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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Torrens with a Memorial from Quarter Master and Adjutant De Morgan requesting you will forward it to be laid before Government

I have the honor to be &c &c

Columbo 20th. April 1798.

[Signed] George Dalrymple
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Columbo

Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple
Commanding the Garrison of Columbo
&c &c

Sir,

Adjutant and Quarter Master De Morgan of the 6th. Regiment Native Infantry Considering himself, from the new Arrangements as having a claim to Field Allowance for the Carriage of Regimental Books I have the honor to enclose you an Address on the Subject, which he Requests

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requests may be laid before Government for
there approbation and decision through the
proper medium.—

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your &c.

Camp near
Columbo
26th. April 1798.-

Signed Francis Torrens
Lieutenant Colonel 6th.
Regiment Native Infantry.-

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

Sir,

Having addressed a Letter to the
Paymaster at Columbo on the 13th. Ultimo,
on the Subject of drawing the amount of 12 Pagl.
as a Field allowance for carrying the Regimental
Books papers &c. of the two Battalions of the 6th.
Native Regiment considering myself authorized
to the same from the Government Orders of the
24th. March 1797. nominating a Regimental Offic..
of which as Adjutant and Quarter Master to the 2nd

Regiment

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Regiment I hold myself in charge, will I trust,
Apologize for my intruding upon the more
important time of Your Honble Board as I had
hoped it would have been unnecessary having
requested of the Paymaster to lay my letter before
the Auditor General and in case of his non admittance
of the Charge that it might be laid before Government.

In reply to the Paymasters Letter from
the Auditor General. He observes the Claim presented
by me cannot be admitted of, and as no new
Charge can originate in his Office was precluded
from Submitting my Claim before Your Honble Board
I have therefore no Alternative but Submitting my
Claim to Your Honble Board thro' the Regular
Channel in full Confidence that it may be
favorably attended to

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) John De Morgan.
Lieutenant, Adjutant, Quarter
Master 6th Native Regiment
Jo.

Columbo
19th April
1798.

2866 Fort St. George 7th May 1798.

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

From Brigadier General D. Munro enclosing a representation from certain officers lately employed on Field Service under Major Kenny stating forth the hardships of their being refused Tent Allowance while on the Field.

I beg leave to inform you, that I have received a Letter from Major Kenny with an address from the Officers of the Detachment under his command copies of which are enclosed /No.1/ remonstrating against the Retrenchment of Tent Allowance during a time that they were employed on Actual Service in the Field which differs widely from that on the coast and which was attended with inconveniences seldom met with there. I can say nothing in addition to the Statement of Major Kenny and of the Officers under his command. The Services which they have performed and the miserable Situation to which the whole of the Detachment is reduced will, I trust, be a Sufficient recommendation to induce Government to direct that the Charge for

Tents

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.-

Tent allowance may be admitted upon Examination.—

I have farther the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter /No. 2/ addressed to me by Lieutenant Molesworth of the 35th. Battalion Native Infantry the Subject of which I beg leave to Submit for your decision—

I have the Honor to be with respect—

Hon'ble Sir,

&c. &c.

/Signed/ P. F. De Meuron
B. G.
C.

Head Quarters
Columbo 26th. April
1798.-

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding on Ceylon &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to lay before You a Letter from the Officers of my Detachment respecting the Retrenchment of their Tent allowance, during a period they were employed on arduous Service, where they required every comfort their Situation would admit

Fort St. George 8th. May 1798

admit — and from the frequent movements — necessary to be made, they were Subject to difficulties in procuring Materials for Covering themselves, that is much easier Conceivd than described. —

The incredible number of near Six Hundred Men, now Confined to the Hospital with Fevers, in the 35th. Battalion Shews, what the other parts of the Detachment must have — Suffered notwithstanding every Care and precaution I had taken, to erect sheds for the Men, on each Movement I found necessary to make yet no Charge has been made by me to Government on that head or for the Conveyance of my Sick —

General Sydenham from his long — Standing and the variety of Actual Service, he — must have Seen, can be no Stranger to the wants and requisites indispensably necessary for Men on Service, and that, it has ever been the Custom, to furnish Tents and Carriage for Corps, when on the Field, or make an adequate Allowance to the

Commandg.

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.-

Commanding Officer for that of himself and men,
and to the Officers for the carriage of theirs — The former
Part is clearly evinced by the late General Orders,
for the removal of Cavalry Corps in which a reason
was assigned; for one of the Regiments not being directed
to indent for Camp Equipage, having only one
March to make. —

We are well aware, it never was
the intention of Government, to Keep Troops in the
Field, exposed to an unfavorable Climate without —
granting them the usual Advantages and Comforts —
Necessary to preserve their Health (as much as possible)
and that it only requires, the Auditor General stating
the Circumstance to the Honble the President in
Council to have it placed on a proper footing which
would have Saved the Officers much inconveniences
As they Generally count on what is drawn in
the Abstract, and make their Little Arrangements
accordingly. —

I will no longer intrude than to say,
I flatter myself, the Auditor General will have seen
Retrenchments

2868 Fort St. George 8th. May 1798

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Retrenchments

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.—

Retrenchments to make on the Charges of the Detachment — during Eight Months, and upwards, that I had the honor to Command it, and that the Company never had one, so long in the Field, at so little Expence.—

May I presume to hope you will do me the honor to lay our Claims before the Honble the President in Council for his decision — and excuse the Trouble I have given you.—

I have the honor to be with respect—

&c. &c.—

Camp

April the 25th.

1798.—

/Signed/ W.m Kenny

Major Commanding the Detachment

A true Copy

/Signed/ J.n Reynolds — Secretary

Major Kenny

Commanding a Detachment

Sir

&c.a &c.a

We have perused with much Astonishment; the Letter from Mr. M.c Donall to you under date of the 9th. Instant and which, forwarded by You, we have just had

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.-

had the honor to revive relative the Retrenchment of Tent Allowance.—

As it appears by that Letter the drawing of Tent Allowance ought to have been Sanctioned by Government we request you will have the Goodness to represent our Claims through the regular Channel, confident in the event they would inevitably be Granted: for we cannot Suppose, that the Officers of Corps employed on actual Service, Ordered into the Field by the General Orders of the Commander in Chief on Ceylon,- and perfectly destitute of Tents, or any other Convenicncy to Shelter them from the effects of the Weather, Could in common Justice, be refused the usual Allowance, which you Sir must Know was Scarcely Adequate to furnish a Substitute - more so particularly, as in many instances it has become necessary from inability to procure fresh Materials to have those of our Old Habitations Removed / at a Considerable distance and great expence / to build new Ones whenever we Changed our Ground.-

The morning report of this Date of your Own Corps alone, bears in it four Hundred and Eighty two

people

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.-

people, Sick in the Hospital. This Circumstance will Serve to wiew to what a dangerous Climate we are exposed, and Consequently, the necessity of Some Convenient established preferance to the uncertain method of procuring Ourselves / in the best Manner we were able to Guard in Some Measure, against the inclemency of such Weather, / and which we have been Eight Months Subjected to.-

We beg leave to add, that after a Serious Consideration on the Subject, we are of opinion, that Since the Charge of Tent Allowance has been Drawn by us properly Agreeable to the Orders Contained in the late Regulations, we Cannot perceive the Least impropriety in it, and therefore Rest Ourselves with the perfect assurance of its being Sanctioned by Government, as being just and Consistent.-

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.-

Camp at Goorawaddie April 10th. 1798.-

Signed B. Rind Lieutenant and Adjutant 35th. Battalion.-

Thom.-

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Fort S.t George 8.th May 1795

Thomas Owen
Asist.t Surgeon 35.th Battalion
D.: Mc.. Gregor
Lieutenant 35.th Battalion
Arthur Molesworth
Lieutenant 35.th Batt.n Nat.l Infantry
W.m Wimbert
Lieutenant B.e Actg Commy of the
Guns with the Detachment.-
C.: Godfrey commanding
Detachment Q.r Regiment
J.: Storey Lieutenant
Q.r.e Regiment Natives
Infantry.-

/signed/

A true Copy
/signed/ J.n Reynolds
Secretary

Expedition

2874 Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.

Expedition against the Dutch Settlements

Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Mr. John McDouall Paymaster at Columbo in September 1797 / on Account of Expenses of Expedition against the Dutch Settlements —

Number of Vouchers — Native Infantry 35. Battalion P. F. C. P. F. C.

1 Battalion Company Extra Charges —

29. Lieutenant D. McGregor draws Tent Allowance for one Month and 21 Days Detached on Revenue Service

Pagodas 23. 32. 48. —

Tent Allowance cannot be admitted to any person on Ceylon without the expressed sanction of Government and if the proper authority for the above Charge should be obtained it is payable from the Revenue and not from the Military Department R. M. — 23. 32. 48.

Battalion Staff

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Retrenched vide preceding Remark. — 11. 2. 32

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Pagodas 9: — 14 Fanams —

Retrenched Agreeably to preceding Remark — 9. 14 — 44 19. —

Star Pagodas — ..... 44 19. —

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ John McDouall — Paymaster

A true Copy

/Signed/ J. Reynolds

Secretary —

2875 Fort St. George 8th May 1798.

To Brigadier General De Meuron

&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

The Sum of Eighteen Pagodas Twenty Eight Fanams drawn by me in the Month of May last 1797 as Tent allowance having been retrenched and the Refund confirmed by the Auditor General thro' M. Mc Donald Paymaster after my reply — I — beg leave thro' Your Means to represent the Matter to Government and Shall be much obliged by Your forwarding a Statement of the Case —

I was in order on 31. of March and Marched on 1st April 1797 in Charge of 96 Gun Lascars to the Island of Mannar — According to my Instructions I then delivered them over to Sub Conductor Taylor and Waited there for the arrival of 98 Recruits on their Way from Tritchinopoly to join 35th B. N. I. I proceeded with them to Columbo, when I arrived on the 12. of May —

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Fort St. George 8th May 1792.-

Two months ago I received notice from Mr. McDowall Paymaster, that a refund of the Money drawn under the head of Tent allowance during this Period was retrenched. I stated my reasons thro' him for the Charge to the auditor General & and inclosed Major Barton's Commissary of Stores Certificate providing that there were no means of Transporting Camp Equipage at the time I left Columbo. The Auditor General not deeming my reply Sufficient to Establish the Charge, I beg leave to represent that I believe on the Coast no Detachment so numerous as that I had under my Charge is ordered to proceed to Such a distance without a Certain number of Tents for the Accommodation of the Officers and Men — The Country thro' which I passed / you must well Know Sir / is not as on the Coast furnished with Choultries and that there are only three Public Buildings / Nigumbo Chillaw and Pootallum / between Columbo and Mannar. — Those very Recruits who were under my Command and the Officers

who

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who was detached with them from Trichinopoly had been amply furnished with Camp Equipage but which was returned from Mannar and proceeded no further.—

I have earnest Hopes that upon these Matters being Represented to Government it will be considered how much I should Suffer by the Retrenchment, it being a Tour of Duty and not of pleasure — besides that I humbly Conceive my Claim is founded on Justice and that they will interfere accordingly to prevent the refund —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.—

Columbo
April 24. 1798.

/Signed/ Arthur Holsworth
Lieut. 35. Batt. Native Infty.

A true Copy.
/Signed/ S. Reynolds — Secretary

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron

Ordered that the Claims Submitted in the foregoing Letter be Referred to the Consideration of the Military Auditor General. —

Reas

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Fort St George 8th May 1798.

Read the following Letter from the Company's Solicitor.

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

Sir,

From the Company's Solicitor stating his opinion that it is indispensably necessary that Lieutenant Colonel Crooker or some other person who was present at the Seizure of the Suranna Amelias Papers should proceed to the Presidency

I have to request the favor of you to State to the Honorable the President in Council that I should have proceeded in Obtaining the Examination of Mr De Hauss the former Captain of the Ship Suranna Amelia and others, the Officers of that Ship, Sent Round from Point De Galle by Colonel Croker but that I am so fully impressed with the Opinion, that the Affidavit of the form of which is prescribed in the Written Instructions for Executing the Admiralty Commission to the Mayor Court of Colonel Crokker, or Some other person who was present at the Seizing of the Ships Papers, is absolutely indispensable, I must therefore beg to be favored with the further instructions of Government regarding the proposed

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proposed Examination before I take any other Steps, I am induced to form this Opinion from the perusal of the Attorney Generals' Letter to Government — The — Admiralty Commission, The Instructions for the — Commanders of Vessels bearing Letters of Marque, and more especially the third Article of those Instructions and the Standing Interrogatories transmitted to gether with the — Commission, all of Which Least a reference to any of them should be denied, I have the honor herewith to forward to You, —

I further take the Liberty to Suggest that Captain Moller, who by the Postscript to Colonel Crokers' Letter, it would Seem has refused to Come Round to Madras and who was the Commander of the Susanna Amelia at the time She was Seized must necessarily Conformable to the Instructions, Undergo a Regular Examination —

I trust Also that it will not be Considered impertinent in me to Observe, that by the Answer of Captain De Haure to the 1st of the Questions put to him at Point De Galle by Colonel Croker, he declares the Ship to be the property of a Mr Smith of Tranquebar, and I have

noticed

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Fort St. George 8th. May 1798.-

noticed this Circumstance because I understand
that a Demand has been made by Messieurs
Stephens and Cockell for the liberation of the said
Ship on behalf of a Mr. Johan Christian Pringel
formerly of Tranquebar but now of Serampoor.
Stating that the Ship is his Mr. Pringels property.-

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

Fort St. George
8th. May 1798.-

(Signed) Robert Williams

Copy

Plan of the Stamps

George the Third by the Grace of God of
Great Britain France and Ireland King defender
of the Faith To the Worshipful the Mayor and
Aldermen for the time being at Fort St. George Madras
in the East Indies. Greeting. Whereas our beloved
the Right Worshipful Sir James Marriott Knight
and Doctor of Laws, our Lieutenant of the high
Court of our Admiralty of England, and in the same
Court Official Principal and Commissary General
and special and President and Judge thereof
and also to hear and determine all and all manner of

Causes

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Causes and Complaints as to Ships and Goods Seized and taken as prize, Specially Constituted. and Appointed. Hath at the Petition of our Procurator General, and also at the — Petition of our Procurator General in our Office of — Admiralty, Decreed a Commission to the Effect under — written (Justice so Requiring) we therefore give Power and Authority unto you Jointly and Severally and do hereby Charge and Require you that upon such Days and at such places as shall be by you Appointed for that purpose you do Administer an Oath in due form of Law unto and Severally and Separately examine and Interrogate the Respective Commanders Masters Officers and Others of the Crew of any Ship or Vessel belonging to France or to any persons being Subjects of France or Inhabiting within any of the Territories of France already taken or that shall hereafter be taken or Seized as prize by any of our — Ships or Vessels of War or by any private Ship or Vessel of War having Letters of Marque or otherwise Seized as prize and brought to or to be brought to or near Fort St. George Madras in the East Indies or such other persons or person by whom the Truth may properly be discovered, relating to the —

property

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Property of such Ships and Goods that shall be produced and brought before you or one of You, upon Certain Interrogatories annexed to these presents in order to Judgment, and also upon upon such other Interrogatories as may be transmitted to you as Occasion shall require, and that You cause their sayings and depositions to be faithfully reduced into Writing Assuming for your Registrar or Actuary any notary Public of good Credit & also Assuming as often as occasion shall require an Interpreter of good credit to be by you Sworn, Further requiring you that having finished the business of Examination of the Commander Master Officers Mariners and others of the Crew of any Ships Seized or taken as aforesaid and such other person or persons by whom the Truth may properly be discovered Relating to the Property of such Ships and Goods you do immediately after the examination of such Witnesses duly Transmitted to the Judge of our Said Court or his Surrogate their Sayings and depositions with the Ships Papers delivered up on Oath together with a Copy of the Interrogatories upon which they are examined and the whole procedings

which

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which from time to time have been had and Done before you or one of you reduced into a proper form and authentically and Closely Sealed up lest they should be opened or perused, and hereof fail not Given at London in Our aforesaid Court under the great Seal thereof the Second Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six and of Our reign the Thirty Sixth.-

/Signed/ Arden

Registrar.

Draw of the Stamps

George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith To the Worshipfull the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being at Fort St. George Madras in the East Indies Greeting Whereas the Worshipfull Sir James Marriott Knight and Doctor of Laws our Lieutenant of the High Court of our Admiralty of England and in the same Court Official Principal and Commissary General and Special and President and Judge thereof and also to hear and determine All and all manner of Causes and Complaints as to Ships and goods Seized and taken as prize Specially Constituted and & Appointed, Hath at the Petition of our Procurator General and also at the Petition of our Procurator General in our office of Admiralty Duered a Commission to the effect underwritten (Justice so & requiring) We therefore give Power and Authority unto you jointly and Severally and do hereby Charge and Require you that upon

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upon such Days and at such places as shall be by you appointed for that purpose you do administer an Oath in due form of Law unto and severally and seperately Examine and interrogate the respective Commanders Masters Officers and others of the Crew of any Ship or Vessel belonging to the United Provinces or to any persons being Subjects of the United Provinces or inhabiting within any of the Territories of the United Provinces already taken or Seized or that shall hereafter be taken or Seized as prize by any of our Ships or Vessels of War, or by any Private Ship or Vessel of War having Letters of marque or otherwise Seized as prize and brought to or to be brought to or near Fort St. George Madras in the East Indies or such other Person or Persons to whom the Truth may properly be discovered relating to the property of Such Ships and Goods that shall be produced and brought before you or one of you upon certain Interrogatories annexed to these presents in order to Judgment and also upon such other Interrogatories as may be Communicated to You as occasion shall require and that you cause their Sayings and depositions to be faithfully reduced into Writing Assuming for your Registrar or Actuary any Notary Public of good Credit and also Assuming as often as occasion shall require an Interpreter of good Credit to be by you Sworn Further requiring you that having finished the Business of Examination of the Commanders &

Masters

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Master Officers Mariners and Others of the Crew of any Ship Seazed, or taken as aforesaid and such other Person or Persons by whom the Truth may properly be discovered relating to the property of Such Ships and Goods you do immediatly after the examination of Such Witnesses duly transmit to the Judge of our Said Court or his Surrogate their Sayings and Depositions with the Ships Papers delivered up on Oath to gether with a Copy of the Interrogatories upon which they are examined and the whole proceedings which from time to time have been had and done before you or one of You reduced into a proper form and Authentically and Closely Sealed up lest they should be Opened or perused and hereof fail not Given at London, in Our aforesaid Court under the great Seal thereof the Second Day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Six and of our Reign the Thirty Sixth.-

/Signed/ Arden
Registrar

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Company's Solicitor.-

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter with Copy of the Letter lately received from Lieutenant Colonel Croker, respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia,

be

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be Sent to the attorney General and that his Opinion be taken whether it is indispensably necessary that Lieutenant Colonel Croker and Captain Moller should proceed to the Presidency or whether any Process can be devised for obtaining the Evidence required from them by which the loss of time and inconvenience that will attend their removal to the Presidency, may be Obviated.—

" Geo. Harris

" E.W. Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

John Turing Sec.

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Fort St. George May 1798

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Diary

From Commandant at Ryacottah.—

The letter from Major Doveton enclosing One from Tippoo Sultaun having been detained with the Sultauns letter in circulation, is here recorded and entered in M B. N. 22.—

Received the undermentioned letters entered in M B N°. 23. 24. 25 26. 27 28 29. 30 31 37.

From the Barrack Master Center Division.

From Captain Capper advising of his return to the Coast & his being ready to take charge of his Employ.—

From the Officer Commanding on Ceylon—

From Brigadier General Dalrymple advising of his appearance of three Ships supposed to be Enemy's off Calicutt on the 16th April.—

From D. D. Ganjam District

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton enclosing a Petition presented to him by the

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Fort St. George 11 May 1798

8 Lt. The Company's Carpenter Mastry at Ganjam
Setting forth his length of Service and the
Distress he will be exposed to if dismissed
the Service and praying to be pensioned —

From Commandant at Ganjam

From Captain Webber enclosing
the proceedings of a Committee appointed
to examine the Sentry Boxes in Garrison
and an Estimate for making use new ones

From the Military Auditor General 9 "

From Major General Sydenham
reporting on Mr Sulen's Bills for allowance
on Troops embarked for the Manilla —
expedition —

From Commandant at Trincomale

From Colonel Champagne —
requesting that a Supply of Money May
be sent for the use of the Troops —

From Do Do

From Do requesting Permission to
proceed on a Cruize to Sea for the Benefit
of his Health —

From Messrs Hindenley Watts & Co.

From Messrs Hindenley Watts
& Co enclosing some Muster of Rice and
engaging

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9th engaging to remit payment for the quantity they have proposed to deliver at Trincomale at certain Specified sums according to the quality which it may turn out —

From Lieutenant Colonel Clavers enclosing an application from Lieutenant Gordon for leave to resign the adjutancy of the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry and recommending Lieutenant Baynes to succeed him —

From Lieut. Colonel Clavers Commanding the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry.

From Mr. Barlow — enclosing Copies of Correspondence with the Contractor for Spirituous Liquors respecting the Rum ordered to be shipped for this Presidency on the Henry Dundas and Duke of Montrose —

From the Secretary at Bengal.

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Pub Dr. 33 34 35 36 37 38.

To Major General Floyd desiring him to acquaint Lieutenant Colonel Orr that

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army —

2890

Fort St George 4 May 1798

Sir

As the Station of his Corps is immediately subordinate to Lieutenant Colonel his Claim to full Batta cannot be admitted informing him also that on similar Grounds the Board can under the necessity of discontinuing from the 8th Instant the Allowance full Batta to the Officer Commanding the Stations of His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Lydenham

Communicating the foregoing Resolution as well as the determination of the Board to continue to the Head Bullock Mastr at the Pondicherry the Pay that he drew previous to the regulation of the 1 October 1797 requesting for his Opinion application from certain Officers employed on Field Service on Ceylon for tent Allowance and from Adjutant and quarter Master De Morgan for an Allowance for carrying Regimental Books.

To

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Fort St. George 4 May 1798

9th

To Messrs. Hindersley Watts & Co attorneys to Major C. Jourdan

To Messrs. Hindersley Watts & C desiring them to refer to the Records in the Secretarys' Office for information relative to the objections that exist to granting them the Hog Hill certificates they have applied for.—

To the Commissary of Stores at the Presidency

To Major Clarke desiring that Venecatanarnapaw may be supplied with two Candies of Bengal Salt Petre upon paying for the same.—

To the Accountant General

To Mr. Wood forwarding Copy of a letter with its enclosures from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad relative to the State of the Accounts of Peishcush for the Fasly Year 1205 & 1206.—

To the Chief Engineer

To Major General Ross informing him that Bills corresponding with the Estimate enclosed in his letter of the 28 March enclosing Colonel Gent's Commission will

&c

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9th Ult. Rec'd countersigned for payment

Sent the following letters.

To Mr. Thomas Cockburn

Register of the Nabobs Debts

Sir.

To the Registar of the Nabobs Debts Noticing the Circumstances that prevent the Board from complying with the Application of the Creditors

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 3d Instant and to direct you will inform the Creditors of His Highness the Nabob that although he feels every disposition to meet their wishes, the pecuniary Circumstances of this Government put it out of his power to spare any part of the ensuing Decount in Cash

As the Creditors must be sensible that the discount upon the Company's Paper originates in a general Scarcity of Specie

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Sir,

We must be sensible that nothing but the return of Money can relieve Government from this Embarrassment: the Issue therefore of 12 ℘ Cent Bonds at a Discount will not only be Beneficial in itself since 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.

I am &c. &c. &c.

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

Fort St. George
8th May 1798

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your letter

To the Military Board
pay of the Bullock
Mastery at the
Presidency encreased
Bills for Work
executed

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executed under the superintendence of Colonel Gent's paper for Payment - a representation of the State of the Sepoy Barracks at Arnee referred for Consideration - Ammunition &c to be supplied to Captain Dighton from the Stores at Palamcotah -

9th

of the 30th Ultimo, and in Consequence of your recommendation We consent to allow the Bullock Maistry at the Presidency to draw the Pay he received previous to the regulations for the Bullock Department of the 1st October last -

We shall authorize the Payment of Colonel Gents Bills for Work executed under his Superintendence at the Presidency and Pondamallee agreeably to your recommendation -

We refer for your Opinion a representation from Major Cooke of the repairs required to the Sepoys Barracks at Arnee -

We desire that orders may be sent for furnishing Captain Dighton, the Officer Commanding at Shevelapatore with 1000 Ball Cartridges, and 100 Flints from

the

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Stores at Calamcotah -

Fort St. George
8th May 1798

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

(signed) George Harries
&c. Council

10th

To His Excency Major General Anker.
Governor &c. &c.
at
Tranquebar.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit to you

Ltr. to the Governor of Tranquebar - respecting the three Men of the Meuron Regiment said to be at Tranquebar -

Copy of a representation which has been made to me by the Officer Commanding the Regiment de Meuron on the Service of His Britannic Majesty, relative to three Men of that Corps who are said to be at Tranquebar - I request you will have the Goodness to cause enquiry to be made into the circumstances stated by Sergeant Major Berger, and of his

Representation

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10th representation should prove correct, that you will be so obliging as order the Men to be delivered up to the Commanding Officer at Karical —

Fort St. George
15th May 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed J Webbe
Lt Col & Govr

11th

From the Reverend C Ball. —

Received the undermentioned letter entered in Ord B 8vo 39. 40 ult. —

From the Revd C Ball representing the circumstances on which he rests his Claims to be placed in his situation of civil Chaplain at the Presidency now held by the Reverend Mr Kerr

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

From Lieutenant Fireworker Gellie requesting leave to postpone his intended voyage to Bengal, the Company to which he stands attached having been ordered

2897

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11th ordered on Service to Ceylon.—

From Captain Shrieve of Dutch Bomaa of War.—

From Captain Shrieve - advising of his arrival at the Presidency from Columbo and requesting in consequence that he may be permitted to draw his Subsistence.—

Received also the following Letter from the Commissioners at Calicut—

To the Honorable Lieut. Gen.l Geo. Harris

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

To the Commissioners at Calicut - with Intelligence of the Landing of Several French Men at Mangalore from the Prenneuse Frigate

We have the Honor to enclose for your Perusal, the Copy of a letter just received from the Northern Superintendent, the person named Broosa is a Native Merchant of eminence, and has an extensive Correspondence on the Coast which enables him to furnish this Species of Information

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Fort St. George 4 May 1798

11k Information Occasionally-

Calicut
1st May 1798

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

(Signd.) John Spencer
Jas Hartley
I Smee

To the Commissioners for Executing the Office of
Superintendent
Gentlemen.

Moosa has been with me this
Morning, to report as I had desired him on
any information he might receive from
Mangalore; He says that the Vessel which
captured the Indiaman had landed at that
place Two Gentlemen and one hundred persons
of different discriptions; that Several people
had come down for Sarengapattam to
conduct them to that place; Moosa assures
me this information may be depended upon.

Tellicherry 30th
April 1798

I am &c. &c.

A true Copy } Signd } Christopher Dale
} Signd } Jas Law Secy

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11th Dispatched the undermentioned
Letters entered in No 13 Pp. 42. 43 44 45 46. 47.

To the Town Mayor of Fort St. George

To Captain Malcolm desiring
him to provide immediately 220 Hammocks
with Bedding viz. 8 Tin Kettles 25 Platters
and 42 Pots. –

To Messrs Hendersleys, Watts & Co

To Messrs Hendersleys Watts & Co
declining the purchase of the Rice tendered
by them for Sale –

To the Commandant at Carical. –

To Lieutenant Crumpe notifying
the application made to the Governor of
Tranquebar for surrendering 2 Men of the
Meuron Regiment, and desiring them if
they are delivered up to detain them
at Karical till further orders.

To the Secretary at Bengal Bunaent at Poona & Assistant Resident at Hyderabad

To Mr Barlow. Lieutenant
Colonel Palmer and Captain Kirkpatrick
forwarding a Mysore Intelligence received
from Major Doveton. –

To the Revd Charles Ball –

To the Revd Charles Ball. –

acquainting

2900

Fort St. George 11th May 1798

11th acquainting him that he has permission to peruse the papers relating to his appointment but that under the orders of the Court of Directors he can only be considered the Youngest Chaplain at this Presidency -

To Lieutenant Fenwick Gillies of the 1st Battalion Artillery -

To Lieutenant Fenwick Gillies permitting him to postpone his intended Voyage to Bengal -

12th Sent the following letter -

To Colonel Josias Champagne Commanding at Trincomale

Sir,

To the Commandant at Trincomalee instructions respecting the Detachment of the 73d Regiment embarked on the Lucas Galley for Trincomalee - and for landing the Company of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry to the Coast

In order that you may be effectually enabled to carry into execution the orders transmitted to you on the 9th Inst. the Honble the Governor in Council has thought it advisable to reinforce your Garrison by

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2901

Fort St. George 12th May 1798

Coast-Rice and Money Shipped on the Surveys for the use of the Garrison — permission granted him to proceed to the Coast. —

a detachment of his Majestys 73d Regiment Amounting to two hundred Men who are embarked on the Sloop galley under convoy of his Majestys Ship Orpheus.

The principal object of this reinforcement is that, if his Excellency the Admiral should be desirous of a detachment of Troops to serve for any length of time as Marines on board the Squadron, you may have the means of complying with this application without material inconvenience to your own Command if therefore his Excellency should think this Measure advisable you will assist him with a detachment from four to five hundred Men of which the two Companies of the 73d Regiment are to form a part; and put it entirely under the orders of Admiral Rainier or Senior Officer of his Majestys Ships —

The

2902

Fort St. George 12th May 1793

The detachment of His Majesty's 73d Regiment is to be returned to the Boundary as soon as the Service on which they are now sent shall be Completed if there should be no probability of delay you' with detain the Sloop Galley for the purpose; but if the Service should require the detention of the detachment you will return the Sloop's Galley with the relief from Trincomalie as it is the wish of Government to employ her upon another Service.—

In the event of your returning the Sloop's Galley immediately without the detachment of the 73d Regiment you will of course communicate with his Excellency the Admiral and the Governor in Council has no doubt that his Excellency will provide for their passage to the Boundary in some of his Majesty's Ships.—

As

2903 Fort St George May 8/98

82 As the Governor in Council is desirous that the Company of the 1st Battalion 1st Native Regiment should be returned to the Coast, he directs Me to desire that you will embark them on the Sumps Galley if She should return without the detachment of the 73d Regiment otherwise that the Company should be sent by the first convenient opportunity to Pondicherry to join its Corps -

You have the permission of the Governor in Council to proceed to the Coast when ever you may be desirous of availing yourself of it -

On the Sumps Galley has been Shipped a quantity of rice for the use of the Garrison at Trincomale of which the Bill of lading is enclosed and the invoice of which will be delivered to the proper Officer

On the Sumps Galley are also Shipped fifty thousand Rupees for the use

2904

Fort St. George 12th May 1798.

12 " use of the troops.—

Fort St. George
12th May 1798

Sam 1st 1st

Signed / J. Webbe
Sett to Government

To Benjamin Sullivan Esqr.

Attorney General

Sir,

To the Attorney General papers respecting the Susanna Amelia forwarded and his opinion required whether any proceeding can be devised to preclude the immunity of Lieutenant Colo Blair and Captain Moller proceeding to the presidency.—

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copies of Papers respecting the Ship Susanna Amelia and to desire you will state your Opinion Whether it is indispensibly necessary that Lieutenant Colonel Croker and Captain Moller should proceed to the Presidency or whether any proceeding can be devised for obtaining the evidence required from them, by which the loss of time and inconvenience that will attend their removal to the Presidency

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2905 Fort St. George 11 May 1798

12th Maybe obviated.—

Fort St. George
12th May 1798

I am
&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Government

13th Received a letter from the Reverend C. Ball (entered in M.B. N.48) requesting to

From the Reverend C. Ball—

know the determination of Government relative to his Appointment—i.e. whether he is considered a Military and youngest Chaplain on the Establishment or civil and Youngest Chaplain at the Presidency and if in the former light whether it is the Board's wish that he should proceed to Trichinopoly.—

14th Dispatched and Received the ——— undermentioned letters entered in M.B. N.os

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To Captain Bunny directing

To the Commander of the Lumps Galley

him, after having received on board his Ship the provisions Stores and Money for the Garrison

2906

Fort St. George 14th May 1798

Garrison of Trincomalle to put themselves under the orders of Captain Hills of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus and proceed to that place under his convoy.—

To the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus.—

To Captain Hills requesting him to take the Sumps Galley under his Convoy to Trincomalle.—

From D.— D

From D. promising to afford protection to the Sumps Galley as requested.—

From Captain Brunton in charge of the Books of the late Commissary General's office.—

From Captain Brunton enclosing an Indent of Stationary required to enable him to close the Books of the late Commissary General of Grain and Provisions.—

From the Secretary at Bombay.—

From W. R. Rickards noticing an Engagement made by the Bombay Government with Nasserwanjee Monockjee to convey a Detachment of the 33d Regiment from Bombay to Bengal via Madras.—

From the Accountant General

From W. Wood enclosing agreeably to Lord Mornington's Desire a Statement of

the

2907

Fort St. George May 1798

14th The Nabob's Mistbundy account closed 11th July 1790 and leaving a Balance due by Highnys of Pagodas 19,98,006..10:22.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow forwarding Copy of the above Letter with the original account—

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Rockwell enclosing Bills of Lading of four Chests of Treasure shipped on the Sumps Galley for the use of the Troops at Trincomalee.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieut. General Harris

Governor —— President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Falloffield } Esqrs

Tuesday 15th May 1798

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and approved—

Read

2908

Fort St. George 15th May 1798

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

To the Honble Sir. G. Harris

To the Honble Sir, Fort St. George

We beg leave to refer you to our address of the 29th March last, wherein the object of Tippoo's Troops on the Cooiga frontier was stated in a much less equivocal light than it had been till then and having soon afterwards judged it expedient to depute a confidential person to that quarter, for the purpose of keeping us correctly informed of their Movements, we appointed Captain Denis Mahony aid de Camp to General Hartley for that Duty; and have now the honour of enclosing in No 1 a Copy of a letter he has occasion to address to the Commanding Officer of

From the Commissioners at Calicut with Copies of Papers relative to the Assemblage of Tippoos Troops on the Borders of the Cooga Country and the Claims advanced by the Sultaun's People to the Districts of Amara and Soulles dependencies of the Cooga Rajah—

2909

Fort St. George 5th May 1798

of the Sullaun's Troops; and in the following Number is transcribed a letter from that Gentleman and enclosures received this Day which we have also communicated to the Supreme Government. -

We have the honor to be very respectfully -

Calicut the 3d May 1798

E.a E.a
H.n H.r

(Signed) J. Spencer
Jas Hartley
Jno Lumm

Translate of a letter to Meer Assoph Alum Khan

As the deputed Agent of the Commissioners, for all affairs of the Honble Company's Government in the province of Malabar I have had occasion to Notice for some time past a report of the arrival of a large body of the Sullaun Troops on the borders of annard and Sollia dependancies of

2910 Fort St. George 15th May 1798

of the Coorga Rajah a Tributary of the
English Circaar - more fully informed of
the fact at present, and apprized at the
same time of the Dewans of Jomalahads
late Correspondence I am encouraged in a
variety of Conjectures - But when learning
that this force is under your orders, doubt
gives way to Certainty, and I am led to
conclude the under impression of great
Wonder their object hostile to the possessions
of the said Rajah of Coorga -

The 7th Article of the treaty of
Seringapatam determines that all disputes
arising on the boundaries of the allys
and Tippoo Sultaun shall be adjusted
with the approbation of all parties If
therefore the Sultaun Sirkar has any
Claims on the abovementioned two Districts
they must be adjusted by fair and

amicable

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Fort St. George 15th May 1798.

Amicable discussion a Measure I am authorized to say the Company's Government are ready to enter into so soon as the Sultaun shall signify a disposition to the like End the adoption of the measures you appear to have in view will be an infringement of the just mentioned Treaty - it is therefore that I hereby in the Company's Name Admonish you to refrain from such proceeding in order that the Mutual bonds of amanimity and friendship subsisting between the two Sirkaars may be preserved sacred and receive additional Strength from duration -

I hope to be speedily favored with your answer to this letter

Peronnoor
8 Zeekaadeh 1212 Hegeree
25 April 1798 A.D.

(Signed) D. Mahony

A true translate
(Signed) D. Mahony

A true Copy
(Signed) Ja Law Lieut

2912 Fort St. George 5th May 1798

To John Spencer Esqr.

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

Gentlemen

The letter I had the honor to write you the 25th Instant will inform you of my having addressed the Commanding Officer of Tippoos troops in this Neighbour=hood - The accompanying enclosures Contains all that has since occurred & is a detail of intelligence in the order it was taken down No 2 a translate of a letter from Sheer Khan to me, and No 3 my answer thereto -

As I trust that when intimating the Company's Readiness to Concede in the Measures alluded to in my first Letter to Sheer Khan, I thereby acted

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Fort St. George 15th May 1798

in full Conformity to your instructions, I now beg leave permitted to urge the majesty of your Coming to a Speedy determination on the subject of his reply I have however left a Certain opening for delay should such be deemed expedient by allusion to the advanced period of the Season.-

I will afford me great Satisfaction to realize the favourable intimations now held forth by Tippoos Chief Officer - at present I must withhold all that Credit I could wish to give his assertions; Many circumstances Combine to impress doubts on my mind - Two I may venture to mention The Dewan of Jemalabaads late Correspond= =ence and an Army 7000 Men strong as I am positively informed, now within four Miles of this boundary -

I have

2912 Fort St. George 1st May 1798

To John Spencer Esqr.

President Vs, Vr, Commissioners &c. &c.

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I have

2914

Fort St. George 15th May 1798.

I have the honor to Remain with
very great Respect -

Yr. & Yr.

I Signd, D. Mahony

Pugnoor
Apl. 27th 1798
10 o Clock P.M.

Pugnoor Apr. 26, 9 o Clock PM 1798

Two Men just now Came in from
Tippoos Camp Mention the arrival there
of the Messengers Charged with the letter
to the Commanding Officer after Making
known the business they were Come on to
both by which they intend they were immediately
the out Conveyed to their Khans quarters -

April 27th 8 o Clock A M.

Two Men Reached this place
in the course of the Night, lately from
the Chincal District They had been
dispatched into the Mysoor the 3d of
this Month from Cadiout They ascended
by the Tamberchurry pass and there -

directed

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directed their Course to the head of that
of Peria or somewhere thereabouts; where
Manantoory is situated - The Pychy Rajah
was then at Puttoor Colum, distant Eastward
2 or 3 Cass, whether they repaired. He was —
attended at the time by about 300 Nairs
The Informants Remained in Wynaad 6 days
during which period they learned that a
Compleat Settlement, and Mutual exchange
of Presents had taken place between the
Sultaun and Rajah for the Talook of Wynaad.
Yemman Nair was then on the frontiers or
in the Sultauns Territory on business of the
Sirkaar a Brother Seyed Guffaar a well
known Sepahdaar of Tippoos was on the
confines of Wynaad between Yekadin Colah
and Kakenah Colah, with 2000 Men one
half Regulars the other Camatis The —
informants not acquainted with the route

Had

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I had taken owing to the misapprehension
of persons Charged to give them Information,
sought mean the Chenial District After
Discending the Ghaut they went to Iravan
(Pronto they must Mean) where they saw
Colonel Doo, and the Troops lately sent into
that Quarter They Report the Rebel Rajah
to persist in obtaining the entire Manage-
=ment of the Country and his determination
not to Submit to the Government of a Child
like the present one in power whom it has
pleased the English Destiny to Create —

10 o'C A.M.

Two other Men Came in from —
Pronnyoor mention the delivery of the Letter
to the Officer in Command there, but that
the bearers thereof were Confined, not other-
=wise however improperly used —

11 o'C A.M.

The Officer Commanding the

Fort

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Fort St. George 15th May 1798

Post at Jalasoor gives information of the return of the two Men dispatched from hence Yesterday Morning to the Sillauns Camp with a letter accompanied by two Bandaars who are likewise Charged with a letter for me - Shall taken the necessary Steps for their immediate admission and being Conducted here without loss of time -

2 o Clock P M.

Report of two Men dispatched the night before last with a letter to Tippoo's Officer Now in Command at Nonyoor -

We reached the out Post before the first Peep of the day (9 o C) and were conducted in the usual form to the Commanding Officers quarters He was then at his Meals and we were Confined in a Neighbouring Chowkey Some time after and as soon as he had read the letter, we were the bearers of, liberty was allowed us, and all possible attention shown

Such

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Such as affording every luxury in the way of food and Camalies, and other bedding to rest ourselves on; at Night fall, we were met for by Sheer Khan, at whose quarters we also found Mir Ibraheem and the Mangalore Sadree – Sheer Khan particularly enquired whom we had come from, who I* was and what my business was tended to. The Sadree asked what Force I had with me and what Number of Troops landed in Malabar out of the late Ships from Bombay. Sheer Khan interposed his authority and objecting to such questions, and desiring that None might be made but what had allusion to business – Some loose Remarks followed from the Sadree, desiring the Sultaans Sirkaar to be allowed what belonged to it, and we keep possession of what right by our own – Sheer Khan had Some thing to say on these Remarks. We

* Captain Mahony

Concluded

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concluded by expressing a wish that the Matter in dispute might be speedily adjusted and a proper person be soon sent from this Side for the purpose —

We were early offered Money but declined it — Sheer Khan latterly told us it was Customary with the Sirdar to give a days expenditure, on such occasions and that we must receive it, We in Consequence took 4 Rupees each —

At 9 o'c. this Morning we received our leave and we came away with two Bandaars Conveying You a letter from Sheer Khan —

I Signed I D. Mahony

Translate of a letter from Sheer Khan Kerreem Meer Asoph (Commanding Tippoos Troops on the borders of Salem) to Captain Mahony —

The friendly letter you wrote

Yes

Fort St. George 15th May 1798

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(Signed) D. Mahony

Translate of a letter from Sheer Khan Yerreen Meer Asoph (Commanding Tippoos Troops on the borders of Sullea) to Captain Mahony—

The friendly letter you wrote

Yes

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has this Moment Reached me. I have understood its contents You observe that if the Sultaums Sirkaar has any Claims on these two Districts (Meaning Amara and Soullia) they must be adjusted by fair and amicable discussion and should Tippoo Sultaum evince a disposition to such a mode of procuding the Company will be ready to meet it.—

I can aver, by the favor of almighty God, that from the Commencement of the Empire bestowed by heaven to the present Moment of Writing, the law of oppression or force has not been visible — In Conformity to what is Customary with the English Sirkaar, should they agree to the Measure a (one) duly qualified person from the Sirdaars of this Sirkar shall be deputed, on whose arrival all relating to the Boundary will be understood, matters will no doubt

be

2921 Fort St. George 15th May 1798

be adjusted by this mode you are right
when observing on the advantages of good —
understanding —

The Talooks of Amara and —
Soulka have been included in the Kingdom
bestowed by God, from its every establishment
and I am Certain that after the Arrival
of the abovementioned persons (the Sirdaar
to be deputed) all differences will be favorably
terminated —

May your Days be prosperous
Written the 10th of the Month of
Behaun the Year Shahrab 6221 Moulooe
Mahommed —

Meer Ebraheem
Meere Sadoor
Busy at the head
of the Nazoor Cutcherry

(Signd) Sheer Khan Tereen
Meere Dsaph
By the high Nazoor —

A true Translation —

(Signd) D Mahony

Recvd the 27th April 98

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which I conclude to Agree with the 11th of the Month Behauu.

Signd / D. Mahony

Translate of a letter to Meer Asoph Sheer Khan Ferreen -

The perusal of your friendly letter which I have just received, has afforded me infinite satisfaction, for I will not think that of agreeable to the English dustaw a Sudaar of the Sultaans shall be deputed on whose arrival all relating to the boundaries will be well understood - This most favorable disposition on your part I shall immediately communicate to the Commissioners whose Agent I am and whose Readiness to treat as I have before expressed, and now venture to assure you that the necessary steps will be taken by them to the desired end as speedily as possible or that the advanced State of the Season will admit.

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In the meantime shall a vessel a direction shall have passed between the two Sirkaars it is incumbent on me to say, the said Districts of Amara and Soulea must remain in possession of the Coorge Rajah and whether the Company's Orders for the herein Mentioned purpose are addressed to me, or otherwise they will be imparted to you with all possible dispatch

Favor me with your Commands for this quarter, and at times with News Concerning your Welfare -

Written the 9th Inst Kaddeh 1212 Hegira
27th April 1798

Signed / D. Mahony

A true translate

(Signed) D. Mahony

true Copies

(Signed) Jas. Law
Lieut
Captain

2924 Fort St. George 15th May 1798

Captain Denis Mahony

Sir,

We have received your letters of the 18th 20th 23d 25th & 27th Ultimo and approve of your having accepted Sheer Khan in the terms of your advices of the 25th Ultimo we treat the same, pleased with the accommodating Stile of his Answer, to which your Reply as Copied in your letter of the 27th Ultimo has our entire Approbation.

2 As you have very properly apprized that Officer of your intention to Submit Copies of this Correspondence to us, you will be pleased to acquaint him, that altho we are desirous of entering on the proposed Negotiation as soon as possible it will be irregular to take any Measures therein until we are favored with an Answer from His Highness the Sultaun,

to

2925.

Fort St. George 15th May 1798

to our President letter of the 17th. February
the Original of which was forwarded thro'
the Dewaun of Jemalabad, and a Duplicate
by the way of Combatoor but lest some
accident may have happened to them, and
to convince both the Sultaun and Shere Khan
of our desire to preserve harmony with his
Sircar, we request you will acquaint the
latter with the Substance of this, forwarding
to him an attested Copy of the letter in
question with a request that he will transmit
it to the Huzzoor and if, as he has been already
informed, his Master shall evince a reciprocal
desire to terminate the present Misunder-
-standings respecting Wynaad, and the
Districts of Amma and Sultea, in the
Manner therein proposed, we shall immedi-
-ately on being advised thereof by the
compitent Authority, furnish you with full
powers under our hands, and the Seal of the

Honble

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Honorable Company to Negotiate and agree finally on such points as may come under discussion and it is expected that who ever may be appointed to meet you by His Highness shall be furnished with similar Credentials from the Huzzoor which shall previously to entering on the intended Negotiation be mutually exchanged, that your Powers may remain on the Sultaums Records in testimony of your being fully qualified on the part of the Company and those of the Sultaums Ameen Remain with us as a Voucher of his being duly Authorized on the part of his Master.—

3d. You may take this opportunity of acquainting Meer Khan, for the information of the Sultaun, that in order to save time, in the event of his Ameen being favorable to our pacific System we have given

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guen directions for preparing the documents
necessary to form the ground Work of your
proceedings

4th Lest you should not be provided
with either a Copy of the Persian English of your
Presidents letter of the 17th February we enclose
a transcript of the latter and are-

Sir
Your most obedient Servants
(Signd) John Spencer

John Snee

True Copy
(Signd) Jas Law Secy

Calicut
the 3d May 1798

To the Honble Lieut. General Geo. Harris
Governor and President in Council
Fort St. George

Hon'ble Sir,

In addition to our advices of
Yesterdays date, We have now the honor of
transmitting the enclosed Copy of a letter
from

From the Commissioners
at Calicut with Copy
of a letter addressed to
them by the Diwan
of Jemalabad wherein
he maintains Tippoos
Right to the Districts of
Amara and Sandoor

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from the Dewan of Jemalabad, in answer to our Presidents letter of the 28th March last, a Copy of which formed an enclosure in our address of the 29th of that Month, and have the honor to be very respectfully —

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(Signd) J. Spencer
J. Smee

Calicut
4th May 1798

To the Commissioners the Compliments of Shaik Shahbo Deen Asaff of Jemaala-abad dated 13th Ghardaun 973 (22d April 1798) Received 22d ditto ditto 1st May 1798. —

By the letter which you have written me all particulars are plaied in my mind, and I have forwarded to the Hazzoor the Arzee (address to a Superior) which you have sent by the hands of Ram Agan, to be transmitted to the Sultaun. —

I am greatly surprized at what you have written in the letter addressed me, that you

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you think Kallour Bajy and Kantamanga-
=lam form a part of Sullia-naad, and that
you believe Sullianaad to belong to Kodum=
=ala, and that that Talook will be found
in the 7th Article of the Treaty of Peace, entered into
by the Company and the Coriar, to form a
part of the Kodumala Country, and that
should it be entered without a previous
investigation, you will report the Circumstance
to Bengal -

The Kingdom of Najara was
conquered by Hydwally Khan thirty eight
years ago, since which period I have held the
Parabatyship of Mangalore, to which the
whole of the territory of Sullianaad, Kolloor,
Bajy, and Kantamangalam, have been
annexed for a length of time, and do not
belong to any other Country -

In the time of Hyder Ally
Khan

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Kauw, a person named Saheb ally was Superintendent of the Bangalore Country and was succeeded by Kalayel Manoappay- an for one year, when Nagana Managed that district; after his death, a person Named Potrar Ballary was appointed to that Charge, who had remained in it a short time, when I was placed in the Office and held it until the year 958 (1782/3) which fifteen years the Revenues of the two Countries called Amara and Sulliah were collected by the Circar There being no Means of Cultivation in those Countries, the Circar advanced the Inhabitants about a Thousand Hoons and assisted them in the cultivation of them My Master having taken me to Shreringapatnam, he appointed Goolam Mahomed to Bangalore

With

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Who remained there Ten Years, and who realized the Revenues of Amara and Sullia, by the means of an Officer that he appointed, under him in those districts

In the Year 966 (1796 AD) during the War between your Company's Circar and ours, the two districts of Amara and Sullia, Kolloor Bagy and Kanlam-angalam, and the whole adjoining to them were taken possession of by the Kodumala-Kaaram (or name of Kodutka a disrespectful appellation) who has since reaped the produce of them Information of this having reached Tippoos Circar an order was given for these two districts to be reunited to the circar in the Manner of formerr times, and for forts to be erected in Kantamangalam and Kolloor Bagy, and for this purpose a large force has arrived here;

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Sir, He (Coorga Rajah) is dispatisfied at
the idea of relinquishing those districts and
therefore writes to you that the Seventh
Article of the Treaty, shews them to belong
to the Kolumala Rajah — the boundary
is not specified in that manner in the 7th
Article, but only Koorumala Rajaum —
which is the cause of his Writing to you
that Amara, Sullia, Kollor Bajy and
Kantamangalam belong to that Rajaum
and I must suppose that they have no
sensible or informed men Among them,
and if so they cannot be blamed, yet still
the acts of such inconsiderable people may
be the cause of a difference between the
Company and the Sultaun's Government
you are sensible and well informed Men
and whose Custom it is not knowingly, to
err

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risk disgrace for trifling matters.-

The treaty of Peace between the Company's arrau and our Arrau was executed at a place, and by persons of the first consequence, and which, from the first has never been infringed.. But if you put confidence in what the Kodundaram says and Create a dispute, it cannot be a trifling one (having called some Inhabitants of Sullia naad and asked them in presence of your Barkarrah Ram Ayan, Shake Hyder, and Shake Kathoo whom their Country belongs and whom they paid their Revenue they answered that their Country belonged to Nagara to which Government they pay the Revenues; if you will enquire of your people they will inform you of the same-

If you will send a clear and

experienced

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expressed. pursue to inform himself of these circumstances then he can return and make you acquainted with them therefore I desire that you will without listening to what he (the Coorga Rajah) says or causing any ills, send him an order to restore Amara Sullia Kallor Bajy and Kantam=-angalam to the Circar, and in future to be have so, as to prevent a recurrence of these kind of disputes the Troops that are come here have not yet entered Amara naad and Sullia-naad, and the Motive for which was the desire of acting with propriety and so as not to give offence --

Your proper, if you question them will give you the Information, they acquired here--

Complement

A true Copy

(Signed) J.H.

(Signed) Jas Law Jr

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Read also the following letter

from Tippoo Sultaun (entered in CC N. 83)

Translation of a letter

From the Nabob Tippoo Sultaun Bahadur

To the Honble Major General Harris Govr of Madras

Dated 22d April }
Rcvd 3d May } 1798—

9 From Tippoo Sultaun complaining of the Seizure of the Districts of Kaulmangle and Goloorbaje by the Subjects of the Coorga Rajah—

Some people of the Coorgah Country having descended from the Mountains and Wood and fixed their Residence in the Villages of Kaulmangle and Goloorbaje committing irregularities and molesting the Ryots, I was induced to send an Affair, with a Small Party to reason with them, and remonstrate against such Conduct — They will not however be persuaded but are inclined to excite some disturbance —

Apprehending that they

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may misrepresent to the Honble the
Company's Government the circumstances
of this transaction, I have deemed it
proper to make this friendly communi-
-cation upon the Subject, for your information

Your Excellency will be so good
to send the most peremptory and positive
orders to the Corgah people directing them
to abandon the two Villages in question, to
return to their own limits above the
Mountains, and not thereafter to transgress
them Convince me Solicitous to receive
Accounts of your Welfare, and favor me
frequently with your friendly Communications

What more should I add.

A true translate

Signed I A Falconar
Dn F. to Govr

Minute on the three
foregoing letters —

Upon consideration of the foregoing
letters as well as of the letter from the Honble
Court

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Court of Directors dated 22d. September 1797

It is resolved that the President be requested to address the following answer to Tippoo Sultaun (entered also in C C 8. 84)—

To Tippoo Sultaun—

Letter to be addressed to Tippoo Sultaun recommending that the respective Claims of this Sircar and the Coorga Rajah to the Disputed Villages be settled by Amicable Intercourse According to the Spirit of the Treaty—

I have had the honor to receive your friendly letter of 22d Ultimo and am concerned at the disturbance which you mention in the Villages of Kantsrengle and Golorbage

As I have no immediate communi=cation with the Koorga Rajah I have made known the content of your letter to the Governor of Bombay and I have no doubt that by his mediation any little difference respecting these Villages will be brought to a conclusion without Military Assistance but by amicable arrangements according to the Seventh Article of the treaty of

Seringapatam

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Seringapatam on such Cases provided.—

Believe me always anxious to
preserve with friendship so happily existing
between the two Sirkars

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16th May 1798

I Signed I Webbe
Sec'y to Govern.t

Farther Resolution on the foregoing Subject

Resolved that the Commissioner on the Malabar Coast, the Supreme Government and the Government of Bombay be furnished with copies of the foregoing letter.—

Read the following letter from Hydrabad.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Assistant to Resident at Hydrabad hopes to adjust amicably the Negociation now pending relative to the Surrender of Deserters without explaining the Causes of the Detention of the Nizams

Sir.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th Instant.—

I have to request you will assure the Honorable the Governor in Council, that I shall not

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Nizam's people at Rampore - wishes that the party shipped at Nellore may be - Allowed to proceed of the Kummum District completely rescued from the hands of the french party and entrusted to Nur - o Mamut Oallah Khan

not fail to make Known if requisite to His Highness the Nizam's Ministry the Inquiry he feels himself under of detaining the Party of Mr. Raymond's Sepoys at Rampore, while on inquiry position continues to be manifested on the part of this Durbar to comply with so reasonable an application as that respecting the Sepoy Deserters - I am not without some hope however of - bringing this matter to an amicable issue without being under the necessity of - communicating to this Court, the above determination of the Honorable the Governor in Council - -

In answer to same enquiries which I caused to be made of Mr. Finglas (the person mentioned in Captain Forbes's letter) relative to an attempted passage of Sepoys, and others calling themselves his Retainers through the Honble Company's

Territories

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Territories furnished with an irregular Pass I have been given to understand that the irregularity noticed in your letter must have been entirely owing to the extreme ignorance of the person who signed the Pass in question, who is an Armenian, very little versed in the English & Sanyuage and the same to whom (at the Missions applications) I granted a Pass on the 11th of November last to Fort St. George, for the purpose (as specified) of purchasing Military Stores for the use of Mr. Finglas's Party.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable Board, Extract from my Dispatch of the 22d Instant to the Governor General and am

Sir,

Hydrabad
23d April 1798

Your &c &c
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

∴ The Extract enclosed is dated the 21st.

Extract

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Extract of a letter from Captain J. A Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General Dated 21st April 1798.-

"6th With regard to my letter to Meer Allum on the subject of the Desorters " Mustafa Kumr and Dowlah Confined himself to Assuring meon the part of his principal, that he was by no means inmindful of his promise of brining this Matter to an early and — " Satisfactory Adjustment, but was desirous to avoid troubling the Minister any farther on the Subject, until he had so firmly fixed — Yenkut Ram Pasre in the Management of the Jaedaas lately held by Raymond as to preclude the danger of their falling again into the hands of the French Party from which Mohubut Ram (who is now Peons Paishkar could not see them pass away, without exerting as he was actually doing all his — + interest

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interest with Ragotum Row to endeavor to —
recover possession of them. Thus I could not
help telling Mustakeem ul Dowlah, appeard
to me but a poor reason for delaying the pro=
=cution of a business which as I had repeatedly
said, was by no means thought lightly of
by my Government. I then hoped (Sword)
that the Assigned cause of this delay would
now be effectually done away, and reminded
him, that the interim could not be better
employed, than in procuring the total Recall
of the French Troops from the Province of
Khummum where their presence might no no
Surely be dispensed with as the Collection of
its revenues, had passed into other hands. The
point Mustakeem ul Dowlah assured me
Mer Allum would not fail to attend to. —

"7th I also seized the opportunity
of this visit to acquaint Mustakeem ul Dowlah
that I was now ready to furnish the Minister
with

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with a Draft on the Masulipatam Treasury for the Balance of Paishcush for 1205, — whenever he should think proper to require it; and as the only difference between the Paishcush Accounts of this Presidency and those of the Durbar, was the disputed charge of an Advance of a thousand Pagodas to Ahmedy Ali Khan, I should for the present consider this Item as struck out of the Amount, and grant an order for the Balance due exclusive thereof, reserving of Course in return a receipt in full for Paishcush up to that period - Mustakeem Ul Dowlah expressed himself highly satisfied with this liberal Arrangement, whereby the long unsettled Accounts of Paishcush, would now, he said, be brought to a — final Adjustment."

"17th. It was my intention to have Closed, and dispatched this letter yesterday

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Yesterday, being the day on which I began it lost the intervention of other business by delaying its dispatch till today, has afforded me an opportunity of advising you by it, that I received last night at a late hour a Note from Mer Allum in which he acquaints me that the Province of Rummund is already taken out of the hands of the French Party, the Summud transferring the Government and Renteship of it upon Mer Neamut Oollah Khan, having been made out that very evening. Mer Allum adds that Mer Neamut Oollah will set out for his New Government in the course of a Week or ten days, and that the requisite Party for the Relief of the French Corps stationed in that Province may be drawn at my option either from Monsr Fenglaps Command, from that of

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of a Partizan Named Bawhanny Sing
or from the Bengal Detachment. Though
it is no doubt very desireable that a Party
of our own Troops should be stationed in
preference to any other in that Critically
situated Province, yet adverting to the
approach of the rainy Season, which is
not more than Six Weeks off, and to the
Convenient habitations which the Offices
of the Detachment have at a Considerable
expence provided themselves with in their
present Situation, I have not judged it at
present advisable to recommend promptly
a preference in its favor and have therefore
in my reply to Mr. Allens Note, —
Contented Myself with leaving the Selection
for this Service entirely at the Ministers
Option - which I should certainly however
not have ventured to do, were I not —
tolerably

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tolerably Confident of being Able to
obtain a footing for our Troops in Rummum
when honored with your Sentiments on
the Subject, should they not in the
present instance be the object of the
Ministers preference —

A true Extract

(Signd) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit
you such further Extracts from my address
of the 21st Instant as appears me to be requisite
for the information of the Honorable the
Presidency in Council. —

I am &c. &c.
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Extract

From the Assistant
Resident at Hyderabad
Steps taken for closing
the Peishcush account
for Fusly 1206 and discharging
the Balance due on the
1st Kist for 1207. —

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Extract of a letter from Captain Jas. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General, dated the 21st. April 1798.—

"4th In the 8th Paragraph of my last address (N°40) I reported to you the Honorable Sir my definitive proposal to Meer Allum upon his application to me for the immediate payment of the Balance of about a Lack of Rupees still due to the Nizam of the 2d Kist of 1206.- Not perceiving any progress to be making towards the restoration of the Deserters from the Company's Service who have now been repeatedly claimed by me for Mucks part. I addressed Meer Allum a Note on this Subject also, Copy and Translate of which I have the honor to enclose for your Notice.. It was for the purpose of replying— Verbally to these two points that Brasla Rum

and

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ud Dowlah was denied to wait upon
me - a practice as I have already had -
occasion to notice in a late address not -
uncommonly resorted to by the Durbar
when a written reply is found difficult, or
deemd unadvisable".

" 5th. On answer to my proposal
for adjusting at once the arrears of both
Subsidy and Paishcush on the equal, and
of Course unobjectionable ground of mutual
Accommodation Mustafa Khan ud Dowlah
gave me to understand that Omir Allum
could not venture to pledge himself for a
discharge of the former, within so limited
a period as a fortnight but if I would
assist him in bringing the Minister into
a Chearful Mood, by praying immediately
the balance of the 2d Kist of 1206. Fifty

Thousand

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thousand of which he discribed Agmud
Annah as having a prepsing occasion for,
he would exert himself to the very utmost
to prevail upon him to come into my
proposal - This Message of Mir Allums'
appearing to me to be by no Means to
the purpose, or at all satisfactory. I observed
to Mustafa Khan Mohrowlah, that much as it
was at all times my wish to consult both
the Ministers and Mir Allums' Convenience,
and incumbent on me as I should always
feel it to discharge with all practicable
punctuality the Company's Engagements
to His Highness, still it was my indispensible
duty to attend also to the pecuniary Wants
of the Detachment, and that after having
experienced, as he will know, so much
apparent indifference to them on the part

of

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of the Ministers I should but ill discharge
the trust reposed in me were I to neglect
remedying this intolerable evil, and —
source of so much unpleasant discussion,
now that it was in my power to do so —
without infringing in the smallest degree
on the rights of His Highness — That
Accordingly if Meer Allum could only bring
the Minister to accept from me at the —
end of this Month a Verdict acquitting me
for four Months subsidy, giving me another
in return for a Corresponding Amount of
Paishcush for the 1st Kist of 1207. not only
should the Balance in my hands of the
last Fasly yrs Amounting to about a Lack
of Rupees be immediately paid, but the
early liquidation of what would still in
Such case remain due of the 1st Kist of
1207 be provided for — Meerza Kummur Dowlah
who

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who appeared greatly struck with the —
fairness of this proposal did not think —
proper to urge any farther Mess Allums'
Wish for the immediate Payment of the
Balance for 2d Instl of 1206. which I have —
again indeed been under the Necessity of
making free with for the use of the Detach-
ment, and Contented himself with telling me,
that he should report What I had said to —
Mess Allum, who he trusted might still be
able to overcome the Ministers pertinacious
repugnance to a Settlement of Subsidy accounts
by a Sett off against that of Pagodas"

"10th My sole Motive for delaying
application to this Court for the delivery
of the Sepoy Deserters until time would
admit of any recurring your instructions on
this head was to avoid instilling a Notion
into —

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into the Minister that his difficulties however great, were not ruined with much composure, as they did not immediately to important views in the very depth of them on a subject, which at such a time, could not fail to be peculiarly grating:- a kind of reasoning however the fallacy of which is abundantly exhibited in the 10th Paragraph of your Commands, though it affords me much Consolation to think, that I have still been fortunate enough, to anticipate the main drift of it, as the 2d Paragraph of my address of the 25th. Ultimo will have informed you".

"11th If I can provide an Agimdat Amirah, as I am not without hope of doing to Come into my proposal, relative to the Mutual Accommodation on the Score of Subsidy and Coinhawk I shall thereby be enabled to establish a fund for the a payment

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payment of the Detachment that will be equal to its demands upon me, till the beginning of August, so that our Representations to this Durbar, on the Subject of its wants, will not again be requisite for a — considerable time to come".-

"12th I am very happy to find that My Negatiue to the Ministers application for a said Detachment of our Troops to — proceed to Hummumconda, has met with your Approbation".-

A true Extract

(Signd) J. A Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Translate of a letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick to Mr Allum, Dated the 16th April 1798. —

Previous to this, that I had engaged to Moonshee Azeez Oollah, to — obtain a favorable Answer, and terminate in

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(in short) the affair of the Deserter from the Company's Service - To this Moment however, that near a fortnight has elapsed no intention has been received by such termination having as yet taken place - It is Written therefore with the Spirit of friendship, that such considerable delays in a matter which is envisaged by the Company's Provinces as extremely important are improper; and highly unseemly in the works of friendship - Pondering duty on this Subject and avowing with a commendable eye the good or evil liable to flow out of it, represent the same agreeably to your promise to the Nawaub Aginood Omrah Aristoo Jah Behader, and let it be brought to a Speedy conclusion For the Rest may you be happy -

A true Copy and Translate

Signd/ E. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

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Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad communicating the Names of between 3 & 4000 Deserters from the Company's Service in a Regiment Commanded by Mr. Baptists notwithstanding which he is apprehensive that his applications for their Surrender will prove ineffectual. —

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable Board Extracts from my address of this date to the Honorable the Governor General, and to be

&c. &c.

Hyderabad
27th April 1798

(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Honorable the Governor General dated the 27th April 1798. —

" 1st On the 24th in the Morning at break of day, learning that one of the French Regiments

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Regiments Commanded by Mons.r Baptiste was marching close by the Runaway Gardens on its return from Raymonds Jaghire at Madras to the French Cantonments near Hydrabad and having good reason to think that this was the Corps in which most if not the whole of the Sepoy Deserters from the Company's Service were incorporated, I directed four of the Sepoys sent further from Madras for the purpose of identifying those people to disguise themselves, and examine as attentively as practicable without drawing particular notice on themselves the features of the Men of this Corps while Crossing the River. The result was (according to their report to me) that the whole or nearly the whole of the Men they were in quest of to the Amount of from three to four hundred including two Commissioned and Several non Commissioned Officers were actually

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actually carrying Arms in this French -
Regiment I have thought it proper to be
thus particular in stating this circumstance
as I have every reason to believe from experi-
-ence, that Monsr. Piron will not hesitate
to deny having any such Men in his Service
when called upon by the Ministers to surrender
them; and that he will of course take effectual
Measures to prevent their being forthcoming
upon a Search taking place. - This Subterfuge
could not however avail him, if Azeemul
Omrah was possessed of resolution, or was
seriously bent on urging the discovery; most
Minute discription Rolls of all Soldiers
whatever in the Nizams Service, being lodged
in the Mustroddy Duftur and always -
produced at the Monthly or quarterly Musters
which in the French party as well as all
others, are taken by an Officer of this -

Highness

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Highness totally unconnected with it. I shall not fail at a proper time, to urge this Agreement to the Minister though with little hope, I confess of its having due weight with him - So apprehensive am I indeed that my reiterated demands for the Surrender of this Deserter will be unprecedented of ought beyond empty promises and procrastinating evasions on the part of Azim ul Omrah that I trust you will be pleased Honorable Sir, to favor me with Instructions for the regulation of my further proceedings in this disagreeable affair.

2d. I have as yet received no answer from Mir Allum to my definitive proposal of reciprocal Accommodation on the Score of Pais Kurch and Subsidy Claims, a Silence which I attribute partly to the habitual procrastination

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procrastination and indecision of this Durbar in transactions of great as well as small import, and partly to the repugnance which the Minister has invariably evinced to any appropriation either direct or indirect of — Paishcush Funds, to the Payment of the — English Detachment; though I am not — without hope, of succeeding in overcoming it, on this occasion"

3d With regard to the Paishcush Accounts for 1205 I am only waiting for a receipt in full for all Paishcush Claims up to the end of that Fasly year, to Grant Ciri conformity to the 11th Paragraph of your Commands of the 2d Instant) a draft on the Masulipatam Treasury for the Balance — This tedious affair I expect will now be brought to a close in the Course of a few Days, by the required receipt in

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full being delivered to me, agreeably to a form which I have sent for the purpose to Mess. Allum & Wells with a view of effectually obviating a repetition of those unpleasant and endless discussions which are unsettled State of accounts furnishes a Communist pretext for, to such litigious Spirits as the Dubashes Mutsuddies, I propose requiring in future a receipt in full for each Kist the Moment it is compleatly liquidated; as it was my intention indeed to have done, for the 1st Kist of 1206. had not the Minister (aware perhaps of my design) postponed from time to time, receiving the Balance of Eleven thousand four hundred Rupees until some Weeks after the 2d Kist became due, and then effected to consider it as a Payment

Made

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made on the latter account.—

A true Extract
(Signd) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant —

In consequence of the explanation

Minute on the former of the three foregoing letters.—

contained in the foregoing letter of the 23d April

Resolved that the persons detained by the
Commanding Officer at Pallore be released —

Read the following letters from his
Excellency the Admiral —

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council, and Commander in Chief
of the British Army on the
Coromandel Coast. Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Rear Admiral Rainier. the arrogant joining him after having convoyed the Columbo Spice Fleet to the Southward of the Great Bajees. meant to remain some time at Trincomale.—

I have the honor to inform you
of my arrival here on the 24th Ultimo in
His Majestys Ship Suffolk, having been
Since

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Since joined by the arrogant, and apprehend
the former Had left off Columbo to a
Convoy the homeward bound Ships as

Monrosa Inde
Barrosa } Extra
Lyon. } Ships

per Margin to a certain distance, and
Captain Osborn accordingly left those
Ships the 25th Ultimo in the evening
about 60 Leagues SbE from the Great
Bayes - And in expectation of the arrival
of His Majesty Ships Victorious, and -
Charyfort from Bombay in ten Days, or
a fortnight - and in the course of the next
Month, of the Squadron from the Eastward
I shall in all probability remain at this
place some time, as a proper Station for
the Protection of the Coast, and the Trade
at this Season, and for other important
purposes -

On the 17th Instant off Columbo
Had

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I had the honor to recet your letter of the 28th. of February last Announcing the Change that had taken plaw in the Government by Lord Hobart's departure and General Harris's appointment to succed His Lordship on which occasion beg leave to offer you — Honble Sir my hearty congratulations. —

I am much oblige to you for the directions you have been pleased to give for the Supplying of His Majestys Ships with Provisions and Stores occasionally at the different Ports of this Island, for the accommodation and reception of the Provisions lately arrived here by my orders, to which Colonel Champagne has shewn every attention, and for your compliance with my request of February 7th last, in forwarding to the Supreme — Government the plan I had then communicated to you for the employment of His Majestys Ships

Ships

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Ships.-

It may be proper to inform you that Colonel Chamfreugnel has at my requisition been kind enough to give directions to repair some of the Lodgings at Fort Estraburg for the reception of such Naval Stores as may occasionally be landed for the use of the Squadron.-

Suffolk Tranquebar
May 3d 1798

I have the honor to remain
&c &c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier -

The Honble Lieut. General Geo. Harris
President in Council and Commander in Chief
of the British Army on the Coromandel
Coast
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inclose
Copies

From Vice Admiral Rainier Contains Copy of Intelligence respecting the Capture of the Resolut and Payment Indemnity by the Danish Frigate- hopes the latter may be entertained by the Victorious and Congenial

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Copies of three letters addressed to the Malabar Commissioner at Calicut from their Northern Superintendant at Tellicherry received to day and the 4th Instant per Express containing Intelligence of serious importance and am not without hopes that Captain Clark in His Majesty's Ship Victorious with the Convoy may be fortunate enough to intercept the Frigate in their way to join me -

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

Suffolk Back Bay
Trincomale May
6th 1798

To the Commissioners for Executing the Office of
Supervisor
Gentlemen

A large Vessel has this instant
Come into these Roads, and has begun to
engage

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engage a Ship just arrived from the Northward has the appearance of the Raymond - She has also begun to engage the Woodcott. This information is of such importance that without waiting the result, I think it necessary to make you acquainted with it -

Tellicherry
20th April 1798
½ past four P.M.

I am
&c. &c.
(Signed) Christopher Peile
Northern Superintendant

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Sec.y

A true Copy
(Signed) John Valient
Deputy Sec.y

To the Commissioners for Executing the Office
of Superviser
Gentlemen

I am extremely concerned to
inform

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inform you that the Woodcott and Raymond have struck their Colours the Ship which I mentioned in my last (written at ½ past 4) is now sending Boats on board of them She is a French Forty Gun Ship, at least She has that appearance —

I am

&c., &c.,

(Signd) Christopher Peile
N.S.

Tellicherry
20th April 1798
½ past 5 o'Clock P.M

A true Copy
(Signd) Jas. Law
Secy

(A true Copy)
(Signd) John Valpent
Dep.y Secy

To the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Superviser —

Gentlemen

Since I had the honor of addressing you yesterday I have seen Capt.n Smedley —

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Smedley of the Raymond and Captain Hannay of the Woodcott they are on shore, and are liberated together with their Officers and Crews on their parole Sunderland 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 Rebu of Cannanore, who gave them information that the Admiral had left Tellicherry that there were one Indiaman lying in the roads, and another was expected in the course of a few days, in consequence of

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of this information she stood for the
roads which she made Yesterday Morning
The Circumstance of this Ship having
Troops on board, induces me to relate
some information which Moopa gave me
yesterday He mentioned that a Person
belonging to him had arrived from
Mangalore this person had been advised
to quit the place by a friend of Moopa'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
further mentioned an embargo being
laid on all Boats and that Nulla and
and Rice was not permitted
to

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to be exported.—

I am &c., &c.,

Tellicherry
21 April 1798

(Signed) Christopher Peike
Northern Superintendant

True Copy

(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy

A true Copy

(Signed) John Valpont
Dept. Secy.—

Minute on the two foregoing letters from Rear Admiral Rainier.—

As the Board conclude that his Excellency's stay will be of some duration at or in the neighbourhood of Tellicherry, Resolved to attract his Notice to the best Method of fortify=ing that place and Fort Canabrugh in the manner pointed out by Lord Hobart's Minute of 16th February 1798.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To

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To the Honble Paul Benfield Harris
Governor in Council at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir

We have had the honor to
receive your letter of the 1st Ultimo with
the several papers which accompanied
it respecting the Commerce, Revenues,
and internal Government of Ceylon.—

From Bengal — with Instructions for — carrying into effect the Arrangements pointed out in Lord Hobart's Minute for the better — Administration of Affairs in the Island of Ceylon. —

2 We entirely concur in the
Sentiments of Lord Hobart as to the
causes of the late discontents in Ceylon
and in the Measures which he has —
recommended to be adopted for the —
better administration of the affairs of
the Island. —

3 You have now received the
reports of the Committee on the most
Material

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Material points referred for their investigation, and as they represent the State of the Island to be such as to require the most prompt decision on the measures to be adopted and as the suspicions which must unquestionably have been made by our late Enemy against the Dutch, cannot fail to facilitate greatly the introduction of the proposed Arrangements we strongly recommend that no time be lost in carrying them into execution. —

4 The measures in the contemplation of the Honble Court of Directors adverted to in their letter of the 22d March cannot in common have any relation to the internal government of the Island But whatever object they may be intended to embrace,

They

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they must unquestionably be promoted by the establishment of a System which — promises fair to conciliate the Inhabitants and to ensure the tranquility of the Island

5 The measures recommended by the Committee have received so ample a discussion from Lord Hobart, that we think it unnecessary to make any — further observations on them Among other propositions however suggested by them with the good policy of which we are impressed, we cannot avoid particularly noticing the appointment of the Moodeas or Native Magistrates with the powers proposed to be vested in them; the — Establishment of the proposed Courts of Appeal, the depriving the Farmers of all Judicial Authority, and rendering them

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them amenable to the Malabar for all exactions; the restoration of the tenures of the Malabar held in virtue of their offices, and of the devised lands to the Pascoornis and Labourers with the consequent relinquishment of the Renters at present levied from them by the exaction of half the Crop; and the entire exclusion of the Natives of Malabar who have been introduced into the Island since our conquest of it, from all situations of authority.

6 With regard to that part of the arrangements which relates to the Authority of the Native Magistrates and the public Renters we think it proper to observe, that a similar distribution of powers forms one of the fundamental principles of the System of the internal Government of Bengal,

and

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and the most beneficial effects have been experienced from it, in the protection which it has afforded to the Ryots and all other persons who contribute to the public revenue against the exactions of the Superior Land-holders, the Renters and all persons concerned in collecting the public dues.-

7 The Tax on Cocoanut Out trees which it would appear has been suspended only, should we think be formally abolished The Expediency of establishing the proposed duties in lieu of them, as well as of the other suggested financial measures are —— subjects of which you will be better able to form a final opinion when you receive the remaining reports and information from the Committee—

8 We notice however with satisfaction the Committees observation that these —

Measures.

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Measures as well as the other arrangements which they have suggested are likely to be more easily carried into effect from most of them being either conformable to the long established practice of the Dutch Government or founded on their usages: and we must also express our entire concurrence in their opinion that the more our System approximates to that which obtained heretofore in force (always supposing the abuses of its administration to be corrected) the better will it apply to the Island.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) Edward Clarke
P. Speke
Wm. Cowper

Fort William
the 13th April 1798

Minute on the foregoing letter from Bengal

Resolved that directions be sent from the revenue Department to the Committee on Ceylon for carrying into effect

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effect the System recommended by Lord Hobart and approved by the Supreme Government.—

Read the following letter from — Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To the Honble Lieut.t General Harris President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George

Hon.ble Sir

From Brigadier General De Meuron—enclosing a Statement of the value of presents made annually by the Dutch to the King of Candia and his Embassadors, relative to receive the Candian Embassy on the Borders—information respecting the price of Rice and Arrack 2000 Rupees advanced the Commander of the Minerva on Account of Captain Edwards passage to England.—

I had the honor to receive Mr Secretary Webbe's letter dated the 4th and 13th April—

I feel highly honored that my interview with the first Minister of the Candian Court has met with your approbation and as Mr. Andrews is soon expected back from the Pearl Fishery, I shall communicate with him on the subject of the most proper means that can be adopted for the Honble Company's Interests and at the same time to conciliate the affection of the Candians.

So

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So that they may be disposed to remain on
good terms with us - I have the honor to
send you a Statement of the usual Presents
to the King of Candy, and of the Expenses
usually attending an Embassy in the Dutch
time - I got the particulars of it translated
for the information of Mr Andrews -

The Confidence you are pleased
to have in my discretion induces me to suggest
that I do not deem it expedient to receive
an Embassy from Candia at Columbo as
these people are very much attached to Comp
and that at present we have not got the
means to receive them with Splendour
their Suite is in general so numerous that
confusion might arise from the necessary
arrangements not being made at the time
they might arrive But in meeting the
Embassy at the limits, where I was last -
the Expence will be much less, no confusion
will

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will arise and the meeting will be much shorter. The Presents may appear more Valuable and be less expensive --

The manner of bringing the Company's Paddy into the Bazar has prevented the price of Rice to rise as high as was meditated by the Vendor, when it was known that the Cinnamon Ships brought none for this Settlement: its price is now Eight Rix Dollars per Bag at the Bazar, and if we receive a supply six August every inconvenience on this score will be removed --

Having communicated that part of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 4th. that relates to the Paddy to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions he shewed me his Books whereby it appears that, besides the Paddy, he has received

56½ Garce

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56/2 Garee of Rice when I had the honor to write you last, little had arrived, and the Charge of the Currents and Wind renders it now impossible for Boats to Come from that Quarter.-

Rice is not the sole Article which Rises in price here, Arrack is now at one hundred and Forty Rix Dollars per Leaguer.-

In conformity with your order, Major Kenny will Indent for the Clothing of the Malays, as well as for the half Mounting money you have been pleased to allow them, and will see that it is appropriated to the use it is intended.-

I shall Pay every attention to the Repairs that are most necessary to be made to the Public Buildings

at

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at Calture, Negumbo, and Colombo; nothing but what is indispensibly necessary shall be done, and the most rigid Economy Observed

I communicated to Colonel Hugel that you have been pleased to permit him to proceed to the Cape Good Hope with his Son.

In consequence of the orders you were pleased to give me the 1st February I ordered the Payment of two Thousand Rupees to Captain Smith of the Honble Company Ship Minerva, for Captain Howards passage Home, having Certified that according to the Regulations he was authorized to receive that Sum.

I remain with great Respect

Head Quarters
Colombo the
3d May 1798

Honble Sir
Your most obedient and
humble Servant
(Signed) P.F. De Meuron
B.C.E.

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Abridged Statement

of the Amount of the Presents from the Dutch Government to the King of Candy and to the Embassadors as well as the Expence for entertaining them and their Suite Viz.t

	The Year 1788/9		The Year 1789/90	
	Rix Dollars	℔	Rix Dollars	℔
Amount of Presents to the King	3554	12	7745	5
Ditto to the Embassadors	3290	19	2813	11
Amount of Expence for the Entertainment of the Callaw and their Suite	4143	39	4556	4
Total Rix Dollars	11988	22	15114	20

Minute thereon

As Mr. Andrews has obtained permission to visit the Town. Resolved that Brigadier General De Meuron be desired to meet the Ministers upon the borders and to make such a provision of presents for the occasion as

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as he may judge necessary.—

The Board think it expedient to warn the Brigadier to be cautious in touching the subject of the treaty lest it should occasion discussion which — without further orders from home it may be — difficult to bring to a satisfactory conclusion — —

Read the following letter from Mr. Jackson. — —

To the Honble Lieut. General Harris —

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

At the request of Mr. Alexander Watson, I have the honor to lay before you the accompanying Copy of a letter from him to me, stating the Nature of his pecuniary concerns with certain of the Southern

From the Collector of Southern Polygar Districts inclosing Copy of a letter from Mr. Alexander Watson in which he states the Original and Nature of his pecuniary Demands on the Polygars and Claims the Assistance of the Government in enlarging them. Collectors observations on the Subject —

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Southern Polygars.-

I hope I do not exceed the Limits of my duty in yielding to the solicitation of Mr. Watson The circumstances he has brought forward seem to me to give him a strong Claim to the favorable consideration of your Honble Board He declares that he became involved with the Polygars in consequence of the approbation of Govern- ment to a measure recommended by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell - Viz.t That the Polygars should be allowed to negotiate the payment of their heavy arrears through Sowcars - Conceiving himself authorized by this act of Government he advanced certain sums of Money which were immediately paid to Captain Bannerman / then Colonel Maxwell's

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Secretary and appointed by him to collect
the arrears (of Peishcush) and carried to the
Account of the Company. Mr. Landon as
well as Mr. Powney acknowledged the
justice of his Claims and gave their support
towards the recovery of them.-

It is due to Mr. Watson to say
that he has made no attempt whatsoever
to recover any part of the large balances
outstanding in the Pollams, since he
knew the line of conduct which I was
instructed to pursue. I must also acknowledge
that I felt a material interest in the success
of his application, solely from the consider-
-tion that a sense of public duty (which was
not to be neglected) impelled me to the
unpleasant necessity of bringing forward
his Name, connected with transactions -

which

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which had been marked by the decided disapprobation of Government and the Court of Directors These Transactions, however, as they relate to Mr. Watson, now appear to have had nothing in them essentially Wrong. He advanced his Money under what he judged to be the Sanction of Government, and whether that sanction was or was not meant to bear the interpretation which has been put upon it, as the Money was bonâ fide applied to the liquidation of the public arrears due by the Polygars to the Company; and as the Collector (Mr. Landon) not only approved and sanctioned the Measure, but issued an order to the Polygars to grant Mortgages on their respective Villages, for the Amount of his (Mr Watsons) Advances

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advances I cannot look at the subject in reference to this Gentleman, without being impressed with the belief, that his Claims will be found to merit the most indulgent consideration of your Honorable Board.—

I have the honor to be with the greatest Respect.— &c. &c.

Ramnad
25th April 1798

(Signed) W. C. Jackson

W. C. Jackson
Collector &c. Ramnad

Sir,

Having long had extensive + Claims upon certain Polygars in the + Immediate Province who are immediately under your authority, I conceive it a duty I owe to myself candidly to lay before you the + following plain state of facts exactly as they occurred. In the course of the year 1793 +

Government

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Government found it necessary to order a Detachment against the Tinnevelly Poligars with a view to compelling these turbulents to Pay the three years arrears of Pushcush due to the Company. Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell to whom the Command was entrusted, soon brought these turbulent and unprincipled race of men, to a proper Sense of their duty But this they acknowledged the justice of the demands made upon them and expressed every inclination to comply with them, yet they pleaded a total incapacity to do so unless they should be permitted to apply for the assistance of Lieut. Colonel Maxwell sensible of the difficulties complained of, represented to Government the expediency of complying with the wishes of the Poligars in this

instance

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mistance and was accordingly authorized
by the Governor in Council, to allow them
to negotiate the payment of their heavy
arrears, thro' the Dewan Intercession of
the above sanction being granted them, -
I had urgent applications from the Pandalam=
=courchy Moottanally Chockumpully, and
Six other Polygars for certain sums which
they found necessary to discharge their -
respective arrears and conceiving myself
authorized by the above act of Government
I advanced each of them the Sum they -
solicited, which was immidiately paid to
Captain Bannerman (thro Colonel -
Maxwells Secretary and appointed by
him to collect the arrears of Peishcush)
and Carried to the Account of the Company
But having once involved myself with
these

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these people I found it a work of the most
arduous and difficult nature to extricate
myself and with a view to recover what
I had already advanced, I deemed it necessary
a few Months after to assist my Debtors
with farther supplies of Money to enable
them to fulfil their engagements with
the new Collector (W Sandon) whose
approbation and sanction of the measure
I had not only previously obtained, but an
order to each of my Debtors to grant mortgages
in their respective Pattams for the Amount
of my advances; which was punctually
complied with.

When Mr George Powney succeeded Mr
Sandon and took upon him the Office of
Collector Conscious of the justice of my
Claims I embraced the earliest opportunity
of explaining the Nature and extent of
them

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them to him, mentioning at same time the
Mortgages which had been delivered to me as a
Security for the due discharge of them. Mr.
Powney readily acquiesced in the justness of my
claims, as then stated by me; but observed, that
as he intended to pursue a totally different
mode of Collection from that of his Predecessor,
he must insist upon my relinquishing every
Mortgage and recalling all my People from
the different Pollams In which Event. he
engaged on his part to exert his authority as
Collector to enforce a due and speedy liquidation
of my demands - On receiving this assurance
from Mr. Powney I accordingly with drew all
my Servants, and gave up every mortgage
I was possessed of, trusting implicitly to the
faith he had pledged to me, for the recovery
of the Money. But this proved a most
unfortunate and ruinous measure to my
affairs, since from out of nine of my Debtors
have not from that Moment to this paid
me

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me one Rupee. The last Arrangement I have been able to obtain from them, & happened in May 1795, this the Court & influence and under the Eye of Mr. Powney to whom they gave fresh Acknowledgments for both the Principal and Interest due to me up to that time and there were transmitted me from Ramnad to Palamcotah by Mr. Powney himself But a Period of three years having elapsed since any payments whatever have been made me by the Polygars in question, or any Settlement of accounts procured from them - it is necessary that measures should be taken there the proper Channel to bring about this desirable end, and furnish me with such fresh acknowledgements and documents from my Debtors, as may be wanted to enable me to lay a full and clear statement of the business before the Court of Directors agreeable to the Spirit of the late act of Parliament - But aware that you cannot act, or any way interfere

in

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in the business without the direct authority of Government, I have to request the favor, that you will be pleased to forward this letter to the Governor in Council, accompanied by such remarks of your own, as the nature of the subject and the justice of the Cause may suggest. and I have the honor to &c remain.-

Vc. Vc.

(Signed) Alex.r Watson

Palamcotah
20th April 1798

True Copy
(Signed) W.C. Jackson

Ordered to lie on the table.-

The foregoing letter from the Collector of Poligar Peishcush ordered to lie on the Table.-

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.-

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

From the Resident at Tanjore representing the present embarassed State of the Rajah's affairs and the Causes which have led to it - and pointing out how much the Duties of his Station are shackled by the present confused System of the Rajah's Government

Sir,

The Delay observed by the Rajah in replying to the letter I had the honor to

present

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present to him from the Honorable the Governor upon my arrival here, gave me time to look into this Excellency's Administration; and I proceed to make such observations to Government as my account in some degree for the reserve in the Rajah and give an idea of the present State of Affairs at Tanjore - It may be thought almost useless now that two thirds of the Rajahs' Country is sequestered, to enter into a Recapitulation of the Causes that have brought His Excellency's Affairs to the brink of Ruin and Starvation but with the loss of the rest of His Dominion and when I look back to the Tanjore Records - and perceive that these Misfortunes have been uniformly attributed to the Ministers of the Rajahs' former Princes equally with his own Supineness and call to my own recollection the pertinacious adherence of His Excellency to them Men from the period He was placed upon the Throne, I ought not to be surprised to behold the predictions

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productions of that period most critically verified,
and the Rajah suffering at this Moment the
severest Mortification and disgrace - Adhemma
brought upon himself by his Neglect of the
Salutary advice that was then, and has been
ever since, so unremittingly pressed upon
him from the Court of Directors, and from
each succeeding Government at Madras - yet
I must suppose, however late, that it will be
acceptable to the Honorable the Governor to
know that this Evil is at long the Working
its own remedy, and that such a change has
taken place in the Rajah's Mind, as to
produce a considerable Effect in the Administra-
tion of his affairs The obstinate and blind
confidence reposed by the Rajah in his
Ministers, former favorites is imputed by
some to attachment and by others to fear -
Most powerful indeed must have been
the Motives to have induced the Rajah
on the Death of Sheva Row the Sirkeel
and his Brother Bawa the Vakeel at
Madras

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Madras, to nominate their two Sons (mere Boys)
to their Fathers important Appointments —
The Rajah has since failed in his Visits,
and every other calamity has fallen his
Excellency's Dominions that could be looked
for from the feeble minds of raw and inexpe-
-rienced Youth. — An immediate private Debt
already contracted by the Father has greatly
accumulated in the hands of the Son, and
now his Government can no longer support
itself under the pressure of his public and
private demands His Excellency seems to be
deserted, and left a Victim to his own Credulity
— It would appear from the mildness of
the Rajahs Character as well as from habitual
attachment, that these Misfortunes, however
keen and mortifying, only roused him to a
Sense of his danger, and at length determined
him to a personal interference. Not a word
of resentment appears to have escaped nor a
thought of revenge to have crossed his
Mind. — It is now some Months since the

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He began by degrees to convey His orders third another Channel to the Subordinate Officers in the Country and at the same time under the Name of Pishcar, He sent to Madras a Confidential Servant from the presence, to officiate as His Agent or Vakeel — the unmerited and unlooked for disgrace that was brought upon this Man by the operation of the Law is a fact very well known — I mentioned it in my letter of the 9th Instant as the cause of much uneasiness to the Rajah, and only allude to it now, as an Event that seems to have clouded the Rajahs Mind as to the future Management of the small portion of Territory the treacherous and interested Machinations of his Despoilers have left to him — altho' Juan Row the Sons of Shiva Row was — announced to me by the Rajah as his Minister or Sirkeb and from whom I ought to obtain every information in regard to

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to the Country the Rajahs and the Company's
Affairs, yet I find upon any Application —
whether to the Rajah in person, or by my
Servant to the Palace, that I am referred to
a Man of the Name of Nawna, the Head
Accountant; and that to him all the Executive
duties of the Country are entrusted, this
Nawna is a man of ability, but of little
Note, and it seems to be a part of the —
Rajahs attention to frustrate Row, to bring
him no forwarder in the Score than is
indispensably necessary for the public Business
— but as Jeevan Row is the Rajahs —
Amanuensis all official Business entrusted
by Nawna must necessarily pass thro
the others hands and hence it is that I
have to complain of counteraction and —
Delay if this difficulty is felt in the —
small Channels of my Intercourse with
the Palace the Honorable the Governor will
easily

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easily judge of the endless confusion,
such undefined Authority must produce
among the Subordinate officers and Servants
Even the Rajah is afraid to Speak in
the presence of the parties on any but
the most indifferent Topicks and altho'
He has frequently intimated His desire to
open his mind and to lay before me a
State of his Affairs he has not to this
hour been able to summon sufficient
resolution. Under these Circumstances you
will be pleased to represent to the Honble
the Governor in Council how very much
embarrassed the Resident must feel
himself and how short his utmost Zeal
and endeavours to fulfill the objects of
His appointment must prove so long as
an efficient and divided power is allowed

to

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to Linger at the Head of Affairs at Tanjour

Tanjour
28th April 1798

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

(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident —

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

From the Resident at Tanjore. Requires 3000 Pagodas from the Collector of Mayaveram which he advances to Lorfoje -

Sir,

I beg you will inform the Honble the Governor in Council that I found myself under the necessity of Applying to the Collector at Mayaveram for the Sum of three thousand Pagodas for the use of Lorfoje the presumptive Heir and the Family of the late Rajah, and that I have valued upon Government for that Amount, in favor of

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of Mr. Francis Alexander Grant in a
Sett of Bills dated 21 Instant. -

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

Tanjour
30th April 1798

Signed / Benj. Torin
Resident

Minutes on the two
foregoing letters. -

Although the Board are perfectly
sensible of the distracted State of the
Rajahs Government and of the little
probability of any beneficial consequences
to the Country, while the present System
continues, yet circumstances do not
admit of their interfering. The authority
of the Company for effecting any
Material Change, They are at the same
time sensible of Mr Torins attention
to the objects pointed out to his Notice,
and agree to recommend a continuance
of the same vigilance. -

Read.

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Read the following letter from

Mr. Macleod.—

Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I was favored with your letter of the 4th Instant enclosing Copies of two Lists of Receipts the one from the Rajah of Tanjore purporting to be for the Amount of Sums said to have been received from his Excellency by me on Account of Allowances to Serfoje and the Other from Serfoje stating the Sums received by him from me upon the same Account.—

Herewith enclosed I have the honor to send Serfojes original Receipts as

From Mr Macleod encloses Serfojes original Receipts for Money advanced him and enters into an explanation of the circumstances which appear to have occasioned the difference between the Statement of his Receipts and payments on Account of Serfoje and the family desires to be furnished with Copies of the Receipts granted by him to the Rajah—

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as directed in your letter; My reason for not depositing them among the Records at Tanjore, was my Belief that it was not improper to retain in my own possession Documents which are so essentially necessary for my Justification.-

I beg leave to remark that the Amount delivered in by his Excellency the Rajah exhibits a false Statement of the Amount paid by him to me on Account of Sorjojee Allowance; I order that I may have the Means of proving the truth of his Assertion I request that I may be furnished with authenticated Copies of the Receipts granted by me which he stated to be in his hands at present.-

I think also that a due Consideration of the following particulars may Shew that his Excellency's Charge of having paid

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paid to me for Serfogee and the Queens so large an Amount as St. Pags. 38517. is ill founded.-

A few Months after the arrival of Serfogee at Tanjore the Rajah prevailed on Mohanne Bhye Saheb the youngest Queen, by a grant of the Town of Adriapatam, to leave Serfogee and come over to him; in Consequence of this Separation, she received her Monthly Allowance Not as had been usual thro' Serfogee but directly from his Excellency, & her Allowances Serfogee I believe paid her no more than Pags. 1455 - - or the Amount of them for five Months her Allowances for two Years, or from January 1796 to January 1798 were St. Pagodas 7000 — the difference between these Sums Viz. 5,545 must have been paid to her directly by the Rajah but the whole of the Allowances due

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due to Sarfoge and the Queens from January
1796 to February 1798 is St. P.s 40,000 Coras
His Excellency States in the Amount St. Ps. 39076.-
Consequently if he has paid to
Me as he asserts . . . 38,517 St. Pags.
& to Brahmin Bhyrabhe 5545
The Total makes . . . 44062 St. Pags. a Sum far
exceeding what could have been due for Two
years Allowance.

Yet even if I be mistaken in the
fact of his receiving only five Months +
Allowance from Sharfoge still it is —
clear that She received at least one years +
Allowance or St. Pags. 3,500 from the Rajah
direct; Sharfoge separate this Sum her
Allowance for 1797 from the 20,000 or the
Credit Side of his Account — the Amount
therefore of St. Pags. 3,500.-
added to the alledged
payment to me of } 38,517
Produces the Sum of 42,017 St. Pags. which Still
exceeds

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exceeds the Amount of the two Years
Allowances to the whole -

The Original Annotation was
brought against me by the Elder Queen
in a letter of which I was furnished with
an Extract - She therein positively alledges
that I had received from the Rajah 9162
St. Pagodas which I had not paid to the -
Family. part of this She expressly States
to be 4125 Pags. the Allowance of the Quarter
ending the 10th of the ensuing April but
the whole which She could justly claim
out of that Sum as due at the Date of
her letter, would be only one third of it,
one Months Allowance -

Her letter charges me with -
having withheld the Allowances but her
Verbal Declaration to me Sir Thomas,
Soon after my receipt of your letter enclosing
the Annotation, Contradicted that Charge

She

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She told me She had not asserted in the letter that I had withheld any part of the Allowances after receiving them — from the Rajah, She added that She had Mentioned in her letter that Her people had taken the Account from the people in the Palace —

I shall not at this Moment trouble the Honorable the President in Council with observations on the peculiar Situation in which I stand with the — Rajah, his Motives and those of the — people who advise him — to do me all the Injury in their power in Consequence of my persevering efforts in the Duties of my late Station. The observations Made by a former Governor, Sir Charles Oakeley, on the unjust advantages — supposed by Country Powers in prosecu-

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= ting Charges against Company's
Servants apply much more forcibly to
my Case than to that in which he
introduced them Mr. Rann's defence
against the Rajahs Charge — To these
Observations I would beg leave to refer —

I cannot refrain from inspecting
the Charges to a Combination on the part
of the Elder Queen who influences Sherjogee
in all respects, and her principal Domestics
with designing people of the Palace —
She has been so unreasonable as to —
impute to me blame for Not having
procured the Rudras to which She is
entitled in the Restoration of the apart=
=ments to Sherjogee, and for not Compelling
the Rajah to other points which She —
fully imagined (so absurd were her
Expectations) I had it in my power

to

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to effect.-

The Resentment incident to
these unfounded Conjectures is not easily
Conceived except by those who have had
Opportunities of observing the turn of -
Mind in Natives situated as the Queen
has been. The Death of Dr Swartz has
deprived Me of the Means of Shewing,
in many instances, how strongly -
prejudiced, how much under the impression
of unreasonable Anger She has repeatedly
Acted, and how great a Enemy She proposes
ever Herself - For the truth of these -
Observations however I am confident I may
Safely appeal to the Revd Dr Gerickes'
Account of what he has heard from Dr.
Swartz on the Subject of her Disposition. -
To Shelfoje himself I may
confidently refer for his Opinion of the Extent
of

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of his obligations to me (as He has often termed them) both in my former and late Residence at Tanjore -- Reflecting on these and on the Circumstances under which the Accusations have been brought forward against me, I persuade myself I shall find but little difficulty in proving to the Satisfaction of the Honorable the President in Council that they were totally void of Foundation -

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
(Signd) Alex.r Macleod

Chittabava
30th April 1798

Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.r
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of Star Pag.s
One Thousand six hundred and Sixty in part
Payment of the Allowance to myself and
the Widows of the late Rajah

Tanjore
25th May 1796.

(Signd.) Serfojee
C.F. Swartz

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Recieved of Alexander Macleod Esqre
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 8,000 Chuckrams
in exchange at 22 15/16 fanams P.a Star Pagodas
Amounting the Sum of three thousand four
hundred Eighty Seven Star Pagodas and —
Sixteen D.o Tanjore fanams (3487 Star Pag.s
and 16 15/16 fanams) in part Payment of the
Allowance to myself and the Widows of
the late Rajah -

(Signed) Serfoji
"C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
17th July 1796

Recieved of Alexander Macleod Esqre
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 10,000 P
Chuckrams which at the rate of 23 fanams
Per a Star Pagoda Amounts to the Sum
of four thousand three hundred forty and
Seven Star Pagodas and Nineteen fanams

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(4347) Pay.s and 19 fanams in part of
Payment of the Allowance to myself
and my Mother. —

Tanjore
October 5th 1796

/Signed/ Serfojee
C. F. Swartz

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5000 Chuckrams
which at the rate of 23 1/16 fanams Pa Star
Pagodas the Sum of two Thousand One
Hundred Sixty Eight and Half Tanjore
fanams (2168 and 1/2 T. fan.s) in part Payment
of the Allowance to myself and my Mother. —

Tanjore
October 14th 1796

/Signed/ Serfojee
C. F. Swartz

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5000
Chuckrams

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Chuckrams which at the rate of 23 1/8 fanams
P.a Star Pagoda the Sum of Two thousand
One hundred Sixty two Pagoda and Three
Three Quarter fan.s (2162 S.r Pag.s and 3 3/4 fan.s)
in part Payment of the Allowance to myself
and my Brothers.-

(Signd) Serfoyee
C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
October 18.th 1796

Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.re
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 2,555 Chuckrams
and 8 fanams which at the rate of 22 15/16 f.s
P.r a Star Pagoda Amounted the Sum of One
thousand One hundred and fourteen (1114)
Star Pagodas and 5 fan.s 3/4 in part Pay=
=ment of the Allowance to myself and my
Brothers.-

(Signd) Serfoyee
C. F. Swartz

Tanjore
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Remitted

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Recieved of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of Star Pags.
One Thousand in part Payment of the —
Allowance to myself and the Widows of
the late Rajah —

Tanjore
2d November 1796

(Signed) Serfojee
C. F. Swartz —

Recieved of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5,000 Chuckrams
advanced in quarterly Allowance —

Tanjore 19th March 1797

(Signed) Serfojee
C. F. Swartz —

Recieved of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 5552 Chuckrams
and 5 fanams and 300 P.N. Pags. which at the
rate of 20 1/4 f. for a P.N. Pag. is 1,012 Chk.
and 5 f. Together which is amounted 6,565
Chuc. which at 24 1/16 f. P a Star Pagoda
Makes the Sum of two thousand Seven
hundred

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hundred and twenty Eight Star Pagodas and Seven and half f. (2,728 Star Pagodas and 7½ f.) in part payment of the Allowance to myself and my Mother. —

Tanjore 26th March 1797 (Signed) Sherfojee
C. F. Swartz

Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 6,565 Chuckrams which at 24 1/16 f. Ps a Star Pagoda make the Sum of two Thousand Seven hundred and twenty Eight Star Pagodas and Seven and half fanams (2,728 St. Pag and 7½ f.) in part Payment of the Allowance to myself and my Mother. —

Tanjore April 10th 1797 (Signed) Serfojee
C. F. Swartz.

Received of Alexander Macleod Esq.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 7200 Chuckrams which at the rate of 24 f. Ps a Star Pagoda is three Thousand Star Pagodas (3000) Pay.

in

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in part of the Allowance to myself and my Mother.—

Tanjore May 2d. 1797 Signed, Serfojee—

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 7200 Chuckrams
which at the rate of 24 f.s P.a Star Pagoda
Amounts to three thousand Star Pagodas (3000)
in part payment of the Allowance to Myself
and my Mother.—

Tanjore 22d May 1797 Signed, Serfojee
C. F. Swartz—

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 2337 Chuckrams
and 5 f.s which at the rate of 23 3/8 fanams
P.a Star Pagoda is One thousand (1000) Pags.
in part of the Allowance to myself and my
Mother.—

Tanjore 24th October 1797 Signed, Serfojee

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.
Resident at Tanjore the Sum of 1000 Chuckrams
which

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which at the rate of 23 1/4 fanams Pa Star Pagoda is four hundred and thirty Pagodas and two and half fans. (430 Pags. and 2 1/2 fs in part of the Allowance to — myself and my Mother. —

Signd / Serfojee —

Tanjore 6th Nov. 1797

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Rendent at Tanjore the Sum of 1323 Chuckrams and 5 fanams which at the rate of 23 5/16 fs Pa Star Pagoda is four hundred and sixty three — Pagodas and twenty and 8/16 fanams 569 Pags. and 20 3/16 fanams) in part of the Allowance to myself and my Mother. —

Signd / Serfojee

Tanjore 9th Nov. 1797

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.

Rendent at Tanjore the Sum of 1500 Chuckrams which at the rate of 23 1/2 fanams Pa Star Pagoda is Six hundred and thirty Eight Star Pagodas and Seven fanams (638) Pagodas and 7 fans in part of the Allowance to Myself and my Mother. —

Signd / Serfojee

Tanjore 11 January 1798

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr.

the Sum of 1157 Chuckrams 6 3/4 fanams and two Star Pagodas which Makes 4 Chuckrs. and 6 3/4 The Sum Amounted 1156 Chuckrams

and

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and 2/4 fanams which at the rate of 23 1/8 Pr
Pr a Star Pagoda the Sum is four hundred
(500) Star Pagodas in Arrear of my Allowance.

Tanjore 24th March 1798 (Signd) Serfoje

Received of Alexander Macleod Esqr
The Sum of 4135 Chuckrams which at
the rate of 23 1/4 fanams Pr Star Pagoda
is four hundred and Eighty Eight (488)
Star Pagodas and (4) fanams, in Arrear of
my allowance --

Tanjore 26th March 1798 (Signd) Serfoje

Minute on the foregoing letter --

Ordered that Mr. Macleod be
furnished with Copy of his original
receipts as taken from the Record of
the Rajah; also with a Copy of his
Excellency's letter to Mr Torin upon the
Subject of 2000 Pagodas for which he
had not obtained receipts from Mr
Macleod --

Read

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Read the following letter from the Military Board.—

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

Honble Sir

From Military Board recapitulating the proceedings relative to the Repair of the Arms Granary—final recommendation on the Subject, suggestions & requiring the period for holding the quarterly Boards of Survey on Barrack Cattle, Bill for Sentry Boxes proved at Bombay allowed & recommended for Payment—

1st We have the Honor to report that in consequence of the receipt of the Sub Secretary Parrys letter of the 30th Ultimo the necessary directions have been given for embarking the Gun Powder and Military Stores, for Vizagapatam on the Honorable Company's Ship Earl Fitz William.

2d We deem it necessary to Submit to Government the following particulars on the Subject of the Repair ordered under date the 4th October 1797 to be made to the Granary at Arnee—

1. That

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1st That in consequence of those orders the necessary directions were given to Captain Lieutenant Wood on the 20th of the same Month to repair that Building according to the Plan and Estimate — transmitted by him, and recommended by the Chief Engineer amounting to Pagodas 1194. 6. 72.—

2d That the Chief Engineer, in his Report of the 8th March 1798, called the attention of the Board to an Extract of a letter from Captain Lieutenant Wood to him under date the 28th October 1797— Acknowledging the receipt of the Order for the above repairs being made to the roof as recommended by himself and approved by Government, in which letter he had declared that he thinks it advisable to deviate from that mode, and to propose another method of terminating the Corner of the Arch. That Notwithstanding what Captain

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Captain Wood had stated, he, the Chief Engineer adhered to his Opinion given the 21st September last on the Subject; and from the failures which had occurred in the execution of this Work, submitted to the Board the propriety of relieving Captain Wood by an officer of more experience or of permitting him to pursue his own measures towards rendering the Granary a completely substantial Building, holding him responsible for all the Expence that may be incurred on account thereof for 7 Years to come, in consequence of his having taken upon himself; in the first instance to deviate from the original design.—

3. That Captain Wood having consulted Beledar Sirvie des Ingineur on the Subject of Arches after he had forwarded his former Power, found that for Such

such an arch as that of the Granary at Arme, with the same height of Walls a much greater thickness of Piers would be necessary to sustain the additional Weight of Masonry proposed to be added in that Plan; and therefore suggested that, instead of bringing the roof to an Apex, it should be left circular, a form that did not require so great a strength of Piers, and that it should be repaired by covering it over with a course of Flat Tiles, and New Chunam. which would also diminish the expence

4th That the Board having however determined, as the original Plan was proposed by Captain Wood himself and approved by the Chief Engineer who adhered to his former Opinion on the Subject, that the repairs should be executed agreeably

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agreeably thereto, gave orders accordingly to
Captain Wood on the 18th March last for that
purpose in consequence of which they have
received a report from him under date the
15th April stating that, having conformably
to their orders brought the roof of the South
half of the Granary to the form proposed
by the Section, and Estimate originally
given in by himself notwithstanding his
subsequent suggestions of the propriety of
an alteration therein by dispensing with
a considerable part of the Masonry estimated
as being unnecessarily expensive, and likely
to prove prejudicial to the Building, yet
being positively ordered to be carried into
execution, the effects have been such as he
had foretold would be produced by laying
so enormous a load of brick work on the

Summit

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Summit, or crown of the Arch: the Walls having pushed out rather more than an inch at the top, and some what less at the floor level the natural conse=quence of which has been the enlarging the old cracks — And further that, having previous to the order which he had received to conform to the Section and Estimate, first given in, repaired the North part of the Building in the Manner he had afterwards suggested, the cracks, and flaws, had been completely filled up and covered without the Walls varying a single hairs breadth from their original position, — concluding his report, by attributing the failure of the Granary to the extreme softness and greatvarity of the natural soil, which cannot fail he observes to be highly prejudicial to such Buildings as have not

Their

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their formolation bedded on the Rock.-

5th That Captain Wood in a subse-
-quent letter to the Board of the 21 April
recommends it as advisable to knock off
the angular Masonry which had been
placed on the top of the Arch of the South
part of the Granary; and, leaving the
Crown, or Summit, of its original circular
form go over it with a course of flat tiles
and afterwards coarse and fine Chunam
the whole roof which, mode of approved
by the Board, he engages to do within
the Estimated sum, notwithstanding the
loss of Materials and Workmanship by
what had been before executed.-

6th That the late Contractor
in a letter to the Board of the 27th April
(of which a Copy is enclosed) having expressed
their concern at the failure of the Building
and that, as it is their wish that all work
undertaken

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undertaken by them should be substantial as far as possible, although convinced that in the present instance the failure is to be attributed solely to the badness of the foundations they are ready to render it Water proof at their own expence agreeably to what they before propond.-

3d. On a full consideration of the foregoing circumstances We beg leave to offer our opinion that the proposal of the late Contractors should be accepted and that Captain Lieutenant Wood - jointly with them should be held responsible for the Stability of the Granary at Arnee for 3 years after the proposed repairs shall have been compleated

4th. We think it proper to state further that the Chief Engineer in a Minute under date the 3rd May has remarked

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remarkes that the reason for his adhering to his former Opinion of the 21st. September last respecting the repairs to the Granary at Arnee was, that Captain Lieutenant Wood quotation from Belidar did not apply to the case in question, but to an Arch of a Powder Magazine of 3 feet in thickness, — with a pitch of 90° for the roof to resist — the effect of Shells; whereas the roof of the Granary is at an Angle of 120° and the Arch only one foot thick, and consequently the — quotation did not apply to the latter. —

5th. I having been regulated that — an Annual Valuation shall be made of all the Barrack Cotts, as well as Military Stores, at the different Stations under this Presidency, according to the Numbers remaining on the 30th. April in each year, for the purpose of — —

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of being brought on the Military Books
We are accordingly induced to recommend
as being in conformity to the periods
prescribed for the Surveys of Military
Stores and Provisions that it be directed
in Genl.l orders that the Quarterly
Boards of Survey on the Barrack Colls.
shall in future be held on the last day
of July, last day of October last day of
January, and last day of April, in each
year, and the Reports to be made according
to the Form prescribed by the Regulations
published in Government Orders on the
7.th December 1792.

6.th " The accompanying Bill,
Amounting to Pagodas 159. 35. 22. for
eight (8) Centry Boxes constructed under
the Government Order of the 3.d Ultimo
for the Service of the Garrison of Pondamalle
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Having

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having been laid before me together with the Company Voucher in support thereof, I recommend that Payment of the Same be accordingly authorized —

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5th May 1798

We have the Honor to be
Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) Patrick Ross —
W Sydenham —
Jn Richardson —
By Close —

Captain Fred Pierce

Secretary to the Military Board

Sir,

Notwithstanding the Levelling the Buttresses to the Walls of the Granary at Arnee We have understood that they from the extreme looseness of the Ground have given; And in Consequence

of

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of the Walls meeting the Buttresses, some flaws in the Arch have been occasioned, as it is our wish that all Work we undertake shall be substantial as far as possible We are extremely concerned at this circumstance and although We are fully convinced that this is to be attributed solely to the badness of the foundations with the Nature of which we were wholly unacquainted until the Storm of 1795, when the Verandah to the Officers Quarters gave way yet, agreeably to what We proposed formerly we are desirous of being at the Expence of doing what is requisite to make the building Water Proof, and with your permission will order what is necessary to be done on the occasion —

We have the honor to be
Dr. Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott
late Contractors for Buildings & Repairs

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A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pevie for Secy.

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Having gone into a full consideration of Captain Lieutenant Wood's conduct as Superintending Engineer at Arnee, the Board deem his deviation from the rule prescribed to him so unjustifiable, and the consequence which he has procured by the exercise of a discretionary authority so inconvenient to the public Service, that it is resolved to submit his conduct to the consideration of the Court of Directors.

Mean while resolved that Captain Wood be limited to the single Station of Arnee, and warned in the most serious manner that a similar disregard of his duty will be followed by instant Marks of the displeasure of this Government.

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be authorized to pass

for

Resolutions of the Board in respect to Captain Wood's Conduct in the Execution of publick Works entrusted to his Superintendence

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for Payment by a bill on Bengal the Amount due to Captain Wood being Pags. 924 after deducting the Amount of Pagodas 398; which he claims for the repair of the granary at Arnee and of Pagodas 679 which have been paid to Lieutenant Colgrave as the Second Advance for the repairs at Arnee.

The Board concur in Opinion with the Military Board that the late Contractors should be permitted to Complete the Granary at their own expence according to the former engagement; and leave it to them to preserve the plan recommended by Captain Wood or to adopt any other that it may be thought more advisable for rendering the granary permanently useful.

and with respect to the Mode of Completing the Repairs of the Arnee Granary.

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To the Honble Lieutenant Genl Harris

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honble Sir

1st

Having been honored by the

From the Military Board. Bills for repairs executed at Pinagra and Tyacottah and for [illegible] provided by Mr. Bowie for the Surveyor Department with the Nizams Detachment recommended for Payment. Minutes of the Chief Engineer and Quarter General respecting the Mode of repairing the Command=ants Quarters at Ant. Submitted. Opinion of the Board on the Subject. —

receipt of Governments letter of the 2d Inst.

with Enclosures, the necessary Communi=

=cations have in consequence been made

to the several Persons referred to therein.

2nd

We have the honor to enclose a

Bill amounting to Pagodas 172. 39. 50

for repairs made under the Superin=

=tendence of Captain Lennon of Engineers

to the Granary, and Golahs, at Pinagra

which Bill having been accompanied

by the necessary Vouchers of a due &

performance

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performance of the Work, We recommend that the same be accordingly prepared for payment.

3rd The accompanying Bill, Amounting to Pagodas 60. 14. " for the repair by the same officer under Lieutenant Colonel Reads authority, of the Hospital Guard Rooms, and Godahs at Thisbiagherry, & having been transmitted to Us, with the requisite Certificate in regard to the execution of such Repairs, We beg leave to observe that, although the Regulations expressly prohibit any Repairs being undertaken without your previous Authority yet as it appears in the present instance to have been a case of emergency immediately before the commencement of the Monsoon, We are induced to submit the same to the consideration of Government.—

Sth "

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4th We do ourselves the honor to report that in consequence of Government's letter of the 4th of October last respecting the Repair of the Commanding Officer's Quarters at Arcot, particular enquiry has been made as to the extent thereof which will be absolutely necessary for its security, and are in consequence of Opinion that a Sum not exceeding five hundred (500) Pagodas should be allotted for that purpose, to be appropri=ated accordingly under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Cater, and disbursed by him upon Honor; a Report being transmitted to our Board of the Nature and extent of the repairs so soon as they shall have been completed.

5th A difference of Opinion having however been expressed by the Chief Engineer on this Subject. We forward for the

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The information of Government Copy of that Effect's Minute with one of the Military Auditor General in consequence.—

6th A Number of Tents delivered by Mr. Contractor Bowen for the use of the Surveyor's Department with the Nizam's Detachment Acting upon Survey by a Committee been approved as in all respects fit for the Public Service, We transmit enclosed a Bill for the said Amounting to Pagodas 152. 5. 37. and recommend that Payment thereof be authorized.—

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

Fort St. George
9th May 1798

(Signed) Patrick Ross—
W. Sydenham—
Jn. Richardson—
By Close—

Minute

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Minute of the Chief Engineer

The Chief Engineer cannot
concur in the opinion of the Board, that
the Commanding Officer at Arcot should
repair his Quarters; a late Commandant
having received a Sum of Money for the
Repair of that Building, which could not
have been laid out to advantage or it
would not now be in the ruinous
state represented- He therefore proposes
that the Engineer of the Station should
be told that Pagodas 500.. are allotted
for repairs to that Quarter which are to
be made with the approbation of the
Commandant taking care that the work
done be substantially performed.-

/signed/ Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.G.

7th May 1798

Arnee Coy
/signed/ Fred: Pearce
Lieut M.7 B.P.

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Minute of the Military Auditor General -

Adverting to the resolution passed by the Board on the Estimate submitted by the Engineer at Arcot for the repair of the Commanding Officers Quarters Amounting to Pagodas 2124. 2. 29. the Military Auditor General is of Opinion that under the Plan of a limited Sum not exceeding Pagodas 500 the public cannot have any better Security for the repairs being properly & executed than the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Colonel Pater having offered to do it himself upon honor, his own Credit and convenience being equally concerned with the public Interest on the occasion, nor can the Military Auditor General admit that the sum of Pags. 150 .. . paid on account of repairs to the late Lieutenant Colonel Gowdy so long ago as

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as the 13th February 1796 should be considered
as a reason for withholding the Correspondence
of the Board from Lieutenant Colonel Patton
in the present instance.—

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Auditor Genl.

7th May 1798

(A true Copy)

Signed Fred. Pierce
Sec. to Mil. Bd.

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

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

Honble Sir,

I am the Military Board - Plan & Estimate of the Gun Shed at Columbo - the sale of unserviceable Cannon damaged provisions in Store in charge of the Garrison Storekeeper - and the purchase of Lieutenant Dallas's House at Arcot - & recommend & propose that the Commissary of Stores at Malacca be permitted to draw a Monthly Allowance for contingent & Stationary. —

5th Brigadier General De Meuron having represented to Us the very ruinous condition of the temporary Gun Shed at Columbo wherein it appears many valuable Stores are lodged, and state the absolute necessity for an immediate Repair being made thereto, accompanying such Report

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Report by an Estimate for the purpose
Amounting to Pagodas 93.7.40 and altho'
in Strict propriety this communication
should have been addressed to the Honble
Governor in Council-yet, as it appears to
be a case of emergency and that the
repairs are trifling. We are indeed to
recommend that the performance thereof
be authorized -

2nd We have the honor to enclose
a Statement of Articles which by the
Report of Annual Committee of Survey
held agreeably to the Regulations upon
the Provision Stores under charge of the
Garrison Storekeeper at Fort St. George
appearing to be damaged and unservice-
-able - We recommend may be disposed
of by public Sale. -

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3d. It appearing on enquiry that Lieutenant Charles Dallas Moore at Arcot is well calculated to answer the purposes of an Hospital for His Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons, and that the Price at which it is offered for Sale Viz.t Eight hundred (800) Pag.s is so moderate as to render it an eligible purchase, especially as it prevents the alter= =ation of converting one of the Ranges of Stabling into an Hospital, by which the Horses of a Troop would be deprived of Cover, and of incurring an equal expence in providing such deficient Stabling. We accordingly recommend that the purchase be authorized

4th. Mr. Deputy Commissary Gibson having made application to our Board for an Allowance on account of Writers and Stationary for the use of the Ordnance and Store Department at Malacca, and represented that he has already incurred considerable expence for the same, We are induced, from the reasons which led to a recommendation

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of a similar Allowance being granted to Mr. Commissary Nixon at Ambaina, as well as, that it accords with the General Regulation to submit to Government the propriety of allowing Mr. Deputy Commissary Gibson ten (10) Pagodas per Month for the above purpose from the 1st of March last.

We have the honor to be

Honorable Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

(Signd) Patrick Ross

W. Sydenham

Jm Richardson

By Close.

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Statement of Articles which, by the Report of Annual Committee of Survey held agreeably to the Regulations upon the Provision Stores under the Charge of the Garrison Store Keeper at Fort St. George, appear to be Damaged, and Unserviceable.—

Names of Articles	Quantity G	Qrs	lbs	Remarks.—
Moogy Rice of the Year 1797	"		386 6	Damaged
Pulcherry Do. of Do.	"		211 4½	Do
Dholl of Do.	5		189 1½	Do Recommended to be sold off
Do of Do.	"		96 6	particularly bad & Unserviceable
Pease of Do.	3		3206 3/4	very old and Rotten
Do of Do.	"		53 3	Unserviceable.
Bhoot Grams of Do.	1		49 6	damaged
Do of Do.	"		54 0	Quite Unserviceable.
Churvah of Do.	5		326 "	Damaged
Do of Do.	"		64 "	totally Unserviceable
Coraly Dressed of Do.	"		51 "	Damaged
Pease Do of Do.	"		54 "	Old and Unserviceable
Arry Poory of Do.	½		107 6	Much Damaged
Biscuit of Do.	27		3 15	Damaged and full of Maggots
Flower of Do.	46		18 6	Do and Unserviceable
Sugar of Do.	1		8 2	Old and will not keep in Store —
Ghee of Do.	11		14 10	Old. Do — Do
Tamarind of Do.	3		3 5	entirely Damaged
Do of Do.	2		4 3	Damaged
Pepper of Do.	"		5 23	very old and Recommended to be sold off
Chillies of Do.	1		19 7	Old and Unserviceable
Turmarick of Do.	2		9 5	Damaged
Garlick of Do.	1		" 7	Unserviceable
Mustard of Do.	"		1 11	Much Damaged
Commin Seeds of Do.	"		7 20	Damaged
Coriander Seeds of Do.	2		17 15	Much Damaged very old
Raw Suit of Do.	4		4 12	very old & Worm getting out
Salt Beef Europe of 1796/7	16			Kegs Heads Damaged
Do Do of Do	1	half	Piece	Do
Do Pork Do of Do	2	Qrs	12 —	Do
Do Beef Bengal of 1797	86		16 .	Do —
Do Pork Do of Do	6		61½ .	Do
Humps and Tongues of Do	6	Casks.		
Salt Fish of Do	500	No	"	Totally Unserviceable
Mullays of 1796/7	229	"	"	Many Broke & Unserviceable
Palmyras of the year 1796/7	580	"	"	Unserviceable
Horn Lanthorns of 1797	4	"	"	Do
Iron Hoops of Do.	557	"	"	Do

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(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

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Resolved that the Several advances recommended by the Military Board be authorized

Ordered that the Military Board be

Minutes on the two foregoing letters from the Military Board

acquainted with the resolution for taking up the Sunda Galley; and the Amount of Stores and Provisions sent on her for the Garrison at Trincomale with directions for their being brought on the Military Books. -

The President acquaints the Board that he received a report when the Sunda Galley was on the sprouting of sailing that the provisions Shipped for the detachment were in a State unserviceable. Resolved in consequence to direct that a Committee of the Military Board be appointed to examine the Causes of the damage to the Salt provisions to ascertain the means hitherto used for preserving them and to enquire into the best means for keeping them

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these valuable Stores at this Presidency. -

Read the following letter from the Committee for investigating the Molucca Accounts. -

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir

General Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition. —

In Since our last report to your Honorable Board on the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition under date 13th. May 1797 Mr. John Brown Ker one of the Prize Agents has laid before us a detailed Statement of Captured Property found on the Island of Banda, and delivered under the Authority of His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier (as will be seen by the enclosed Certificates N. 1 & 2) to Sundry persons in charge

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of public Departments at that place on Account of the Honorable Company Amounting in the aggregate to Rix Dollars 1,06,631-8-1 and having attentively examined and Compared the Vouchers produced in support thereof We have the honor to submit the following report on the several points connected with the Subject.

2 The foregoing Sum Comprises Sundry charges for articles of Stores Provisions Specie &c. delivered to Individuals in the Dutch Service to the Master attendant appointed by His Excellency the admiral to the Assistant Resident on the Island and to the Paymaster and Commissary of Grain and Provisions employed at ste Helena.

3 To render Account involving so considerable a Claim as distinct as transactions with

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with people differing in language and Customs will admit, We considered it expedient in the first place, to arrange under different heads the charges applicable to each Department, not only for reasons above expressed, but principally with a view of ascertaining the extent to which the persons respectively concerned should be held accountable for the property placed under their care and find that the general total of the accompanying 8 detailed Lists marked from N.1 to 8 inclusive agrees with the aggregate Amount before mentioned.—

4 Previous to the examination of those Lists We judged it necessary to obtain Copies of such parts of the public Correspondence &c. between His Excellency the Admiral, the Heads of Departments at Banda, and this Government as related to the Accounts

referred

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referred to our consideration, and as it appears by the terms of the Capitulation entered into between the Government of Banda and His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier that the Servants of the Dutch Company Civil and Military were to be retained in their respective Stations with the Exception of the Governor, and that they should continue to receive their pay as before, We apprehend it only becomes necessary for us to report how far the Claims of the Prize Agents are supported by the proper Vouchers from the parties to whom the different Articles &c. were delivered and that the rates of Pay to each discription of persons, as well as the prices charged for each item of Captured Property are conformable to the Regulations established at that place.

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5 No 1 exhibits the quantum of
public Stores delivered to the Head Surgeon
on the Island consisting principally of
Hospital Clothing and a few Articles of
Provisions for the use of the Patients
Amounting to Rix Dollars 1821-13 which is
supported by the Indents and receipts of the
Head Surgeon, and approved by Major now
Lieutenant Colonel Vigors the then Acting
Governor and Commandant of Banda; the
rates affixed to the different Articles in this
as also to those contained in the other Statements
are certified by the late 2nd in Council of that
Settlement to be the current Selling prices
of the place or the prices which goods of the
same discription usually produced at the
public Sales. The Articles of European
Manufacture consigned by the Dutch
Company to that Island are charged at
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what they are said to have actually Cost, and attested by the same persons - We cannot however offer any Remarks upon the valuation which has been affixed by the Prize Agents according to the information they derived from the public Officers on the Island, further than to observe that the Articles are in General Charges for agreeably to their quality, and that deductions have been proportionably made for such as are said to have been long in use; under these considerations Government may probably deem it unnecessary to transmit Copies of the Accompanying lists to the Resident at Amboyna, who will no doubt be able to judge if the Charges are Moderate, and to hold the parties concerned responsible for the application of the whole or any part thereof. —

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No 2 The Slaves contained in this Return appear to have belonged to the Dutch Company at the Surrender of the Island and to have been delivered over to the persons who were formerly in Charge of them denominated Boswaglers or Superintendants they are devided into three divisions, two for the Labor of the Companys Parks and one in the Slave Quarter in the Fort, the latter being employed on the Fortifications or other public Works and from this Class the Casualties Among them in the Parks are filled up; the Value of the Men and Women Slaves are stated at 50 Rix Dollars each and the Children at 20 attested by Mr. Venge the late 2d in Council of the Dutch Government This Settlement Amounting to Rix Dollars 20,751 19 is supported by Vouchers consisting of the Price of 222 Men 136 Women and 57 Children, together with the Valuation

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Valuation of a few utensils found in the Parks and of their Half Yearly Clothing which had been delivered under the orders of Lieutenant Colonel Vigors who had ascertained that the quantity issued and charged for was conformable to what they had received when employed under the Dutch Government and the delivery thereof acknowledged by the receipts of the Superintendants.-

7 No 3. Contains a List of various Articles of Naval Stores placed under the Care of Mr. Robert Scott a Lieutenant in the Bombay Marine and Master attendant at Banda whose appointment to that Station is attested under the signature of His Excellency the admiral the receipt of Mr. Scott has been produced, as well as the receipts of the Master Shipwright Blacksmith Carpenter and Cooper employed in the Marine Yard, for the Articles delivered to them respectively

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respectively, which have been valued in the usual Manner and the Cash issued to Mr. Scott for the public Service, is accounted for by his receipts and Countersigned by the acting Governor.-

8 Vt. The quantity of provisions detailed in this list, is Acknowledged by Lieutenant Thetland, Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions to the Troops at Banda to have been issued to him from the Prize Stores under a receipt in duplicate signed by that officer and countersigned by Lieutenant Colonel Vigors.-

9 The Vouchers produced in support of the Statement N5 are found to correspond with the Monthly Payments detailed therein they are signed by the Dutch Paymaster and approved by His Excellency the Admiral the rates at which the Subsistence of the Dutch

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Dutch Civil and Military Servants are
charged annuall as their extra Allowance
denominated Kostpenning, are certified by
the Dutch Paymaster to be the same as
they had before received, the former agrees
with the publick Specification of the Pay
and Emoluments of the different ranks
in both lines of the Service, with the
exception of the Monthly pay of the Non
Commissioned Officers and Privates in the
Artillery and Infantry who in some
instances are charged more, and in others
less than is warranted by the rates detailed
therein, this deviation in the Pay of Men
of the same rank is accounted for by Mr.
Braunckes, who states that in the Dutch
Service the Non Commissioned Officers and
Men are paid according to their length of
Service

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Service and particular Merits, and consequently
that the old and deserving Soldiers of each
Rank are paid proportionably more than
those who have not the same Claims,
which we apprehend must be the case, as
it is presumed the Dutch Paymaster would
not otherwise have certified to the Monthly
Pay of each individual being correct, previous
to the Countersignature or approbation of His
Excellency the Admiral having been obtained
to ditto at Banda the Civil and ——
Military Servants of every discription and
others dependant on the Dutch received
stated quantity of Provisions Monthly from
the public Stores, which with what is paid
them in Specie constitutes their full Pay
and allowances, The different Items contained
in the detailed list marked № 6 are supported
by Vouchers signed by the heads of departments

and

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Departments and Commandants of Corps respectively, and countersigned by Lieutenant Colonel Vigors the ration to the different — ranks are certified to be correct by the Dutch Paymaster who also officiated as — Commissary of Provisions, the rates at — which the Provisions are charged aforesaid to be conformable to the Dutch Selling Prices, the observations on the Charges affixed by the Prize Agents to other Articles of Captured Property as before stated are — applicable to the rates contained in this Letter —

11 The Amount of Captured Spices detailed in No 7 is supported by the — receipt of Lieutenant Hustland the Acting Paymaster Countersigned by Lieutenants Colonel Vigors, From the total of this — Statement Exclusive Rix Dollars 55,180. 27 the

Prize

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Prize Agents have deducted Rix Dollars 9911
10 ½ S.ts which is stated by Mr. Brounckr
to have been received back from Lieutenant
Hurland and consequently is not included in
the gross total of their Claims.—

12 N.o 8 Contains the Amount of
Specie Property delivered by the Prize Agents
to Mr. Robert Farquhar Commercial Resident
at Banda, whose receipts for the same—
have been produced.—

13 It has been intimated to us by
Mr. Brounckr that he had been directed
by His Excellency the Admiral to apply
for and receive from Mr. Scott the Master
attendant at Banda such Articles of—
Naval Stores for the use of his Majesty's
Ships as could be furnished from Shore—
Island under the care of Mr. Scott and—
detailed in the List Marked N.o 3. he has

Accordingly

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accordingly laid before us the Accompanying Statement No 9 of the stores Received from the Master Attendant and applied to the use of the Squadron under his information we have either ready to pay for, or to let the Amount Rx. Rix Dollars 3140 34 P be deducted from the gross totals of the Claims of the Prize Agents before stated, the rates at which he has charged himself with those articles are conformable to the rates which the Prize Agents have charged the Company for the same Articles when delivered to Mr. Scott.

14th We have likewise the honor to lay before your Honorable Board the result of our examination on similar Claims preferred by the Prize Agents on the Eastern Expedition for Specie and sundry Articles of Captured Property found at Amboyna and seized under the Authority of His Excellency the Admiral for

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for the public Service to persons in charge of Departments at that place on Account of the Honorable Company which We have arranged under distinct heads on the same principle as the Banda Accounts, the aggregate Total of the Accompanying 6 Statements Amounts to —

Rix Dollars 91,567. 44 Stivers.

15 The Vouchers offered in support of the Charges contained in the Account Marked A. Amounting to Rix Dollars Ninety Three and Twenty four Stivers (R. D. 93. 24 S) being for — Wax Candles and Copper Kettles delivered to Mr Henry Harris Acting Head Surgeon with the Troops employed on the Expedition and in Charge of the Hospital at Amboyna are signed by Mr Harris and Countersigned both by the Admiral and the Senior Officer present with the Troops the delivery of the articles being — substantiated, it is only incumbent onus to state that the prices affixed to the different articles

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in this and the other Statements are not liable to any Check on our part as no detailed Account of Current prices which goods of various denominations produced at the public Sales on the Island or the actual prime Cost of those received from Europe have been furnished from any of the public Offices in the Dutch Service the Same as was done at Banda & consequently We cannot take upon us to State Whether or not the Valuation offered by the Boaje Agents is agreeable to the established rates of the place and therefore presume that the expediency of transmitting to the Resident by the first opportunity Copies of these Accounts as well as those connected with Banda, must be apparent.-

16 Although the present Regulations of the Service do not admit an Indent to be a Sufficient Voucher for the delivery of any article Unless

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Unless accompanied with a receipt yet it may be presumed that the Prize Agents must have been unacquainted with the precise Vouchers necessary to substantiate the different Charges contained in the detailed list marked B. which are supported with Indents signed by the Fort Adjutant at Amboyna and countersigned by the Commanding Officer We beg leave to observe — that each indent has a Column for the quantity required, which with the exception of one indent for Oil includes the quantity indented for, — and may perhaps be considered adequate to a receipt, as no doubt those Articles must have been required for the Public Service at that Place; with regard to the Articles enumerated in this list, for which the particular Vouchers are missing. We can only say that the enclosed — general List G. to which we were referred, includes Sundry Articles delivered from the Prize Property to the late Captain Meath. Paymaster and — Commissary

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Commissary of Provisions with the Troops employed on the Molucca Expedition whereby is dated the 2d June 1796 and signed by Captain Meuch the Amount of this General Voucher Viz.t Spanish Dollars 228[illegible]41 15/30455. 21 has been already discharged, by the Government, in consequence of a Bill for the foregoing Amount having been drawn on them by His Excellency Admiral Rainier although the Prize Agents have been paid for the Articles now included in this and the other list for which no other Voucher than the one alluded to has been produced, and which we conclude has been done with a view of shewing the total Quantity of Prize Property issued on the Company's Account; yet as they have given Credit for the Amount received on the admirals Bill and Claim only the difference between that sum and the aggregate total already mentioned can be sustained by admitting this Demand—

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17th The issues of the Rice and Salt as detailed in the Statement marked C are supported by regular Vouchers with the exception of the quantity which is said to have been included in the General Voucher already noticed the Amount is of course deducted in the same Manner as the price of the articles contained in the Account last reported on.—

18. The articles enumerated in the List Marked D. are supported by Vouchers excepting a charge for 3 Flags said to have been delivered to Captain Taylor, for which no Voucher appears and consequently the Amount Charged for them Vizt. Rix Dollars 12 has not been allowed, nor has a charge for 9 Pieces of Red Cloth delivered to the Commander of the Nabobs Ship the Surprize Galley Amounting to Rix Dollars 24 as we conceive that the expence should not be borne by the Company but

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Sent by the Commander of that Ship: in
this Statement is included Rix Dollars —
37. 16. Red and White Cloth to Cloth &
Supernumeraries of Captain Chalmers Company
which are have likewise deducted, not only
because we apprehend the expence should —
have been defrayed by stoppages from the
Pay of the Men of that Company, but in —
consequence of the Vouchers produced for this
charge having stated that those articles were
required for payment.

19 The articles detailed in the —
Statement marked C including the value of
four Vessels purchased for the Company, are
supported by proper Vouchers: the Amount
Valuation

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Valuation of the Vessels has been ascertained
by a Committee of the Naval Officers appointed
by His Excellency the admiral and the 4
receipt of them on Account of the Company
is fully acknowledged by the Commercial 4
Resident at Amboyna"

20 The Amount of Specie issued from
the Prize Property for the public Service Viz.-
Rix Dollars 71850 - 17½ (expressed in the List
Marked F.) constitutes the principal Claim
of the Prize Agents; the delivery of the Money
is supported by the receipts and Accounts Current
of the late Captain Meulk, then Paymaster
to the Troops at Amboyna--

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21 From the gross total of the Prize Property delivered on Account of the Company at Amboyna Amounting as before Stated to Rix Dollars 91547. 44½ The following deductions have been necessarily made Viz.t the Amount of a Bill drawn by His Excellency Admiral Rainier on this Government in part payment of the Prize Agents claims which has been discharged Rix Dollars 30455. 21 and the Amount of inadmissible charges in the Statement Marked D. Rix Dollars 73. 16. Consequently the Balance due to the Prize Agents in this Account appears to be Rix Dollars 61019-7½

22. We have the honor to Enclose

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enclose a letter addressed to us by the Poze Agents, requesting that the indulgence granted to the Captors on Ceylon with regard to Interest may be extended to them but as we do not feel it to be within our province to offer an Opinion on the Subject, we therefore beg leave to submit it to the consideration of Government. -

We have the honor to be with great Respect. -

&c. &c.

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(Signd) W. Sydenham —
Robert Wolf
George Taswell —

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I do hereby Certify that Wm Robert Scott was appointed Master attendant at Banda by my orders dated March 30th 1796 and directed to take charge of the Stores &c. late belonging to the Dutch East India Company, on the Marine Yard at that Island accounting to the Government of Fort St. George for the Same—

(Signd) Peter Rainier

A true Copy

(Signd) George Parry
Sub Secretary

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I do hereby Certify that the — Dutch Surgeon Sergeant of the Company's Slave Quarter Boswagters on the Company's Parks Lautang and Enerlo as also the Master Blacksmith, House Carpenter Shipwright and

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and Coast of Banda were continued in Office as under the Dutch Government of that Island before its Surrender on the 9th March 1796 and that the Several Article then under their charge were so continued, they being directed to hold themselves accountable to the Government of Fort St. George for the Same--

(Signed) Peter Rainier

A true Copy

Signed, George Parry

Sub Secretary

Abstract

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Abstract Statement of Various Articles of Captured Property delivered by the Prize Agents at Banda on account of the Honble Company

Rix Dollars Stivers

Nos			
1	Statement of Captured Property delivered by the Prize Agents to the Surgeon of the Dutch Hospital at Banda on Account of the Honorable Company	1821	13
2	Return of Slaves Convicts and Sundry Articles placed under the Charge of the Boswaglers or Superintendants of the Slave Quarters and Parks on the Island of Banda, with a Statement of various Articles of Cloathing issued from the Prize Stores in the different Parks	20751	10
3	Statement of Cash and various Articles delivered from the Prize Stores at Banda to the Master attendant	38773	12½
4	List of Provisions Delivered to Lieutenant Vaitland Army Commissary from the Prize Stores at Banda	14995	20
5	Statement of Cash issued from the Captured Property Stores at Banda and paid to the Dutch Civil and Military Servants on account of the Honorable Company	7539	20
6	List of Sundry Articles of Provisions Captured Property delivered from the Prize Stores at Banda on Account of the Honble Company	2230	4
7	Statement of Cash issued from the Captured Property at Banda to Lieut. Vaitland Paymaster on Account of the Honble Company	54236	7½
8	Statement of Captured Property delivered from the Prize Stores at Banda on Account of the Honorable Company to Mr. Robert Farquhar Resident	6284	8
	Total Rix Dollars	106631	8

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
Robert Monk
G. Caswell Jr.

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Statement of Sundry Articles of Captured Property issued from the Prize Stores at Amboina on Account of the Honble Company.

- Amount of Sundries delivered to Wm. Henry Harris for the Honorable Company's Hospital at Amboina as J. Statement Marked ..... A .. 93 24
- Amount for Wax Candles and Oil delivered for the purpose of Lighting the Government House Barracks Guards &c. in the Garrison of Amboina as J. Statement Marked ..... B .. 473 40
- Amount for Provisions delivered to Captain Thomas Moulk Commissary for 30,000 ℔. Rice delivered to Wm. Jones Esq.r Commissary as J. Statement Marked C .. 11122 12
- Amount for Sundry Military Stores delivered to different persons as J. Statement Marked ..... D .. 1270 17
- Amount for Sundry Naval Stores and Craft delivered to different persons as J. Statement Marked .. E .. 6737 30
- Amount of Cash delivered to Captain Thomas Moulk Paymaster at Amboina as J. Statement Marked F .. 71050 17.

Total Rix Dollars 91,547 44

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(Signed) H. Lydenham
Robert Worly
G. Taswell

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Major General Sydenham
Robert Woolf &
George Taswell Esqrs
Committee for investigating Accounts
relative to the Moluccas Accounts

1.

Gentlemen

Sundry Stores and other Articles,
Captured at Columbo, Point de Galle and their
dependencies, having been delivered by the
Prize Agents for the Captors to the Heads
of the different departments on the Island of
Ceylon, Government were pleased to pay for
the same, in Bonds bearing an Interest
at 8 ¾ Cent ¾ Annum from the date of the
said deliveries. We have therefore to hope,
that the same degree of liberality, will be
extended by the Honorable Board, to the Captors
of Amboina, Banda and their dependencies,
and

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and request, that you Gentlemen, will have the goodness to recommend the Matter to the notice of Government, when you send in your report, on the Accounts, now under investigation -

We have the honor to be

&c, &c

Madras
20th April 1798

(Signed) John Brouncker
Chase Sewell & Chase
Prize Agents

Resolutions of the Board on the foregoing Report of the Committee for investigating the Accounts of the Molucca Expedition

The Board are satisfied without further reference to Banda of the Charges in No 1 of the above amounts amounting to Rix Dollars 1,821. 13. and it is accordingly resolved that they shall be admitted -

The remaining items with Banda Accounts from No 2 to No 8 inclusive

being

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being properly supported are accordingly admitted with the exception of the naval Stores Amounting to Rix Dollars 3140. 34. taken for the use of his Majesty's Ships, which it is resolved to desire may be deducted from the Statement.-

The whole of the Prize property delivered at Amboyna on the Company's Account being substantiated with the few exceptions pointed out by the Committee is accordingly admitted to the Amount of rix Dollars 6,019. 7½-

This Sum with the Amount due for the prize property delivered at Banda forming a total of Rix Dollars 16,451. 29½. it is resolved shall be discharged by bonds of this Government bearing interest at 8 p.c per Cent per Annum from the time whereon the

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the Several articles were made over to the use of the Company -

The Board have great satisfaction in observing the perspicuous manner on which the Committee have brought this Laborious investigation to a conclusion -

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be furnished with Copy of the foregoing report with the orders of the Board and the original vouchers in order that the Amount of the Several Charges may be brought under the proper heads in the Military Accounts -

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. -

To

The Honorable Lieut. General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I Agreeably to the Instructions contained in

Report of the Military Auditor General on the operation of this Presidency of the Kings Warrant of the 30th November 1796 relative to the unsaved Sick and Wounded to the - drawn

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Drawn by the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in His Majestys Service —

In Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 25th. — Ultimo, respecting the encreased pay directed by His Majestys Warrant dated 30th November 1796 to be made to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in his Service from the 25th December following: I have the honor to enclose a Table (No 1) comparing the Subsistence and arrears to both ranks as stated in the Warrant, with the pay and Gratuity to the same ranks in the Company's Service, and Shewing the — difference payable to the Surgeons and — Assistant Surgeons of Cavalry and Infantry in the Kings Regiments under this Presidency in order to render the pay in both Services equal.

2 As the Warrant above mentioned directs that the encreased pay to the — Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons shall be liable to the usual deductions, I have ascertained

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Ascertained that the principle upon which
these deductions are made from the full
pay of every rank in His Majesty's Service
is as follows -

1 - The Poundage or 1 Shilling in the pound
Sterling from the full pay of each Officer
and Soldier -

2 - One Days full Pay in the year from
each Officer and Soldier for Chelsea Hospital

3 - Agency - being 2 D in the pound on the
full pay of the Regiment on this principle
I have calculated the Net Arrear to the
Surgeons and assistant Surgeons (as will be
seen in the inclosed paper No 2) and find it
to apply equally to each of the other ranks
in the Kings Army -

3 With respect to the Assistant
Surgeons, the warrant States their Pay to

be

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be 5 Shillings a day, except in time of War and on Foreign Stations when they are to receive 7 Shillings P Day but makes no separation of Subsistence and arrears; In order therefore to remove the doubts which the want of such discrimination appears to have excited a letter from the Secretary of War (the enclosed copy of which has been furnished to me by the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops) under date the 23d January 1797 directs the said pay to be issued as Subsistence and arrears as follows:- When 5 Shillings a Day 4 6. as Subsistence and 6 Arrear.- When 7. 6 a Day. 6 6 as Subsistence and 1 as arrear liable in each case to the usual deductions but that the last mentioned pay is given only "on Foreign Stations during the War."- Hence it appears that in time of peace in this Country as well as in Europe the Assistants

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Assistant Surgeons are only to receive the former rate of pay, a point upon which the Warrant has not been so explicit, but — I have adopted the Subsequent explanation from the War Office informing the enclosed Tables, which I hope will be found complete and to explain clearly the principle upon which the Net arrears of every rank in His Majesty's Service are calculated. It is — proper to observe that His Majesty's Asst. — Surgeons will receive on the increased pay in time of War 15 3 2/4 ℔ Annum more than the Assistant Surgeons in the Company's Service, but I have not deducted this difference from the half Batta of the former, as I find that it has been an invariable practice when the full pay of particular ranks in his Majesty's Service has exceeded that of the same ranks in the Company's —

Service

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Service, not to make any deductions from their Extra Allowances on that Account, but Consider the additional Pay or Gratuity Made to the Company's Officers to be fairly subject to comparison in all cases, as constituting in the same manner as the Subsistence and Arrear of the Kings Officers the full pay of each rank.

4 The Surgeons in His Majesty's Service being precisely on the same footing in respect to Medical Allowances as those in the Company's Service, it follows that the Allowance of £120 P Annum which the Surgeons of Infantry, and the Allowance of £12 each Troop which the Surgeons of Cavalry have hitherto received must consequently cease on the 25th December 1796 agreeably to the 1st Article of His Majesty's Warrant of the 30th November preceding, abolishing

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abolishing all allowances on account of
Mourns &c as well annual as occasional
together with perquisite or gratuities of every
kind from that date --

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
11th May 1798

I have the honor to be with
great respect
Honble Sir
Your most obedient and
Very humble servant.

Signd, W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Genl.

Comparing

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Table

Comparing the Subsistence and arrears of the Surgeons and Apistant Surgeons attached to the Kings Regiments serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George as stated in his Majesty's Warrant dated the 20th November 1796 with the Subsistence and additional Pay or Gratuity to the same ranks in the Company's Service and shewing the difference to be paid to the former under the above Warrant from the 25th of December 1796

Rank	Statement of Particulars	Annual amount in Sterling Money	Annual Amount in Madras Currency	Difference of Pay for any Month in Madras Currency.		
Surgeon of Cavalry	Subsistence for 365 Days @ 9/7½ P Day	164 5 0				
	Nett Arrear	41 7 6				
	£	205 12 6	514 2 50			
	Difference payable by the Company	" " "	79 2 50	6	24	57
	Total of Company's Pay & Gratuity for 365 Days		593 5 20			
Surgeon of Infantry	Subsistence for 365 Days @ 7/6 P Day	136 17 6				
	Nett arrear	34 9 7				
	£	171 7 1	428 16 15			
	Difference payable by the Company	" " "	164 31 5	13	30	47
	Total of Company's Pay & Gratuity for 365 Days	" " "	593 5 20			
Apistant Surgeon of Cavalry or Infantry on Foreign Stations during the War	Subsistence for 365 Days @ 6/6 P Day	118 12 6				
	Nett arrears	9 17 9¾				
	Company's Pay & Gratuity for 365 Days £	128 10 3¾	321 12 10			
		127 15 "	319 15 16			
Apistant Surgeons of Cavalry or Infantry during Peace	Subsistence for 365 Days @ 4/6 P Day	82 2 6				
	Nett Arrear	3 11 ½				
	£	85 13 6½	214 8 7			
	Difference payable by the Company	" " "	13 39 13	1	6	61
	Total of Company's Pay for 365 Days	" " "	228 5 20			

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In the above Table the New Rates of Subsistence and arrears to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of His Majesty's Service are brought into Comparison with the Subsistence and gratuity to the same Ranks in the Company's Service, consequently the Difference only on the aggregate Sum can be drawn by the former except in the Case of the reduced Pay to the Assistant Surgeons of the Kings Service in time of Peace which being less than the Company's Subsistence entitles them to the difference, and also to the usual Gratuity of two Shillings per day, to place them both on an exact footing of all times. —

(Signed) C. W. Sydenham

Mad.y Aud.r Gen.l

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The Nett arrears for any Rank are computed in the following Manner—

				£	s	d
Surgeon of Cavalry	Full Pay 12s & Duim for 365 Days			219	..	-
	Subsistence 9/ — D° — D°			164	5	..
		Gross arrears		54	15	0
	Deductions					
	1st in the Pound Poundage	10	19 ..			
	2d D° — D° Agency	1	16 6			
	1 Days Pay Chelsea Hospital	..	12 ..	13	7	6
			£ Nett Arrears	41	7	6
Surgeon of Infantry	Full Pay 10/ p Duim for 365 Days			182	10	.
	Subsistence 7/6 D° D°			136	17	6
		Gross Arrears		45	12	6
	Deductions					
	1st in the Pound Poundage	9	2 6			
	2d D° — D° Agency	1	10 5			
	1 Days full Pay	..	10 ..	11	2	11
			Nett arrears £	34	9	7
Assistant Surgeons on Foreign Stations during the War	Full Pay 7/6 p Duim for 365 Days			136	17	6
	Subsistence 6/6 D° — D° — D°			118	12	6
		Gross arrears		18	5	0
	Deductions					
	1st in the Pound Poundage	6	16 10½			
	2d D° — D° Agency	1	2 9¾			
	1 Days Full Pay	..	7 6	8	7	2½
			Nett arrears £	9	17	9¾
Assistant Surgeons dying Paid	Full Pay 5/1 p Duim for 365 Days			91	5	1
	Subsistence 4/6 — D — D°			82	2	6
		Gross arrears £		9	2	6
	Deductions					
	1st in the Pound Poundage	4	11 3			
	2d D° — D Agency	..	15 2½			
	1 Days Full Pay Chelsea Hospital	..	5 .	5	11	5½
			Nett Arrears £	3	11	1½

Signed W. Lydenham

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Major General Sir Robt. Abercromby KB
&c. &c. &c.
East Indies

Sir,

Doubts having arisen with regard to the Pay of the Assistant Surgeons of the Kings regular Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, as Specified in His Majestys Regulations of the 30th of November last, I have the honor to acquaint you, that the said Pay is to be issued as — Subsistence and Arrears in the Manner hereafter Specified Vizt.-

When Five Shillings a Day 4

6d as Subsistence, and 6d as arrears.-

When Seven Shillings and Six

Pence a Day 6.6d as Subsistence and 1.0d as arrears

liable in each case to the usual Deductions -

The last mentioned Pay is given only on Foreign

Stations

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Stations during the War.-

War Office
23d January 1797

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Windham

A true Copy
(Signed) Heath Young
D. A. G.

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Auditor General

Minute on the foregoing letter from the Military Auditor General.

The Board very much approve the principle upon which the Military Auditor General has Calculated the emolument of pay granted by His Majesty's Warrant to the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons of his Regiments

Resolved therefore that the equilization of their Pay and allowances with those of the Medical Gentlemen in the Company's Service

be accordingly published in general orders.-

As the Auditors letter with the

Subsequent

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Subsequent communication from the War Office puts the principle of Calculation in a clearer point of view than it could probably have been seen in Bengal for want of the last mentioned documents Resolved to transmit a Copy of General Lydenham's letter and its enclosures for the information of the Supreme Government:-

Read the following letter from Major John Gardiner --

To J. Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 11th. April last wrote by the direction of the Honorable the

From the Actg. Trustee for Major Hart's affairs with a Statement of Major Hart's Account of Receipts and Disbursements to the 31st. Augt. Closed on the 24th Decr. 1792 the Balance of which he is ready to pay on being indemnified for so doing.-

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the President in Council, calling upon me for the balance of Cash that was in the hands of Major Hart on account of the old Regiments on the 24th December 1792 a Considerable part of the Cash received by Major Hart on the 12th December 1792 was not for Subsisting the Kings Troops for — January 1793 but for paying contingent charges from June to the 12th December 1792 so that allowing the Honorable Court of Directors construction of the act to be right the balance to be paid to the Company would only be Sth. Pagodas 12571. 39.40, Agreable to the enclosed Statement I have to request you will inform Government that I think it incumbent on me together with my Colleagues for the above Sum in case Major Hart or the Trustees should be called upon for it by the Kings Paymaster General in England.—

Madras
May 14th 1798

Sam F.G. Fc.
(Signed) Jno. Gardiner
Trustee

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Dr. Lieut. Colonel Hart with The East India Company Cr.

1795 March	24	To Balance due the Company	20,509	7	"	1795 Decr.	1	By Cash Paid by the Trustees to the Company's Military Paymaster General being the balance of all Monies in Colonel Harts hand on Account of the New Regiments on the 24 December 1792	7,937	9	40
								By Balance remaining due to the Company	12,571	39	40
		Star Pagodas	20509	7	"			Star Pagodas	20509	7	"

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Minute thereon

Ordered that the foregoing Statement
be referred to the Military Auditor General with
particular instructions for the examination of it.-

The Board proceed to read and
pass order on the following proceedings of the -
Medical Board.-

Resolutions of Government
in Council 15th May 1798

From the Medical Board stating the Death of Surgeon Spiers and recommending the Promotion of Assistant Surgeon Abercrombie - & Medicines landed at Manar recommended to be sent overland to Colombo -

Approved

Medical Board
14th May 1798

Accounts having been
received that Mr. Archibald
Spiers, Surgeon, died on his
passage to the cape of Good
Hope, We recommend that
Mr. John Abercrombie, the -
present Assistant Surgeon, be
promoted to the rank of
Surgeon, and appointed to the
1st Regiment Native Infantry
in his room.-

We

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We have the honor to enclose a letter from the Medical Storekeeper and recommend that orders may be given to have the Medicines in question transported by Land from Manar to Columbo.—

Order will be issued for this purpose; ordered therefore that instructions be sent to the Medical Storekeeper at Columbo for defraying the Expence to be incurred on this Account.—

Signed J Webbe
Sec.y to Govt

(Signed) Ja.s Anderson
Physician General

W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

To Dr. James Anderson
Physician General & Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen

I beg leave to inform you that the six Months Supply of Europe and Country

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Country Medicines intended for the Troops at Columbo and Point de Galle Shipped on the Minerva — Captain Masquin on the 12th February have been carried no farther than Manar, and landed there the Captain having failed in making the outer passage, went the inner, and Shipped the different packages on three Donies, the Minerva not being able to pass the Bank) one of which only effected a passage to Columbo, the other two being obliged to return to Manar from the Southerly winds having set in, which will in all probability prevent any further attempt by Sea from there for some time. I have letters from the Surgeons at Columbo and Point de Galle in consequence requesting Supplies of some Articles by Tappal which can be sent, but Dr Clarke wishes to know in what manner he is to be supplied with Wine if there should be no opportunity by Sea. to this I am at a loss what answer to make

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as there can be little prospect of an opportunity now from this bay sea for many Months, and the regulated Supplies have already been forwarded, as they can surely be easier procured from Madras where they have been left under the Charge of the Offrs Commanding Land Turner than they can now be from any part of the Coast, I request to know if I may be allowed to inform them that the expence attending their transportation by Land will be reimbursed or in what other manner to state how their present wants can be remedied.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signd) And.w Berry
Medical Storekeeper

Fort St. George
7th May 1798

A true Copy

(Signd) V. Conolly
Secy to Bd.

Major General Bridges appointed to the Staff with Corps.

The Commander in Chief recommends that Major General Bridges be appointed to the

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Captain James Read to Act as public Staff officer to the Cantonment at Walajabad with extra allowance granted him on this Account.—

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Agreed to and ordered accordingly.—

In Council 15th May 1798.—

The Board proceeds to read and pass the minutes on the letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military and Political Department received by His Majesty's Ship Virginia.—

Letter from the Honble Court of Directors in the Military and Political Departments dated 18th & 19th October 1797 and Received by His Majesty's Ship Virginia taken into Consideration and resolutions passed thereon.—

Letter

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To

Letter in the Military Department

Dated 18th October 1797

Para 1

Date of last advices

Requires no Remark

2 Complaints made to His Majestys Ministers of the Ill treatment of the Wirtemberg Regiment prisoners of War to be particularly investigated.-

The Honorable Court of Directors will have observed by the 156 & 157 Paragraphs of the letter from this Department dated the 19th February that there was not the smallest foundation for this Complaint.-

3 Lieutenant Colo. Shannon permitted to return to India.

Needs no Remark.-

4 The expence incurred in sending Mary Macrae a Soldiers Wife to India to be defrayed by Mr. Lautour.-

This Sum has been recovered from Mr. Lautour agreeably to the Court orders

5 Mr Duffs resigns the Service 1000 Pags to be paid to his Attorney at Madras

Ordered that Mr. Duffs Name be Struck out of the List of the Medical Establishment, and that the gratuity granted him by the Honble Court

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Court be paid on the application of his attorney.—

Letter in the Political Department

Dated 4th October 1797—

Para. 1 dated last advice—2 No reply . . . .

Needs no Remark

3 French and Dutch Prisoner—recommend that Government take Measures for retaining the Expences—

The Board have been hitherto prevented by the 20 Para. of the Courts Letter of the 6th April 1796 from stating any measures relative to the Prisoners of War—on the discretionary latitude now granted, it is resolved to adopt Measures for sending a considerable part of the french prisoners to the Mauritius. "and to take such further steps as may appear advisable for diminishing the great expences at present incurred in the Subsistence of Prisoners.—

These . .

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4 No reply

5 Tanjore Modifica Treaty the Court will Communicate their Sentiments on this Subject in a Separate Dispatch.-

These Paragraphs require no Remark

6 The Table Money due to the late Lieut. Colonel Maxwell to be paid to their legal representatives in India.-

On reference to the Records it appears that the late Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell was employed as the Medium of publick communi=cation between Government and the Rajah of Tanjore from the 17th October 1793 to the 3d June 1794 or 230 Days: ordered therefore that the amount of Table Money due for the Period Pd 1,150 be paid to the legal representatives in India of the late Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell.-

7 Approving the Allowances granted to the Tanjore Family in lieu of Paddy.-

8 The Subject of the Tanjore Succession will be Noticed in a Separate Dispatch.-

9 No reply.

10 Proposed Modification of the Treaty with the Nabob to form the Subject of a Separate Dispatch.-

These Paragraphs require no Remark

Ordered

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11 The Amount of the Nabob's Donation has been paid to the Family of Captain Doloy -

Ordered that a Letter be written to His Highness the Nabob advising him of Payment having been made by the Court of Directors of the benevolent + donation of His Highness' Father to the Family of the late Captain Doloy --

12 The Court admit the propriety of the Nabob making his Communications to the Supreme Govern- -ment thro' the Channel of the Government of Fort St. George and + furnishing them with Copies of his Letters --

The Honorable Court will — have observed on reference to the + Governor Generals Letter of the 27th July entered on the proceedings of the 16th August 1796, that the Nabob has been required to adopt this rule in his future Correspondence with the Supreme Government --

13 The Court have submitted to His + Majesty's principal Secretary of State the representations of the Government relative to the protection afforded to pirates and other acts of the Government of Tranquebar inconsis- -tent with the laws of Neutrality --

The continuation of the abuses already noticed to the Honorable Court render the Board very anxious to learn the result of those references to His Majesty's Secretary of State —

Read

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Recd 16th 15 No Reply

Read no Remark

16 The Subject of the proposed — Modification of the Treaty with the Nabob will be noticed in a separate Dispatch. —

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Require no Remark at present

17 no reply

18 The Court confirm the appointment of the adopted Son of the Widow of the late Shumsheer as a Row to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee. —

The Board are pleased to find that the determination of Government, founded on the laborious investigation of the Right of Succession to the Jaghiredarship of Arnee, has been approved by the Honorable Court. —

19 approbation of the Measures adopted by Government to restore the Family of Ram Row from the oppression and Cruelty of the Nabob. —

The Calls of Justice and Humanity on the interposition of Government in the Case of Ram Row's Family were irresistable; and the Board fully persuaded that any previous communication with the Nabob would have been attended with the certain defeat of the object they had in view feel much Satisfaction

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Satisfaction in observing that the Measures they adopted have been so much approved by the Honorable Court.-

With respect to the observation of the Honorable Court on the evil consequences resulting as well to the Nabobs peace of Mind as to the public Interests by the employment of Europeans em- His Highness's Correspondence with Government the Board have only to lament His Highness's inattention to the advice repeatedly given him on this Subject.-

It is an evil too long experienced, but while his Highness is unrestrained by a sense of his own dignity or of his alliance with the Company from countenancing adventures of this discription

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discription there will always be
found individuals whose interests
will tend thereto to hazard —
the gratification of His Highness's
propensities The Nabobs late
correspondence particularly his
letter of 3d April last will —
continue to shew a like —
indifference to his connexion —
with the Company under any
changes or circumstances —

20 The Court expect that Mr Macleod will have communicated all the Circumstances that Came to his Knowledge Respecting Loans in the Tanjore Country —

The Board are not aware that Mr Macleod has withheld the Communication of any — Material Circumstance that Came to his Knowledge concerning Loans of Money by British Subjects in the Tanjore Country — The List of Creditors transmitted by Mr. Macleod and entered on the —

Proceedings

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proceedings of the 11th October 1796
will enable the Court to form some
Judgment of the Rayahs embarrass-
-ment at that Period.—

21 Copy of an Act of Parliament — forwarded establish-ing a New Court of Judicature and — prohibiting Loans of Money to the Native princes

The Board trust that —
when the Charter of justice may
arrive they will be furnished by
the Honorable the Court of — 4
Directors with instructions for their
guidance on this important —
Subject — The Course of their communi-
-cations shews that this injurious
practice still continues to operate
and that the difficulty of establish-
-ing a Principle or what might be
deemed a legal detection Amounts
almost to an impossibility — &
without such instructions from
the Court they can have no hope
that the clause of the late act —
will

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will enable them to exterminate this dangerous evil; and they trust that their dispatches particularly of 27th March 1797 and 20th February 1798 will impress the same idea upon the minds of the Directors.-

22 The Court approve the determination of the Board on the Nizams Claims on the Rajah of Vizianagaram and concur in the propriety of counteracting and annihilating the influence of the French party in the Nizams Service

The Board are pleased to find that their Conduct and decision with regard to the Nizams Claims on the Vizianagaram Rajah have been approved by the Honorable Court.-

These Sentiments of the Honorable Court should in the Opinion of the Board be made known to the minister at Hydrabad; but in the present State of affairs at that Court the Knowledge of them may be attended with the most beneficial consequences. Ordered that Captain Kirkpatrick be

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be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph.

23 The Court. declare that the payments due to the Nizam should be punctually discharged.—

The Board have on all occasions evinced their inclination to observe the greatest punctuality in the payment of the Nizams Peishcush; and are happy to notice the steps which has attended the endeavours of the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad to discharge the Balance of Peishcush for the year 1796— as well as the whole of the Peishcush for 1797 by his Bills on the Bengal Government.—

24 The Court limit the Paymentsto England of Bonds Granted to the Tanjore Rajahcars Creditors to Pgs. 5,02,673.—

Upon reference to reasons assigned by the Honorable Court for discharging the first moiety of these bonds on England the Board had no doubt that the same

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Same consideration would have — been extended to the whole Amount after the Notification given to the public on the Establishment of the 20th November 1796 and on the present embarrassed state of the finances, they regret exceedingly — that the Honorable Court should — have thought it expedient to — return their Bonds for payment in India. — Ordered that the Holders be informed of this resolution, and that, as the State of the Treasury will not admit the payment of so large an Amount in Cash, the Board will discharge in 12 per Cent Bond or Bengal Bills such proportions as may be due. —

These Paragraphs require No particular Remark. —

Ordered

25 The Court — decline the offer of the King of Johanna to surrender that Island to the Company 26 New Cavalry Loan Debt the Subject to be Noticed in a Separate Dispatch

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27 Favorable Notice of Mr. Jackson's Conduct approve the intention of appointing him to the Office of Collector of Tobiger Pachaum

Ordered that Mr. Jackson be furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph

28 Bills on England to be issued for the balance due to the Estate of General Joseph Smith.

The Amount received from the late and present Nabob on this Account appears to be Pags. 12010 Resolved therefore in conformity with the Court orders that after deducting the Amount Paid in England £ 1500 or Pagodas 3750 Bill, at 365 Days Sight, be drawn on the Honorable Court of Directors for the Balance, Pagodas 8260, or £ 3304 in favor of Frances Smith Executrix, Thomas Fitzgerald William Cook and

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and John S. Somerset Executors
to the Estate of the late General
Joseph Smith, and delivered to
Messrs. Stephens and Cockell
acting attorneys to the Executors &c.

29 Noreply

30 Another representation to be made to the Nabob respecting the arrears due to the Estate of the late General Smith ...

Although the Nabob's
invariable inattention to the
representations made to him
by Government respecting the
claims of Individuals leaves
little reason to expect a favourable
View yet obedience to the orders
contained in this Paragraph
is resolved to communicate to His
Highness the anxiety expressed by
the Company for the adjustment
of

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit for the Consideration of the Court of Directors the Claims of the late Brigadier General Morris, and to urge him to an immediate Compliance with

Your Orders

31. 32 Monopoly

Received no Remark.

Geo: Harris

Edw. Saunders

E. H. Fullerton

John Turing Esqr
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