Major Hyndman that Mr Wrangham sent two Chests of Treasure to him, the Contents of which exceeded by Rupees 17,340. 7. 10 the Amount & Residue of such order which from the subsequent Draft of 12th may on Mr Wrangham for Rupees 10000 was reduced to R^s 51,426. 4. 6.—

Kirkpatrick Sec^y & Off^g Resident B 13. To this Balance in my favor of R^s 71,086. 9. 8 to be added R^s 38,000 paid by me to Mr Deputy Paymaster Pennington to enable him to discharge Pay and allowances to Major Hyndman's Detachment for may.—that is before they were entitled to Subsidy from this Date, and for which I have duly transmitted to the Right Honorable the President and Council of Fort St. George Mr Paymaster Hunters draft to that amount in favor of Lieutenant Pennington, it will appear that a arrears of R^s 109,086. 9. 8. accrues to the Government of Fort St. George from the Subsidy since the 1st December last, that is upwards of two months Subsidy on a period of six month.—

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Account of Sums Actually Received by the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment for July 1797 to 4th January 1798 whether from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam from his Highness's Managers by Tunkha from the Resident, Collector of Masulipatam or otherwise.—

July	3d	Cash being the Contents of two Chests of Treasure sent by Mr Wrangham to Major Hyndman on the Month of May Containing 18,500 Madras Pagodas reduced by a subsequent return of 510 Pagodas of the above number to Mr Wrangham / to 17,990 Madras Pagodas which at the Exchange of 352 Sonat Rupees p.c 100 Pagodas is		63,324 . 12 . 3
	14th	Cash being part produce of a Bankers Bill on Hyderabad for 50,000 Rupees transmitted to me the 18th may by Mr Collector Wrangham	33,000 . — . —	
		Cash being Balance of my Draft of the 12th may 1797 for S.Rs 10,000 including premium 1 p.c 8000 Rs of the Sum arising from such Draft having been paid to the Commanding officer of the Ellore Detachment	2,100 . — . —	
	17th	Cash being Balance of the Bankers Bill for 50,000 Rs of 12th may		35,100 . — . —
August	1st	Cash being a Loan from Meer Alum		17,000 . — . —
Sept	13th	Cash from the Treasury being Subsidy for June		13,000 . — . —
	20th	Cash being produce Sale of Old arms and Stores		33,713 . 5 . 3
October	13th	Cash from the Treasury being Subsidy for July deducting 13,000 Rupees borrowed on the 1st August from Meer Alum, and Repaid out of this Months Subsidy		2058 . 8 . —
November	7th	Cash from the Treasury being part Subsidy for August		20,713 . 5 . 3
Decem[r]	24th	Cash from the Treasury being Balance Subsidy for August 1797		14,000 . — . —
	30th	Cash being produce Sale of Damaged Stores		39,713 . 5 . 3
1798.	31st	Cash from the Treasury being Subsidy for September and October		180 . — . —
Feby	10th	Cash from the Treasury being Subsidy for November		107,426 . 10 . 6
March	4th	Cash from the Treasury being Subsidy for December		33,713 . 5 . 3
				33,713 . 5 . 3

Hyderabad

31st March 1798.—

Total Hyderabad Rupees ..... 493,618 . 9 . 0.

EE (signed) J. A Kirkpatrick

Assistant Off[r] Genl

* * This Sum the produce of 17,990 Madras Pagodas is given upon an Exchange of 352 Hyderabad or Sonat Rupees to 100 Madras Pagodas agreeably to the rate ordered by the Supreme Government for the Payment of the Bengal Southern Detachment, Viz 320 Sonat Rs P.c 100 Star Pagodas adding ten p.c Cent difference between Star and Madras Pagodas or 32 Rupees—

Dr. The Resident in Account with the Honble Company for Money & Junkhas received from his Highness the Nizam on account of the Bengal Detachment. Cr.

Date		Particulars	Rs.	As.	Ps.
1797 Sept.	13th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for June 1797	53,713	5	3
Octr.	13th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for July 1797	53,713	5	3
Novr.	7th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being in part Subsidy for August 1797	14,000	—	—
Decr.	24th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Balance Subsidy for August	39,713	5	3
		Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for September and October 1797	1,07,426	10	6
1798 Feby	10th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for November 1797	53,713	5	3
March	4th	Cash received from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for December 1797	53713	5	3
		Total Hyderabad Rs.	3,75,993	4	9

Date		Particulars	Rs.	As.	Ps.
1797 August	1st	By Cash paid the Commanding officer as pr. Mr. Paymr. Pennington's Receipt	13,000	—	—
Septr.	13th	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date	53,713	5	3
October	13th	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date Rs. 13,000 having been deducted from the full amount of Subsidy for July 1797 by Meer allum to replace his Loan time of the 1st August 97	40,713	5	3
Novr.	7th	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date	14,000	—	—
Decr.	24th	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date	39,713	5	3
	31st	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date	1,07,426	10	6
1798 Feby	10th	By Cash paid to the Commanding officer of the Bengal Detachment as pr. Mr. Paymaster Pennington's receipt of this date	53,713	5	3
March	4th	By Do. Do. Do. Do. of this date	53,713	5	3
		Total Hyderabad Rs.	3,75,993	4	9

E. E.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant & Officiatg. Resident.

Hyderabad 31st March 1798.

Ordered

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Minutes on the last letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.—

Ordered that Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to the Accountant General.

Read the following Letter from Rear Admiral Rainier.—

To The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President & Council & Commander in Chief of the British Army on the Commandel Coast.

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

From Rear admiral Rainier - intends on leaving the Malabar Coast to proceed to Trincomale—

I have the Honor to inform you that it is my intention to proceed from hence as soon as possible to Trincomale calling at Columbo and Point de Galle for Intelligence if the Weather will permit me so to do, where you will please address any Communications you may see occasion to make to me for his Majestys Service in the Protection of the Trade, and Settlements of the Honorable Company, and others His Majestys Subjects on these Seas.—

I have

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Suffolk Sellucherry
Road April 12th 1798.

I have the Honor to remain.

Sir &c. &c.

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Read the following Letter from the

Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo.—

To Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

Honble Sir.

The Honorable Companys Ships —

Minerva and Harriot having arrived without any Rice for my

Department, and understanding that none was shipping on the —

Camden I beg leave to inform you that the Stock of Rice at

Galle is entirely out and that there remains here a quantity little

more than equal to the Issues for two months.—

In the expectation that the Ships would —

bring Rice from Bengal a quantity was borrowed to make —

the

From the Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo stating that the Stock of Grain at Point de Galle is expended and that the Quantity at Columbo is not more than sufficient to last for two Months.—

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the necessary Issues to the Troops at Galle and shall to request your authority, for purchasing a stock equal to Expay that, and the issues to the Troops in Garrison here, and at Galle for such a period as you may deem proper.—

Columbo
8th April 1798.—

I have the Honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) Edw. Atkinson
Commissary of Grain and Provisions

Read also the following Letter from
Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President &c &c &c
Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron enformation respecting the Guard on which the Troops have lately been paid and the relative dates of Exchange with the Star Pagodas and Fanams - encloses a Statement of the whole of the Dutch Paper originally issued as estimated from the Dutch Books - is anxious for the Establishment of the Duty on the Transfer of Candia &c Property states the Quantity of Rice lately received and the prospect of a Scarcity - receives an Intimation of the Intention of the Court of Candia to send an Embassy to Columbo.—

Agreeable to the Orders of Government communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 16th ultimo, to which every attention shall be paid, I have acquainted Major Kenny with your intentions respecting the Family

of

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of the unfortunate man that was Shot by Order of Signo
approc, and I will do myself the Honor of Submitting
for your approbation the Arrangement that I shall make
in Concert with major Kenny for their Relief —

I had the honor of Stating to Government
in my letter of the 12th January how I was Situated with
respect to the Exchange of Rupees; But at that time I was
not acquainted with the Orders of Government which
fixed their Exchange at 350 for 100 Star Pagodas — When
I ordered the Payments to be made I directed the —
Paymaster to issue the Pay to the Troops in Copper
Coin, and authorized him to pay one third in Silver to
those who might require it —

The Sicca Rupees at the Rate of 13 Fanams 65 Cash

Spanish Dollars ..... 29 D. 32 D. —

this option having hitherto prevented Complaints I repeated
it this Month, and authorized him to issue one quarter
in

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in Star Pagodas — and I shall Continue to do so, as those who receive a portion in Dollars, or Rupees, are perfectly at liberty to draw the whole of their Pay in Copper and they can have no reason to Complain of the rate of Exchange at which the Silver or Gold Coins are offered — I must however beg leave to observe that at this place all payments are Chiefly made in Copper Coin, that its Value has been fixed, by order of Government of the 26th April 1796 at 180 Stivers for a Star Pagodas, and that all Payments are now Issued by the Paymaster at that Rate. —

Lieutenant Colonel Croker has availed himself of an opportunity to send the Captain and three men of the Crew belonging to the Susannah Amelia as well as all her Papers to Madras, this will put it out of my power to Consult his Excellency Admiral Rainier on the Subject — I have, however Shewn Copies of the Papers already transmitted to — Government.

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Government, to Captain Rainier of the Centurion, who informs me that the Vessel is liable to be Confiscated as she has no Sea Brief without any further proof of her being Dutch Property—

When I received orders to cancel the Dutch Company's Paper, I got a Statement of all that had been put into Circulation this I have now the honor to enclose (N°. 1) amounting to the Sum of Rex Dollars 497,900—all the Dutch Paper in the hands of Individuals bearing interest at 3 p.r C.t which has been registered together with that in the hands of the Prize Agents only amounts to Rex Dollars 495,223—Which makes a deficiency of no more than Rex Dollars 2677. and there can be no other paper in Circulation than that which has been registered—

General Stuart informed Government of the Measures he had taken to ascertain that the Paper was true before it was registered—and among that delivered by

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by the Dutch Cash Keeper to the Prize Agents there
Could not be any that was false —

The Paper taken at Trincomallie is not
yet arrived, it was given in Charge of the Town Major
who sent it to the Prize Agents at Madras, as soon as it
arrives it shall be Cancelled and the Registers Certificate
transmitted to Government —

Then there will be no difficulty in
making a Balance and ascertaining the Amounts of the
respective notes that are missing

I have furnished Mr. Greenhill with a State-
ment of the Establishment of the Court of Equity that he
may issue their monthly pay — and no increase shall be
made without previously obtaining your Permission, I have
however to lament that Circumstances have not permitted
you to authorize me to issue an advertisement that all
Persons who have bought any Landed property or immoveables
shall

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Shall be obliged, as heretofore to Pay a Duty of five per Cent
before the deeds Can be regularly made over to them — There is
now to my Knowledge Property of this discription to the Amount
of One Lack and Twenty Thousand Rix Dollars — This duty
would not only have relieved Government of the Expence for
the Court, but it would have added something to the Revenue
Receipt. —

In Consequence of Mr. Subsecretary Parry's
Letter of the 8th November last, I was led to hope that a Suffi=
cient Stock of Rice would have been imported for twelve months,
the 5492 Bags per Eliza Anne and Princess Mary together
with 1158 p. Garce Paddy sent here by the Collector at Ramnad
are barely Sufficient for the use of this Garrison for 6 months
we shall thereby be exposed to experience a want of Rice at
the very time when it will be most difficult to procure, and
should Government then be under the necessity of Purchasing
Grain its Price will be immoderately high, and that on
the Bazar will Rise successively as no other means will be

left

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left to stop the Rapacity of the Retailers, than force — I did hope that the Connamon Ships from Bengal would have brought a Sufficient quantity for the use of the Garrisons of Point de Galle and Columbo, I am however Concerned to understand that they have no more than requires for the Connamon Peelers and Consequently low no time in informing you thereof, that measures may be taken to prevent a Scarcety — Mr Mac Dowall acting for the Commissary of Grain and Provision has reported to me that the Garrison of Galle is in arrear of two months Rice and that the Stock at Columbo will be exhausted in July next — From a view of last years Expenditure it appears that 300 Bags of Rice are Requires every month at Galle and 1720 Bags at Columbo therefore a Supply of twelve thousand Bags will still be necessary to last us until February next, which is the season when the Rice Boats arrive here from the Coast. this I intreat you will be pleased to take into Consideration

The Court of Candy have lost no time in proposing to send an Embassy, I have the Honor to enclose a translation of a letter from the Prime Minister to the maha Moodeliar I suspect the truth of the Kings Marriage, they have just chosen a Favorite which in the time of the Dutch would have been productive of the most valuable presents and this appears to be their leading motive — I desired the mahamoodeliar to inform the Prime minister that I should do myself the Honor of Communicating this important intelligence to Government

that

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that when I received their Orders they Should be Communicated to them

I am preparing a List of the Articles, and their

Prices, which were given as Presents by the Dutch during five years, to

enable you to determine on those that you may deem proper to make.-

Head Quarters

Columbo the 11.th April 1798

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) P. de Meuron

B. G.

List of Dutch Paper (Kredit Brieven & Kasnoten) made and put in Circulation at Columbo on Account of the Dutch East India Company (Excepting the Kredit Brieven issued previous to the 1.st of September 1792 as they were called in by the decree of the Council of Ceylon of the 17.th December 1793 Viz.t

6800. Kredit Brieven of which

3800. were Issued in 1794 Viz.t

40. marked L.a C.C. dated 15. November 1793.

N.o 1. to N.o 40. a Each Rd.s 50 ..... 2000.

3760. dated January 18.th 1794. Viz.t

100 of Rd.s 1000 each N.o 1. to N.o 110 ..... 110,000.

350 of „ 400 „ „ 1. 350 ..... 140,000.

1200 „ „ 100 „ „ 1. 1200 ..... 120,000.

1100 „ „ 50 „ „ 1. 1100 ..... 55000.

1000 „ „ 25 „ „ 1. 1000 ..... 25000. 452000.

3000 in the Year 1795/6 dated 17.th Sept.r 1795 Viz.t

2000 of Rd.s 5, each N.o 1. to 2000 10000

1000 of „ 10 „ „ 1. to 1000. ..... 10,000 20000

Rd.s 472,000.

7000 Kaffe Notes issued in 1795/6 dated Jan.y 1.st 1796 Viz.t

1800 of Rd.s 1 each 1800

900 „ „ „ 2. ..... 1800.

1400 „ „ „ 3. 4,200

1400 „ „ „ 4. 5600

500 „ „ „ 5. ..... 2500.

1000 „ „ „ 10 „ ..... 10,000 25900.

A true Extract out of the Total Rix Dollars ..... 497.900.

Dutch Books Columbo 11.th April 1798.

Signed P. de Meuron

B. G.

Translation.

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Translation of a Singalese Cadjan from the Prime Minister at the Court of Candy to the Maha Moodiliar at Columbo.

After Compliments

His Majesty the King of Candy being lately Married to a Princess, We are about to Notify this to you by proper Embassadors in consequence of the Friendship which exists between the English Government and the Candian Court — as it has always in former times been the Custom to Communicate such Events to the most Eminent persons through the Medium of the Lords of our Court — Would therefor be proper that you inform the Brigadier General hereof and that you acquaint me with his answer.

/Signed/ Pilimelalaune

A True Translation

/Signed/ D. P. Samerkoon

Mohattiaar

Resolved

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Minutes thereon

Resolved in Consideration of the small quantity of Grain in store at Columbo and Point de Galle, and the Difficulty of Transporting grain to the Southward at this Season of the year, to authorize the purchase, at Columbo, of as much rice as may be required in addition to the present Stock, for Consumption till the 1st October next.—

Ordered that the Registers Certificate of his having cancelled the Dutch Paper found in the Treasuries &c. on Ceylon to the extent of Rix Dollars 321.065, together with the Statement enclosed in the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Bengal, and that the Governor General in Council be apprized that there appears to be no objection to a further Issue of the Company's 8 P Cent. Notes being made to the Attorneys of the Prize Agents, equal to the Amount of the Paper cancelled, according to Mr. Gregory's Certificate

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.

The

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The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

Military Auditor Generals report on the additional estimate of the Presidency Paymaster lately sent in by Mr Roebuck.—

In reply to Mr Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 20th instant, referring for examination, an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current month, I have the honor to report, that the Amount, Viz.t Nine thousand Six Hundred and Twenty four Pagodas Twenty One fanams and Seventy Three Cash (Pagodas 9624. 21. 73) does not appear objectionable, and may be issued from the General Treasury at the Presidency, being required under the following heads.—

On Account of the Stud at Ganjam, for the purchase of 3. Stallions Pagodas 2800.—"—, agreeably to the Sanction authorized by the Military Board and to be advanced to Lieutenant Evans the Superintendant.—

Pagodas

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Pagodas three Thousand for the Garrison Storekeepers Department, and Pagodas 1791. 3. 13. being the Balance due to the Secretary of the Military Board for Lascars Cloathing, also the Balance due on Colonel Gents Bill for repairs &c.a at Wallajahbad; and for work done at Rayah-mundry by Lieutenant Evans, both of which has been passed in my office conformably to the Orders of Government.—

I have the honor to be
With the greatest respect.—
&c.a &c.a
Signed W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General.—

Military Auditor
Generals' Office
Fort St. George
24th. April 1798.—

An Issue of Cash ordered from the Treasury on the above account.—

Ordered that the Sum of Nine Thousand Six hundred and twenty four Pagodas Twenty one Fanams and seventy three Cash (Pagodas 9624. 21. 73.) be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the additional estimate which accompanied his Letter of the 20th Instant.—

The

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The Honble Lieutenant General George Harris

President and Governor in Council

of

Fort S. George

Honble Sir,

Auditors Report on the Estimate of Cash required by the paymaster at Trincomale for the present month.—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of yesterdays date, Accompanying an Estimate of Cash required by the acting Military Paymaster at Trincomale for the Payment of the Troops at that Station and its Dependencies for the present Month, and Arrears due prior thereto, Amounting to Fifteen Thousand Pagodas Pagodas 15,000 —/—/—

As it has not been usual to receive from the Military Paymasters on Ceylon detailed Estimates of their monthly expences, in the same manner as from the Pay Offices on the Coast, they being in general supplied with specie as opportunitys offered from the Presidency, or by advances from the Superintendants of Revenue on the Island, both more particularly, by Bills drawn in favor of Individuals upon the Military Paymaster

General

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General on Account of money either paid to the Paymasters or in part of the Pay and Allowances of offices discharged in that mode, I presume the Acting Military Paymaster at Tuticorin must have been under the necessity of applying to the Military Paymaster General for the Amount required for the Disbursements of his employ for the Current Month and as the beforementioned Sum does not appear to me to exceed the expence likely to be incurred at that Station, on a comparison with the latest Monthly Disbursement in my Office there can be no objection I presume to its being issued from the General Treasury.—

I have the honor to be
With the greatest Respect
Y.r &c. Y.r &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General.—

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S.t George
24th April 1798—

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Minute thereon—

Orders have been already sent to Mr. Andrews to remit a Supply of Cash to Tuticorin from the proceeds of the Pearl Fishery: but, to obviate the Embarrassments that

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that might result from a want of Information relative to the extent of the pecuniary demands of the Paymasters on Ceylon, it is Resolved that they be called upon to furnish regular estimates of the Money required for their Disbursements, on the same manner as the other Paymasters upon the Coast.—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Russell of the Artillery.—

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief & Governor in Council

Sir,

The situation of distress, to which I am Reduced, urges me powerfully to appeal to your Humanity and Justice— In this Instance I have now the honor to submit to your decision.— Many months back, I was ordered on Detachment for Trincomalie, after going on board the Ship I was to proceed in to my Station, Sailed for the Cape of Good Hope, without the possibility of my getting on Shore which is well known to my Commanding Officer, as well as many others

From Lieutenant Russell requesting that on consideration of the Expences and inconveniences he has been subjected to from being carried to the Cape of Good Hope Government will relieve him from a demand of the Commander of the Ship Fitzwilliam for Passage Money to the Cape.—

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others, and unprepared to proceed on so unexpected a voyage, I was compelled to undergo all the wants, which so embarrassing a situation naturally presented, without a sufficient Stock of Cloaths or a Cabbin to go into - But I felt it a Duty not to. - upine and after waiting a Considerable time at the Cape I procured a passage back to the Coast - I had on my Return to Receive 204 Pagodas, after I had deducted 30£ that I Received at the Cape, The whole of my allowances, Pay and Batta out of which the Auditor General has directed that I shall pay for my passage from the Cape 100 Pagodas, 60 of which is already stoped - and as the Ship which took me there is now in the Roads, there will be of Course 100 Pagodas more, to pay on the same Account —

Thus, your Excellency will perceive, that out of 204 Pagodas my pay and allowances for Five Months - I have a Balance of only 4 Pagodas - when had I gone to Trincamalle I should have been on Full Batta untill the present period. - As my going to the Cape was involuntary

on

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on my part, I humbly hope, that your Excellency In Council will extend your hand to give such assistance, as you may conceive necessary to preserve him from unmerited distress, by allowing him his pay and Batta, without the above deductions, what he naturally Conceived himself Entitled to, from the day he was In orders for Detachments, until the day of his Return.

Mount
16th April 1798.

I have the honor to be Sir
with the Highest Respect
&c. &c.
/Signed/ J. Russell
Lieutenant 2 Battalion of Artillery

Minute thereon

In consideration of the expence Lieutenant Rusel must have been subject to, it is agreed to relieve him from the charge of passage money to the Cape of Good Hope, and to pay the amount due to Captain Tweedale on that Account.

Read the following Letter from Mr Benjamin Bishop.

Josias

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Josias Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Mr. B. Bishop &c.
&c.
&c.
Requesting the detention at Nellore of some Servants &c. sent by him to join Colonel Singlas a French officer in the Nizam's Service.

Some time ago a Colonel Singlas in the Service of His Highness the Nizam, who I was given to understand was supported by Government, wrote to me requesting I would procure him some Madras Servants, and a Serang, and to send them to him at Hydrabad. —

The bearer of this recommended me a man for a Butler, who procured a matey and Cook, and a person who had been a Lascar was engaged as a Serang. they went off from this place about a Month ago, and were detained at Nellore — where they now remain prisoners. —

As it appears from their detention that there may be some degree of impropriety in their joining — Colonel Singlas; if it should be so, I request you will have the goodness to procure an order for their return to Madras. —

The

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The circumstances attending their going from this place are exactly what I have informed you, and should it be deemed necessary I will produce all the Letters I have received from Colonel Fanglass.—

Trusting you will pardon the liberty I take in addressing you on this subject I remain.—

Sir,

Fort S. George.

April 24th 1798.—

S.r &.c

/Signed/ B Bishop.—

Minute thereon.—

As the Board can only attribute Mr. Bishop's Correspondence with persons in the Service of a foreign power to his Ignorance it is resolved to Notify to him their surprize at his conduct and to warn him against a similar impropriety.

Read the following Letters from the Secretary at Bengal.—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r

Secretary to the Government at

Fort S. George

From Bengal with Copies of Correspondence with Captain Barrow respecting that deliverers at Madras of Letters &.c Shipped on the Britannia for the ostensible Expedition. meant to retaliate a

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the Hon.ble

Presidents

2689.

Fort St. George 24th April 1798.

Particular Enquiry onto the Wastage of Rum Shipped on the Pitt Royal Admiral and Lascelles.—

President in Councils Letter and enclosures dated the 9th November 1797 respecting deficiencies in Landing Stores from several of the Honorable Company's Ships employed on the late projected Expedition against Manilla, and to request that you will lay the accompanying Copies of Letters from Captain Barrow Commander of the Britannia before him, with his wish that such further information as may be procurable respecting the Deficiency of Stores landed from that Ships, may be transmitted to this Presidency.

2. I am further directed to request that you will inform the Honorable President in Council, that in consequence of the Rose and Houghton having long since been dispatched for Europe, no enquiry could be made from their Commanders, and that no Stores or Provisions were left by either of these Ships, excepting 85 Water Casks from the Houghton.—

3. With respect to the Wastage in the Rum Shipped on the Pitt Royal Admiral and Lascelles, the Acting Governor General in Council has directed further enquiries to be made on the Subject.—

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Fort William
the 27th March 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most
/ Signed / John Stracey
Deputy Secretary

Lieutenant A Greene
1st Assistant to the Military Board,

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, under date February 9th 1798 and Statement of deficiencys in the Stores and Provisions delivered at Madras, which appears on comparing of Accounts of Stores and Provisions received at Madras, when the Honorable Company's Ships Britannia was under Orders to proceed on an expedition; I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Military Board that I understood at Madras, from the Commanding Officer of the Britannia, and Purser, that every Article of Stores and provisions (a small part of the Fire wood excepted) was delivered at Madras to the different Departments; that no Complaints was made to me

of

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of any deficiency by those Departments, at any time notwithstanding I was in Madras Road nearly one month after the last of the deliveries. I have written to the Chief Officer, now on Board the Britannia, enclosing a Copy of the apparent deficiency, requesting he will without delay inform me what he knows respecting it also the Second Officer, I have also directed Mr. Randall, the Purser, to produce such documents as he may have, which I will furnish you with, the moment I receive them. The loss, I apprehend, arises from the irregular and confused manner in which the Stores and Provisions were shifted from Madras Beach, and received again by the Coracoplies belonging to the Victualling Departments pilfering of the Boat People, and Badness of the Packages.—

I am

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Tho.s Barrow

(A true Copy)

(Signed) Isaac Humphrys

Secy. Military Board

To

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To Lieutenant A. Greene

Ft. Assistant Military Board.

Sir,

In reply to the request of the Military Board, communicated by your letter of the 6th. of last. Ultimo (February) to account for the deficiencies in the Tedeliveries of Stores and Provisions at Fort St. George, of the quantities stated to be shipped on the Britannia, when ordered to prepare for an intended Expedition — I must beg leave to observe, that the only Account I can possibly furnish of the Provisions is presumptive, and formed only from Circumstances, as will appear from the following particulars — The Provisions, &c. were sent on Board, without any person on the part of the Ship to take an Account previous to Shipping, nor was any Account furnished me of the quantities sent, until this that you have now sent me, Accompanied with a Statement of deficiencies, therefore whether Correct, or otherwise, I am not prepared to say, but from the Circumstances where it is stated

that

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that the Packages returned are right as to Number and an extraordinary deficiency of the Articles contained in them, it should appear that either there must be a great error in the Account or very great Loss which could not have happened on board the Ship, but on the Shore, and where in the charge of the People appointed to receive them — the mode of delivery I beg leave to state as the ground of that Opinion, every loaded Boat as they severally came on shore from the Ship, was regularly and correctly delivered on the beach, and as soon after the landing as possible, by my People to the Persons who attended from the Offices to receive the Articles and no mention of a deficiency was ever made at Madras, altho' I was there upwards of a month from that period, and in the course of which time I made repeated applications at the Office, to know if there was any Complaint, that I might before I Sailed, and when I was prepared to confute any misrepresentation of the Black People who acted in the business on the part of the Offices — The great hurry

in

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in which the whole of the business was necessarily conducted might be a Cause of some irregularity — but this was on the Shore, and when the Articles were Completely from under my Charge.

I have frequently seen many things remaining on the beach a Considerable time after being delivered to the Persons who received them for the offices, and it was my orders to the People I imployed, to bring every thing that could be removed to my house for safety, that should not be received by the offices before Sun Set and not suffer any small moveable Articles to remain on the beach during the night, which I believe to have been fully complied with, some instances have come within my own Knowledge of that fact.—

The Accounts of Water Casks deficient, I beg to represent as incorrect, as the Accompanying Statement of Receipts and deliveries of that Article, kept by my Officers, will shew and for which they are prepared with Documents to substantiate.—

I can therefore, only in general beg leave to

submit

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Submit the accompanying, as a true Account of Water Casks, and to admit the stated deficiencies of Fire wood, and Swivins, arising from the following Circumstances, the remains of Fire Wood was not sent for, and the Swivins were stowed where they could not be got at for every other Article received on board the Britannia, I have my officers positive assurance, and I request to add, it to be my firm persuasion, that they were Completely delivered from the Ship, and that nothing save the Fire wood and Swivins afore-represented, remained on board from what was originally shipped - the mode of delivery, as beforementioned, I hope will shew, that every care was taken on my part to prevent loss; and that no blame is attached to me.-

I am
Sir
Your
Obt. Servt.
/Signed/ Thos. Barrow

Calcutta
March 2d 1798.-

/ A true Copy /
/ Signed/ Isaac Humphrys
Secretary Military Board

Statement-

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Statement of Water Casks, Received on board the Honble Company's Ships Bustaroonen, from the Store at Fort St. George and delivered from the said Ships to the Boats employed to convey them back to be returned into Store, and delivered to their Ships Dft.

	Butts	Hogsds
Received at Sundry times from the 13th to the 28th of August 1797	294	6
Returned		
Started into the Ships Casks at Sundry times, for present use, and Sea Stores and immediately returned	136	2
August 25th/28th. Returned on Shore	26	
August 30th. Delivered to His Majesty's Ship Orcaus by order	3	
Sept. 1st. Delivered to the Honorable Company's Ship Bustridge, by order	23	
Sept. 1st/12th. Returned on Shore	107	
Total Returned	295	2

Calcutta, March 2. 1798.

/ True Copy / Signed / Isaac Humphrys

/ true Copy / Signed / John Stracey Sub Sec.y

Ordered.

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from Bengal.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be sent to the Military Board.

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government.

&c

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Bengal. recommending that in all future embarkations of Troops for Foreign Service the regulations of that presidency relative to Batta to the Troops and allowances to commanders of Vessels for dieting officers be adopted in the room of orders respecting the increased subsistence to be drawn by Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons attached to Kings regiments.

Sir

In reply to the reference contained in the papers which accompanied your Letter of the 10th of January, I enclose, by direction of the Acting Governor General in Council, a Copy of a Minute from the Commander in Chief with a Copy of the Resolutions passed this day on the Subject which you are requested to lay before the Honorable the President in Council.

2. I am also directed to enclose a Copy of a Report of the Military Auditor General, on the operation of his [illegible] Warrant augmenting the Pay of Surgeons, and Assistant Surgeons of the regular Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry.

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Fort William
the 27th March 1798

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

Minute from the Commander in Chief Dated 27th March
1798—

Conformable to the request of the Vice President
in Council, Communicated in a letter from Mr. Sub Secretary Stracey
under date February 20th I have considered the papers that accompanied
it, and entirely Coinciding in the reasoning and sentiments contained
in the Minute of the Commander in Chief of the Army on the
Coast, I have no difficulty in giving my opinion that the officers
who embarked on the intended Expedition from Fort St George
should be paid on the same footing with respect to Batta and
allowance for Diet on board Ships as those that embarked under
the orders of this Government—and as nothing can be more impolitic
to the feelings of individuals, or likely to create discontent than a
difference of allowances amongst the Troops of the Several
Presidencies when serving together I do not hesitate to recommend

that

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that the Regulations of this Presidency be adopted generally upon all Similar Occasions in future.—

With respect to the orders which are requested from the Vice President in Council by the Government of Fort St. George on the Subject of an application which has been made for an increase of subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the Kings Regiments in consequence of a Warrant from His Majesty. I have only to observe that as from the Report of the Auditor General it does not appear to make any alteration in the actual Receipts of the Gentlemen Serving in those Capacities in India, no charge would be necessary but in compliance with his Majestys Commands which I conceive fixes the Operation of the Warrant from its date.—

A true Copy

Signed G. H. Barlow
Secretary to the Government

Extract from the Proceedings of the Acting Governor General in Council in the Military Department of the 27th. March 1798.—

The Board Concurring in the Sentiments

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of the Commander in Chief as expressed on his minutes, resolve that it be recommended to the Government of Fort S.t George to grant the officers who embarked on the intended Expedition from that Presidency, on the same footing with respect to Batta and allowance for diet as those who embarked under the orders of this Government, and to adopt the Regulations of this Presidency generally upon all similar occasions in future.

Resolved further in conformity to the opinion of the Commander in Chief that the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons of His Majestys Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry serving under this Presidency do receive Subsistance according to the Regulations Contained in His Majestys Warrant dated the 30th November 1796, and that the Military Auditor General be directed to prepare new Tables in Consequence, converting the Subsistance of the Surgeons Assistant Surgeon in to Bengal Currency at the fixt rate of Exchange Viz.t 2/6 the S.t Rupee and adding thereto such a portion of Company's allowances as will fix them on a footing in respect to the aggregate amount of their Monthly

Pay

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Pay and allowances with Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in the Company's Service at the same Stations respectively.—

Resolved also that the adoption of the Rule laid down in the preceding Resolution be recommended to the Government of Fort S.t George.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) G.H. Barlow

Secretary to the Government.

To Peter Speke Esq.r Vice President and Deputy Governor &.c &.c &.c

in Council

Military Department

Honble Sir,

1. I have this day received Mr. Sub Secretary Stracey's Letter of the 6.th Instant, enclosing Papers from Fort S.t George on which I am requested to report.—

2. The Regulations of his Majesty under date

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the 30 November 1796 direct that, from the 25 of the ensuing month of December, each Surgeon of Cavalry shall have the Pay of 12 Shillings P Diem Surgeons of Infantry 10 Shillings P Diem, to be devided into Subsistence, and arrears on the following Manner Viz.t

	Subsist.	Arrears
Surgeon of Cavalry	9. 0	3. 0
Surgeon of Infantry	7 0	2 6

That Assistant Surgeons in the Regular Regiments, shall receive from the same period Viz.t

In time of War from Foreign Stations ..... 3/6 P Day

In time of Peace ..... 3/. Ditto

4. But the above Regulations not having yet been adopted either at Fort S. George or at this Presidency it is humbly requested that Government will be pleased to determine when they shall be carried into effect.—

5. According to the Rules which previously prevailed, the Subsistence of a Surgeon of Cavalry was 4/6 P Day, and his Arrears about 1 1 3/4.—

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6 The subsistence of a Surgeon of Infantry was

3/— P day and his Arrears about 9d P day—

7 The subsistence of mates or as they are now termed

Assistant Surgeons was the same—

8 Consequently with a View to put these different

descriptions of Gentlemen on a footing, in respect to personal

allowances, with the Medical Officers on this Establishment,

The Surgeon of Cavalry was allowed Rupees 53. 2. P. Mo.

The Surgeons of Infantry ..... Do 75. 15. 7 P.

and the mates, or Assistant Surgeons ..... 20. 13. 7 P.

9 If therefore in adopting the new Regulation

of Pay, the usual principle of equalizing the Personal allowances

of Surgeons be adhered to, no part of the above Company's allow

ances can be admitted, and it will even be necessary to deduct

from the Monthly Gratuity, or Batta of the Surgeon of Cavalry

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10 The Assistant Surgeons without any other deduction

than the above difference of Pay will be on a footing with the Assistant

Surgeons—

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Surgeons on the Company's Service on this Establishment, and Should this Rule of equality be established in Bengal, it may be advisable to recommend an adoption of the measure to the Governor of Fort St. George.—

11. The annual allowance formerly granted by the Kings Regts. 120 £ to Surgeons of Regiments for the supply of Medicines was ordered to cease from the commencements of their increase of Pay; and I presume therefore if the Board should be pleased to equalize the Surgeons Personal allowances in the manner above suggested that the same Regimental Medical allowances as is granted for a Regiment of Europeans, or Battalions of Artillery in the Company's Service, should be given to the Surgeons of His Majesty's Infantry and Cavalry Regiments or such proportion thereof as may correspond with their Comparative Compliments.—

12. With respect to Lieutenant Colonel Shaw's letter I have to observe that the Governor General in Council adhered strictly to the Regulations and Practice of this Government.—

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when he allowed full Batta to the Commissioned officers and Surgeons ordered for Duty on the late intended Expedition, and two Rupees each, for Victualling them to the officers commanding the Ships on which they embarked, and as all officers ordered on the same Service should, in justice and Sound Policy receive the same allowances, The Vice President in Council may deem it proper on Similar Services taking place in future to recommend to the Government of Fort St. George the propriety of adopting the Regulations of this Presidency—I Enclose a Statement to shew that the Expence to the officers of the 33d Regiment in Receipt of full Batta, adding two Rupees P Day for diet for each allowed to the Captains of the Ships on which they Embarked, would only exceed the expence of the same Regiment on half Batta and one Pagoda paid for their diet— Sorauh Rupees 1,368 for a Month of 30 Days—

I have the honor to be
&c &c
Signed John Scaven
Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
13th February 1798—

A true Copy
Signed G. H. Barlow
Sec'y to the Govt.

Resolved

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Resolutions on the foregoing Letter from Bengal

Resolved to adopt the Suggestion of the Governor General in Council for establishing uniformity of practice at the two Presidencies in regard to the allowances of officers ordered on foreign Service. That in future, all Officers be permitted to draw full Batta from the day of their embarkation, and that the Commanders of Vessels be allowed two Rupees instead of one Pagoda per Day, for the accommodation and victualling of each officer on board.

Resolved that a Copy of His Majestys Warrant dated 30 November 1795, and extract of the report of the Auditor General on Bengal be sent to the Military Auditor General, with directions to make the necessary alterations in the Tables of Subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the Kings Regiments according to the concerted rates established in the Warrant, adding thereto such a portion of Company's allowance as will fix them upon a footing in respect to the aggregate amount of their monthly pay and allowances, with the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons on the Company's Service.

Resolved also that the encreased Subsistence be allowed from the

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the date of the Warrant.

Read the following Letter from certain
Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore —

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor & President in Council

Honble Sir,

From certain Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore stating that the Court of Directors have refused to discharge certain Bonds which had been remitted home for that purpose agreeably to the Government advertisement of 26 November 1796 and requesting Government will make an arrangement for discharging them, and indemnifying the Writers for the Loses they have incurred on this account

After the Publication of the Notice of Govern=
ment dated 26 November 1796 of the Resolution of the Honorable Court
of Directors to discharge in England, the Bonds granted by this Govern=
=ment to the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore on liquidation of the
Debts of the said Rajah, together with Interest thereon pursuant
to the option stated in such bonds, We transmitted to England the
Bonds of this discription which we held (and some of which we
purchased as a Remittance on the faith of this Resolution of the
Honble Court of Directors) for the purpose of realizing their
Amount. To our very great Surprize as well as disappointment
these Bonds have been lately returned to us by our Agents with

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the remark that the Honorable Court of Directors had availed themselves of the option to discharge them in India.

That there must be some mestake on the matter seems evident, since the option had already been taken as the Public were officially informed by the advertisements above quoted to discharge them in England. Possibly some difficulty arose from the Bonds not being certified, as we have lately learnt they were, by the Directors, required to be, tho' this is unlikely because no such reason is assigned for not paying them, and because a great part of the very same description of Bonds (some of them also uncertified) are actually accepted by the Honorable Company for payment in England.—

We have that entire reliance on the intentions to render equal justice, both of the Honorable Court of Directors and of their Government, that we are persuaded it will be only necessary to point out the great injury we sustain to have it remedied— These Bonds, some of them at least are returned not only under the general inconvenience and discredit

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discredit of unpaid Bills of Exchange but also of rendering Indivi=
duals endorsing them liable to all the Damages Costs and Re-exchange
(which last is now uncommonly heavy attaches to the failure of
Acceptance.—

Under these Circumstances we hope —
Government will admit the reasonableness of our request to have
these Bonds discharged by 12. p Cent. Bonds, or by Bills on
Bengal at the Exchange of the day: This too will but imperfectly
indemnify us for the Loss and Inconvenience we have suffered,
certainly without any fault being imputable to us —

We have the honor to be
With Respect —

Fort St. George
20th. April 1798 —

E. E.
Signed Kendersley Watts & Co.
For Selves & for Sal. Tibbald Esqr.
Pelling & de Fries & Co.
N. C. Rundcasley
Tulloh Brodie & Co.
for Selves & Major Dons. Mc. Donald
administrator to the Estate of Capt.
Lucklan Mc. Kinnan Dec.

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The Board cannot form any conjecture of the Circumstances which should have occasioned the return of the Bonds noticed in the foregoing Letter, and can only attribute it to some mistake on the part of the Agents of the Creditors in England. The orders of the Court of Directors under date the 6 April 1796 so unequivocally fix the payment of the Bonds to be in England, that the Board are neither at Liberty to discharge the Bonds in India nor to endemnify the creditors for the loss they may sustain.—

Resolved however that the circumstances stated by the Creditors be forwarded out to the notice of the Honble Court of Directors by the earliest dispatch, if their orders on the Subject should not meanwhile be received.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board.—

To

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor and Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sirs

From the Military Board - recommending some advances of Cash to the Grain agent of the 4th & Contractor for the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry

1st We have the honor to report that in consequence of the receipt of Government's Letter of the 6th Instant, the Instructions therein directed have been transmitted to the Persons to whom they relate -

2nd It appearing by a communication from the Agent for Supplies to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry that the advance of four hundred (400) Pagodas lately made to him has been entirely expended on the removal of that Corps from Arcot to Cheemen-dulum, We recommend that a further advance of the like sum be authorized to Captain Leonard on Account of his current Expences Salary and office Establishment -

3d The quantity of Gram contracted for in the Month of March 1797 for the last Years supply to

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the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry, Viz.t one hundred and eighty seven (187) Garees, having been duly delivered to that Corps, and the Sum of Pagodas 3,553:.. .. .. remaining still due on that account to the Contractor, We recommend that payment of the same be authorized accordingly.—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
24th April 1798.

Sir
Your most
Signed/ Patrick Ross
" W. Sydenham
" In. Richardson
" B.J. Close

Ordered that advances of Cash be made to the Agents for Supplies, and the Gram Contractor to the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry, agreeably, to the recommendation of the Military Board.—

Minute Thereon

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President & Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Having in conformity to the principle laid down in Government Orders of the 3d. November 1795. audited the accounts of Mr. James Sutherland Contractor for army Clothing for the year 1796/7. I have the honor to report the result as follows.—

Amount of Cash advanced agreeably to the terms of the Contract 78,973.13.70.

Value of Cloth issued from the Honble Company's Stores ... 39006.16.70.

Value of Hats issued from the Honble Company's Stores ... 1601.14.03

50581.—.55.

Expense of providing Clothing under the Contract passed by the Committee appointed to examine the accounts and to adjust the Funds for that year ... 41272.2.21.

Expense of providing Clothing for a Company of the Wirtemberg Regiment & of making up musters for the Military Board ... 195.21.57.

Godown Rent ... 480.—.—

Differences on the encreased price of Broad Cloth & Hats between the Europe Invoice prices of 1796 & 1797 as authorized by the Contract ... 1280.2.40 43227.26.38

leaving a Balance of Pag.s ... 10,358.19.17.

due

From the military auditor General has formally audited the accounts of Mr. Sutherland Contractor for army clothing for 1796/97 and called upon him for Payment of the Balance due — sends the Distribution of office honorings for the year 1796 to be correct with a trifling alteration

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due by Mr. Sutherland to the Honorable Company which
Balance he has been required to pay immediately to the Military
Paymaster General—

2 Agreeably to the directions contained in Mr.
Secretary Webbe's letter of the 11th. Instant, I have examined the enclos'd
Distribution of the Off reckoning Fund for the year 1796 with the
accompanying Accounts Current, and have the honor to state that
the Calculations are right, with the exception of a trifling difference
of 10 Fanams in the Subtraction of the Expense of Clothing from
the Stoppages on account of the four extra native Infantry Battalions
which difference I have equally divided among the four Comman-
dants, so that the Distribution of the whole is now perfectly
correct—

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Sir &c. &c.
(Signed) W Sydenham
Military Auditor General.

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
20th. April 1798—

The

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Minute thereon

The Board are well pleased to observe that the accounts of the Clothing Contractor for 1796/97 have been so early adjusted.—

Ordered that the distribution of the off— reckoning Fund for 1796 be published in orders that the amount due to the officers, respectively as discharged in 8 ℔ Cent. Bonds of this Date and that the amount due on the half Mounting Cloths be paid in cash on the usual manner—

Read the following Letter from Lieutenant Fireworker Noble—

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

From Lieutenant Fire worker Noble—expressive of his real Concern that his former letter should have failed to remove the impression of entertained with respect to Government on his address to major General Close—and intreating the lenity of Government—

Having just perused the orders of Government of the 13th Instant I take the earliest opportunity of expressing my extreme regret that the letter which I had the honor of addressing to you some time ago and which contained an Explanation of the circumstances and motives by which alone I was

induced

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induced to sign an address to Major General Goils of which
you was pleased to send me a Copy) has failed in satisfying
Government of the purity and rectitude of my intentions towards
them indeed I am almost led to apprehend the possibility of my
letter having by some means or other miscarryed — I beg leave
to say that I never once entertained an idea tendering or
disrespect or want of duty towards Government and I trust
this declaration will be sufficient to convence them, that
that part of my Conduct which has merited their displeasure
proceeded merely from inadvertence — may I beg that you
will loose no time in laying this before the Honorable
the president in Council if it is so fortunate as to
influence him in my behalf. the least delay may
be of consiquence to me. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Signed J. Noble Lieutenant for
Worker 1st Battalion artillery

Kistnagey
17th April 1798 —

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Minute thereon

The Board being satisfied with the explanation given by Lieutenant Farewarker Noble of the motives of his Conduct in Signing the address to Major General Goils, it is resolved to remove the Bar placed on his promotion on the General Orders of the 13th Instant.—

A Subsistence allowed to the persons lately arrived from Point de Galle, to give Evidence respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia.

The President informs the Board that the persons lately arrived in the Snow Gustavus from Point de Galle to give evidence respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia are in very great distress, and proposes that they be allowed the following monthly Subsistence which is to be ultimately defrayed by the Captors—

Mr

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Mr De Haas - former Captain 60 Rupees

J Andruga Chief Mate ---- 40 D:

J. Vanderburg Boatswain ---- 30 D:

Approved and ordered Accordingly

" Geo: Harris

" Edn Saunders

" E Wallofield

John Turing Sec.

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Diary

Received the following Letter from the Superintendent of the Breeding Steed on Delft and two Brothers. →

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

From Major Barbut. - proposes taking on his own account at the prices they shall have cost such Colts as may not have attained sufficiently height for the Cavalry. →

By your Commands of the 16th September last, signified to me through Mr. Secretary Webbe, I was directed to sell all the Brood Mares on the Islands of Delft and two Brothers, which I might deem from their being under size unfit for breeding for the Cavalry. — No opportunities of disposing of any of them have as yet occurred from the little communication which has lately existed between us and the Candians — I have however to remark, that several of those Mares though undersized, have formerly (as reported to me) been covered by large and powerfull Stallions, and thrown Foals, which would in every way have answered the object of Government, as however this may not always be the

case

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case, and as there has as yet been no sale for the small Mares, I have the honor to propose to you, to take on my own account all such as when three and a half years old may be judged undersize at the price they shall have actually stood the Honorable Company, by which means Government can in no way sustain a loss by the Mares not being sold. —

I shall be happy to be honored with your opinion and instructions on this proposal, which I hope will be found fair, & equitable, and for the advantage of my Employers.

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

(Signed) B. G. Barbut
Major 73d. Regiment
Super. of the Stud at Delft and
Two Brothers.

Jaffnapatnam
10th April 1798. —

Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 67-68-69. —

To the Paymaster at Fort St. George.

To Mr. Cochrane, authorizing the payment of a monthly subsistence to the persons
Catoly

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24th Lately arrived from Point de Galle to give Evidence respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia -

To Mr. Roebuck - informing him

To the Military Paymaster General

that the amount of the Bills presented by Kistniah will be paid in 8% Bonds - enclosing Copy of the Auditor's report on the additional Estimate sent in by him on 20th Instant and acquainting him that Pagodas 9,624. 21. 73 - will be advanced to him on that account from the Treasury -

To Major General Sydenham -

To the Military Auditor General.

referring for examination Mr. Roebuck's general Estimate for May -

Received the following Letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Commandant at Malacca enclosing a Statement of the Revenue Farms of that Settlement for the year 1798 - the great decrease noticed and attributed to the Stagnation of Trade requests a Supply of Cash and to be relieved from the Command -

For the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council I have the honor to transmit you a Statement of the Revenue Farms of Malacca, as sold by Public Auction for the whole of the year 1798 on the 30th December 1797 - I am extremely sorry

sorry to remark that the Revenues for this year will prove so unproductive, compared to those of 1797 but the deficiency was unavoidable and proceeds entirely from an almost total stagnation of trade and incredible want of Cash in the Settlement:— As an encouragement to Bidders it was deemed expedient to rent the whole Farms for one year (the Arrack Farm excepted) but unfortunately it had not the desired effect.—

In my Letter to you, under date the 13th December 1797. I communicated to you for the Information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, the distressed State which this Garrison and Settlement would soon be placed in, without a considerable supply of Cash from the Coast- this period is now fast approaching; but I trust the Right Honorable the President in Council will be pleased to afford speedy

relief

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relief to the Troops: without which their
condition will be rendered very uncomfortable
as every Article of living is double the price to
what it bears on the Coast, besides no credit
is given by the Inhabitants, who cannot en
fact do it, being in general miserably poor. —
— I have the pleasure to send you the accom=
=panying list of Ships which arrived in these
Roads this Morning from China - by them
we have accounts of the safe arrival, at Macao,
of the Hindostan, Warley, Neptune and Aber=
=gavenny Indiamen the 1st of January - they
sailed from hence the 22d November —

Permit me to request you would be pleased
to obtain from the Right Honorable the
President in Council my removal from this
Station, as I find the Climate very inimical
to my constitution. —

Malacca
8th March 1798. —

(Signed) D. Campbell
Lt. Col. Comm.

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Statement of the Revenue Farms of Malacca as sold by Public Auction for the whole of the year 1798, on the 30th December 1797. By Order of Lieutenant Colonel Commanding —

Boom or Import and Export Duty, Farm for the whole of the year sold for Sp. Dollars	34760 "		
Opium	ditto for ditto ditto ditto for	2510. "	
Gaming	ditto for ditto ditto ditto for	4500. "	
Pork	ditto for ditto ditto ditto for	700. "	
Beetle Leaf	ditto for ditto ditto ditto for	595 "	43065
Arrack	ditto for the Months of January, February & March		910.
		Total Sp. Dollars	43975.

(Signed) D. Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel Comm.d
Josiah.

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Josiah Webbe Esquire

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate

From the Commandant at Malacca - sends to the Coast on the Fairlie some European and native Invalids lately arrived there from Amboyna. - repeats his application to be relieved. -

to your for the information of the Right Hono= =rable the President in Council the arrival, at this Port, of the Master Lasi Captain Roper from Amboyna, with five Sick European Soldiers and thirty three Native Troops, returning to the Coast for the recovery of their Health - But as the above Vessel is in extreme distress for want of hands to navigate her, having lost Sixteen - men on the Passage and the remainder very sickly - besides conceiving it would be a - saving to the Company for the said Transport to proceed from hence direct to Calcutta, (for which place she is chartered) than by the - circuitous route of Madras - I have therefore been induced to embrace the opportunity to send the sick by the Fairlie bound to Madras, the Commander of which Captain Elliot, having obligingly

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obligingly offered to give them a passage, and at the same time desired me to say that he leaves it entirely to the Right Honorable the Poresident in Council to make him whatever compensation he may be pleased to deem adequate. — The above measure I hope, will meet with the approbation of his Lordship in Council. —

Permit me to solicit your good offices with the Right Honorable his Lordship in Council to obtain my removal to the Coast, as I enjoy very indifferent health here, and after a trial of five Months, find this climate very inimical to my Constitution. —

Malacca
9th. March 1798. —

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

(Signed) D. Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel

To Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

From the Agent appointed to superintend the delivery of Supplies for Amboyna, reporting his proceedings — the Duchess of Gold Hall

Sir

Having been deputed by
Lieutenant

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Hall despatched to China - the Unicorn and Mentor loft to Bengal - and the Triton detained to convey troops Provisions &c. from Amboyna to Banda. -

24th Lieutenant Francis Kemptt, Agent for Trans-
ports &c. to superintend the lading of the 2 Divisions thereof (in Pulo Pinang) destined for Amboina, and to proceed with them to attend their delivery at that Garrison, for the purpose of ascertaining the Quantity and Quality of provision laden on them, which from various causes could not be ascertained in Pulo Pinang without great detention of the Supply. -

I have the honour to state for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council the following summary of proceedings since the arrival of the Trans-ports here on the 1st December. -

By advice of William Jones Esq. Commercial Resident, the Duchess of Hall was the first Ship delivered, in order to despatch her for China, the season being far advanced, and for which she sailed the 1st Instant. -

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The scarcity of laboring people here has made the delivery of the Ships more tedious than was expected, and the Intervention of Holidays has been a still greater check to our progress. The Ships Munster Lass and Union, are now discharged and dispatched for Bengal in order to save the unnecessary expence, which the Company would incur by their detention for the Triton who has yet to go to Banda, with the three Companies of European Infantry, under Major Mackay and her cargo of provision. —

From the difficulty I understand attends the Ballasting a large Ship there, and having to return here with exchanged Troops from Banda, It will unavoidably be the beginning or middle of March before she can leave these Islands. —

Inclosed I transmit copies of receipts for the provision landed from the

the three first mentioned Ships, likewise of their Tonnage Manifests, according to my Instruct=-ions from Lieutenant Kempt, a copy of which I have likewise the Honor to enclose. —

Having in every Instance taken the advice of the Commercial resident, (which has been communicated in the most ready, and obliging manner) I hope the mode of delivering and despatching the Ships will meet the ap=-probation of his Lordship. —

I have the Honor to be,
with the most perfect respect.

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) T. D. Lippincott

Arrived
10th January 1798. —

To Mr Tomas Dunning Lippincott

Assistant to Lieutenant Francis Kempt of the
Royal Navy Agent for Transports &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

1st According to my Instructions from the Right Honorable the President in Council Fort St. George, bearing date the 30th August

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24th Gordon and Connell, to settle the same with the Government on the confirmation of your appointment.

11th You are besides using every vegilance on delivering the Transports at Amboina, to return in the Triton Captain Wright, who will be Senior Officer of the Fleet if no Kings, or Company's Ships come as convoy, and you are to keep the Ships daily reckoning so that the same may be produced at Bengal or Madras to prove to these Governments that no unnecessary delay has taken place either at Amboyna, or on the return, so as to Incur heavy and improper Expences to the Honorable Company, as the same will be discharged by the Ship Owners should neglect appear on the part of the Commanders, with perfect confidence in your Zeal and attention.

Prince of Wales's
Isl. October 22d 1797.

I am, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Francis Kempt
Agent for Transports

Additional Article.

As it is of consequence to the Company that the Triton, Union, and Munster Lafs, should not be detained, I recommend the discharging these Ships first, and each singly, that you may the better ascertain the Cargo of each.

A true Copy
(Signed) F. D. Lippiatt
Secretary

Received

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25th Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in Mlls. Nos. 70-71-72-73.

From the Offic Commanding the Ceded Districts.

From Lieutenant Colonel Read -enclosing an estimate of the expence of repair=ing the Commandants quarter at Pinagra.

From Mr. Stracey - enclosing copies of correspondence with the Contractors &c. respecting the Ruin shipped for this pre=sidency on the Henry Dundas.

From Mr. Campbell - enclosing a Letter for Rear Admiral Rainier.

From D. D.

From Lieutenant Collier of the Suffolk Tender.

From Lieutenant Collier - en=closing Bills for the passage of himself and the Master of the Suffolks Tender from the Cape of Good Hope to Madras on the Jane Captain Stuart.

Memorandum. His Majesty's Ship Virginie arrived this Day from England with the Right Honorable Earl Mornington on board. His Lordship landed about 3 o'clock and was received with the customary Honors.

Journal of Lord Mornington Governor General on the Virginie Frigate.

Sent

2736 Fort St. George. April 1798.

26th Sent the following Letters

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

To the Military Auditor General - orders respecting the allowances to be in future drawn by Troops embarking for Foreign Service - and the sum to be paid to Commanders of Ships for the Diet of the Officers - also respecting the increased rates of Subsistence to Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of Kings Regiments - drawing of Cash ordered to the Agent of the 4th and Contractor for the 8th Regiment of Cavalry - Arrears of pay to Captain Fleming and Lieutenant Russell's passage Money to the Cape to be discharged. -

Having made a reference to Bengal upon the inequality of allowance granted at the two Presidencies to Officers embarking upon Foreign Service, the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to adopt the recommendation of the Governor General in Council for putting the Officers of this establishment upon the same footing as the Officers in Bengal; and accordingly directs that in all cases whatever they may be permitted to draw full batta from the day of their embarkation; and that the Commanders of Vessels may receive two rupees instead of one pagoda per diem for the accommodation and victualling of each officer on board. -

Having also referred to the

reference

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Sir,

Supreme Government an application for an increase of subsistence to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons attached to his Majestys regements, the Governor in Council directs me to enclose for your information extract of a report upon the subject by the Military Auditor General in Bengal together with a copy of his Majesty's warrant upon which the claim was founded. dated 30th November 1796. and to inform you that the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of his Majesty's re=gements are to receive subsistence according to the regulations contained in the warrant from the date of it. The Governor in Council therefore desires that you will prepare new tables in consequence convert=ing the subsistence of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons into Madras Currency at the fixed exchange 2 fs 8 s. per pagoda, and adding thereto such a portion of Company's allowances

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allowances as will put them upon a footing in respect to the aggregate amount of their monthly pay and allowances with Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in the Company's Service. —

The Honorable the Governor in Council has received your Letters of the 20th. Instant and has judged it advisable that the paymasters on Ceylon should be called upon for monthly estimates of cash required for their disbursements. —

The Governor in Council is well pleased that the accounts of the clothing contractor for 1796/7 have been adjusted. —

The Governor in Council desires that a further advance of pagodas 400 may be made to the Gram Agent of the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry; and that the Balance of pagodas 3,553 due to the contractor for supplying the 3d. Regiment of Native

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Native Cavalry with Gram may be paid to him in consequence of the completion of his contract. —

I inclose sundry Bills of Captain Fleming of the invalid establishment who having arrived in Bengal had no means of presenting them before. I inclose also the certificate of the period up to which Captain Fleming received his subsistence in England. —

The Governor in Council therefore desires that the Bills may be discharged. —

Having reconsidered the case of Lieutenant Rafel of the Artillery, who was arrived to the Cape of Good Hope, the Governor in Council is pleased to desire that he may be exempted from all further expence and that Pagodas 100 may be paid to the Commander of the Fly Williams for his passage thither. —

I have the honor to &c.

J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

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25th April 1798. —

(Signed)

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To Messrs Kindersley, Watts &c.
Pelling De Fries &c.
Fullon, Brodie &c.

Gentlemen,

To the Tanjore Creditors - the cause of the Bonds having been returned from England attributed to the fault of their Agents - the Court of Directors having fixed the payment in England - government can adopt no measure for their relief. →

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 20th Instant.

The intention expressed by the Honorable Court of Directors in their letter of the 6th April 1796 to discharge the Bonds granted by this Government to the Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjore so unequivocally fixed the payment to be in England for reasons stated by themselves, that the Governor in Council cannot suppose that they will rescind that resolution; and must therefore believe that there has been some mistake on the part of your Agents in demanding payment of those Bonds which have been returned to this Country. →

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The Governor in Council is concerned that you should suffer any inconvenience on account of this remittance; but as the resolution of the Honorable Court as officially notified to the public is still in force, the Governor in Council is not at liberty to comply with your request for the payment of the Pagoda Bonds or for an indemnification of the loss you may have sustained: he will however state this Subject for the consideration of the Court by the earliest despatches, if their orders should not mean while be received.

I am &c. &c.

Fort St George
25th April 1798. (Signed) J Webbe
Secretary to the Government

Despatched also the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 74-75-76-77-78-79-80. To Mr R. Woolf - enclosing

To the Accountant General

Copies of Papers received from Hydrabad relative the State of the Accounts of Subsidy and peishcush. To

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To the officer commanding on the Baramaul and Salem Districts

To Lieutenant Colonel Read informing him that the Commanding Officer at Pinagra will be allowed to draw five Pagodas per Month as an indemnification for the expence he may incur in repairing his quarter.—

To the officer Commanding on Ceylon.

To Brigadier General De Meuron authorizing the purchase of a sufficient Stock of grain to last till the 1st October.—

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck—desiring that the Paymasters on Ceylon may be required to furnish regular estimates of the Money required for their Disbursements in the same manner as the Paymasters on the Coast.—

To Lieutenant Russell of Artillery

To Lieutenant Russell—informing him that Government have consented to defray the charge of his Passage to the Cape.—

To Mr Benjamin Bishop—

To Mr. Benjamin Bishop—expressive of the Board's astonishment at his conduct in maintaining a correspondence with persons in the Service of a foreign Power and warning him against a similar impropriety.—

To the Military Board—

To the Military Board—inclosing copy of the above Letter, also copies of Papers received

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26th. received from Bengal respecting the short
delivery of Articles shipped on the Britannia
for the Manilla Expedition - referring an applic=
=cation for the repair of the Stabling &c.a of the
detachment of Cavalry doing duty at the Presidency
- and authorizing the repair of the Wells at Por=
=tanallee. if on inspection they should be found
to require it. -

28th. Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in MB Nos 81-82-83-84-85.-

From Lieutenant Samuel
Godfrey - requesting to be relieved from a retrench=
=ment demanded of him, of the Amount drawn
by him for house rent. -

From Captain Gray - requesting
that Mr. Charles Crarn may be permitted to
draw his regulated allowance for his attendance
on the Sick of the 2nd Battalion 10th Native
Regiment under his Command. -

From Major Smart - repres=
=ing the ruinous State of the quarters - and
requesting that some compensation may be
made

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made to the Officers of the Garrison for the ex-
-pences they have incurred in Keeping there
in a habitable State. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

From Mr. Stracey — enclosing Copies of proceedings relative to the improvement of Gun Carriages of different descriptions to which the notice of the Madras Government is called by orders received from the Court of Directors. —

From Mr. B. Bishop

From Mr. B. Bishop — expres-
-sive of his concern that he should unintent-
-ionally have incurred the displeasure of
Government. —

Sent the following Letter to the Secretary at Bengal. —

To the Secretary at Bengal — en-
closing Copies of Papers received from Colombo relative to the Dutch Paper Lately cancelled — and recommending that a further Issue of 8 ℔ Cent Notes be accordingly made to the Proper agents attorneys. —

To G. H. Barlow Esqr
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort William

Sir,

In consequence of your Letter of the 27th October last, directions were sent to Brigadier General De Meuron to cancel the paper

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proper Sound in the Dutch Treasuries in the
Manner suggested by the Advocate General,
it appearing evident, from the Spirit of the
sixth Article of the Capitulation of Colombo
that such promissory notes as had been redeemed
by the Dutch Government, ceased and deter-
-mined to be a charge on the public. —

By the enclosed Certificate
of the Register Mr. Gregory, you will perceive
that paper, Sound in the Treasuries at Colombo
and has been cancelled to the Amount of rea
Dollars 3,21,065 — The paper taken at Trin-
-comale has not yet been cancelled owing to
the Absence of the proper Agent with whom
it is deposited. —

The delay which has occurred
in replying to your Letter arises from Bri-
-gadier General De Meuron having omitted,

in

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on this first report, to specify whether, previous to cancelling the Paper he had ascertained from the public Books, that the promissory notes found in the Treasuries, and those received in exchange for the Company's Notes, bearing 3 per Cent Interest, constituted the whole of the paper currency issued by the Dutch Government. —

I now enclose Extract of Brigadier General De Meuron's Letter on this point and Copy of the Paper referred to, and am directed by the Honorable the president in Council to intimate to you, for the information of the Governor General in Council, that he conceives there can be no objection to a further Issue of the Company's 8 per Cent Notes being made to the attornies of the proper Agents, equal to the amount of the paper cancelled, according to Mr. Gregory's certificate. —

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

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28th April 1798. —

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to the Govt.

Received.

2747. Fort St. George, April 1798.

29th Received the following Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council &c — &c — &c

Fort St. George

Hondle Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your Information that Rear Admiral Rainier in company with the Arrogant came in the offing yesterday afternoon — His Excellency sent me a verbal Message by Captain Rainier of the Centurion (then at Anchor in the Roads) signifying his intentions of cruizing off the Island to the Southward, and eventually of proceeding to Trincomallee — I further have the Honor to report that in consequence of the Admiral's Orders; the Centurion stood out early this morning, to join the Suffolk, and Arrogant. —

From Brigadier General De Meuron — Rear Admiral Rainier in the Suffolk with the Arrogant in Company appears off Columbo and being joined by the Centurion, proceeds to France = nale'. —

I have the Honor to remain

&c — &c — &c

Columbo
the 18th. April 1798. —

(Signed) F. De Meuron
B. G.

Sent

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Sent and received the under-
=mentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 86-87-88-
89-90-91 —

To the Military Board — desiring
that the Gun Powder and Military Stores required
for the Garrison of Vizagapatam may be
embarked on the Earl Fitzwilliam — and enclosing
Copy of the Contract entered into with Messrs
Goldingham and Lys for the provision of Gun
Carriages &c. —

To the Military Board.—

To Captain Tweedale desiring
him to receive on board his Ship for Vizaga-
=patam about two hundred and fifty Barrels
of Gun powder and forty Ton of Military Stores
agreeably to orders with which he will be fur-
=nished by the Military Board — desiring him
also to make every exertion in preparing his
Ship for Sea. —

To the Commander of the Ship Earl Fitz William —

From Lieutenant Colonel
Palmer — acknowledging receipt of Mr Webbe's
Letter of the 4th Instant. —

From the Resident at Poona.

From Major General Bridges
— pointing out the repairs required to the Com-
mandant

From the officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army —

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30th Commandant and Field officers quarters and Arsenal at Masulipatam - and suggesting the Expediency of purchasing a House on the Main for the accommodation of the Commanding Officer of the Northern Division. -

From Major General Floyd -

From the officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army. - recommending that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Street be permitted to draw the regulated allowance for his attendance on the detachment of the 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry doing duty at Trichinopoly under the Command of Captain Mc Gregor. -

From Major Smart - advising

From the Commandant at Pallamcotah. - of the Travancore Battalion having commenced their march on the 5th Instant - leaving behind the Commandant and 6 Vackeel to receive the arrears due to them. -

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor President

Tuesday 1st May 1798. — Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Falkofsild } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read the following Letter just received from Anjengo. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris

President and Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Resident at Anjengo — advising of the Capture of the Woodcot and Raymond Indiamen by the Pomone French Frigate off Tellicherry on the 20th April —

For the Information of Govern- ment. I forward Copies of several Papers this day received from the Commissioners at Calicut giving an Account of the unfortunate Capture of the Raymond and Woodcot Indiamen in Tellicherry Roads. —

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I have the honor to be with

respect, &c^a ---- &c^a

Anjengo
24th April 1798 (Signed) Geo: Parry

To George Parry Esqr
Resident at
Anjengo

Sir,

We transmit for your information the enclosed Copies of Letters from the Northern Superintendent and are,

&c^a ---- &c^a

Calicut
21st April 1798 (Signed) John Spencer
Ja^s Hartley
John Smee

To the Commissioners for Executing the office of Superviser.

Gentlemen, A large Vessel has this Instant come into this Roads and has begun to engage a Ship just arrived from the Northward, has the appearance of the Raymond, She has also begun to engage the Woodcot this information is of such importance that without waiting

the

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the result, I think it necessary to make you acquainted with it. —

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

Tellicherry
20th April 1798.
Jr Past Spur P. M.

(Signed) Christopher Pule
Northern Superintendt.

A true Copy
(Signed) J Call
Secretary

To the Commissioners for Executing the office of Superintendent. —

Gentlemen,

I am extremely concerned to inform you that the Woodcot and Raymond have Struck their Colours, the Ships which I mentioned in my last I wrote at half past four I is now sending Boats on Board of them the is a French Forty Gun Ship, at least the has that appearance. —

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

Tellicherry
20th April 1798
Jr Past 5 o'clock P. M.

(Signed) Chris. Pule N. S.

A true Copy
(Signed) J Call
Secretary

True Copies
(Signed) Geo: Parry

Ordered

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Minute thereon.—

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be immediately despatched by Express to the Admiral.—

Read the following Letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

To Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

You will be pleased to inform the Honorable the Governor in Council that on Friday last the Rajah consented to enter upon the Enquiry I was directed to make into the Subjects of His Excellency's Letter dated 28th February 1798.

— In consequence of a Counter Complaint having been presented by Major Innis to the Commanding Officer, I requested Colonel Aston to be present, and Major Innis to attend on the part of his Sepoys.— I had obtained the Services of the Reverend Mr Jaricke to officiate as our Interpreter but he was prevented by sudden illness.

— The Rajah complains, of Major Innis and the

From the Resident at Tanjore reports the result of the Enquiry made into the Complaint preferred by the Rajah against Lieutenant Butler and the Men of Major Innis's Battalion — as well as into the representation of the severity exercised by Mr. Macleod towards the Vistrapeur Brahmin. — receives 3000 Pagodas from the Collector and advances it to Serfoge. — States the amount advanced since his arrival — the place in which it was proposed to lodge Serfoge's Pally found unfit for the purpose.—

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the Company's Sepoys, for affording protection to one of His Excellency's Servants against the Man's Soucar Creditors, and of Lieutenant Butler for interposing His Authority and confining the said Soucars in the Guard. —

It was very easy to perceive that His Excellency was very little acquainted with the cause of the Complaint or He could not have been led into such a mis representation —

The Servant alluded to, is Alief, Brother of the deceased Rymut Cawn, whose property and Family were taken under the Company's protection by Mr. Macleod at Rymut Cawn's Death —

— I do not perceive by the Tanjore Records that Mr. Macleod reported the Circumstance to Govern=ment but on the 8th December 1795, a public letter appears to have been sent by Mr. Macleod in consequence of a Petition from the Family setting=forth their apprehension of insecurity requesting a Guard of Sepoys from Colonel Baird then Com=mandant, and which Guard has been continued at the Petitioner's House ever since — a Family

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so protected, and for such a length of time, & became a matter of notoriety to all the Sepoys, and when Aleef Cawn was attached by the Sowcars and Creditors in the Street, it was natural for any Sepoy at hand to go to his relief— A Contest & insued, and in this tumultuous manner they proceeded to the Palace Gate— The Sowcars in= =sisting on carrying their debtor before the & Rajah, and the Sepoys endeavoring his release— — The Company's Sentry at the Gate tried in vain to stop them — they forced His Guard and their way to the Inner Gate; upon which the Company's Subadar of the Guard interfered, and sent immediate notice to the Fort Adjutant of the affray — I enclose a copy of Lieutenant & Butler's Letter to Mr. Macleod upon the occasion, and believe it to be a correct account of this & affair — — As the Rajah declares in his & Letter that it was Major Innis who placed the Guard over Rymut Cawn's Effects I found, I had only to inform His Excellency that this protection was granted by order of the Com=

mandant

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Commandant of the Garrison and at the
request of the Resident to enable the Rajah to
see Major Innis's Conduct in a very different
point of View — I then refered His Excellency
to Colonel Aston for an Explanation of the
Standing Orders to the Guard of Company's
Troops on duty at the Palace, and when His
Excellency was assured, that the conduct of
the Sentry in opposing their Entrance, as well
as the Subidar of the Guard for interfering;
together with Lieutenant Butlers reasons for
releasing Alief Cawn and confining the
Soucars, were all strictly correct, and in con-
=formity to Military Regulations — His Excel-
=lency no longer saw occasion to prosecute the
Enquiry — Major Innis's Complaint to the Com
=manding Officer on behalf of his Sepoys dropped
of course. —

The Rajah however took this
opportunity to remonstrate against the Intor-
=ference of the Company's Authority, by the
Guard stationed at Rymnat Cawn's House, and

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desired to know why the adjustment of his own accounts with this Man's Estate as well as the claims of Individuals were not left to his Judgement and Decision. ? — —

Altho I cannot find a copy of the Letter on the Records, I think it hardly possible but Government must have before them, Mr. Macleod's Representation of Kymnet Cavan's affairs, commonly known by the name of Cavan Saib. —

He appears to have been an in-termediate Agent between the Rajah and the Europeans in all pecuniary transactions and of course responsible to them for considerable Sums of Money — His sudden Death — threatned to involve many in endless difficulty, if the Circar Servants should unrestrained, have immediate access to his Papers and Ac-counts. — Yet this temporary interposition has proved very irksome to the Rajah, and His Excellency now requires it to be withdrawn,

But

but as the claims of the Cawn and of his Creditors may have been made known to the Govern= =ment, and as a fair Investigation of the Ac= =count cannot be in any way objectionable, I was glad to perceive the Rajah very well dis= =posed to a measure, that the Cawn's Creditors cannot but approve, — an Arbitration will pro= =bably be appointed with the consent of both Parties to examine and adjust the Affairs of the Deceased. —

The Rajah did not produce the Vistnapoor Brahmins, in support of His Complaint against Mr. Macleod, 'till that Gentle= =man had left Tanjour — The Brahmens bore evident marks of corporal Punishment to confirm their declaration, and several testimonies were produced by the Rajah to establish the igno= =minious Proceeding of placing one of them on the back of an Ass, The Evidence was taken in writing and is now in my possession. —

In consequence of an application from Serfojee I have been obliged to apply to Mr.

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Mr. F. Grant for a Supply of Cash to the Amount of Pagodas 3,000 — The Money has been delivered to Sirfogee on account — Mr. Grant required a sett of Bills from me on the Honorable the Governor in Council and which I have accordingly granted under date the 21st April 1798 — I had previously applied to the Rajah for this Supply, but was refused on the plea that nothing was due — His Excel = =lency has since sent me Pagodas 1,360 which with the former Payments to Sirfogee from the time of my arrival at Tanjour Amount to — 5,660 Pagodas — a Sum sufficient to furnish all the wants of the Family, until the exact — balance due to them can be ascertained —

The Godown offered to me by Mr. Hawkins for Sirfogee's use, proves to be in so ruinous a State, that (2) to build a new one would be little less expensive, than (1) to repair the old — I am in consequence at a loss for a place to — deposit the annual allowance of Paddy — required

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required by the Family of the late Rajah. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Tanjore
24th April 1798. —

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident. —

To Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident of
Tanjore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Translation of a Letter from His Excellency the Rajah of Tanjore dated 16th. of January 1798 addressed to you, and forwarded to me through the Honorable Major Monson Commanding the Garrison, wherein His Excellency complains of my Conduct towards certain Guzarat Merchants whom he is pleased to stile the Creditors of Alieff Kuwn. —

Knowing that you Sir, are already perfectly acquainted with the real circumstances of this affair, any reply from me might appear to be unnecessary, but considering that His Excellency's Letter containing aspersions & Injurious to my Character, will become a

matter

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matter of Record, I think it a Duty I owe my-
-self to enter into an Explanation of the affair,
which His Excellency complains of, and which
I have no doubt will appear to be perfectly satis-
-factory.—

On the Evening of the 16th
Current, a complaint was brought to me, as the
public officer, both from the Subidar of the
Day, and the Subidar of His Excellency's
Guard, that a Crowd of people wishing to enter
into the Palace yard in a turmultuous, and
Riotous manner, had pushed and forced the
Sentry at one of the Gates from his Post, who
in the preventing the Entrance of any Dis-
-orderly Crowd of people was only acting
agreeably to Garreson orders, I went immediately
to the Palace Gate to make Inquiry into the
Circumstances upon the spot, and found, that
four Guzarat Merchants to whom I suppose His
Excellency refers were the people who had headed
the Crowd, and committed the violence upon the

Sentry

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Sentry — I therefore thought it my Duty to confine them for this Outrage, and having sent them to the Main Guard, immediately reported the Cause of their being confined to the Commanding Officer / with whose Knowledge / they were detained there all night. —

This I assure you Sir, was the real State of the case, and His Excellency in asserting that I was passing by at the time, by which it might be understood, that I was there with some Intention, has been very much misinformed — I did not go there till the report was brought to me, I have mentioned, to my own Quarter, which is at a considerable distance, nor did I till then Know any thing of the matter. —

Being also in His Excellency's Letter accused of an improper Interference between" Creditors and their Debtors" I find myself under the necessity of entering into some Explanation of this point, though it might

might otherwise have appeared foreign to the subject — but here I am happy to think, that most of the Circumstances to which I shall have occasion to allude, are I believe consistent with your own knowledge. —

At the time of the Death of the late Rypnut Kawn, who held Contracts for furnishing the Sauncdaur Khania of His Excellency with Cloths &c. he had supplied many articles of this Kind, for which he was not paid, and which he had purchased from the Merchants mentioned in His Excellency's Letter. — There were also in his possession when he died a Quantity of Cloths &c. purchased from these people, for the same purpose, but which had not been delivered to the Palace — Since Rypnut Kawn's Death, the Widow, and his Infant Family, have been represented by Alieff Kawn, his Brother, and the Claims of these Merchants for Payment of their Goods, were in consequence made to him — To do them all the Justice in his Power, he redelivered

to

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to each, the Goods which had been purchased from them, and which were in the late Rynuel Khawns Possession at the time of his Death, and having explained to them, that as the whole property of the Khawn, was in the hands of His Excellency, the Family were totally unable to satisfy them, and as they also knew, that the Goods had been purchased for the use of, and actually been delivered into the Palace he recommended their making their Demand on Shevaroy, the late Sirkeel — Shevaroy, without hesitation, acknowledged the Justice of the Claim, and promised to settle with them: and I believe also, that since that time, they have repeatedly urged their Demand at the Palace, In this state matters have remained for upwards of two years — and as the whole Property of the Family is still detained by His Excellency, the Claims of the Merchants, is actually a Debt of his own — I apprehend that it would be more consistent with the sentiments which His Excellency has been pleased

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pleased to express in his Letter, to satisfy the Merchants himself, than to encourage their molesting the distressed Family of the late Rymer Kaven upon this head, who from the causes I have just mentioned are totally unable to pay them.— I hope I shall be excused having taken the liberty of entering into this Detail which I should not have done, had it not appeared absolutely necessary for my own vindication.— I have the honor to remain,

Tanjore
18th January 1798.—

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Butler
Town Maj. of Tanjore—

A true Copy
(Signed) B. T.

Read the following Letters

From the Military Board.—

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board propose the appointment of a Committee to carry into effect the orders from England respecting the Erection of a new Fort in the

1st
I In consequence of the receipt of Government's Letter of the 18th Instant, the necessary directions have been given relative to the repair of the Shed upon the Esplanade attached

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the Paramaul - the Cause of their Delay in taking this Subject into consideration noticed - Suggestion on the Subject of Strengthening Dampoory - an advance of Cash recommended to be made to the Agent of Supplies -

attached to the Garrison Storekeepers Department -

2nd. Having taken into our particular consideration the Letter from Government of 4th January 1796 with its enclosures, We beg leave on consequence to observe that although the Honorable Court of Directors in their Letter under date the 8th of July 1795 respecting the construction of a new Fort in the Baramahl appear not to consider the subject to be immediately pressing, yet it would have afforded us great satisfaction to have had it in our power, at this time, to make such a Report thereon as would have met the wishes both of the Honorable Court, and of Government. —

3rd. A variety of circumstances have however conspired to prevent Our Board from obtaining the requisite information for that purpose. — In the year 1796, the probability of a rupture with Tippoo Sultaun induced Government to direct that We should employ our whole attention to the immediate Security of the principal Posts in the Baramahl. Ryacottah in particular

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particular, which at that time was greatly ex=
=posed to the attack of an Enemy, has since under=
=gone a very extensive repair, and the whole of the
Forts in the Ceded Districts were at the same
time stored with Provisions, and every thing ne=
=cessary for their defence. — In the year 1797,
the Regulations for the Store, and Provision De=
=partments for Public Buildings and Repairs &c.
&c. and soon afterwards the preparations for the
projected Expedition against Manilla, entirely
engrossed the time and attention of our Board,
and has prevented our offering before any sug=
=gestion with respect to the new Fort proposed to
be constructed in the Baramahl. —

4th. The above reasons are stated
in order to account for the delay which has un=
=avoidably taken place in prosecuting the enquiry
ordered by the Court of Directors, but as we
are of opinion that it should be no longer post=
=ponded, We recommend that a Committee be
appointed for carrying the orders of the P

Honorable

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Honorable Court of Directors into effect as soon as they can be conveniently assembled, and to submit that this Committee be composed of the following officers Viz.t

Lieutenant Colonel Read
Major Doveton
Major Beatson
Captain Lennon
Captain Caldwell—

5th — We beg leave further to recommend that the same Committee be instructed to report on the proposition for occupying Darawpoory instead of Penagra, and on the eligibility, or otherwise, of fortifying the former Post, according to the Plan and Estimate prepared by Captain Lennon, and recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Read, amounting to Pagodas 26,809. 26. 8 — We deem it incumbent on us to state at the same time to Government, that We have not been unmindful of the advantage which would be derived from the Service of the Chief Engineer

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Engineer, as President of the above Committee, but that it occurred to us, besides the great inconvenience which would arise from his being absent any length of time from the Presidency, that his judgement would be best applied in considering the Proceedings of the Committee, examining the merits of the different Plans which may be prepared by them, and comparing each with the situation to which it relates. —

6th We have the honor to inform you that the Quarter Master General has laid before our Board a very able and satisfactory Report of his Inspection of the Carriage, Equipage, and Military Buildings, at the different Stations which he visited during his late Tour to the Westward, and which, We mean to avail ourselves of in making our general Report to Government, upon the state of the Fortifications, and Military Buildings, under this Presidency, formed from the Annual Committees held thereon

agreeably

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agreeably to the Regulations —

7th Having in conformity to the Regulations authorized an Indent upon the Agent of Supply for Articles of Military Store required during the ensuing Quarter for the Service of the Arsenal of Fort St George, the amount whereof is Estimated at Pagodas 6,324. 24. 28 - We recommend that an immediate advance of Pagodas 2108. 8. 9 - on account be made to Mr Webb - that a similar advance be authorized on the 1st of June next ; and that payment of the remainder of the Estimate be made upon the delivery of the Articles being completed, and the same approved. —

We have the Honor to be
&c — &c

Fort St George
24th April 1798. —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
W Sydenham.
In Richardson.
By Close -

The

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Minutes thereon

The Board are perfectly satis-
=fied with the explanation given by the Military
Board, of the circumstances which have pre-
=vented their earlier attention to that part of the
orders of government transmitted to them on
the 4th January 1796, which relates to the pro-
=posed measure of erecting a new Fort in the
Baramaul. —

The Board, deeming it
expedient, on an object of so much importance,
to avail themselves of the experience of Major
General Ross, it is resolved to call upon the
Military Board to report when they can attend at their Board can be most conveniently dis
=pensed with — On receipt of this report the
Board will appoint a Committee, consisting
of such of the Officers recommended by the
Military Board, as can be spared without
detriment to the Services on which they are
employed, for the purpose of taking into con-
=sideration the plan suggested by the
Honorable Court of Directors. —

Ordered

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Ordered that the advances proposed be made to the Agent of Supply.

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

Horible Sir.

From the Military Board - recommending Payment of Bills for Supplies furnished by the Garrison Storekeeper - an irregular charge in his Accounts - noticed - allowance proposed to be granted to the Commissary of Stores at Amboyna for Stationary and Workers - a Bill for remitting money to the Troops at Hyderabad recommended for Payment. -

It appearing on examination of the different charges included in the accompanying Bills laid before us by the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George that they are correct, and supported by the necessary vouchers, We beg leave in consequence to recommend that payment of the several Bills, amounting to Pagodas 14 16. 17. 45 be authorized; And, as the Sum of ninety (90) Pagodas, the amount of hire of three Carts employed in the Honorable Company's Garden from the 1st October 1797 to the 31st January 1798 has invariably been considered a Civil charge, although not brought under the consideration of Our Board until the commencement of the new Regulations

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Regulations, We submit whether it should not be discharged by the Civil Paymaster. —

2nd In consequence of an application from the Commissary of Stores at Amboina to be allowed a Monthly Sum for Stationary, and Writers, for the use of his Department, and it appearing to us reasonable that he should have an allow-
=ance on that account upon the same principle as it is granted at all other Stations, We recom
=mend that the Commissary be accordingly per=
=mitted to draw the Sum of Sixteen (16) Pagodas monthly from the 1st of March last. —

3rd The officer Commanding at &c.
Rytollah having reported to us that on the &c.
arrival there of a quantity of Ordnance and &c.
Military Stores lately sent thither, he, on a representation from the the Conductor of the impracticability of the Guns being got up the Hill by the Lascars alone, as well as with a view of obviating any delay in the return to the Presidency of a Detail of Lascars who accompanied them, had judged it expedient to order, under a promise

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promese of Batta, parties of the Native Battalion stationed there to assist the Lascars of the Station in dragging, and placing, the heavy Guns, on the Works of that Fortress, a charge for which amounting to Pagodas 16-17-70, is enclosed; And it appearing to us that on account desire of promoting the public Service actuated Major Doveton on the occasion, We are induced to recommend that payment of the Bill be authorized. —

We have the Honor to be
&c &c &c —

Fort St. George
27th April 1798. —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
H Sydenham
In Richardson
By Close.

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Ordered that the Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper for Supplies furnished for the Manilla Expedition &c &c be passed for payment; and that the allowance proposed by the

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the Military Board be granted the Commis-
=sary of Stores at Ambovina for Writers and
Stationary —

The insertion of a charge in
the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts for Carts
employed at the Company's Garden being irre-
=gular, resolved that it be discontinued, and
that the Bill, amounting to 90 Pagodas, be passed
for Payment by the Civil Paymaster General —

Ordered that the Bill pre-
=sented by Major Doveton be passed for payment
But that the Military Board be desired to
point out to that Officer the Impolicy of leading
the Troops to expect extra allowances for the per-
=formance of duties so immediately connected
with the defence of the fort under his Com-
=mand. —

Read the following Letter
from Messrs. Stephens and Cockell. —

To

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To the Honble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris

Governor and President in Council of

Fort St. George, &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

As Attornies to Mr. Johan Christian Pingel, late of Tranquebar now residing at Sarampore in Bengal, a Subject of Denmark — We claim the liberation and Damages of detention of the Danish Ship Susannah Amelia, Commanded by Nils Moller and her Cargo, being the property of the said Johan Christian Pingel, seized and detained, on November last by Colonel Crokat Commandant of Point de Gale. —

As Government is in possession of the Papers of the said Ship we beg to refer for necessary information to those papers and also a Letter from Messrs. Simon[illegible] & Co. dated Isle of France 14th September 1797 to Messrs. Braithwaite & Co. at Tranquebar. —

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

Stephens & Cockell

Ordered

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell claiming the Liberation of the Ship Susanna Amelia declaring her to be the property of their constituent Mr. J.C. Pingel of the Danish East India Company's Service. —

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23d. April 1798 — (Signed)

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the consideration of the foregoing Letter be deferred until a report be received from the Solicitor of the result of his examination of the papers and evidences sent to the presidency by Lieutenant Colonel Gaitor —

Read the following Letter from Major General Geils. —

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

Honble Sir, I beg leave to enclose to your Honor in Council a Public Letter addressed to me as Commandant of Artillery from Lieutenant Dalrymple Dated the 2d of March from Amboyna. — The peculiar situation I am placed in at present will be a sufficient Excuse for my not offering an opinion thereon — and the concluding part of this Letter wherein he states that it is almost Impossible to Guard against Censure — and Adds " We are watched

From Major General Geils forwarding with his remarks three original Papers received from the Commanding Officer of Artillery at Amboyna.

Sir

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"Sir with an observing and Jealous Eye and
"where there is the smallest opening for ~~a~~
"Reproach it seems to be embraced with ~~a~~
"Pleasure - and an obvious satisfaction Dis-
-"played in Detracting from the Merits of a
"Corps which has acquired Laurels in every
"Service they have been engaged." ~

To beg the whole may be recorded
and the oreginals Papers returned to me ~
all this Honorable Sir cannot have arisen
purely from accident. ~

I have the honor to be
with respect.
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Gelt

St. Thomas Mount
24th April 1798. ~

Minute thereon

The papers enclosed on the
above Letter relating entirely to regimental
detail, it is resolved to send them back to
Major General Gelt with directions to for-
-ward them to the officer appointed by the Com-
-mander in Chief to receive the Returns &c.
of the two Battalions of Artillery. ~

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

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

Honble Sir,

The Government Orders of the 7th February last containing Regulations for the Department of the Garrison Store-Keeper having directed that his Bill for all purchases as well as for all Extra or incidental charges incurred in his Department, after being approved by the Military Board, shall be certified on Oath, I beg leave to request that your Honorable Board will be pleased to prescribe a form for that purpose — I have enclosed copy of the Asseveration which has been always annexed by the late Military Storekeeper, or Agent of Supply to the accounts of purchases &c delivered.

From the Military Auditor General — desiring to know the Nature of the Asseveration to be made by the Garrison Storekeeper to his Accounts of purchases and extra or incidental Charges. —

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delivered in by him. —

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General's Office
Fort St. George
24th April 1798. —

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

Copy

I William Webb do make Oath and
Swear that all of the above Articles in the
above Account are charged, at the Prices
they actually cost, and that I have used my
endeavours to provide them on the cheapest
Terms for the Company. —

So help me God

Sworn to before me
this — Day of —
in the year of our Lord
179. —

Remark thereon

Resolved that the
following Observation be made to the
accounts of purchases and extra or incidental
charges

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Charges in the Garrison Storekeepers depart-
-ment; and that Copies be sent to the Military
Board and Military Auditor General. —

Form of Affeveration to be made by the
Garrison Storekeeper to his Accounts of Pur-
-chases and extra or incidental Charges. —

Form of Affeveration established by Government for the Garrison Storekeeper's Accounts of purchases and extra or incidental charges. —

I. A. B. do make Oath
and Swear, that the Sums above stated for
all, and every one of the Articles in this
account were to the best of my Knowledge
and Belief actually and Bonâfide disbursed
according to the actual Cost thereof, as
charged in the said Account, that they
have been provided on the lowest terms, and
rates that could be obtained, and that I
have not had, nor shall have any
Interest, or advantage directly or indirectly
therein. — So help me God

Sworn to before me this
day of in the
year of our Lord 179 —
C. D. Alderman
C. F. Justice of the Peace —
Read

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Read the following Letters

from Lieutenant Fireworker Gellie

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor and President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Lieutenant Fireworker Gellie - declaring that he had not the smallest intention of shewing disrespect to Government in signing the address to Major General Gaile & interceding the Board's Forgiveness. -

It is with the most sincere regret, I observed by the orders, of the 15th Instant, I had fallen so severely under the displeasure of Government - I assure you Honorable Sir I never ment the smallest disrespect to the Government under which I serve; and if I have from inexperience, inadvertently or unwillingly offended, I trust the indulgent lenity of Government will induce them to overlook it — I have the honor to be, with the utmost respect,

&c. — — — &c.

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(Signed) James Gellie
Dy. F. 1st Battalion Artillery

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

Honble Sir,

As the most urgent private
business, requires my attendance in Bengal,
I hope you will be so indulgent as grant me
leave of absence for the space of two Months.—

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

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1st May 1798. —

(Signed) James Gellie
Dy. F. 1st Battalion Artillery

From Lieutenant Forenorker Gellie requesting permission to proceed to Bengal. —

Trusting on the sincerity of
Lieutenant Forenorker Gellie's contrition, and
that his future conduct will entitle him
to their Lenity, the Board resolve to remove
the Bar placed on his promotion on the
orders of the 13th ultimo, and to permit him
to proceed to Bengal on leave for three
Months. —

Minuteon the two foregoing Letters from Lieutenant Forenorker Gellie. —

Read the following Letter
from the Military Auditor General. —

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

Honble Sir,

Auditor's report on the Military Paymaster General's Cash Estimate for May. —

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of May 1798, I have the honor to report, that the Sum of Two Lacks, Eighty three thousand, Eight hundred, and Thirty five Pagodas, Two Fanams and forty four Cash (Pagodas 2,83,835 . 2 . 44) is required for the payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month. —

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,96,884	1	3
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	86,951	1	41
Pagodas	2,83,835	2	44

As I cannot learn that there is any part of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Foot at present at Madras with

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with the exception of a Captain lately ordered to do duty with the 73d. I have therefore &c deducted the Sum of three hundred and fifty Pagodas included in the Estimate of the &c Military Paymaster at the Presidency on ac= =count of the former Corps. —

Althó on the examination of the Estimate received from the Military Paymaster at Trichinopoly, I do not find that any Balance of Cash which remained in his hands on the 1st of April has been &c deducted, yet as it appears by his Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for March which is dated on the 31st of that Month, that a Balance equal to three thousand, three hundred and fifty Eight Pagodas, thirty four Fanams and Twenty Cash (Pagodas 3358. 34. 20) is stated therein, That Sum has accordingly been deducted from the &c General Estimate; in which, as in former

months

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Months, the Amount of Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster on Ceylon Viz.t Thirty five thousand four hundred and thirty five Pagodas, three fanams and Eleven Cash (Pagodas 35,435.. 3.. 11) has been included, and passed under the consideration stated in my Letter of the 20.th instant, and according to the principle on which similar demands from the Pay Offices on that Island have hitherto been admitted. —

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect.
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Audr General

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St.e George
27.th April 1798. —

Ordered that the Sum of

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury on the above account. —

One Lack, ninety six thousand, eight hundred, and eighty four Pagodas, One fanam, and three Cash be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General

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General on account of his estimate for the present Month. —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minutes. —

Memorandum May 1st. 1798. —

The Commander in Chief is induced to submit the cases of Verdapah Havildar and Marmootoo Naigue who from their Services and sufferings seem to have a claim to the consideration of Government — They both effected their escape from the Mysore Country, a short time since: —

Commander in Chief's Minute recommending that Verdapah Havildar and Marmootoo Naig who have lately escaped from confinement in the Mysore Country be admitted on the pension List. —

Verdapah served originally in the late 20th. Battalion but having been captured by Hyder's Troops during the former Mysore War, where on Detachment near Chingleput was carried off to the Westward, from whence he made his escape to Tri= =chinopoly when he was put into the late 23d. Battalion then doing duty in that place, in

which

which Corps he continued till the late Mysore War, when the Army having advanced towards Darapooram, he was sent forward to the Enemy's Camp for intelligence, on which occasion he was captured and taken to Syrangapatam where he was kept in irons and forced to work on the fortifications till he effected his escape. He has been severely wounded on service and is remembered by Lieutenant Colonel Close who gives him a good character. —

Marmootoo Naigue served in Captain Cameron's Battalion of Sibendies which was with the Troops under Colonel Brathwaite in the Tanjore Country, during the former Mysore War and was taken prisoner when this force was defeated by Tippoo Sultaun and carried off to Syrangapatam where he was obliged to work as a Cooly till having lost the use of his legs he was reduced to great distress — but at length

length recovering so as to be able to travel, he made his escape to the Carnatic - He is recognized by his Commanding Officer Captain Cameron - He was wounded in many places when captured and is now totally helpless. -

The Commander in Chief recommends that these two Men may be placed on the Pension List. -

Resolved accordingly that Verdapah and Marmootoo be admitted on the pension List. -

Verdapah Navidar and Marmootoo Naig admitted on the Pension List.

Minute in Council 1st May 1798. -

Having in consequence of the Board's Resolution of 9th February last refer-red to the Records on the subject of the Revenue Troops, and examined the Army Returns for a considerable period back - I shall now proceed to submit my ideas on the several points, on which the Court of Directors have lately

Commander in Chief's Minute - states his opinion of the necessity of Keeping up the revenue Corps during the War and notices the success lately experienced in raising Recruits for the Sepoy Corps - defers recording any opinion on the plan of providing for Invalids and Pensions by allotments of waste lands till the Report of the Board of Revenue on this subject shall be received - thinks that

that the greatest attention should be paid in determining the most Legible Spot for erecting a new Fort in the Barramaul and that the Benefits to be expected from strengthening Parampory and removing thither the Garrison of Pinagra do not warrant the attendant Expence of the Measure.

lately required an opinion

The evils arising from em-
-ploying the effective Native Troops, on what
is usually termed Revenue Service, have been
particularly recorded by Sir Archibald Campbell
in his Minute of the 30th January 1787.

The reasonings and State-
-ments which he then offered on the Subject,
were considered as sound and conclusive,
and since indeed appear to have never
been questioned — Experience has clearly
evinced, that the merit professed by the
Native Troops as a Corps of regular Mili-
-tary, is derived to them solely from the
incessant operation of a well established
Discipline supported by the presence and
example of their European Officers — Their
dispersed therefore in small parties (as
may be observed must be the case by the
accompanying Statement and distribution
No 1 and 2) under an Authority which
they

they little regard, and removed from the controul of their European Officers, on duties which place them on field allowances, they can scarcely fail to contract habits of relaxation and indolence the consequence of which is, that their cloathing is abused and their Arms and Accoutrements neglected and damaged — When called in at length to the Head Quarters of their Corps, their slovenly appearance meets with reproof — what they lost in discipline & during their absence, must be speedily & repaired — and thus at the moment that their Batta ceases, the restraints and fatigues of the Drill commence — subjected then to a & transition so sudden and irksome they & become disgusted with the Service and desert in numbers, by which the fluctuation of Men, and the necessity of recruiting & becomes so constant and general, that few Corps can have the means of attaining to a proficiency in their Exercise, or of being at

any

any time substantially composed. —

But it has been suggested that the source of these evils – the employment and dispersion of the Native Troops on Revenue duties so far from promoting the Collections is productive of opposite effects, and under a proper System of management might be altogether dispensed with: – and indeed if we direct our attention to the Company's Jaghire as managed by Mr. Place, and the Ceded Districts as managed by Lieutenant Colonel Read and his assistants; it appears that the Revenues in those several Countries have not only been regularly collected, but considerably augmented, without the assistance of Revenue Corps; or any application of the regular Troops to an extent productive of inconvenience – and although the same observation does not hold entirely in regard to the

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Dindigul province where the Collector has in general had the assistance of a party of Sebundies and a Company of Native Invalids yet from the tranquility which for some time past has prevailed in this province - Under the Ma= =nagement of Mr. Hurdes, and the peaceable disposition shewn of late by the dependant Polygars, I would hope that ere long the Revenues in this part of the Companies Territories, will be generally realized with the same facility and certainty, as those of the Districts in charge of the other Gentle= =men alluded to. -

Such happy appearances in these more Southern Countries are doubt= =less to be much attributed to the integrity = the talents and exertions of the several = Collectors - other causes however may yet be discovered to account for the obvious dis= =tinction of Circumstances affecting the

Collections

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Collections in these Countries and in the more Northern Circars. —

The Company's Sagheer is open, accessible, free from Tributaries and near the Seat of Government where, and in the vicinity, an adequate force is always ready to check any commotion; if therefore the System of management were such as to dispose the inhabitants to resistance, the fear of punishment would deter them from executing such a purpose. —

Similar observations may be applied to the Ceded Districts included in the Barramahal, which are also immediately in the hands of Government. —

The Zemindars who at early times professed the Fastnesses along this line of Frontier have long since been destroyed or removed, and although the Hills which surround the Barramahal furnish convenient Shelter for a few Banditti, who have

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. have occasionally disturbed the low Countries
these have been always repelled without much
trouble or inconvenience to the Revenues —
— The Ryots therefore secure in their Villages
and contented under a just and humane System
of management have continued to render their
respective quotas with repugnance. —

The more Northern Circars
however are found to exhibit circumstances of
a different complexion —

There the feudal System still
continuing in force, the Territory is in a —
great proportion Tributary — The numerous
Zemindars maintaining considerable bodies
of Adherents, and posseſsing strong holds —
amidst wilds and Mountains almost inac-
-ceſsible, have attained to but a small —
degree of Civilization and still continue to
struggle for independance — Ever impatient
of controul, and not unfrequently rebellious
force only can retain them in obedience, or

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exact from them a due performance of their engagements - When urged to discharge their Tribute, or when dispossessed for revolt, they take refuge in the Adjacent hills, or in the borders of the Neighbouring States, and there wait occasions to make reprisals on the peaceable Villages, by plundering their habitations, and carrying off the Cattle and Crops. -

Under the existence of such hostile occurrences, the Collector must have numerous obstacles to contend with and to subdue supposing him even to possess those qualities which his arduous office demands - Some of his settlements however formerly concluded must be subject to failure or interruption - If the Season be favorable and the Crops flourishing, they may be exposed to successive depredations - Hence till the Grain

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Grain be drawn off the ground, and the
settlements of the year completely fulfilled,
he must watch and have the means to
secure the private and public property thus
frequently invaded. —

If this picture be just and
it is taken from the general history of the
Circars, - it may throw some light on the
nature of those revenue duties, on which to
the Northward, the Troops have been so cons=
=tantly employed. — In the Districts of Viza=
=gapatam and Mugglotore, it appears that
the parties of Troops which have been incef=
=santly demanded for Revenue Services, have
been usually employed to furnish guards for the
different Cutcherries - to compel the petty land
holders to discharge their Tribute, or their Rents,
- to guard Prisoners - to protect Villages from
being plundered by Rebels or Freebooters, - to
restrain these from quitting the high lands

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or difficult Countries, to guard the Crops, or the collected grain upon the ground, and to serve as Escorts to Cash or other publick property passing from one quarter to another.—

From the occurrence of such demands and the avowed necessity of complying with them, — it has been found expedient, to vest the Collectors with the right of requiring the assistance of the Troops when their districts are threatened with disturbance, or the Revenues in dangered or impeded by actual incursions. — That a combination of such circumstances occasioned the dispersion of the Native Troops in the year 1786, and previously to that period to a very inconvenient excess, appears from Sir A. Campbell's Minute before alluded to; and that the duties on which the Sepoys were employed, were real and not imaginary, may be seen from the difficulties which

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which attended the disbanding of the Circar Revenue Troops in 1793 — Indeed under every wish and exertion of Government the measure to a full extent proved to be im-practicable. — On these grounds then I must be of opinion that applicable to the Northern Circars, Sir A. Campbell's plan for employ-ing Revenue Troops to a certain extent was judicious, and still applies to the State of those Circars; and that the ideas expressed by Sir Charles Oakeley to shew that the employment of the Military on Revenue duties was hurtfull to the Collections, and might be entirely dispensed with, went to exhibit a system of Revenue Manage-ment no doubt highly desirable, but in the Northern Circars hitherto wholly im-practicable. — I am aware that much has been done within the last three years

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to establish the Supremacy of Government throughout those valuable Countries by the reduction of the inordinate power of the Poos=-paty Family, and by limiting the Num=-ber of Armed Men to be maintained by the Zemendars, but the recent conduct of Gurjapetty Dea Zemendar of Kemmedy, and the unenvelloped State of many of the Gangam Tributaries, shews that they have not yet abandoned those ideas of indepen=-dence which it is so desirable should be intirely extinguished. I am also aware, that the necessity of Military aid for facilitating the Collections in every situation must depend in some degree upon the share of talents and integrity possessed by the different Collectors, and that under every event, the application of the Military for Revenue purposes should by every means be discouraged - at the same time, so long

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as the assistance of the Troops is demanded for Revenue duties of the nature before detailed and Government feels the necessity of complying with such demands — I must be decidedly of opinion that employing Revenue Troops to a certain extent, is not only indispensible for preserving the discipline of the regular Corps — but in every respect economical and judicious — How long this necessity may be felt is uncertain present appearances indeed give little hope, that it will soon be removed — The progress of Civilization however, further experience in the Collectors, and the occurrence of favorable changes, may conduce to its diminution and in the end perhaps operate to its intire extinction — —

The Revenue Corps at present on the Establishment however seem to have been raised under considerations of advantage distinct from those hitherto —

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adverted to.- The situation of affairs on the Coast from the continuance of the War and the demand of Troops for Foreign expeditions rendered it expedient to add to the number of Effective Native Corps on the Establishment & to adopt measures to admit of a part of the Force to the Northward being brought into the Carnatic and the advantageous terms of Agreement adjusted with Narrain Rauze by which he consented to maintain only a reduced Establishment of Troops, seem to have been only concluded under the Re=gulation, that a certain force for local Service should be stationed in the Vizia=gapatam Circar for the security of his districts - and further, that peculiar con=venience was found to arise from taking into the Service a proportion of the Men whom he had discharged, who if left without em=ployment, would have probably been drawn

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to the necessity of joining some Freebooter to subsist by plunder. —

But on this place I wish to consider our present Revenue Corps, in so far only as they serve to prevent the evils enume-rated — The expence attending them is little more then would be incurred for Batta to the Regulars, while the addition of their numbers as fighting Men is an object by no means inconsiderable — Besides with the aid of the Revenue Troops now on the Establish-ment, it has been difficult to Keep the Re-gulars in the Circars in a collected State, and the Remark has but too often occurred that the effective Northern Corps in particular require being ever Kept in the strictest State of descipline. —

To lessen the expence of our military Establishment however must be always an object of the first importance, and

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as the Return of peace will probably allow of a certain proportion of the Native Troops being disbanded, it will be then with Government to determine what part of the Reduction should fall on the Revenue Corps — But the question occur when it may, my opinion will be, that whatever Effective Native Force shall be retained upon the Establishment, means &c. shall be preserved to admit of the different Battalions being Kept united as much as possible, under the Eyes of European Officers and collected in Bodies of proper Strength at convenient Stations so as to allow of their being efficiently disciplined, and ready at all times for actual Service. —

I have now submitted to the Board all that has occurred to me, relative to the subject in question, either from my own observations and experience, or from an inspection of the Records — On the degree of necessity experienced by the different Collectors in

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in the Northern Circars in so frequently demanding the Aid of the Troops, and on the most judicious means to be used for diminishing such necessity more imme=diate information may be furnished by the other Members of Government, and the Board of Revenue who I propose should be required to state their sentiments on the Subject; — In a Country which is so generally inaccessible by nature, and in the strongest parts of which the atmosphere is so unsalutary, establishing perfect order and tranquility must be long opposed by various obstacles — To remove or weaken these, the introduction and diffusion of a greater portion of Civilization must be a primary object, which can only be pro=moted and accelerated by a liberal, though vigorous System of conduct, towards the Tributaries and the use of the right and

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moderate measures in the general asses=
=ments and collection of the Revenues.

In discussing this Subject I shall only add the remark, that the same want of civilization the same Spirit of independance mark in a stronger degree the Character of the principal Polygars in the Southern Provinces. The greater prevalence of this disposition amongst these Polygars is to be traced to the relaxed management of the Nabob, as shown by the Board of Revenue in their letter of the 14th March 1797 — and in addition to this source of revolt they like the Northern Po=
=ligars — being surrounded with nu=
=merous dependants, and protected by strong holds and a rough and mountainous Country, have availed themselves of every favorable occasion to shake off their allo=
=giance and are accordingly to be kept in obedience only by the presence or vicinity of

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of a respectable force. —

As the plan of recruiting the Native Corps from Bengal so little answered expectation, I have great pleasure in acquaint-ing the Board, that the difficulty which was long experienced in the procurement of Recruits in the Carnatic is in some degree diminished although the Men obtained in the more Southern Countries are much inferior to the Northern Recruits in Cast, Size and ap-pearance, they are nevertheless hardy and thrifty, and being less subject to local attach-ments and little incumbered with Religious habits or prejudices to interfere with the regular performance of their duty, are found to stand the pressure of Military hardships with much fortitude, and to manifest at all times a firm adherence to the Service. — Besides for the Southern Corps some choice Recruits have been obtained from different parts of the Northern Circars, so

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that notwithstanding a few only remain of the Men procured from Bengal — The Native Battalions on the Coast with a few exceptions are complete to their full establishment, besides being in general nearly complete in their compliment of additionals — Nor am I appre-hensive that Keeping our Corps complete by recruiting solely on the Coast is attended with inconvenient effects touching the Collec-tion of the Revenue, as the prices of pro-visions and labour have materially risen, the Sepoys Pay which has never been aug-mented must be viewed and felt as com-paratively small, and consequently can offer but little encouragement to persons of established professions to abandon them to serve in the Military — Could the price of provisions be reduced indeed, the benefit would be inestimable — Rice in the more Southern provinces it is observed is generally dearest, and in truth I cannot be sanguine

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that this inconvenience will soon be remedied, Plenty and cheapness are blessings which can scarcely flow, from the principles of Government hitherto observed or likely to be adopted by the Ministers of the Nabob, or the Rajah of Tanjore. —

In respect to the plan for settling part of our Native Invalids and Pensioners on portions of land to be allotted to them Rent free by Government, I shall reserve my opinion till we receive the Report of the Revenue Board. —

A judicious selection of a spot on which to construct a Fortress for the further Security of the Western Frontier, and to serve as a place of Depot from whence to start for purposes of offensive operations in that quarter, seem to require the minutest inspection and deliberation of an able Engineer. Government some time since sent instructions to the Military Board

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Board on the subject - but as the Members of that Board have been busily engaged, not only in their official situation but in compiling a general code of Regulations for the Establishment, and in forwarding the preparations required for Foreign expeditions - no steps have hitherto been taken towards complying with the wishes of the Court of Directors relative to this important object - If circumstances will conveniently permit of the Chief Engineers being absent for a time from the Presidency I shall propose that he be himself directed to proceed to the Barramahal, in order that with the assistance of Lieutenant Colonel Read, and Captain Lennox the Engineer stationed in that quarter, he may take a Survey to a certain extent of the tract of Country, in which it has been agreed the post should be erected - and then make the necessary Report to Government through the

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Chairman of the Military Board. —

When the transfer of the Garrison of Tanjore to Dorampore was proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Read and recommended by the Military Board — it was not apprehended I believe, that the measure would be attended with much Expence — By later correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Read however it appears that Dorampore cannot be rendered properly tenable and furnished with necessary accommodations for a Garrison for less than Twenty seven thousand Pagodas — an expenditure which Government I imagine will be reluctant to incur. —

Besides if Dorampore is fortified as proposed, I do not conceive it could answer the purposes for which a large central Post for a Depot is judged to be requisite — and strengthening it for lesser objects

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objects at so great an expence scarcely appears to be expedient or eligible. The discussion of the subject may lie over however till it is reconsidered by the Military Board and their ultimate opinion is received as to the propriety of effecting the transfer at so heavy an expence. —

(Signed) Geo. Harris

Statement of Regular Troops employed on Revenue Service in the Northern Division, for the whole of the year 1797. —

Period when Detached		Corps from which Detached —	On Revenue Service: Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Drums & Fifes	Sepoys	On Protection of the Country: Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Drums & Fifes	Sepoys —
January	1787	1st Battn 7th Regiment	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3	3	"	72
ditto	ditto	1st do 8th — — do.	3	4	15	16	4	328	2	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d do 8th. — — do.	"	"	1	1	"	12	1	1	2	4	2	83
ditto	ditto	Detach.t of 8th — do.	"	1	1	1	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"
February	ditto	1st Battn 7th — do.	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	2	3	"	72
ditto	ditto	1st do 8th — do.	3	4	15	16	4	328	2	1	6	7	"	95
ditto	ditto	2d do 8th — do.	"	"	1	1	"	12	1	1	2	5	2	83
ditto	ditto	Detach.t of 8th — do.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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								Artillery	Lascars	Pioneers	Regt. Native Infantry	Regt. Native Infantry	Lascars	Artillery	Lascars	Pioneers	Regt. Native Infantry	Regt. Native Infantry
March	1787	1st Battn.	7th	Regiment				"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2.	3.	"	72
ditto	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			3.	4	15	16	4	328	2.	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d	8th		ditto			"	"	1	1	"	12	1.	1	2	4.	2	83
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	1	2	"	18	"	"	"	"	"	"
April	ditto	1st Battn.	7th		ditto			"	"	"	"	"	"	1.	"	4	3	"	69
ditto	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			2	3	10	11	2	237.	2	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d	8th		ditto			"	"	1	1	"	12	1	1	2	4	2	82
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	1.	2	"	18	"	"	"	"	"	"
May	ditto	1st Battn.	8th		ditto			"	1	4.	3	"	55	2	1	6.	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d	8th		ditto			"	"	1	1	"	12	1.	1.	3	4	2	86
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	3	3	"	33.	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto	ditto	2d Battn.	9th		ditto			"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	2	2	"	51
June	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			"	1.	4	3	"	55	2	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d	8th		ditto			"	1	1	1	"	24	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	3	4	"	46	3	2	11	11	1	321
ditto	ditto	2d	9th		ditto			"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3.	3	"	69
July	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			"	1	4	3	"	55	2	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	2d	8th		ditto			"	"	1.	1	"	12	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	3	4	"	46	3	2	11	11	1	327
ditto	ditto	2d	9th		ditto			"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3.	3	"	69
August	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			"	1	4	3	"	55	2	1	6	7	"	97
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	3	3	"	33	"	1.	1	2	"	18
ditto	ditto	2d Battn.	9th		ditto			"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	3.	3	"	69
September	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			"	2	5	4	"	72	2	1	6	6	"	95
ditto	ditto	2nd	8th		ditto			1	1	4	3	2	91	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	3	3	"	33	"	1.	1	2	"	18
ditto	ditto	1st Battn.	8th		ditto			"	2	5	4	"	72	2	1	6	6	"	95
October	ditto	1st	8th		ditto			"	"	3	3	"	33	"	1	1	2	"	18
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto			"	"	2.	1	"	31	2	1	6	6	"	95
November	ditto	1st Battn.	8th		ditto			"	"	3	3	"	33	"	1	1	2	"	18
ditto	ditto	Detachment	8th		ditto			"	"	"	2	"	12	"	"	"	"	"	"
ditto	ditto	1st	Battn.	11th		ditto		"	"	2	1	"	31	2	1	6	6	"	95
December	ditto	1st Battn.	8th		ditto			"	"	3	2	"	34	"	1	1	2	"	18
ditto	ditto	Detach't	8th		ditto														

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Distribution of Captain Riddel's Revenue Corps in the Vizagapatam District, taken from the Return for March 1798.

Captains	Officers	Serjeants	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers & Fifes	Puckallies	Jemadar's Wages	Subadar's Wages	Non Commissioned Staff and Fife	Where and for what Service.
1	1	3	2	9	8	6	3	"	127.	144		Present at Chicacole
"	"	"	1	1	2	"	"	"	24.	27		Vizagapatam doing duty
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	13.	14		Tuhally over Ramapah naidoo's house & to guard the Tanadar
"	"	"	1.	1	2	"	"	"	30	33		Collingapatam for the protection of Grain & public papers
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	16.	17		Chicacole at the Collectors Cutcherry in charge of Cash Chest.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4.	4		Chicacole over the house of the late Chinlapah Pantulu.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.	3		Chicacole over Angaroo Veeriah's house.
"	"	2	1	5	1	2	2	"	52.	58		Cajeiracottah
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	14	16		Woorattah, for the protection of the Country
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5.	5		Ankapilly for the Collection of the Revenue
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2		Royvaram - ditto - - - - ditto
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	12.	14		Doobarah, for the protection of the Country
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	8.	9.		Cajeiracottah, for the protection of Sugar
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	12.	14		Cottacottah, for the protection of the Country
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	7		Narsingapatam - - ditto - - ditto
"	"	1	"	1	2	"	1	"	22	25		Cottapilly - - - - ditto - - ditto
"	"	"	1	1	1	"	"	"	18	20		Pytheerpett - - - ditto - - ditto
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2		Ankapilly, for the Collection of the Revenues
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3.	3		Moonagapauta - - ditto - ditto
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2.	2		Cajeiracottah - - - ditto - - ditto
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	8.	9		Cajeiracottah in charge of the Cash Chest
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	13.	14		Cajeiracottah in charge of Prisoners
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6.	7.		Royaroom with Mr. Brown
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	7		Vizagapatam to escort Company's Copper
Total	1	1	6	6	24	24	8	6	"	408	456	

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Distribution of Lieutenant Barclay's Revenue Corps in the Vizagapatam District, taken from the Returns for March 1798.

Europe Officer	Serjeants	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Drums & Fifes	Buckshallies	Sibundy Sepoys	Non Commissioned Rank and File	Where and for what Service
1	1	1	1	"	1	.	.	24	25	Present at Chicacole & Sick absent —
"	"	1	.	3	3	1	1	41		Margul —
"	"	"	1	3	"	.	.	1	35 38	Cassieporam —
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2. 2	Punchipentah —
"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	6 7	Surraum —
"	"	"	1	2	2	.	"	30	34	Vizenagram —
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2 2	Cummong —
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7 7	Cundeem
"	"	1	.	3	3	1	"	44	50	Polaundah —
"	"	2	1	4	4	1	1	100	113	Gundaporam
"	1	1	2	4	6	5	2	31	47	Sittanagram Barracks —
"	"	"	"	"	5.	4	"	1	68 77	Coll.r Cutchery & Guard over Chungleram —
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6 6	Boobillee —
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6 6	Chicacole escort Tents from Sittanagram —
Total	1	2	6	6.	24.	24	8	6	408	456

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Distribution of Captain Bowness's Revenue Corps at Mugletore, taken from the Returns for March 1798.

Compan. Officers	Sergeants	Subadars	Jemadars	Havildars	Naigues	Drums & Fifes	Packallies	Sepoys	Infirm Sepoys	Non Commissioned Staff	Rank and File	Where and for what Service
1	2	4	3	9	10	4	4	53	148	220		At Mugletore
"	"	1	"	3	1	"	"	15	58	77		To Mufsulipatam at the requisn of Mr Gregory to do duty with the Detach
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	7		" Killapilly at the requisn of Mr Bramfill Revenue Service
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	7		Moody at do of Mr Gambier with the Tannadar
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	25	27		Kalley at do do do do
"	"	"	"	2	2	"	"	"	50	54		Masulm at do of Mr Youngson Revenue Service
"	"	"	1	2	2	"	"	1	40	45		Cocanada at do of Mr Snodgrass do
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	7		Rajahmundry do Mr Bramfill Establishment of Voyages &c
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	16	17		Moody at do Mr Gambier with the Tannadar
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	16	17		Ajanta at do do do do do
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	12	13		Conore at do do do do do
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6	7		Toomody at do do do do do
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	16	17		Siddanthaur do do with the Gomastah
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	16	17		Daddeputlah do do with the Tannadar
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6		Tondavaat do do do do
"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	8	9		Amalapore at do do with the Tannadar of Paroor Purganah
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6		Amalapoor at do do with the Tannadar
"	"	"	1	1	2	"	"	5	20	28		Third Division at do Mr Bramfill Revenue Service
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	12	14		do do do do do
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	10		Attley at do Mr Gambier with the Tannadar
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10	10		Siddanthum at do do with the Gomastah
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	6		Cauga at do do with the Tannadar
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8	8		Elamanchilly at do do with the Gomastah
"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	6	7		Corcondah at do Mr Bramfill Revenue Service
"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	12	14		Ellore at do do do do
Total	1	2	5	5	24	24	5	4	77	525	650	

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Minutes of the Board on the foregoing Minutes of the Commander in Chief —

The Board have already recorded, and communicated to the Honorable Court of Directors, their opinion on the necessity of retaining the Sibbendy Corps as a temporary Arrangement — As the Court of Directors have apprized this Government of their intention to send out specific instructions relative to the Sibbendy Corps, it is resolved to attract their attention to the foregoing Minute, by the first dispatch. —

The Board derive much pleasure from the Commander in Chief's report of the success lately experienced in raising recruits for the Sepoy Corps. —

The Board have already determined to adopt the Measure proposed by the Commander in Chief of appointing a Committee to report the most eligible situation for erecting a new fort in the Baramaul. —

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The president submits to the Board an Advertisement for proposals of Contract for providing Clothing for the European Troops for 1799, and for the Native Troops of every description, including Store and Coast Lascars, for the year 1798 - and points out an alteration on the advances of Cash on which he has proposed the following deduction - on the European Clothing from 45 to 40 ℔ Cent and on the Native Clothing from 50 to 45 ℔ Cent upon the computed number of Suits to be furnished - a measure which will prevent so large a Balance from remaining in the hands of the Contractors, as has been heretofore found, on the final Settlement of their accounts. —

Advertisement to be published inviting proposals of Contract for providing Clothing for the year 1798/99 - The proportion of advances reduced at the suggestion of the President. —

The Board approve the alteration proposed by the President - Resolved accordingly that the advertisement be published. —

At the suggestion of the President it is resolved that Captain Leith, be permitted to draw forty Pagodas per Month for an office and Writers, in addition to his present establishment from the 17th. February last, the date of his appointment as Judge advocate General. —

An Increase of allowances for House Rent and Writers granted to the Judge advocate General.

" Geo. Harris

" Cov. Saunders

" E. Hallifield

John Turing Esq.

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Diary

Sent the following Letter to Rear Admiral Rainier by Expreſs

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels in the East Indies

Sir,

To Rear admiral Rainier with Copies of the advices received of the Capture of the Woodcot and Raymond Indiamen

We are concerned to transmit You a Copy of a Letter just received from Anjengo, advising us, of the Capture of the Company's Ships Woodcot and Raymond by a French Frigate in Tellicherry Roads on the 20th. Ultimo.

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. humble Servts.

Fort St. George
1st. May 1798.

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

Received and Sent the Undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 1. 2. 3.

From

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From Mr. S. Goldingham Astronomer

From Mr. Goldingham returning Copies of Major Allan's Seven Volumes of Geographical & Observations ~ ~

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditor's Report on his General Estimate for the Current Month and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 196.884. 1. 3. will be issued to him on this Account from the General Treasury ~

To the Secretary at Bombay ~

To Mr. R. Richards enclosing a Packet for the Bombay Government received from the Court of Directors & Virginia ~

2d. Sent the following Letters ~~

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

Gentlemen

To the Military Board ~ resolution respecting the mode of determining Rate &c for the new Work in the Barracks the Charge for Carts Employed at the Company's Garden to be discontinued in the Garrison Storekeepers Accounts ~ Sundry Bills passed for Payment and advances ordered in their recommendation papers received from Bengal relative to impressments in

We have received Your Letters of the 24th and 27th Ultimo ~

We are perfectly Satisfied with the explanation you have given of the Circumstances which have prevented

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in Gun barriages inclosed their opinion required on representations of the State of public Quarters at Manilepatam and Palamcotah — report and Original receipts for provisions delivered at Amboyna — also the Form of a Reservation — prescribed for the Garrison Store = Keepers Accounts inclosed — authorizing them to issue such Orders as may appear most advisable on a proposal of Major Barbutt for purchasing the undersigned Bills of this Kind —

prevented an earlier attention to that part of our Orders of the 4th January 1796. which relates to the proposed measure of erecting a new Fort in the Baramaid. The importance of this Object renders us anxious to avail ourselves of the Services of the Chief Engineer, and we therefore desire You will Report when his attendance at your Board can be most Conveniently dispensed with, that we — may assemble by that period such of the Officers — Recommended by you to form the Committee as can be Spared without detriment to the Services in which they are employed. — —

We have ordered the advances recommended by you to be made to the Agent of Supplies, and have — passed for Payment the Garrison Storekeepers Bills for Provisions &c, Supplies for the Public Service. The insertion of a Charge in the Account of that Office for Carts — imployed in the Company's Garden we esteem irregular — we have However authorized the Payment of the Bill by the Civil Paymaster, and desire that no Charge of the Kind be in future allowed. —

We desire that the Commissary of Stores

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at Amboyna may be informed that he will be allowed to draw Sixteen Pagodas ℔ month for Writers and Stationary from the 1st. of march last. —

We have passed for Payment the Bill presented by Major Doveton for Batta to the Native Troops at Ryacottah employed in dragging the heavy Guns up the Rock at Ryacottah, and in placing them on the Works — We desire however you would point out to Major Doveton the impolicy of leading the Troops to expect extra allowances for the performance of duties so immediately connected with the defence of the Post under his command —

We Enclose some origenal Papers ℞ received from Bengal which are forwarded to you with a view to the introduction of every possible degree of improvement in the Construction of Gun Carriages —

We enclose Copies of Letters from the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam and Palamcotah relative to the Officers quarters at those Stations upon which we desire to receive Your Opinion — Also Copy of a Letter from the agent appointed to Superintend the delivery of provisions &c. at Amboyna, with the

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Original Receipts therein referred to —)

The Company's Stud at Delft and the two Brothers having been placed under some immediate Superintendence we desire you will give such directions to Major Barbutt on the Subject of the enclosed letter from him as you may deem advisable —

We Enclose a Form of a Soweration to be made by the Garrison Storekeeper to his accounts of Purchases and extra or incidental Charges —

We are

Gentlemen.

&c. &c.

Fort S. George
2d May 1798.

/Signed/ George Harris
&c. Council

To Lieutenant Fireworker James Gellie
of the 1st Battalion of Artillery —

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 21st Ultimo and to acquaint you that, trusting in the Sincerety of your Contrition and that your future

To Lieutenant Fireworker Gellie — the Bar placed on his Promotion removed on Consequence of his late Letter and permission granted him to proceed to Bengal. —

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future Conduct will render you deserving of his Lenity, he is pleased to remove the Bar placed on your promotion in the General Orders of the 13th Ultimo.

The President in Council permits you to proceed to Bengal on Leave for three Months.

I am

Fort S. George
2d May 1798.

Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) J. Webbe.
Secry to Govert.

From the Board of Revenue. 3.

Received from the Revenue Department Extract of a Letter from the Board of Revenue (entered in M.B. No. 4.) representing the Want of musket Ammunition and Flints for the use of Captain Dighton's Corps at Shiselapatore, with an order of Council annexed for furnishing the Same from the Stores at Palamcotah.

Dispatches the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.

To the Secretary at Bengal
Resident at Poonah
Assistant Do: at Hyderabad.

To Mr. Barlow, Lieutenant Colonel Palmer, and Captain Kirkpatrick, forwarding Mysore Intelligence.

To the Secretary at Bengal.

To Mr. Barlow inclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to Sir Alured Clarke.

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To Lieutenant Samuel Godfrey of the Pension list at Ganjam —

To Lieutenant Godfrey informing him that the Board cannot relieve him from the refund demanded from him on account of House Rent. —

To the Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Sydenham enclosing a form of a Secuveration to be made by the Garrison Storekeeper to his Accounts of Purchases and extra or incidental Charges — Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper amounting to Pagodas 1416.. 17.. 45. Enclosed to be passed for Payment, as also a Bill for working Money to the Troops at Ryacotah. an Advance of Pagodas 2108.. 8.. 9. to be made to the Agent of Supplies and a Similar advance on the 1st. June — The Commissary of Stores at Amboyna. to be allowed Sixteen Pagodas ℳ Month for Writers and Stationary from the 1st. March last, — and Captain Leith the Judge Advocate General to be permitted to draw forty Pagodas ℳ Month for an Office and writers in addition to his Present Establishment for the 1st. February 1798. —

To Major General Geils

To Major General Geils - desiring that the Papers which Accompanied his Letter of the 21st. Ultimo, may be forwarded by him to the Officer Appointed to receive the Returns of the two Battalions of Artillery. —

To)

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To Lieutenant J.R. Collier

To Lieutenant Collier — returning the Bill which accompanied his Letter of the 16th Ultimo countersigned for Payment and desiring him without loss of time to lay before the Board a Statement of his Receipts and Disbursements for the whole period of his Command of the Suffolks Tender.—

To the Commandant at Connalore

To Lieutenant Colonel Murray permitting him to visit the Presidency on one Months Leave of Absence.—

4 Returns the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N.o 12. 13. 14. 15.—

From Commandant at Arnee

From Major Cole representing that the Sepoy Barracks Stand on great need of repair.—

From the Reverend Charles Ball

From the Rev.d Charles Ball requesting to be furnished with Copies of the Court of Directors Letter relative to his Appointment and of the latest regulations respecting the Clerical Establishments on the Coast.—

From Messrs. Kendersley Watts & Co.

From Messrs. Kendersley Watts & Co. offering to deliver a Considerable Quantity of Rice at Trincomale on the Company's Account at the rate of 100 Pagodas P Garce.—

From the Commander of the Fitz William

From Captain Tweedale requesting a Magazine may be Built to Contain the Powder ordered to be

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be embarked on his Ship.—

To the Commander of the Ship Fitz William — 5 Sent a Letter to Captain Tovey (entered in M. B. No. 16.) informing him that it is not considered necessary to go to the Expence of Building a Magazine for the Gun Powder ordered to be embarked on board his Ship.—

Published the following Advertisement.—

Government Advertisement.

Fort St George 5th May 1798.

Advertisement published inviting Tenders of Freight for Conveying French Prisoners to the Mauritius.—

Notice is hereby given that Sealed Proposals will be received at my Office on or before Tuesday next the 8th Instant at One o Clock, for Freight of a Vessel to proceed as a Cartel to the Isle of France, with about three Hundred French Prisoners.—

As Provisions Wood and Water, will be laid in by the Company the proposals are to State.—

1st The Sum P man at which the proposer will engage to land the Prisoners at the Isle of France.—

2d The Ship to be considered as dismissed from the Service, on her being permitted to Sail from the Isle of France.—

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3d. The rate of Demurrage per day, in the event of the Ship's detention at the Mauritius above fifteen — Days after her arrival the Period allowed for landing the Prisoners, and enabling the Ship to Complete her water &c—

4th. As it may be deemed expedient to embark a certain proportion of French Officers with the men the — proposers are to State the Rate at which they will engage to Subsist the Officers per month during the Voyage—

5th. The Sea Sick to be Born by the proposers—

6th. One half of the estimated amount of the Freight Money to be paid in Cash on Concluding the Agreement, and the remaining half by Bills on Bengal, at the exchange of the Day, on the Completion of the Service—

By order of the Honorable the — President in Council—

Signed/ J. Webbe

Secy to Govt—

Substance of Letters — of from the Nizam and Meer Aalum—

Received Letters from the Nizam and Meer Aalum entered in C:C: Nos 81.. 82. Congratulating Lieutenant General Harris on his Accession to the Government—

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Received the undermentioned Letters —
entered in M: B. Nos 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. —

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad

From Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing the two Letters abovementioned —

From the Reverend Charles Ball repeating his application for Copies of the Letters from the Court of Directors notifying his appointment, and of the late Regulations relative to the Clerical Establishment —

From the Reverend C. Ball —

8. From Mr G. Powell, enclosing copy of Lieutenant Laurence's Parole given to the Commander of the Forte French national Frigate and requesting he may be included in the First Exchange of Prisoners that takes place —

From Master attendant —

From Capt. B. Brown of the Greenwich —

From Capt. B. Brown enclosing Copy of his Parole delivered to Commodore Rainier and requesting he may be included in the first Exchange of Prisoners —

From Mr. W. Gardner 2d. Lieut. of the Brisk . .

From Mr William Garden to the purport above mentioned . .

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor President

Tuesday 8th. May 1798. Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation Read and approved —

Proposals for a Cartel — Ship to proceed with French Prisoners to the Mauritius opened —

The Board proceed to the Consideration of the following proposals for a Cartel Ship to proceed with French Prisoners to the Mauritius —

Proposals for the Sumpo Galley

Proposals for the Sumpo Galley to go as a Cartel to the Isle of France — the terms here offered are in Answer to the Government Advertisement —

1st. The Sum per man. — The Ship will carry 300 Men to the Isle of France at Eighteen (18) Pagodas per Man. —

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To be dismissed from the Service on her being permitted to Sail from the Isle of France —

In the event of being detained above 15 Days after the Ships arrival demurrage to be allowed at Thirty five /35/ Pagodas pr day

Of the French Officers that may be Sent Ten of them shall be Accommodated at the Captains Table at 30 Pagodas each per month —

As it will be impossible to admit more, should more be Sent, It is in that case proposed that they shall alternately be accommodated, i.e. Ten Daily. —

2d The Ships to be Considered as dismissed. —

3d The rate of Demurrage. —

4th French Officers —

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5th The Sea risk — The Sea risk to be with the proposers and all risks of the Enemy to be borne by Government.—

6th One half of the Estimated amount to be for the amount of Freight, As mentioned in the Government Advertisement.—

One Months Table Money for the French Officers it is presumed will be allowed on concluding the Agreement; the Remainder on completing the Business.—

I have the honor to be Sir Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Charles Binny

Commander

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Sir

Proposals for the Restoration

In consequence of a Government Advertisement dated the 5th. Instant relative for a Vessel to proceed

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proved as a cartel to the Isle of France with about 300
Prisoners, I beg leave to Tender the Ship Restoration a
Bombay Built Ship coppered and about 500 Tons
a Ship that has been already approved and employed
by the Bengal Government for this Service and which
is now ready to receive the Prisoners, Wood, Water and
all other necessaries for the Prisoners — which are to
be Supplied by this Government for their expenditure
and Convenience — The Freight Required for the —
performance of this Voyage are Conveyed by answers
to the Six propositions Stated by the Public advertisement —
Vizt. No. 1. The owners cannot let the Ship on account
of her Sailing Charges to receive on board a less number
than 250 Men at One Hundred Sicca Rupees each If
300 Men are to be put on board, we can Considerably decrease
in Charge and will take them at Ninety Sicca Rupees
If Man to land them at the Isle of France / the —
unavoidable Dangers of the Seas and Enemies Deaths
and other Casualties only excepted. —

2 The Ship to be considered as discharged from
the Service she was engaged by this Government on

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being permitted to Sail from the Isle of France, but then to enjoy the usual preveleges of a Cartel untill her return to Madras admitting no deviation on the part of the Ship, Owner, Master or Crew —

3. One Hundred and Forty Sicca Rupees is the rate of Demurrage per day in the event of the Ships detention at the Isle of France exceding fifteen Days after her arrival both days inclusive — This rate of demurage was officially determined at Calcutta by the Marine Board when engaged as a Cartel in January 1796.—

4 The proportional number of Officers that are to be imbarked, the Owners will furnish their Subsistance at Six Sicca Rupees per day —

5. The Sea risk only to be borne by the Owners and the usual risk of a Cartel by this Government that of the different Enemies, Conduct of the Prisoners and Fire.—

6. One half the estimated Amount of Freight to be paid in Bengal bills on concluding the Agreement and One Thousand Star Pagodas for the purpose of laying in provisions for the French Officers - The other

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moiety to be paid in Bills on Bengal on the
completion of the Service.-

I have the honor to remain

&c.a &c.a

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May 8.th 1798.-

[S.igned] George Galloway.-

Proposals for the Glascow-

Proposals for Freighting the Ship Glasgow to Government as a Cartel to the Isle of France.-

1.st Messrs.rs Chase, Sewell, and Chase Tender the Ship Glasgow to carry about three Hundred French Prisoners, including officers to the Isle of France at the 19 Pagodas Per Man, Government finding Provisions Wood and Water as stated in the Advertizement.-

2.d The Glasgow to be considered dismissed the Service on her being permitted to Sail from the Isle of France.-

3.d In the event of the Ships detention at the Mauritius above 15 Days after her arrival the Period allowed for landing the Prisoners and enabling the Ship to Complete her Water &.c Government to allow a demurrage of Pagodas forty per diem for

every

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every day so detained beyond the fifteen so mentioned.-

4th Government to Pay an additional allowance at the rate of Forty Pagodas each per month for the Subsisting such French Officers as are ordered on board the Glasgow.-

5th The proposers Agree to bear the Sea risk.-

6 The proposers accede to the mode of Payment.-

Madras 7th May 1798.- Signed Chase Sewell & Chase

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.-

Sir

Proposals for the Cæsar.-

In Consequence of the Government Advertisement published on the 5th Instant giving notice that Sealed proposals would be received at Your Office at One O'Clock this day for the Tender of a Vessel to proceed as a Cartel to the Isle of France with about /300/ Three Hundred French Prisoners I beg leave to Tender the Ship Cæsar for that Service.-

1st Provisions Wood and Water being laid in by this Honorable Company, I engage to carry the

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the Prisoners at the rate of /68/ Sixty Eight A: Rupees each Man and Should the Honble Company — deem it necessary to Send Officers on board to pay one Pagoda Per day for Subsisting them, or 60 Pagodas each to the Isle of France — Subsistance to be paid in advance to lay in Provisions and Liquor &c. —

2d. The Honble Company bearing the War Risk — Ishall cover a Sea Risk of Thirty five Thousand /35000/ Rupees — The Demurrage to be at the rate of one Hundred Rupees per Day should the Ship be detained above 15 Days after her — arrival at the Isle of France —

3d. Though the Ship is Considered as discharged the Service on her being permitted to Sail from the Isle of France, as to Freight or Demurrage it is to be understood the risk of War is Covered or borne by the Honorable Company till the Ships return to the Port of Madras —

4th. One half the Estimates Amount of — freight to be paid in Cash on Concluding the — agreement

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Agreement and the remaining half on the Completion of the Service in Bills on Bengal at the exchange of the Day.—

I have the Honor to be—

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8.th May 1798.—

S.r Y.r
Signed A. Melvin

The Proposals of Capt.n Binny being the most advantageous for the Company, it is resolved to Charter the Sumsa Galley for the above Service provided a Sufficient number of Men of the Garrison of Pondicherry be found willing to proceed to the Mauritius

The Proposals of Captain Binny of the Sumsa Galley to be accepted if a Sufficient number of Men of the Garrison of Pondicherry be found willing to proceed to the Mauritius.—

The Town Major being Summoned informs the Board that he has no doubt that the whole of the Men, who Composed the Garrison of Pondicherry will readily avail themselves of an Offer to proceed to the Mauritius.—

The Town Major reports that the whole of the Men who composed the Garrison of Pondicherry will readily embark.—

Resolved on the above information, that Captain Binny's Proposals be accepted.—

Captain Binny's Proposals accepted.—

Read the following Letter from the Commissaries at Calicut.——

To

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To The Honble Lieutenant Gen.l Geo: Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

Honble Sir

From the Commissioners at Calicut enclosing accounts received of the Capture of the Woodcote and Raymond Indiamen which mention them being French on board the Princess Supposed to be intended for Mangalore.

We beg leave to enclose Copies of two Letters from the Northern Superintendent received Yesterday, giving an account of the Capture of the Raymond and Woodcote Indiamen, which we should not have Troubled you with, but for the Letter No.2, just now received from the same Gentleman wherein the preceding are alluded to, and Contains the further information of Troops being on board the French Ship intended to alle Appearance for Mangalore: which we Judged it necessary you should be apprized of, without loss of time we have by this Post Transmitted intimation of this occurrence to the Supreme Government our immediate Superiors at Bombay and Rear Admiral Rainier.

We have the honor to be very respectfully Honble Sir &.c &.c

[signed] J. Spencer
" J. Smee

Calicut
22.d April 1798.

&c

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To the Commissaries &c Executing the Office of Supravisors.

Gentlemen,

A large Vessel has this Instant come into these Roads, and has begun to engage a Ship just arrived from the Northward, has the appearance of the Raymond she has also begun to engage the Woodcot this information is of such importance that without waiting the result I think it necessary to make you acquainted with it.—

I am Gentlemen

&c. &c.

Signed Chrs. Peile

N. S.

Tellicherry

20th April 1798.

½ Past four P. M.

To the Commissaries for Executing the Office of Supravisors.—

Gentlemen,

I am extremely Concerned to inform You that the Woodcot and Raymond have Struck their Colours the Ship which I mentioned in my last / written at half past four / is now Sending Boats on Board of them she is

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a French Forty Gun Ship at least She has that appearance.—

I am Gentlemen

&c &c

(signed) Chris: Paile

N. S.

Tellicherry

20th April 1798

½ Past 5 o'clock P.M.

A True Copy

(signed) James Law — Secretary —

To the Commissaries for Executing the Office of

Supravisor

Gentlemen,

Since I had the honor of addressing you yesterday, I have seen Captain Smedley of the Raymond, and Captain Harvey of the Woodcot, they are on Shore and are liberated, together with their Officers and Crews on their Parole — I understand that they have been treated very well by the French Captain who has allowed them to take away a great part of their Baggage. The information I have gathered respecting the French Ship is, that she is direct from the French Islands bound to Mangalore with about two Hundred Troops on board, Five or Six Days ago she fell in with a Ship belonging to the Rebels of

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Cannanore, who gave them information, that the admiral had left Tellicherry, that there was one Indiaman lying in roads, and another was expected in the course of a few Days; in Consequence of this information, She Steerd for the roads, which she made yesterday morning. The circumstance of this Ship having Troops on board induces me to relate some information which Moosa gave me Yesterday. He mentioned that a person belonging him, had arrived from Mangalore this person had been advised to quit the place by a Friend of Moosa's who informed him that a number of Ships were expected at Mangalore with French Troops that Boats were in readiness to receive them and that messengers were kept to be dispatched to Tippoo at a Moments notice; and he farther mentioned, an embargo being laid on all Boats and that Rella and Rice was not permitted to be exported. —

I am Gentlemen

&c &c

/signed/ Chris: Peile — N: L:

Tellicherry

21st April 1798.-

A true Copy

/signed/ James Law — Secretary.-

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Fort S.t George 8.th May 1798.

Read the following Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.—

To

Josiah Webbe Esq.re

Secretary to Government

Fort S.t George

Sir

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad inclosing a Statement of his Account Current with the Company as connected with the first Instl. of Peishcush due to the Nizam for Fusly 1206 (or 8,350,000 Rupees due 31.st March 1797. shall in future furnish the Statements of Peishcush and Subsidy required by the Accountant General.—

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of Your Letter of the 18.th Instant Enclosing Extract of Letter from the Accountant General—

The Statements enclosed in my Letter to You of the 13.th Instant, will in Some measure I trust have anticipated the wishes of the Accountant General and have Contributed to the inconvenience he Speaks of—You will learn from the Contents of my Letter to you of the 23.d Instant that I have now an early prospect of bringing the Peishcush Accounts down to the Fusly Year 1205 inclusive, to a final and Satisfactory adjustment in Consequence of Instructions from the Governor General to Yield (for the present at least) the point Contested by this Durbar, relative to the advance of a Thousand Pagodas at

Madras

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Madras to Mhudy ally Khan by granting the ministers
a Draft on the Masulipatam Treasury for the
Balance of Peishcush that may be still due to the
Nizam for the period in question, exclusive of the
above Item - I have therefore to request You will assure
the Honble the President in Council that the moment
this matter is brought to a definitive issue — as I
have little doubt it will now speedily be — by the
Ministers' accepting my Draft on the Masulipatam
Treasury for the above Balance (which by the deduction
of a Thousand Pagodas from the Debit Side of the account
now amounts to Thirty Six Thousand four Hundred and
Six Rupees - Odd Annas), I shall have great pleasure in
furnishing without further delay, the remaining
Statements required by Mr. Woolf, and which have such
a relative Connexion with and dependance on each
other, that the Separate Transmission of them
would be apt to lead to perplexity and inconvenience.-

Having in my reply (dated the 6.th
November) to Your Letter of the 25.th October last, submitted
through you to the late President in Council how

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Fort St George 8th May 1798.

I am sorry it could be necessary for me to supply the Madras Accountant General with Peishcush Accounts later than 1205. and not having until now heard further from You on the Subject, I was led to Conclude that the reason assigned in my Letter of the 6th November for waving Compliance with it in the first Instance, was deemed Satisfactory.- As it would still appear however to be the wish of the Honorable the President in Council, that Mr. Woolf should be furnished periodically with Peishcush Accounts I herewith do myself the pleasure to transmit Copy of my Letter of the 30th October last to the late Governor General together with Copy of the Statement that Accompanied it, being the last Peishcush Account as yet adjusted with this Durbar.-

I am &c.

/signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant.

Hydrabad
the 26th April 1798.

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Dr Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick in Account Current with the Honble Company for

1797					
April	25th	To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares payable at 20 Days Sight to Muddun Gopaul Punjab Ray	20,000 " "		
		Premium at 4 ℘ Ct	800 " "	20,800	" "
May	1st	To D° D° for value received here of Bimraz	7000 " "		
		Premium at 4 ℘ Ct	280 " "	7,280	" "
	12th	To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Governor General in Council, payable to Messrs Lewis Brodie and Tulloh or order	18,000 " "		
		Premium at 3 ℘ Ct	540 " "	18,540	" "
	15th	To a Bill drawn this Day by me upon the Resident at Benares, payable at 20 Days Sight to Bearer for value received of Benewalidoss Dwarka Doss	10,000 " "		
		Premium at 3 ℘ Ct	300 " "	10,300	" "
		To a Bill drawn this Day by me on the Resident at Benares payable to Bearer at 20 Days sight for value received here of Bumraj Meotersein	7,000 " "		
		Premium at 3 ℘ Ct	210 " "	7,210	" "
		To a Bill drawn this Day by me on the Resident at Benares, payable at 20 Days Sight to Bearer for value received here of Abbutrdy Munnoolal	18,000 " "		
		Premium at 3 ℘ Ct	540 " "	18,540	" "
	26th	To a Bill drawn this Day by me on the Resident at Benares payable to Muddun Gopaul Punjab Roy for value received here of Nobut Roy Munnoo Lal	25000 " "		
		Premium at 2 ℘ Ct	500 " "	25,500	" "
June	14th	To a Bill drawn this Day by me on the Resident at Benares payable to Bearer for value received here of Bimraj Meotersein at par	10000 " "		
		To D° D° payable to bearer for value received here at par of Nobut Roy Munnoo Lal	15,000 " "	25,000	" "
July	20th	To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares payable to Juwan Doss Goordhandoss for value received here at par, of Nobut Roy Munnoo Lal	17000 " "		
August	29th	To Cash Paid by Mr Uhthoff to Azim ul Omrah as p his letter of this date enclosing Sheraudoy Pundits receipts for the Same	150000 " "		
		Carried over Hydrabad Rupees	300,170 " "		

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the 1st Kist of Paisheush due to his Highness the Nizam For A. F. 1206. Cr.

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June — 30. By cash paid to Azim ul Omrah on account of an assignment from
His Highness the Nizam upon the 1st Kist of Paisheush for A. F. 1206.— 150,000. " "
By charges Shroffage the foregoing Sum, Bage and conveyance.— 170 " "

August 29th. By cash paid to Azim ul Omrah by Mr. Uhthoff on account
of an assignment from his Highness the Nizam upon
the 1st Kist of Paisheush for A. F. 1206. ..... 150,000 " "

September 13th. By my Bill of this Date, drawn upon the Right Honble the Presit.
in Council of Fort St. George in favor of Wunjeewandoss at the instance &
on Account of Azim ul Omrah in further liquidation of this Kist. — — 25,000 " "

By my Bill of this date drawn upon the Governor General in
Council, payable at 20 Days Sight to Messrs. Cockerell and Trail in
favor of Wm. M: Finglass in Consequence of an assignment on this Kist. — 13500. " "

Carried over Hyderabad Rupees —— 3,38670. " "

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	Brought over Hyderabad Rupees	300,170.	" "
September 13.	To a Bill this day drawn by me on the Right Honorable the President in Council of Fort S.t George and payable at 20 days Sight to Wurjeewandoss	25,000	" "
19.th	To a Bill drawn this day by me upon the Governor General in Council, payable at 20 Days Sight to Mess.rs Cockerell and Trail, being in liquidation of an Assignment granted by His Highness the Nizam on 1.st Kist of Paisheush for A.F. 1206. in favor of Mr. Finglass	13,500.	" "
20.th	To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Governor General in Council Payable at 20 Days Sight to Mess.rs Colvins and Bazette received here at Par	3,000.	" "
22.d	To Do —— Do Payable to Mess.rs Cockerell and Trail for Ditto	8,500	" "
	Total Hydrabad Rupees	350.170	" "

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Errors

/Signed/

A true Copy

/Signed/

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Brought over Hyderabad Rupees — 3,32,670. " "

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September 22d. By Balance * ..... 11,500. " "

* This sum was taken up for the full liquidation of the 1st. Kist of Paitheurk for A.F. 1206 in Consequence of an intimation from Azim Ul Omrah, that he should call upon me for it immediately which he has not yet however done.

Total Hyderabad Rupees — 350170. " "

31st. October 1797.

Excepted

J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Assistant Resident at Myconabad—

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be Sent to the Accountant General.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Board:—

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris—
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

Honble Sirs,

From the Military Board recommend that the Head Bullock Maistry at the Presidency be furnished to draw the same which he was formerly allowed and that work at the Presidency and Poonamallee executed under the Superintendance of Colonel Kent be paid for.—

1st. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's Letter of the 25th Instant with Enclosures—

2d. In Consequence of the Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George having Represented to us that the present Head Bullock Maistry has for many Years been paid at the rate of five Pagodas Monthly, We find on enquiry that such an allowance has been made Since the Month of May 1792., and also that a person of this description is particularly necessary at the Presidency for the purpose of Supplying at a Short Notice such Cattle as may be required for the Public Service

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Service, and are therefore induced to recommend that
the same Pay may be Continued to him from the 1st.
October last, the Regulation under that Date for the
Bullock Department, not having made any distinction
between the Head Bullock Mastry at the Presidency,
and the Mastries at the Out Stations.—

3d. The Repairs executed upon the Estimates
referred to Our Examination with Governments Letter of
28th. March last, having undergone the necessary Survey
by the Reports whereof it appears that such Repairs
have been duly performed, and that the Charges are
agreeable to established Rates, We recommend that
Bills for the same, corresponding with those Estimates
which Amount to Pagodas 1275.. 39. P. may be
accordingly passed for Payment—

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir, &c &c

Fort St. George
30th April 1798.—

/signd/ Patrick Ross
" Wm Sydenham.
" John Richardson
" By close

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Minute thereon.—

Resolved on the recommendation of the Military Board, to allow the Bullock Mastry at the Presidency to draw the Pay which he received previous to the regulations for the Bullock Department of the 1st. October last.—

Ordered that the amount due to Colonel Gent be paid on Receipt of his Bills Corresponding with the approved Estimates.—

Read the following Letter from the Registar of the Nabobs Debts.—

To Lieutenant General Harris—

Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

From the Registar of the Nabobs Debts submitting by way of a Letter addressed to himself the Directors in which they urgently request that they may receive the ensuing Dividend in Cash, or 12 p.c Bonds at the Discount of the Day.—

I have the honor to Submit for your information copy of a Letter addressed to me Relative to the Issue of the Ensuing dividend to the new Consolidated Creditors of His Highness the Nabob.—

Madras

3d. May 1798.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir

&c &c

(Signed) Thos. Cockburn

Registar

Thomas

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Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Register of the Nabobs consolidated Debt.
Fort St. George

Sir,

We request you will be so obliging as to take an Opportunity before the issuing of the next Dividend to the Consolidated Creditors of his Highness the Nabob to represent on our behalf to Government that their 12 P Cent Bonds being at a Discount we trust they will be pleased / on the principle of giving the Creditors an equivolent for their Money / to ascertain the Discount on their Bonds and issue them in like manner, as Bengal Bills at the Actual Rate of the Day: an Arrangement which by diminishing the Amount of the latter will Serve to uphold their Value - At the same time, we wish you to express our Conviction that Government will avail themselves of the first Opportunity of making, even a partial payment in Specie to the Crs as it measure no

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less beneficial to the Credit of the Honble Company's Paper, than Commodious to the Public at large and to the Creditors in particular, who have received, but one Dividend in Specie, since that of November 1796.

We are &c &c.

Port St George
30th April 1798.

/Signed/

Selling & DeFries &c.
Roebuck Abbott &c.
Colt Baker Day &c. —
Rindersley Watts &c. —
for Selves and Constituents —
Dring Gordon & Connell —
Stephens & Cockell —
Tulloh Brodie &c. —
Hunter & Hay —
Chase Sewell & Chase —
for Selves and Constituents
Franc. Lautour & Co. —
for Selves and Constituents —

Thomas Cockburn
Ex. to the Estate of G. Savage and
for G. Mowbray

A true Copy
/Signed/ Tho. Cockburn
Register —

Resolved

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Minute thereon —

Resolved to inform the Register that although the Board feel every disposition to meet the wishes of the Creditors, the pecuniary circumstances of this Government put it out of their power to issue any part of the ensuing dividend in Cash; that, as the discount upon the Company's Paper originates in a General Scarcity of Specie, and can only be reduced by the return of Money the Issue of 12 ⅞ Cent. Bonds, at a discount as Requested by the Creditors, would not only be Nugatory in itself, as the discount would continue to rise, but be productive of the most Serious inconvenience to Government and the Community by encreasing the difficulties of pecuniary transactions. —

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Do Munro —

Lieutenant General Harris —

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

Sir,

I have the honor to inform You,

That

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From Lieut: Colonel De Meuron respecting three Deserters from that Regiment who are protected by the Danish Government of Tranquebar.

That the named Berger Serjeant Major in the 1st Battalion of H: M: Swiss Regiment arrive at Poondamallee on the 22d of last Month from Columbo having under his Charge three Recruits for the Regiment under my Command; the Country Vessel upon which he take his departure from Columbo has been by Contrary Winds Obliged to anchor in Tranquebar Road and there a leak on board of the abovementioned Vessel constrained every Passenger to Land at Tranquebar; where having taken the three said Recruits to a Punch-House in Order to dine, they went out the House during the Course of the same afternoon and formally refused to join their Regiment then he went diratly to the Means Guard, and lay this Case before the Officer, who gives him for answer that every body was free in this Country, and that being no Cartel between the Danish and English it was very unnecessary that he should apply himself to the Governor or to the Town Major; then seeing every Step fruitless he left Tranquebar and arrived ten days after to Pondicherry where the Serjeant Major Berger having

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having Again layed the same Circumstances before the Town major he ruined the same answer.-

Inclosed, I have the honor to transmit to you the description of the three Recruits and - request you in the most particular manner to give the nessary Orders in Order to find out the three abovementioned deserters; being pursuaded that the Danish Gouvernment cannot protect them.-

I remain with respect -

&c- &c.

Signed J. P. De Meuron Bullot
Lieutenant Colonel -

Vellore
6th. May 1798.-

Description of three Privates of His Majesty's Swiss Regiment Deserted at Tranquebar 7th. of April 1798.-

Size - Age - Complexion - Birth place

Names	Feet	Inches	Years	Months	Voyage	Eyes	Hairs	Parish	Country
George Haag	5.	2.	31.	"	long	Blacke	Blacke	Rothenburg	Brunswick
Peter John Burs	5.	1.	36.	"	round	Blue-Red	brecke		Brabant
Cornelius Henderick	5.	9.	40.	"	round	Blue	Bonny	Leuarden	Friesland

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Minute thereon

The President is requested to address a Letter to the Governor of Tranquebar on the Subject of the foregoing representation.—

Read the following Letters from Major General Floyd and Lieutenant Colonel Orr.—

To

The Honorable

The Governor in Council

Sir,

From Major General Floyd enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Orr.—

I have the honor to lay before you and to recommend to Your Notice an address from Lieutenant Colonel Orr, commanding the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry.—

I have the Honor to be

Near Sattoo Bava
April 25th. 1798.—

&c. &c.
/signed/ J. Floyd
Major General

To

Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council

&c. &c. &c.

The 3d. Regiment of Native Cavalry being cantoned

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From Lieut. Colonel Orr requesting that he may be permitted to draw full Batta upon the same principle that that allowance has been granted to his predecessor in command.—

Cantoned at Potoor by Government Orders I request I may be permitted to draw the usual allowance of full Batta which has hitherto been granted to the Officer commanding the Regiment of Cavalry Stationed here, and which is allowed to the Officer Commanding the Cantonment of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons—

I have the honor to be with all due respect—

&c &c

(signed) J. Orr.
Lieutenant Colonel—

Potoor
23d April
1798.

Lieutenant Colonel Orr's Claim to full Batta rejected and that allowance to the Officer Commanding the Cantonment of the 19th Dragoons discontinued—

The Station of the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry being immediately Subordinate to Trichinopoly, the Board cannot admit Lieutenant Colonel Orr's Claim to full Batta—and it is resolved on Similar Grounds, to discontinue the allowance of full Batta to the Officer Commanding the Cantonment of his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.—

Kyatar discontinued as a Station for Troops and Capt. Bannerman ordered to join his Corps.—

At the Suggestion of the Commander in Chief it is resolved to discontinue—Kyatar as a Station for Troops

and

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and to direct, in General Orders, that Captain Bannerman join His Corps, and all expences, on account of that Station, cease, on the first of the ensuing month.—

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,

From Brigadier General De Meuron enclosing an application from Adjutant and Quarter Master De Morgan for an allowance for keeping the Regimental Books of the 6th Regt. of Native Infantry.—

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple accompanying one from Lieutenant Colonel Torrens and an address to Government from Lieutenant De Morgan Adjutant and Quarter Master of the 6th Regiment Native Infantry which I beg leave to Submit to Your approbation and have the honor to remain.—

Honble Sir &c. &c.

Signed J. J. De Meuron

B. G.

C.

Head Quarters
Columbo 23d April
1798.—

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