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Diary

15th — Received a letter from the Rabob entered in C.C. N°85 advising of her having completed the Payment of this Days Hire

Substance of a letter from the Rabob.

16th — Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Ms B N° 57. 58. 59. 60 61. 62.

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledging his receipt of Mr Webbers letter of the 18th April

From the Resident at Poonah

From Mr. H. Shore requesting that Government will provide him a Passage to England.

From Mr Shore lately a Lieutenant in the Infantry

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an additional Indent for Pagodas 5,701. 13. 54

From Undutary Paymaster General

From Captain J. Elliott requesting Payment for the passage of 5 Europeans and 30 Sepoys embarked on his Ship

From Captain J. Elliott of the Ship Fairlie.

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From Brigr. Maufrapant and Morange French Marine — Effairs at Tranquebar

Ships at Malwa and Landed at this Place From Brigr. Maufrapant and Morange requesting that they may be allowed to embark in the Cartel which Government are said to have it Contemplation to send to the Mauritius —

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From the Affair Commanding at Tanjore District

From Lieutenant Colonel Lighton enclosing Copies of a correspondence between Mr. Assistant Surgeon Mr. Gibbon and Lieutenant Fletcher relative to a Claim preferred by the former to Rent allowance in consequence of his having given up his own Rent for the accommodation of Sepoys employed on Field Service under the Command of the latter. —

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr Bl's 63 64 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. —

To the Commandant at Nellore. —

To Captain Walter Forbes — — desiring that the people detained by him under

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under an insufficient passport may be released and permitted to proceed on their Journey to Hyderabad under a pass from himself.—

To the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad—

To Captain Kirkpatrick notifying Lieutenant B. Lydenham's appointment as Assistant to the Engineer and Surveyor with the Nizam's Detachment and that he is to draw his pay and Allowances from the Paymaster at the Presidency.—

To Do—Do

To Do informing him that Captain Forbes has been ordered to proceed the party detained by him at Bellore to proceed on their Journey to Hyderabad.—

To Major Edwd Ferguson at Pondicherry.

To Major E. Ferguson returning a letter addressed by him to Government under date the 3d Instant in order to its being transmitted thro' the regular Channel of the Paymaster and Office of Audit and expressing the Boards dissatisfaction at his inattention to the Orders

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Orders of Government on this Subject —

To Brevet Captain William Elliott —

To Brevet Captain William Elliott
of the 4th Regiment Native
Cavalry at Chunnandalum —

calling upon him for an account Sales of the
Furniture Horses which appear to have been
delivered over his Charge at Prince of Wales
Island by order of Major General St. Leger —

To the Commandant
at Vizagapatam

To Lieutenant Colonel Pottering-
-ham desiring that the Native Prisoner
lately delivered over to his Charge may be
employed upon the public Works and —
Subsisted at the usual rate of One fanam
and Thirty Cash to be advanced by the —
Paymaster —

To the Revd Mr Charles Ball
Chaplain Ball

To the Reverend Charles Ball
acquainting him that the Establishment
of Civil Chaplains at this Presidency being
already fulled according to the Limitation of
the Court of Directors the Board cannot hear

the

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I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of a Letter received from Major Gardenor the Officer in Charge of Major Hart's public and private Concerns in this Country, in reply to a demand Made upon him for Payment of the Balance in Major Hart's hands, on account of the 66 Regiment, on the 24th December 1792.

To the Military Auditor General Calling for an Abstract report and Statement of Accounts between Major Hart and the Company and for information relative to the Sums Returned by Major Gardenor on Account of Contingent Charges

Previous to accepting the Sum Now tendered, the President in Council desires you

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

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You will state the Amount retained on account of contingent Charges whether such Sum was actually due for Contingent Charges on the 24th December 1792, and whether the Sum tendered by Major Gardenor and the Amount of contingent Charges retained make together a Balance on the 24th December 1792 Corresponding with the Books of your Office - As the Subject of the Balances in Major Kants hands on Account of the Old and New Regiments, has at different Periods undergone considerable discussion, and is important that the whole should come before the Court of Directors in a Clear and distinct Point of View to enable them to adjust the Accounts with His Majesty's Publick Officers in England, I am directed to transmit to you the Papers that have passed on the Subject and to desire you will furnish a

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17 a report, and Statement of account, shewing, in abstract the Sums advanced to Major Dart, the Amount of his Disbursements, the payments Made, or the Balance in his Hands on account of the New Regiments and Royal Artillery on the 24th December 1792 the Sum now tendered as the Balance due at that period on account of the old Regiments, and the Sum retained on account of Contingencies falling due prior to the 24 December 1792

In your report you will state particularly the Causes of any differences that may exist between the accounts as drawn out by Major Dart or his Agents and the Books of your Office that the final adjustments may be made in England between the Court of Directors and His Majesty's Public Offices.—

I am &c, &c.

Fort St George
16th May 1798

Signd, Geo: Parry
Sub Sec

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Fort St. George 1st May 1798

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of all his Majestys
Ships and Vessels in the East Indies —

To Rear Admiral Rainier regarding a Communication of his sentiments on the most eligible Mode of strengthening the Fortifications of Trincomale and Batticaloa —

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Letters of the 3 and 6th instant

In we conclude that your Excellency stay at, or in the Neighbourhood of Trincomale will be of some duration we avail ourselves of the opportunity to attract your Notice to the best Method of fortifying that place and Fort Ostenburg: with this view we do ourselves the honor of enclosing extract of a minute written by Lord Hobart after his Lordships return from Ceylon; and in Compliance with his recommendation we request that, if circumstances should admit of your giving a serious consideration

to

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To this important subject you will favor us with the result of your opinions.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient
humble Servants
(Signed) George Harris.
Vice Consul

Fort St. George
16th May 1798

To John Spencer Esqr
President &c. Commissioners in the
Province of
Malabar

To the Commissioners at Calicut enclosing Copies of a letter from and to Tippoo Sultaun respecting the disturbances on the borders of the Coorga Country.

Gentlemen

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3d and 14th Instant and to furnish you with Copy of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun relative to the disturbances on the borders of the Coorga Country.

I have also the honor to enclose for your information Copy of the Answer

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17th Answer which has been sent to the Sultaun

Fort St. George
16th May 1798

From the Honorable
Vice Adm. Peard
Lieut to Govr

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr
Governor in Council
Bombay

Having received from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast a Communication of their having deputed Captain Mahoney to adjust some differences with Sheer Khan respecting two Villages on the borders of the Hoorga Country we think it necessary to furnish you with the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Sultaun on this same subject together with our Sentiments

We have the honorable
&c &c
(Signed) George Harris
&c Council

To Bombay enclosing Copies of a letter from Tippoo to this Government and of the Reply relative to the disturbances on the Borders of the Coorga Country —

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To G. H. Barlow Esqre

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Bengal enclosing Copy of a letter from Tippoo to this Government and of the reply on the Subject of the Disturbances on the Borders of the Coorga Country.

Having received from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast a Communication of their having appointed Captain Mahoney to treat with the Officers of Tippoo Sultaun upon the Subject of two Villages mutually claimed by the Sultaun and the Coorga Rajah the Honorable the Governor in Council directs me to request you will lay before the Governor General in Council the enclosed Copy of a letter lately received from Tippoo together with the Answer which has been sent.-

I have the honorable
&c. &c.
(Signd) J. Webbe
Lt. to Govt.

Fort St. George
16th May 1798

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Received and Sent the undermentioned
Letters entered in Bk B Nos. 70 71 72 73. 74 75
76.—

From Mess.rs Chase
Sewell and Chase

From Mess.rs Chase Sewell
and Chase requesting to be supplied from
the Company's Stores with certain Articles
of Ordnance Arms and Ammunition for
the use of the Ship Eliza on Payment
for the same.—

From the Barrack
Master at the
Presidency.—

From Lieutenant Maclean —
recommending that the Well somewhat
the Dutch Prisoners in the Black Town
are supplied with water may be immediately
repaired it having lately fallen in.—

From the Chief
Engineer

From the Chief Engineer &c.
recommending that the Well aforementioned
be rebuilt and enclosing an Estimate of the
Expence.—

From the Adjutants
General.—

From the Adjutant General.—
Recommending

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18 recommending the promotion of Ensign Lovell William Hall to be Lieutenant vice Rhodes deceased —

From the Reverend Charles Ball —

To Military Auditor General —

To the Commandant of Manaar —

From the Commandant at Hurricalmunnie Chief of the three Moors belonging to the Ruman Regiment from the Governor of Tranquebar Relative to certain Communications relative to the Terms of their Surrender —

From the Reverend Charles Ball —

requesting to be made acquainted with the Boards determination (communicated to him under date the 17th Instant) on his different appeals respecting his situation —

To Major General Sydenham

referring Mrs Roebuck's additional Indent of Cash before mentioned —

To the Honorable Lieutenant Governor desiring that the supply of Medicines landed at Manaar from the Brig Minerva may be forwarded over land to Columbo —

Received the following letter

To George Parry Esqr

Sub Secretary to Government

Sir, I was honored with your letter of the

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Fort St. George 15 May 1798

The 10th instant in answer to which, I have to inform you, that the three deserters from the Bruton Regiment, have been delivered up to me, on condition of being Pardoned General Abercrombie desires me to say that it is to oblige the Honorable the Governor in Council that he gives the Mentioned reference having been made to Europe on a Demand Lord Hobart had made for a French Prisoner of War who had broke his Parole and the Answer received from Commandr was that no Prisoner should be delivered up to the English as there was no Cartel existing between the two Nations shall detain the Prisoners here till further Orders agreeable to your letter

and have the honor to be
Sir, Your
Most Legnd, Saml Cranfd Lieut
Commanding Karical

Karekal
15th May 1798

To

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To

To George Parry Esqr.

Sub Secretary to Government

From the Commandant at Tranquebar
a Deserter from the
1st Battalion of Artillery
late from Tranquebar
Communicates the
Intelligence of a
Number of Deserters
from the Danish Troops
and Company's Corps
who have taken
protection and serve
under the Danish
Government -

Sir,

I have further to acquaint your
for the information of Government that a few
Days since a deserter from the 1st Battalion
of Artillery made his escape from Tranquebar
and was taken up here by a Guard who
informed me that he had deserted from the
Mount about ten Months ago to Tranquebar
in hopes of getting on board of Ship, but
was forced into the Danish Service and
that there were Fifteen Deserters more
in the Danish Service 12 from the 1st
Battalion and two from the 2d of Artillery
and one from his Majesty's 74th Regiment
all Foreigners who had been entertained
from the Dutch Service — To be certain of
the

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The South Seas enquiry arrived at Zanzibar yesterday and found it was true But the information was from a Gentleman who Shun going Home did not choose to name

Marshal
15th May 1798

I am Sir
Your most
Obedt Servt
(Signed) Saml Cranfield Lieut
Commanding a Detachment

Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Fort St George

From Lieutenant Colonel Agnew advising of his having detached two Companies and a Gun towards Shunnium on the requisition of the Resident

For the information of the Honble the Governor in Council I beg leave to acquaint you, that by Letters from the Resident at Hyderabad a Detachment of two Companies and a Gun Marched from the morning towards Shunnium South of the river Kistnah under the Command of Capt: Foster

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Signed) H. Agnewman
Lieut Col Comdg Hyd Detach

Camp near Hyderabad
May 10th 1798

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Sent also the following letter

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated 9th and 11th Instant.

W. Assistant Surgeon Sutler's bill has in compliance with your recommendation been sent for Payment.

The Governor in Council very much approves the principle upon which you have calculated the increase of Pay granted by his Majesty's warrant to the Surgeons and assistant Surgeons of his Regiments, and the equalization of their Pay and allowances with those of the Medical Gentlemen on the Company's Service has been accordingly published in General orders.

as

To the Military Auditor General the plan proposed for equalizing the Pay of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in the Kings and Companys Service approved - Copy of the report of the Committee on the Bengal Warrant and the Board's Resolution enclosed with orders to make the necessary Adjustments in the Books - Allowance for Writers and Stationary Granted the Commissary of Stores at Madura an advance of 500 Pags. to be made to Colonel Bates for repairing the Commandants quarters at Arcot and Captain Schneider to draw his Subsistence at the Presidency -

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As your letter with the subsequent communication from the War office puts the principle of calculation in a clearer point of view, than it probably would have been seen in Bengal for want of the last mentioned document – the Governor in Council has judged it expedient to transmit a Copy of your letter and its enclosures for the Satisfaction of the Supreme Government –

I am directed to send for your information Copy of the final report of the Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the Moluccas expedition together with the resolutions of Government and the original Vouchers in order that the Amount of the Several Charges may be brought under the proper heads in the accounts of your department.

The Governor in Council desires that Mr. Deputy Commissary Gibson at Malacca may be permitted to draw the Monthly Sum of Pagodas 10 for Articles and Stationary from

the

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18th the Month of March last; and that you will authorize the Paymaster at Arcot to advance a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pagodas for the repair of the Commanding Officers Quarters at that Station to be disbursed & and accounted for on Honor to the Military Board by Lieutenant Colonel Pater.—

The Governor in Council also desires that Captain John Scheuender a Dutch prisoner of War lately arrived may be permitted to draw his allowance at the Presidency agreeably to the Capitulation of Colombo.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
Signed J. Webbe
Sub Secretary to Government

Fort St. George
17th May 1798

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to request you will inform

To the Secretary at Bengal inclosing Copy of the Auditor Generals Report and the General order

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order published in consequence of relative to the encreased Subsistence Grants by the Kings Warrants to Surgeons and Assistants Surgeons in his Majesty's Service.—

Fort St. George 17th May 1798

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to inform you that in conformity with the Intimation transmitted in your letter of the 27th March the encrease of pay and allowances to his Majesty's Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons has been ordered to be paid.—

As the principle upon which this encrease is calculated has been since explained by a letter received from the Hon.ble Court, the Governor in Council thinks it may not be improper to lay the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General and of the General order which has since been published, before the Governor General in Council.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Hum.ble Ser.t
(Signed) D.r Webbe
Sec.ry to Gov.t

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To Major General Sydenham
President &c.
Molucca Committee

Gentlemen,

To the Committee for adjusting the Molucca Accounts Communicating the Board's approbation of the perspicuous Manner in which they have drawn out their report and the Resolutions of Government on the points referred for their decision.—

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter 9th Instant with its enclosures.—

The Governor in Council is satisfied without further reference to Banda of the Charges in № 1 amounting to Rds. 1821. 13. and has accordingly resolved that they shall be admitted.—

The remaining items in the Banda accounts from № 2. to № 8 inclosure being properly supported are accordingly admitted with the exception of the Naval Stores Amounting to Ds. 3140. 34 St. taken for the use of his Majesty's Ships, which the Governor in Council desires may be deducted from

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Fort St. George 1st May 1798

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From the Statement.

The whole of the Prize property
delivered at Amboyna on the Company's
Account being substantiated with the few
exceptions you have provided out is —
accordingly admitted to the Amount of
Rix dollars 61019. 7½ Fs.

This sum with the Amount
due for the Prize property delivered at
Banda forming a total of Rix Dollars
161511. 29½ the Governor in Council —
desires you will inform the prize Agents
with be discharged by bonds of this —
Government bearing interest at 8 ℘ Cent
per Annum from the time when the
Naval articles were made over to the use
of the Company —

The Governor in Council directs
me to express the satisfaction he feels at
the perspicuous manner in which you have
brought this laborious investigation to a

Conclusion

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conclusion

Fort St. George
17th May 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) J. Webbe
Sub to Gov.

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your Letters of the 5th 9th and 12th Instant. —

Having gone into a full consider-
=ation of Captain Lieutenant Woods conduct
as Superintending Engineer at Arnee We
have deemed his deviation from the rule
prescribed to him so unjustifiable and the —
consequences which he has produced by the
exercise of a discretionary authority so inconvenient
to the publick service that we have resolved to
Submit —

To the Military Board
final orders on the subject
of Completing the repairs
of the Arnee Granary —
remarks on Captain Lieut.
Woods Conduct. the repairs
of the Commandants Quarter
at Arcot at an expence not
exceeding 500 Pags. entrusted
to Lieutenant Colonel Pater
temporary Repairs at
Columbo and Sale of
damaged provision
Stores at the Presidency
authorized. the cause of
the decay of Salt —
Provisions in his —
Garrison stores to be —
particularly investi-
gated. Rai embarked —
for Trincomale on the
Swift Galley the purchase
of Lieutenant Dallas
House at Arcot as an —
Hospital for the 25 Dragoons
authorized Allowance —
granted the Commissary —
of Stores at Malaca —
for Writers and Stationary
a representation of the
Commanding Officer at
Ganjam respecting a —
Superannuated Bricklayer
Majesty and the State of
the Settlee Grace there
referred —

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Fort St. George 4th May 1798

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Submit this conduct to the consideration of the Court of Directors.-

We concur in your recommendation that the late contractor should be permitted to complete the Granary at their own expence; according to their former engagement and we leave it to you to pursue the plan recommended by Captain Wood, or any other that may be thought more advisable for rendering the Granary permanently useful-

We concur in your recommendation and have accordingly authorized a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pagodas to be paid for the repair of the Commanding Officers Quarters at Arcot to be disbursed and accounted for upon honor by Lieutenant Colonel Pater.-

We desire that you will authorize the repair of the Gun shed at Columbo - according to the application of Brigadier General De Meuron whom we have ourselves directed to make some small temporary repairs to the public buildings at that place.

We

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We comply with your recommendation for disposing by public auction of the damaged articles of Store provisions under charge of the Garrison Storekeper -

Having ordered the Garrison — Storekeper within these few days to Ship provision for a Detachment of Europeans on board the Sumpf galley, We were much — Mortified by a report from on board the Vessel on the point of sailing that the Salt provisions were in a state unserviceable as similar — disappointments may be attended with the Worst consequences, we desire that a Committee of your Board may examine the Causes of this damage to the Salt provisions, ascertain the means hitherto used for preserving them, and enquire into the best method of preserving these valuable Stores at this Presidency. -

Having taken up the Sumpf Galley for the public Service at Trincomale We

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We took occasion to furnish that Garrison with a supply of Grain; We therefore purchased from the Commander 350 Bags of Rice at 76 Pagodas per Garce; and ordered the Garrison Storekeeper to fill up the remaining Tonnage with Rice from the public Stores; We desire therefore that the Garrison Storekeeper may be furnished with the necessary orders for bringing the grain to account.-

For the reasons you have stated We authorize the purchase of Lieutenant Dallas's house at 800 Pags. to serve as an hospital for his Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons at Arcot.-

We have authorized the payment of ten Pagodas per Month from 1st March last to Mr Deputy Commissary Gelson on Account of Merlers; and have passed for payment the several bills recommended by you.-

We

3135 Fort St. George May 17 1798

18 We refer for your examination Copies of two letters from the Commanding Officer at Tanjam with their original enclosures; and desire you will issue such orders as may be necessary in regard to the Masitry bricklayer and the repair of the Sentry Boxes. -

We are
Sir
Your
Fort St. George
17th May 1798
(Signed) Geo. Harris.
Pr. Council.

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to Acknowledge the Receipt of your letter dated 3d Instant.

As Mr. Andrews has obtained permission to visit the coast for the benefit of his health the Governor in Council commits to your

To Brigadier General De Meuron Instructions for his Guidance in the expected Intercourse with the Candian Embassadors - Viz — intended to be sent to Columbo in the Month of August on explanation required regarding the large Armed Captain South of the Pinnaroa on Account Captain Howard's Passage to England --

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your hands the entire management of the expected
interview with the Minister of the King of Candia
which he is satisfied by the reasons you have
offered should not be at Columbo; and he accordingly
Authorizes you to make such a provision of —
presents for the occasion, as you may judge expedient

You are already acquainted with the
tenor of the letter addressed by Lord Hobart to the
King of Candia during his Lordships stay at —
Columbo, and I am directed to desire that you will
consider the outline of that letter the guide of
your conduct at this interview As no communi =
=cations have since been received from Europe —
upon the subject of the treaty, it will be prudent
to be extremely Cautious in touching that subject
lest it should renew discussion which without
orders from home may be difficult of a satisfac=
=tory termination - In the meantime it is
strongly recommended to you that the most
conciliatory measures should be pursued with
respect to the King of Candia, and that you —

should

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We should endeavour to restore and preserve that Cordiality and friendly intercourse from which we have already reaped, and may again derive so much advantage.

The Governor in Council is well pleased that the price of rice has been moderated by the measure of bringing the Company's paddy into the bazar and will endeavour that you shall receive a supply of Rice by the Month of August.

As the sum of two thousand Rupees is infinitely greater than the Allowance of passage money for a Captain the Governor in Council desires that Captain Smith's receipt for it may be transmitted to the Presidency in order that it may be received from him by the Court of Directors.

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

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secty to Government

Fort St. George
17th May 1798

To

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To Mr. Alexander Macleod

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th Ultimo and to furnish you with Copies of your original receipts as taken from the records of the Rajah of Tanjore

The Rajah claims three receipts, besides those mentioned above, for the Sum of Pagodas 2000; and I am directed to furnish you with a Copy of this letter upon this Subject to Mr. Torin

To Mr Alexander Macleod - Copies of his receipts granted by him to the Rajah of Tanjore - enclosed further receipts claimed by the Rajah Noticed an explicit Statement of account required in justification of his Conduct -

Whatever consideration may be due to the circumstances you have stated in regard to general impressions they can have no weight in a Matter of account - and though there does not appear to have been any irregularity in your Manner of accounting for the Sums received from the Rajah on Account

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18 of the allowance to Sherfoge and his family, he yet hopes that you will be able to state the Amount in a manner sufficiently explicit to acquit you of the more serious part of Serfogees

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

Fort St. George
17th May 1798

To Benjamin Torin Esq.r
Resident at Tanjour

Sir,

I am directed to Acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated the 8.th 9.th 24.th and 28.th Ultimo.—

To the Resident at Tanjore - in reply to his late representation of the Rajahs embarrassed situation &c.

Although the Governor in Council is 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

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continues, yet circumstances do not admit of his interposing the Authority of the Company for effecting any material Change - He is at the same time sensible of your attention to the objects pointed out to your Notice, and recommends a continuance of the same Vigilance to the affairs of Tanjour —

Fort St. George
17th May 1798

I am &c &c &c

Signed / A Webbe
Lt & Govr

To Messrs Hendersley Watts & Co
Pelling De Fries & Co
Tolloh Brodie & Co

Gentlemen

I write the date of my letter of 25th Ultimo advises having been received from the Honble Court of Directors in regard to the payment of the Tanjore bonds; by these advices it appears that the Court intended to

Continue

To contain Creditors of the Rajah of Tanjour Communicating the Orders lately received from the Court of Directors for Discharging in India a certain proportion of the undischarged Bonds and the Boards resolution on the Subject —

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confine the payment in England to those bonds only, which had been reported to them as having been subscribed when their orders of the 6th April 1796 were written. The list of these bonds amounted to Pagodas 50,263:—:72 and was transmitted to England by the Rockingham in the Month of April 1795. This limitation however was not so specific as to induce the Governor in Council to notice it in the advertisement which was in consequence published on 20th November 1796; but the Court have resolved that the bonds subscribed and registered in the month of April 1795 shall be discharged in this Country agreeably to the option contained in the bonds.

In the present state of the publick Finances it is impossible for the Governor in Council to discharge the Amount which may be due in Cash; and he is compelled to Substitute 12 per Cent bonds

on

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on bills upon Bengal at the Current
discount, for such of the bonds as may be
presented at the Treasury.

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17th May 1798

I am &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govt.

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters
entered in No 13 Pp. 77. 78. 79. 80.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board desiring that
orders may be immediately given for repairing
the old mill near the Dutch Church in the
Black Town, or for erecting a new mill, as
may be deemed most advisable.

To the Commandant
at Ryakota

To Major Doveton enclosing the
letter for Tippoo respecting the disturbances on
the borders of the Coorga Country and a Copy
for his Information.

To the Military
Board.

To the Military Board desiring
that certain Articles of ordnanance and
Military Stores may be supplies to Majr.
Chase Sewell and Chase.

To

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Fort St. George 19th May 1798

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lydenham

desiring that the Spaymaster may be authorized to discharge the Balance of account due to Captain Lieutenant Wood.

20th Sent the following Letter to Captain Lieutenant Wood

To Captain Lieut.t Wood

of the Engineers

To Captain Lieutenant Wood conveying the Board's remarks and resolution respecting his Conduct in the Superintendence of public Works at Arnee, his duty confined to that Garrison, and the Balance due to him ordered to be discharged.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 12th Ultimo and to inform you that in a full consideration of your conduct as Superintending engineer of the Works at Arnee, the Governor in Council is well satisfied that the Company has sustained a heavy loss by the perversion of your duty in deviating from the plans laid down for your Guidance, but as the ruinous consequences of that deviation were not anticipated in all their extent when the letter of the 25th January was transmitted

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transmitted to you, he thinks sufficiently restrained by the veil which was then thrown over your conduct from animadverting further upon it at present than to submit it to the serious consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Meanwhile the Governor in Council has thought it necessary to limit you to the single station of Amee, and directs me to warn you in the most earnest manner that a similar disregard of your duty will be followed by instant marks of his severest displeasure.—

The Military Auditor General has been authorized to stop the Amount due to you, by a bill on Bengal being Pagodas 924 after deducting the Amount of Pagodas 398 which you claim as advances for the repair of the Granary and of Pagodas 679 which have been

paid

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paid to Lieutenant Colgrave as the Lieuts advance for the repairs at Amboor —

I am &c.

Fort St. George
19th May 1798

(Signed) J Webbe
Sec. to Govt.

Received the following letters

The Honorable Lieut. General G. Harris
&c. &c. &c.
in Council

Sir,

From the Commanding Officer in the Malabar Province inclosing copy of the Parole given by the Officers Captured on the Woodcot and Raymond to Captain Lt. Hermitte of the Princesse Forgate with a view to their exchange being effected at Madras

At the particular request of the Officers who became Prisoners of War by the late — Capture of the Raymond and Woodcot, — Indiaman, and with a view to effect an early exchange in their Behalf I have the honor of forwarding the enclosed Copies of Papers N1 and 2 for the Information of your Government.

I beg leave further to acquaint you that Doctor Charles Kerr, Surgeon of his Majestys 52d Regiment tho' not mentioned in N2 is also on his Parole of Honor and have to request he may be included Whenever an

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an Exchange takes Place.

Head Quarters
Fort Kabad May 11th 1798

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jas Hartley.

Agreement between the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Fort of Tellicherry and Citizen L. Hermitte Captain in the Navy of the French Republic and Commander of the Preneuse Frigate now at Anchor in these Roads.-

Article 1st That the Prisoners captured on board the Ships Mercator and Raymond who shall be landed for a like number of — corresponding Ranks captured in these Seas.

2nd That none of the Prisoners — shall bear Arms against the French Republic or his Allies during the French War unless they shall be exchanged and that the officers shall deliver their paroles into the

Hands

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20 Hands of Captain L'Hermitte -

(signed) Lacide Commissaire
Lerconnois.

(signed) L. Hermitte
Commr. of the Permease
Frigate de Force
& of the Repe.

A true Copy

(signed) Robt. Lewis
Mil. Sec.

(signed) Wm. Horne
Lieut. Col. Comdg

April 21 1798

A true translation.

(signed) George Parry
French Translator

We the undersigned Officers made Prisoners of War on board the Woodrote and Raymond Indiamen by the Frigate La Prudente Commanded by Captain L'Hermitte, - declare that we will not serve against the French Republic or their Allies during the present War, unless we are regularly - exchanged, according to an Agreement - entered

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Articles entered into this 21 April 1798 between Lieut. Colonel Home Commanding at Pallicatcherry and the abovementioned Captain Lt. Hermitte

(Signed) John McInnes Brig. 71 Reg.
R. J. Heath Capt.
Henry Smedley } for ourselves
W. A. Montague } Officers and
Jno Hannay for myself & 70 Men
Lt. Oliphant Lieut. 72 Regt.
J White ... Lieut. D.D
G. Raitt Lieut D D
W B. Nicolls Ens D D
L A. Greenwood Lt 6 Regt.
W. Walker Lt 2 B 3 99
W. Wade Lt 57 Regt.
with
One hundred and four Troops.
(Signed) Edmd Armstrong
Fort Adjutant.
(Signed) Victor Riviere Lieut.
de la de la Republic F.r.
Le Capitaine
Le Hermette
(Signed) Wm Home Lieut Col.
A true Copy
(Signed) R. Lewis
Ord Sergt

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman advising of the Return of the party detached towards Kummum in consequence of orders issued by the Ajeetant Resident.—

I beg leave to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council that the Detachment which marched hence on the 10th Instant under the Command of Captain Foster and that was destined for Kummum has rejoined me this Morning by directions from the Resident.—

I have the honor to be

Sir, &c.

Camp near Hyderabad May 13th 1798

(Signed) H. Wyndman Lt Colo Comm.d Hyderabad Detach.t

Sent and Received the recorded=

=mentioned Letter entered in Br B 8vo 3182.

83. 84.—

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham &c

desiring that the Military Paymaster General

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may be authorized to advance the Revd
Mr. Ball his Subsistence as a Military
Chaplain on this Establishment from
the 3d February to the End of the present Month.-

From Commandant at Amagra

From Captain Simes advising of his having taken the Command of Amagra agreeably to the General Order.-

From Subsecretary at Bengal

From Mr. Stracey enclosing a letter for the Secretary to the Military Board at Fort St. George

From Military Dept. General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing his General Estimate of Cash Required for the ensuing Month.-

At a Consultation.

Present

The Honorable Lieut. General Harris
Governor --- President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield Esqrs

Tuesday
22d May 1798

Minutes of last Consultation
Read and approved-

Read

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Read the following Letters from the
Assistant Resident at Hydrabad —

Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad recommending that the Party detained at Rampore may be released —

Fort St. George

Sir,

Since Writing you under date the 23d Ultimo I have received a Letter from the Acting Governor General Sir Alured Clarke, Extract from which I herewith transmit for your information of the Honorable the President in Council, and beg leave at the same time to request that I may be duly apprized of the determination which General Harris may think proper to Come to in Consequence thereof on the Subject of the Guard of Mr. Raymonds Sepoys detained with Treasure at Rampore —

Sam

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Hyderabad
3d May 1798

Sam
V. V.
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a letter from Sir Alured Clarke KB
Acting Governor General Dated Fort William the
17th April 1798 to Captain J A Kirkpatrick
Assistant at Hyderabad —

"3d. The Minister Apology for
the Detachment from Raymonds Corps
having proceeded to Ramghore without
a Passport, and his promise to prevent
any similar irregularity in future render
it proper for you to apply to the Govern=
=ment of Fort St. George for its release".

A true Extract

(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick —
Assistants.

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to enclose for the information of the Honorable the President in Council, Extract from my Dispatch of the 8th Instant to the Acting Governor General, and beg leave at the same time to express a hope that the Honorable Board will be pleased to send instructions to the Collector at Masulipatam to furnish me with such Receipts on account of Pais hereafter from the beginning of A. F. 1201 as may seem his Custody.

I have
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Signd, J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
10th May 1798

From the Assistant
President at Hyderabad
requesting to be furnished
with all the Original
Receipts in the Masulipatam Treasury on
Account of the Peishcush
since the Fusly Year
1201 States the substance
of late Communications
with the Durbar
relative to the Surrender
of the Divetors and the
Sending two Companies
of the Bengal
Regiment to relieve
the French party at
Khurreemnuggur

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Extract of a letter from Captain J. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad Dated the 8th May 1798 to the Honorable the Acting Governor General

"3 The Companies and Gun-
required by the Governor for Admission
will proceed tomorrow or the next Day
for that Quarter, under Captain Foster,
the Officer fixed upon by Colonel Kyd Aman
to Command this Detachment.-

4th " At my visit also of last
Night to Meer Allum, I delivered to him
a sketch
of such a Paper as I was willing to sign, my
Name to, in hope of doing away the objections
started by the Mutsuddies, with the View
of avoiding if possible granting the receipt
in full required by me for Paishcush up to
the end of 1205 This Sketch appeared to
Satisfactory to Meer Allum (Though
containing no more than an assurance of
doing my best to collect and restore the
particular

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particular receipts) that he assured me he had little doubt of being now able to remove the Ministers reluctance to the signing of the Receipts & had been so long in expectation of Accordingly I have this Moment received a Note from Mir Allum informing me of his success with Azim ul Omrah and I have now therefore to request Honorable Sir, that you will be pleased to direct me to be furnished with all Receipts for Pardaunk from the beginning of the Fasly year 1201 to the end of 1205, which to prevent the possibility of any inconvenience arising at any future Period from the restoration of I shall take care to innorate by their respective dates, and require an attestation signed by the Ministers and Mir Allum certifying that the originals have been returned in consequence of a receipt in full being granted by this Highness in lieu of them.

5th The only remark I have to offer

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Sir

From Mess. Allum's extraordinary assertion with respect to the Compromise on the Seve of the Deserters, that having always in the habit of taking Notes of all Conferences with any of the Agents of the Durbar, as well as of all other Public points of the least importance, I cannot but think it more likely that the (whom all) practicability observes no such practice) should be mistaken than myself and Brownlow Ages Allah with regard to what passed between us on the above subject.

7th I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Commands of the 27th Ultimo

8th I am concerned to say that I see no more immediate prospect of obtaining satisfaction from the Court on the Subject of the Seroy Deserters than when I had the honor of addressing you on the 27th Ultimo

The enclosed translate with Aspriz you of the little progress that is as yet made in this business, notwithstanding I have some

Days

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days since sent in (as stated in the 4th Paragraph of my address of the 2d Instant) the list required by Your Honor. Should I ultimately succeed in obtaining the Surrender of seven the Commissioned Non Commissioned Officers and principal Offenders I shall be inclined to ascribe your such partial success in a great measure to my suggestion on this head to Your Honor, who favored by Circumstances has certainly on this part effected the object on the attainment of which I rested my promise of Recommendation of a Compromise to the favorable Consideration of the Government of Fort St. George.

9th Conceiving it to be your wish, from the tenour of the 3d Paragraph of your Commands, that an unqualified application should be made by me to the Government of Fort St. George for the release of the Party of Sir Raymond's Sepoys detained at Rampore I esteem it my duty to transmit a Copy of

That

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From Fort St. George 9th May 1798

That Paragraph to the Madras Board -
Relative to the Landing of the Marines of Mr. Secretary
Webbes Letter to me of the 11th Ultimo on this
Subject. Copy of which and of my Answer to
the same was duly transmitted to Mr. -
Secretary Barlow. -

10th I should Imagine any further
Applications from the Durbar for the -
Stationing of two Companies from the -
Detachment at Vellamcherry, I
shall in obedience to your Commands no
longer resist the Minister or rather -
Ragotum Roo's wishes on this head, taking
care at the same time to obtain the promise
from him, required by the Concluding tenor
of the 4th Paragraph of your Letter. I think
it not unlikely however that the -
employment of two Companies in the -
Vellamcherry District, may lessen the effect
of rendering the Brinjaries or other backward

to

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to apply for the Services of any more Parties as he is not I believe altogether unaware of the advantages that might at a sudden Call be derived, from the Detachment being Kept in as Collected a form as circumstances will admit of.

11th You will have learned from the 3d Paragraph of my address of the 2d Instant, that I have at length succeeded in effecting an Arrangement with Nan Allum which provides me with funds for the payment of the Detachment up to the 1st of August Next, and which obviates the necessity of my acting for the present at least upon the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Hayes letter to Sir John Shrenawey of the 16th December 1793, which I am happy however I have your Authority to consider as my guide on all future similar occasions that may appear to call for the remedy provided out

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out in that letter.

Three Extracts

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Extract Translate of Moonshee Azeez Dollah's Report of heads of a Conversation with Azeem ul Omrah, and Mr Allum, on a Visit to the latter on the 6th May 1798.—

" Coming next to speak of the two Companies and a Gun from the Detach= =ment required by the Minister to proceed to Chunnum to replace the Tenth Corps recalled from thence, I said to Mr Allum, that though it was your study at all times to meet the Minister's Wishes, yet I was directed by you to inform him; that as six Guns were the whole Complement belonging to the Detachment, it would be deemed out of rule to send one of them with two Companies,

and

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and that it would be satisfactory therefore to you, if the Gun could be dispensed with on this occasion. To this objection the Minister replied himself by saying, that though there were at present no troubles in the Shannaan District, yet there might be hereafter, when a Gun would add greatly to the strength, and respectability of the Detachment and that its ever proceeding thither would carry an imposing appearance with it — well calculated to prevent disturbances: — That if it was against rule to send a Gun only with two Companies, he had no — objection to the Party being encreased, to the Number that would entitle it to the use of a Gun. — Perceiving that the Minister was fixed upon a Gun being sent with a — Detachment to Shannaan, I did not — think it would become Me to urge the point farther with him. —

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The first Subject which Came under discussion was that of receipts in full being required for Paisheush for A. F. 1205 and 1206. The Minister observed that previous to their being delivered to you, it would be necessary to return them the Several Receipts given by Meer Abdul Lutef, Runchore Dos Vca for the different Sums paid them on account. This I observed, would be a Matter requiring time and perhaps also attended with some difficulty considering the Variety of Plans at which such Receipts were given, if indeed any were given at all The Minister seemed however of opinion, that it would be attended with no difficulty whatever, and entertained no doubt (he said) but Receipts on all sums if paid, were carefully deposited in the Company Treasuries, the Mutsuddis (he said) had strong objections to Receipts in full being granted, until the Receipts for particular

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Sums were given up; that his own Main object however in requiring the Receipts in question, was to ascertain the Correctness of the Accounts of Mear Abdul Lateef Runchore Dofs &c.a - This I told him might be easily done, as I believed you could furnish him with Copies of all the Treasury orders granted to Mear Abdul Lateef and others but that the Mr. Minister said, would not be sufficient - Finding in short, that he was strongly disinclined to grant the required Receipts in full without the particular ones being restored, I contented myself with telling him that your great object in requiring the receipts in full, was the - final adjustment of accounts, that you might thereby be enabled to Pay to him the considerable Balances still due for 1205 and 1206 and by way of evincing to him that this was your Solemn wish, I told him (agreeably to your directions) that you

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was ready to give him a Signed Paper, engaging to restore the particular Receipts whenever it should be in your power to collect them the Minister did not seem to approve — altogether even of this expedient, but Mr Allum desired, me to send him a draft of the Paper proposed by you, and if it was properly worded, he would endeavour to prevail on the Minister, to accept of it and close the — receipts in full without further delay. — I accordingly told him that the Paper in question should be made out and sent to him.

Lastly introduced the subject of the Sepoy Deserter by observing to Mr — Allum, that he had now been several days in possession of the List of Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers, required by himself, and yet it would not appear any thing had been done in this business; that until you received an answer from the —

Madras

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Madras Government to the reference you have made to it, with respect to a Proposed Compromise you should be content with the delivery of the Persons Specified in your List To this Dan Allum replied, that an Affair like the one in question could not be terminated in a Day that he was waiting for a favorable opportunity to obtain an Order from the Minister, for the apprehension of these Men That with regard to the Surrender of the whole of the Poudes to the Amount of between four and five Hundred Pon, he could candidly tell me that it must be entirely out of the question Nay it was a thing (he said) so utterly next to impossible, as upon the first Rumour of such an intention the Men would abscond, but supposing them even to remain it was not likely they would Surrender themselves quietly, so that there was no saying what blood might be spilt in

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in attempting Compulsory Means that he had on his part, by effecting the call of the French Party from Thrimmum fulfilled the Condition upon which you had agreed to Confine your demands to the principal offenders, and that he was surprized, now to hear of its being still doubtful whether the Madras Government would be content with the delivery of the principal offenders only, That at the date it would appear the compromise proposed by you was a definitive one, and only meant to effect your object of getting Thrimmum out of the hands of the French Party In reply to all this I reminded Him that your proposed compromise was — Merely provisional & not rested upon the Sanctions of the Government of Fort St. George To my great astonishment however he — declared that he understood your promise

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on no such light, but considered it, as perfectly unqualified. This gave rise to some discussion between us, in the course of which I endeavored to prove to him that in every conversation that had passed upon this Subject the — Sanction of the Madras Government, had always been expressly specified — As I found him — Allum however determined to trust to his own Memory, or rather to abide by his own interpretation of what passed between you on this Subject, I thought it was best to drop it — Shortly after which I took my Leave and Came away. —

A true Extract

(Signed) A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant
Peasant at Hyderabad
enclosing Copy of his
Instructions to Captain
Foter the Officer
appointed to the
Command of the Line
Companies of the
Bengal

I have the honor to transmit

for

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Bengal Regiments ordered for Detachments to Hyderabad.

From the Notice of the Honorable the President in Council Copy of my Letter of Instructions to Captain Foster, the Officer Commanding the Detachments of two Companies and a Gun required by this Court to proceed to the Province of Hyderabad, to replace the French Corps so long stationed there.

Captain Foster moved a few Miles from the Bengal Lines yesterday Morning and he is now only waiting to be joined by the Talook Dar1 Deputy Futteh Khan who takes with him Sundry Land a few Companies of Sepoys and a Small Party of Horse from some Native Partizan Corps in his Highness's Service.

I am

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. S. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Captain

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Captain, Foster

Commanding the Travancore Detachment

Sir,

The immediate object for which a party from the Bengal Detachment has been required by Mr. Webbe Barbar to proceed to the District of Travancore is to replace a Corps of the late Mr. Raymonde now recalled from thence -

The Minister informs me that no troubles exist at present in the Travancore District, and while this tranquility Continues to prevail, nothing more can be expected from you by the New Zaloo Khan Nearmul Dallah Khan, or his Deputy Fuddel Khan, who proceeds with you, than that kind of countenance and support arising from the presence of a Detachment of the

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Honorable Company's Troops in this District.

I need scarcely recommend to your attention a Studious preservation of that Harmony with the Subjects of this State of every degree, which has hitherto redounded so much both to the credit and advantage of the Company's Troops and never failed to render their presence highly acceptable in every part of these Territories, where the Service of the State has Called them. You will of Course prevent to your utmost any Damage to the Cultivation in your Route, and issue strict orders against the Injurious by Violence of the most trifling Article of property belonging to the Inhabitants.

You will report to me or your arrival at the place of your destination, and communicate to me at the same time the Nature of its situation and Climate.

You will use your discretion in furnishing the Talookdar with such a

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Occasional Parties as he may require for
the Service of the Sirkar keeping in mind
however invariably, that they are not to be
employed in any undertakings incompatible
with the duties of regular Troops, derogatory
to the dignity of the Company's Army or —
imminently hazardous to the Credit of them,
adverting indeed to the Smallness of your
Force, any Compliance tending to a lasting
Reduction of its Number by Detachments
from it, Can scarcely be looked for from —
you. —

Should any Military Requisitions
be eventually required from you by the
Tahsildar of the District, even his absence
by his Deputy, you will report their —
application and the grounds of it to me —
without loss of time, and will even avoid,
(if the case should admit of it) any thing
like hostilities until you can receive my

Answer

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Answer, - A delay which, the Enemy of your Party will do Imagine abundantly justify on most occasions -

Should any alarming Symptoms of Sedition proceeding from unhealthiness of situation Manifest themselves in your Detachment during your Stay in the Province of Travancore, you will Apprize Me of the Same without a Moments delay, and if, the majority of the Case should appear to you to call loudly for an immediate Remedy, you are hereby Authorized to use your own discretion in making such a Movement with your Detachment, as you may deem requisite to Answer the purposes in view -

Should you not meet with any Diversion from the Company's Servants or Europeans or Natives, you will apprehend them and send them under a Sufficient Guard

to

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To the Resident Military Stations in the Company's Territories; and as Khummum is the grand Inlet by which such People enter the Nizams Territories I shall be obliged to you to exert your utmost Vigilance towards stopping this pernicious evil: All Europeans Coming from the Company's Territories unprovided with Passes may be justly suspected of being either Deserters from the Company's Service or French or Dutch Prisoners who have broken out from Prison, or Committed a breach of their Engagements.—

Whenever you have occasion to address me, you will employ Copoids as Bearers of your Letters, keeping a regular Account of your disbursements in this branch of public Service, which I shall take care you be duly reimbursed for.—

I herewith enclose two Routes from hence to Khummum and wishing you a pleasant March I rest Remain—

Sir &c.

Hyderabad
9th May 1798.

(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Route from Hyderabad to Khummum

From Hyderabad

to	Hyatnuggur	5 Cos	to	Dachapully (belonging to the	
"	Singwarrum	5 do	"	Company	4 Cos
"	Ramain-poor	3 do	"	Papumpully	5 do
"	Moongaun	3 do	"	Nacurcull	6 do
"	Nelgoondah	8 do	"	Goody-bindah	5 do
"	Rajahpaith	6 do	"	Kamal-pahur	8 do
"	Kostkum	5 do	"	Papya-pall	6 do
"	Mural-ghora	4 do	"	Chundoor	6 do
"	Warrapully on the Banks of the Kistnah	9 do	"	on the borders of the Company's Territories Surlahoor	12 do
			"	Khummum	2 do
				Total	112 Cos

Another Route from Hyderabad to Khummum

To	Shumsabad	5 Cos	To	Millapoor	4 Cos
"	Nuddy-Gaum	8 do	"	Mundoor-puar	8 do
"	Furukh-Mugge	3 do	"	Gadmull	4 do
"	Raja-poor	3 do	"	Nuddyall	6 do
"	Pulchesla	3 do	"	Gaffur-pully	6 do
"	Sankumpaith	4 do	"	to the Pass	8 do
"	Rool Mount	3 do	"	Thiahnapully	4 do
"	Jenkut poor	3 do	"	Khummum	12 do
"	Paytoor	5 do		Total	109 Cos

True Copy

Signed, C. S. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

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Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Assistant
Resident at Hyderabad
Captain Foster —
Detachment called
Copies of correspondence
on the Subject
enclosed —

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honorable the President in Council Copies of my Letter of the 12th Instant to Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman, and Captain Foster and of the latter Assistant answer on the occasion —

I am &c &c

Hyderabad
13th May 1798

(Signd) Lt Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment,

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that I have this Moment received a letter from Mir Alleem the Minister for English Affairs, signifying to me

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me that his Highness the Nizam had thought
proper to change his Mind with regard to the
detaching of a Party from the Corps under
your Command to the District of Khummum
and that I was therefore at liberty to direct
Captain Foster to return to Head Quarters.—
This I shall of course lose no time in doing—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) I. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy

(Signed) I. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
12th May 1798

Captain Foster

Commanding the Detachment proceeding
to Khummum

Sir,

I have this Moment Received a
letter from the Durbar, empowering me
to recall the Detachment under your Com-
-mand and have therefore to direct that
you return with it to Head Quarters with
all

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all convenient expedient.-

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
12th May 1798

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident -
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter recalling the Detachment under my Command - And Agreeably to your direction shall proceed to Head Quarters tomorrow Morning. -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.-

In compliance with the wish expressed by Captain Sherkpatrick, in his letter to the Governor General of the 17th Ultimo, it is resolved to issue orders for liberating the Party detained at Rampore, and for permitting them to proceed to the Nizams Dominions.-

Ordered that Instructions be sent to Mr. Gordon to furnish the Resident at Hyderabad with all the original Receipts which may be in the Treasury at Masulipatam on Account of the Nizams Peshcush from the beginning of July 1201 to the end of July 1205 and that he be directed at the same time, to keep Copies of the Receipts, and transmit a particular list of them to the Board as well as to the Resident at Hyderabad.-

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General

The

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The Honorable Lieut. General Harris.

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor General on the subject of continuing to the Sergeants of Sepoy Corps the same proportionate addition of Pay above that of Sergeants of European Corps which they enjoyed prior to the late General Increase.

We having been represented to us that by the application of the New rates of Pay to the Staff Sergeants attached to Corps of Native Infantry they receive less than heretofore, which it is conceived could not be the intention of Government when the object was evidently to benefit the Soldier, they have in consequence to submit whether as it has been always usual for the Sergeants of Native Corps to receive One Pagoda Month Subsistence more than the Sergeants of European Infantry on account of the additional expense and trouble to which they are subject, the same distinction ought not to be continued still adhering to the General principle that the Subsistence of the Sergeant of European and Native Infantry should be the same, but

that

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That the Staff Allowance of the Sergeant Major of Native Infantry Battalions should be encreased from 3 to 4 Pagodas pr Month, and that of the Quarter Master Sergeant from two to three pr Month which places the relative Allowance between the Sergeants of European and Native Infantry on the same footing as before, and continues an encouragement of which if they do their duty I presume they will be highly deserving. I hope the above suggestion should be honored with your approbation, I have taken the liberty to enclose the Draft of a G.O. applied thereto.

2 I beg leave to request the determination of your Honble Board, respecting the Sums disallowed by the late Major General Doyle for Salaries to Mr. Gueslier Dutch Interpreter and to a Malabar and Cingalese Interpreter at Colombo from 1st January to 30th June 1797 — The Charge is stated by Mr Paymaster

Mr.

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Mr. Donald to have been reported to Government on the 29th July 1797 and was entered in his Account for that Month, but the Amount has not yet been passed to his Credit in the Books of my Office as I have received no Orders authorising the admission of the Charge in question.—

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
15th May 1798

G. O. By Government

The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the new rates of Pay to Sergeants of European Infantry shall be drawn as Subsistence for the Sergeants Attached to Battalions of Native Infantry in the Abstracts of the Companys in which they are returned and that the Staff Pay to the Sergeant Major

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of a Native Infantry Battalion shall be 4 Pagodas P Month and to the Quarter Master Serjeant 3 Pags P Month to be drawn from the Abstracts of the Adjutants and to Commence from the 1st March last from which period the new Rates of Subsistence to the Honble Company's Effective Troops were ordered to take place —

(signed) W Sydenham
Mem. & Act. Sec.

Minute thereon

The Board approve the Auditors Suggestion of Continuing to the Serjeants of Native Corps the Monthly emolument of Subsistence of One Pagoda above the Subsistence of the Sergeants of European Corps and do accordingly resolve to publish the Order proposed —

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The Honorable Lieut. Gen.l Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 9th Instant desiring me to report my Opinion on the Claims of certain Officers employed on Field Service on the Island of Ceylon to Tent Allowance and on the application of Adjutant and Quarter Master de Morgan for an allowance for carrying the Regimental Books of the Corps to which he stands appointed —

2 With respect to the former I beg leave to state, that in consequence of my representation in the Month of October 1796 respecting Tent Allowance to the Officers on Ceylon, Government informed Major General Stuart that no Tent Allowance can be granted to any

From the Military Auditor General — reporting on Adjutant and Quarter Master De Morgans application for an Allowance for Carrying Regimental Books and on the Claims of certain Officers on Ceylon to Tent Allowances — Submits an application from Major Lennox to be allowed Pay and Batta on the Rank of Major from the Date of the Vacancy to which he succeeded — and desires Instructions respecting the Mode of adjusting the Pay and allowances of Captain Mackenzie Engineer and Surveyor with the Nizams Detachment —

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"any One unless the Troops are actually in
"the Field and that when they are called into
"actual Service the Officers will have Per-
"mission to Indent upon the Government
"for camp Equipage and the Allowance will
"then Commence."

3 As the Officers in question did not appear to have applied for the Sanction of Government, or of the Commanding Officer on Ceylon for Tents being issued to them from the Stores, I considered it to be my duty to retrench the Tent Allowance which they had drawn, conceiving that it could only be admitted upon the principle before laid down, and as upon an examination of the Return of the Stores at Colombo from the Month of September to March inclusive it is no where found that Tents were delivered to them from the public Store, it naturally occurred to me that the Allowance could only

be

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be granted to reimburse them for the expense of Carriage, which expence could scarcely be supposed to have been incurred when no Tents had been issued— Had the Officers been furnished with Tents, as they would have been on a proper application there could have been no doubt of the justice of their Claim to Tent Allowance while employed on actual Service in the Field but the question now is whether Officers, altho' on Field Service are to be paid the same Allowance as well without as with Tents in the former case it would tend to Establish similar Claims both for Officers and Men on every instance where there happened to be a deficiency of Tents in Store Lieutenant Colonel Wahab having tendered a Claim of this Kind for himself and Officers Marching in the Night of the last Monsoon from Masulipatam to Cuddapa on the public Service, was denied, Tent Allowance

upon

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upon the ground that it could not be granted partially, or in any occasion where Tents were not actually procured and Carried and it will be seen on referring to the Original Regulations for this Allowance established by Lord Cornwallis That the Tents found by Individuals were always subject to Muster in order to ascertain that such Allowance was applied to the purpose intended The Merits of the present case have to rest principally upon the hardship to which the Officers on Ceylon were exposed during the Season for which Tent Allowance is Claimed, and upon such pretensions Government alone can decide. I would only beg leave to suggest on the event of Tent Allowance being Granted on this Ground, that Brigadier General Stuart be desired to Certify that the Officers drawing it were actual employed on Field Service for the period, and that they were subject to additional expence in procuring Cover for themselves.

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Transmitted as stated in their letter - This Document will not be found to apply to Lieutenant Molesworths Claim, as he was only employed in Marching from one Station to another, which was equally the case with the Officers of His Majesty's 74th Regiment who proceeded from Madras to Columbo to Receive the Drafts from the 73d Regiment and Claimed, but were refused, Tent Allowance on that Account.

4 I hope I shall stand excused if I Notice the irregular Mode in which those Officers have preferred their Claim to Government instead of doing it thro' the Paymaster and Office of Audit as expressly directed by the Regulations of the 8th April 1792 Republished on the 8th July 1796 and indeed it must be evident that had the parties taken the Natural course of Appeal, they would have obtained as speedy a decision on their Claims as by the Method which they have adopted on the occasion —

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In regard to Adjt. and Quarter Master De Morgan's application for 12 Pags. ₲ Month for the Carriage of Regimental Books I have the honor to observe, that a Charge of 6 Pagodas ₲ Month on that account has been hitherto allowed to the Adjutants of European and Native Corps when in the Field, and also to those on Ceylon upon the principle of their being continued on Field Allowances, but in no instance to the adjutant and Quarter Master of Brigade on the former or the Adjutant and Quarter Master of a Regiment on the present Establishment, and was refused to the Quarter Master of Brigade to the Nizam's Detachment on a reference to Government in the Month of December 1796 ₲ therefore it has not been considered admissible at any time to Adjutants and Quarter Master of Brigade, I do not recommend

What

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what grounds it can be claimed by the
adjutant and Quarter Master of a Regiment
more especially as the Adjutants of each Battalion
Conformably to the Regulations, has an allowance
of 6 Pagodas P Month for carrying the Regimental
Books in the Field -

6 At the particular desire of Majr
Seamour I have the honor to submit
to the decision of Government a Retrenchment
Made in the Offices of Audit of the difference
of Pay and Batta which he had drawn
between the date of his Commission as Major
and the date of the Genral Order announcing
his Promotion to that rank, which
Retrenchment was accidently made in conse-
-quence of the Order of Government under date
the 15th March 1797, founded on the Order of
the Honble Court of Directors Vizt. "that the Pay
"and Batta of Officers promoted are not to
"Commence from the date of their Commissions,
"but

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"Out from the publication of their promotion
"in General Orders" I have annexed Major
Cameron's reply to the enclosed Copy of the
Retrenchment (No 1) which together with
Copies of Letters (Nos 2 3 and 4) clearly explain
the grounds upon which it has been confirmed
and which I had hoped would have prevented
the Necessity of a reference to Government on
the Subject.—

7 I have likewise the honor to lay
before your Honorable Board Copies of Letters
from the Military Paymaster General (No 5 6)
under date the 25th April and 11th Instant with
a Letter and Extract of a Retrenchment (No 7)
from Lieutenant Pennington Deputy Paymaster
of the Detachment serving with his Highness
the Nizam, by which it appears that the
Military Auditor General at Bengal considers
that the Pay and Allowances drawn for
Captain McKenzie the Engineer of the
Detachment

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Detachment ought to be adjusted with the Pay Department at Fort St. George. On this subject it becomes my duty to state, that by the Treaty which appears to have been concluded between the Nizam and the Company, His Highness engaged to pay a Subsidy of Pagodas 176591. 30. 35. P Annum for a Detachment consisting of 1 Company of European Artillery with 4 Companies of Gun Lascars 2 Battalions of Native Infantry 1 Captain of Engineers with the Necessary Staff and Ordnance Officers &c. &c. the whole of which was calculated from an Estimate formed of the probable Expence as well fixed as occasional to be incurred on account of the Detachment, including Captain Mc Kenzie as Agent. Annexed according to the enclosed Abstract (No 8) taken from the Estimates and from the Disbursements of the Paymaster

of

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of the late Detachment from this Presidency serving with His Highness the Nizam & therefore appears that Captain Mc Kenzie has been continued as the Engineer of the Detachment with the knowledge and consent of the Bengal Government (which I understand to be the case) that the whole of his allowances and Establishment should be chargeable as before against the Subsidy paid by his Highness which was always found more than equal to the payment of the Detachment from this Presidency. I have therefore to request the Instructions of your Honorable Board on the Subject as soon as I may be communicated.

I have the honor to be with great respect

Signed / W. Lydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor Genrals Office
17th May 1798

Extract

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Extract of Retrenchments from the Disbursements of Mr. J. Mc Donall Paymaster at Columbo in April 1797 –

1st Regiment C. J.

There is drawn difference between Captain and Majors Pay to Major Jeannerat for 7 Months and 12 Days Viz.t from the 20 July 1796 to the 28th February 1797 Pag.s 1140 – from which there is deducted Captains Gratuity for that period Pag.s 83.33.1/3 56.12

Difference of Pay can only be admitted to Major Jeannerat from the date of the publication of his promotion in General Orders Viz.t 17th of January 1797 Agreeably to the following Extract from the Orders of Government of 15th March last Communicated thro their Secretary. –

"The President in Council therefore directs that "may be a Regulation of the Service founded on the Orders "of the Honorable Court that the Pay and Batta of Officers "promoted are not to Commence from the date of their Commissions "but from the publications of their promotion in General Orders"

Difference between Captain & Majors Pay is accordingly admitted from 17 January to 28th February 1797 deducting Captains Gratuity for that period Viz.t Pag.s 10. 31. 40 and the Overcharges Retrenched – 45 27 40

Expedition against the Dutch Settlement

Major Jeannerat draws difference between Captain and Majors Batta from 20 July 1796 to 31 January 1797 inclusive Pagodas 552 4: 40

Difference of Batta from 17th to 31 January Viz.t Pag.s 42.7.10 agreeable to Remark Cannot be admitted on Major Jeannerats Charge for difference of Pay. The Overcharge is Retrenched 509 38 50

Total – – – 555 19 10

Reply

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Reply to the Retrenchments

In answer to this Retrenchment I have to observe that I understand the Paragraph of the letter of the Court of Directors of the 27th July 1796 to be applicable only to such Affairs as were or should be promoted in consequence of the New Regulations, in which, predicament I am not implicated — I have further to observe that my Commission as Major is dated seven days antecedent to the letter of the Court of Directors of the 27th July which priority of date conceive should exempt me from the effects of a Regulation that did not exist when the Vacancy occurred to which I succeeded — On these Remarks I ground my Claims, and trust that no Deduction in their Validity will be admitted —

(Signed) P. Jeanneret
Major

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton
Dy Mag

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To J. McDowall Esqr
Military Paymaster

Sir,

You will please to forward this my application to General Lydenham, that I may have my Retrenchments, with his objections and my answers laid in one View before the Board Requesting that it may meet with the decision of Government, to whom I wish to make my Appeal, as I firmly conceive that my Claims are valid and Just -

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Hble Servt

Jaffnapatam
20th March 1798

(Signed) Samuel Leanneret
Major 2d Division 1st Regiment
E.I. Commanding

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Brunton
Depty Mr G.

Mrs

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Mr. John McDouall

Paymaster

Columbo

Sir,

I have this Day received your letter of the 28th Ultimo with one enclosed from Major Jeannert on the subject of a Retrenchment made of the difference of Pay and Batta drawn by him from the date of the Commission to which he was promoted, to the date of the Order publishing his promotion, and I am sorry that the Nature of the Case will not admit of an appeal to Government as their Orders of 15th March 1797 - founded on Orders from Home, direct "that the pay and Batta of "Officers promoted are not to Commence from "the date of the Commissions but from the "publication of their promotion in General Orders" and as the retrospect of allowances granted to Officers promoted under the New Arrangement from that June 1796 was a particular Case and not intended to apply to any subsequent

promotions

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promotions in the Company's Army which
is further confirmed by no Instance
having occurred of Allowances having
been stopped since that period to any Officer
prior to the Promulgation of his promotion
in General Orders. Major Jeannerat will I
trust be sensible that an appeal to
Government cannot under these Circumstances
answer any purpose, otherwise it would give
me great pleasure to Comply with his request

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signd) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Gen.l

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
7th April 1798

A true Copy
(Signd) P. Braue
Asst. to A.G.

To John. McDowal Esqr
Paymaster.
Columbo

Sir,

I have the honor to Acknowledge

the

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The Receipt of your letter yesterday enclosing a Copy of a letter from the Secretary Auditor General to you dated 7th April 1798 in Answer to Mine of 20th March 1798 where I requested that the Retrenchments with my remarks might be laid in one view before Government through the Channel of the Board that it might meet with their decision - I am sorry to find that the Auditor General should — state difficulties in acquiescing with my request I therefore make a second requisition that they may with my letter; and this also be laid before the Board without delay, as I still conceive my plea well founded. -

Major Kennedy of the Honorable Company's 1st European Regiment died to the Eastward and from the period of his decease my Commission is dated - The News of his — Death did not arrive at the Presidency till Many Months after, so the Vacancy consequently

Could

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could not be filled up and the Pay and
Allowances not drawn for until my Promotion
in Order which was in January 1797 - again
I have to urge what I before have remarked
and annexed to my Retrenchment that
the order from the Honorable Court of Directors
in their letter to Government bears date the
27th July 1796, and my Commission the 20th
July which is seven days prior to their
Orders which did not then exist, and from
this I firmly trust, that my appealing to
before Government to whom I am sanctioned
for so doing may not meet with their
disapprobation.

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

(Signed) Samuel Jeanneret
Major Commanding 2d Batt.
1st Regiment N. I.

Jaffnapatam
April 26th 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J. Braunton
Deputy Ad.t

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Fort St. George 22d May 1798.

Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the inclosed letter from Lieutenant H. Pennington, a Deputy Paymaster to the Hyderabad Detachment I have to request you will be pleased to furnish me with your instructions for his future guedance.

I am
Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mil.y Pay.r Gen.l

Fort St. George
25th April 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Branton
Dep.y Mr. A. G.

Benjamin Roebuck Esqre
Military Paymaster General

Sir,

I have the honor to endose Extract

of

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of a retrenchment by the Military Auditor General Fort William, from any Disbursements for the Month of October with directions to me to settle the Pay of Captain C. Mackenzie with the Pay Department at Madras -

I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to inform me whether Captain Mackenzie's Establishment is to be paid out of the subsidy granted by this Government to the Nizam for defraying the expenses of this detachment and in what manner the same is to be entered in an Account with you since last August the period from which Captain Mackenzie's Establishment has been paid from any Office -

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Camp Kupsein Saugur
April 15th 1798

Signed, W. Pennington
Dep. Pay. Gen. Army Dec.

A true Copy
Signed B. Roebuck
Asst. Pay. Gen.

A true Copy
Signed J. Brunton
Dep. Asst. Gen.

Major

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Fort St. George 22d May 1798.

Major General Will.m Sydenham
Military Audr.t General

Fort St. George

Sir,

Having been furnished with the Extract of the Retrenchments from the Accounts of Lieutenant Pennington — I have the honor to annex a Copy for your information. —

I am
Sir
Your H.ble Ser.t
(Signed) B. Roebuck
Offic.g Dep.y Gen.l

Fort St. George
11th May 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton,
Dep.y M.A.G.

Extract of the Retrenchments of the Military Auditor General from the Disbursements of Lieutenant Pennington for October 1797 —

Engineers

Captain C. McKenzie of the Madras Establishment draws his Arrears of September and advance of October 1797 as also an Establishment

Amounting

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Amounting together to S.r Rupees 1076.10.6
which is Retrenched and Lieutenant Pennington
is directed to settle this Officers Pay and
Establishment with the Pay Department
at Madras.-

(Signd) John Seaven
Mil.y Au.t Gen.l

A true Copy
(Signd) J. Pennington
Dep.y Pay.r M. D.

A true Extract
(Signd) B. Roebuck
Sec.y C.G.

A true Copy
(Signd) J. Brunton
Lieu.t & Sec.y C.G.

Detachment

Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam	Batta of Gratuity of May	Batta of Gratuity of May	Establishd Allowances of May	Pay of June	Total amt of each Rank	Total of each Rank	Total of each Bill on Abstract	Grand Total of Corps
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Engineers								
Paid Captain Colin McKenzie as p^r Abstract								
Cap^n of Engineers and Surveyor								
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Tent Allowance Cap^n 29^s	" " "							
							345 1 53	345 1 53

A true Copy
(Signd) J. Bruntom
Dep^y M.B.G.

The

Copy No 2
Estimate of Charges

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Fort St. George 22d May 1798

Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Military Auditor Genral.-

The Board consider the Claim of Adjutant and quarter Master De Morgan Wholly inadmissible.-

Having read the instructions to Major General Stuart of the 26th October 1796 respecting Tent Allowance which they cannot suppose he could have omitted publishing for the genral information of the Troops on Ceylon the Board are of Opinion that the inattention of the Officers employed on field Service under Major Kenny to those regulations precluded any claim to the benefit of that Allowance.-

The Board however, being unwilling that officers who have given so much satisfaction on the Service in which they have been employed should suffer loss on account of the additional expenses they may have been subjected to, consent to reimburse them the Expences they may have actually incurred in Covering themselves and occasionally removing their temporary Accommodations on Bills to be countersigned by Brigadier General De Meuron after having been attested by the Officers respectively according to the Spirit of the Regulation in force for Contingent Charges incurred on the Island of Ceylon.-

The

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The Board consider Lieutenant Mokesworth's Claims completely invalidated by the regulations above referred to.

Resolved that the foregoing resolutions &c. &c. Communicated to Brigadier General De Meuron and the Military Auditor General and that the former be directed to republish on the Island of Ceylon the General Order of the 8th July 1796 with a Warning that any Officer deviating from the rules therein prescribed will incur the marked displeasure of Government.

Resolved that the Auditor General be directed to acquaint Major Learmouth that he can only be allowed Pay and Batta as the Rank of Major from the date of the general order announcing his promotion; and that an application be made to the Governor General in Council for instructions relative to the mode of adjusting Captain Mackenzies Allowances.

The Honorable Lieut. Gen.l Harris
President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Auditors Report on the last additional Estimate sent in by the Paymaster General for the Current Month.

Honorable Sir,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs letter of the 17th Instant accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month, Amounting to Five Thousand Seven hundred and One Pagodas Thirteen fanams

and

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and fefty four Cash (Pags 5701. 13. 54.) I have the honor to report, that the foregoing sum is admissible and issuable from the Treasury at the Presidency being required on account of an advance directed to be made to the Agent of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry and for the paiyment of the Balance due to the Contractor for supplying the 8d Regiment Native Cavalry with Grass, agreeably to the order contained in Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 25th Ultimo.—

2 The remainder of the additional Estimates is authorised by Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 2d Instant, for the purpose of making the advance directed therein to the Agent for the supply of Military Stores and to discharge the Bills of the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency after they have been passed in this Office according to the Regulations laid down by Government.—

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort St. George 19th May 1798

Respect.— I have the honor to be with great

Dr. Sir Yr

(Signd) W. Sydenham

Mclt Ad Genl

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury on the above Account.

Ordered that the Sum of five thousand Seven hundred and One Pagodas Thirteen fanams and fefty four Cash (Pags 5701. 13. 54.) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General

on

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Fort St George 9th May 1798

on account of the [illegible] Stock in the hands of
Letter of the 16th Instant.

Read the following Letter from Lt Col Gardner

To the Honorable Lieut Gen Harris
Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that at the time of [illegible] but
the Nabob will be unable to [illegible]
any Bond the amount of Pags 2,00,000 (Two Lacks of Pagodas)
I beg leave to suggest that his Highness may be reminded
of the same previous to the 15th of next month and that
the said sum may be demanded from him in the first
instance paid

I have the honor to be with
due respect &c &c &c

Gardner
Lieut Col
22d May 1798

Pagoda 4 Rupees 8 Fanams

Minute thereon

The President is requested to represent the
circumstances stated by Sir Paul Jodrell to the Nabob
and to urge His Highness to discharge the sum that
will be due to Sir Paul on the 15th of the ensuing
Month agreeably to the Tenor of his Engagement

Read

From Sir Paul Jodrell
requesting the Board's
Interposition with the
Nabob to procure
payment of an —
arrear of one year —
Instalment which
from accumulation on
His Highness's Bond.

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Read the following letter from the [illegible]

[illegible]

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

[illegible]

Commander in Chief

We have the honor to transmit to the [illegible]
Assistant have been necessarily [illegible] upon the
Subject of the Letter from Commandant [illegible] several times
referred to us therewith, to state that, being [illegible] of opinion
that the Repairs required to the Ridge Barrack at that
Station are indispensable [illegible] immediately [illegible] of some
mode to be attended with a [illegible] Expence, We [illegible]
recommend that the performance of such Repairs be
immediately authorized -

2nd [illegible] of the Committee only
a Committee of the Board of the annual Survey
which the Regulations direct shall be made of the
Fortifications Public Works, and Buildings, at the
Presidency, We do ourselves the Honor to submit [illegible]
herewith Copy of the Report of that Committee, as also
Copy of a Minute of the Chief Engineer in consequence
of a Reference made to him on the points appearing

by

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by that Report to require immediate attention, and beg leave at the same time to state that as it appears to be an object of the greatest importance that the parts of the Works of Fort St George particularized in the report, and Minute, should undergo such Repairs as may be necessary to preserve them from falling into further decay, and avoid the pressure of accumulated Expence on the same account at a future period, We therefore recommend.

1st That an addition of from Six to Eight Bricklayers, and a proper number of Coolies to attend them, not exceeding the proportion of three to each Bricklayer, be made to the Establishment under the Chief Engineer, with a further provision of Materials extending the present regulated Allowance of an hundred (100) Pagodas p.r Month on that account to double the Sum, until further Orders.

2d That the East Line, north of the Sea Gate, be palisaded in the same manner as the other parts of that Line the Draw Bridges, Barrier Gates &c., be repaired, and the Rampart of the Sea Face be completed with a Parapet according to the original design, which has been already Estimated at Pagodas 1501: 20. 14. as tending both to the appearance and Security, of that part of the Fortifications.

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3d That the requisite number of Platforms be laid in blue Stone as recommended by the Chief Engineer at the Salient Angles of the Works and on the Sea Line, where Guns must be necessarily placed; and that these as well as the addition, and Repairs, detailed in the preceding Article be done upon Estimate by the Superintending Engineer at the Presidency, as the least and the most expeditious way of having the whole completed; And

4th That all the old, and unserviceable Stores and materials in the Department of the Chief Engineer be disposed of at Public Auction agreeably to the suggestion of the Committee —

We have the honor to be

Sir &c.

(Signed) Patrick Ross

" Wm Sydenham

" Jon Richardson

" By Close

Fort St George
16th May 1793

Report of the Annual Committee of the Military Board appointed in conformity to the Regulations for Surveying the State of Fortifications and all Public Works, and Buildings at the Presidency —

for The Remarks of Articles detailed in the

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Fort St George 22d May 1798.

The General Report of the Works and Buildings of Fort St George, rendering it necessarily long we have endeavoured to comprize in as small compass as the subject will admit, what we conceive most immediately to merit the notice of Government.—

2d. The Works of the Body of the place are in a good Serviceable condition but the Sea Line still remains in an unfinished State, in want of its parapet and without the flooring and Channaming of the Gallery to the Cisterns under it.

3d. The Out Works in general are likewise in a very serviceable State, with exception to the South East Counterguard part of the North West Lunette on the North Front, together with the Traverse and a part of the Gallery and Counterscarp before that work. Such Defects as appear in any of the others may be repaired, if immediately undertaken without any great expence to Government, or that Expence being much felt; by a temporary augmentation to the Engineers Monthly Artificers and some increase of the Quantity of materials appropriated to their use beyond what the Military Board are now authorized to sanction.—

4th. Lightning is said to have occasioned the failure in these Works, to what extent it may have

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have acted upon them it is impossible to say, but certain it is, the foundations have been disturbed, as some of the upright piers to the Wooden Bridges of Communication, which do not sustain any Superincumbent weight, have remained since that time in an inclined position.

5th The Casemates in general, with exception of some of the small ones under the Old North Curtain, are in very good Order.

6th All the Cisterns are likewise in very good Condition and full of Water, one only excepted where the Old, and new, Work join.

7th The Berms of the body of the place in good condition that of the Royal Bastion, as well as it's Gorge allotted for the Workshops, is much incumbered with old Lumber from the repairs of Works and Buildings, and decayed Fascines provided for the intended Expedition to the French Island. They should be sold by Auction for what they will fetch and the place cleared.

8th The Brick Work of the Scarp and Counterscarp of the Ditch wherever it has not been chunamed is gone much into decay above Water the Corosive Salt exhalation having decomposed the Brick in many places and mouldered it away - speedy repair is here requisite to save after expence

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and as the Repair takes place the Work should be Coated with Chunam to render it durable. —

9th. The Coating with Chunam we are induced to recommend as a general Measure wherever a thorough repair takes place, from a sense of it's utility, several of the Old Works originally chunamed still remaining in good order —

10th. The subsiding of the Earthy particles in the Water of the Ditch has, in the course of many Years, in some degree decreased it's depth it nevertheless remains very respectable every where on the Land side — The high Surfs during the late Monsoon have thrown a greater quantity of Sand than usual into the Ditch on the Sea face, which requires to be immediately cleared out. — Some inconsiderable defects have lately appeared in the Wall for Defence against the Sea which should be speedily attended to. —

11th. The Covert-Way Traverses and Galleries towards the Land are in a perfect State of repair, except what has already been stated defective before the North West Lunette, the Banquettes and Pallisades, on the Land side are every where complete. A few Pallisades towards the Sea on the East Angle, having been loosened by the late Boisterous Monsoon, were carried off — They requires to be replaced — and in future a Centry from the

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the Guard at the Saluting Battery should be advanced towards that Angle of the Covert-Way to prevent their being again Stolen

12th The palisading which Crowns the Wall for Defence against the Sea, North of the Sea Gate, has never been finished - it is a very essential Work which we most strenuously recommend to the Board; as the Fort cannot be considered closed until that Work is completed.

13th The Gates, and Draw Bridges, of the Body of the place are in Serviceable Condition, except the most Southerly Gate on the Sea Face where the blue Stone for receiving the Brass pulleys over which the Chains work for raising the Draw Bridge are defective, until others are substituted the bridge cannot conveniently be drawn up. —

14th The Draw Bridges before the Ravelins are so old and rotten that they cannot be drawn up, the posts and rails to the standing part of these Bridges as well as those of several of the Bridges of Communication, require to be repaired, or renewed - several new posts are wanted to the Barrier Gates and some repair to the Gates themselves.

15th As opening the Powder Magazines is attended with inconvenience to the Inhabitants who must be deprived of the use of fire whilst they are open

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we declined visiting such as from enquiry We have to ascertained to be in good condition.

16th The Arsenal and Company's Buildings both Civil and Military are in general, in a very habitable State except the small House East of the Admiralty which from extreme old age, is fallen so much into decay as to be uninhabitable.

17th While examining the state of the Store Rooms belonging to the Corps in Garrison, we could not but notice the Inconvenience and Risk to which they were exposed, by keeping with their other Stores, so great a quantity of Ammunition as they are required by the Regulation to receive together, and without their having any secure place assigned them for its reception We therefore submit to the Board the propriety of having some of the Expence Magazines in Garrison allotted for that purpose —

18th The Platforms for the heavy Guns towards the Sea, the Saluting platforms and the Platforms for all the Barbet Guns on the Saliant Angles of the Works we recommend to be of Blue Stone as Guns are easily wrought on it and they will save the Labour and Expence of frequently renewing and laying Wooden platforms, which are always subject to decay

19th The Buildings on the Beach by the Sea Gate, formerly occupied by the Master Attendant being

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being no longer wanted should be removed.

Black Town Wall

20 The Revetments of the Black Town Wall were greatly defective in many places. They are now repairing by Subscription of the Inhabitants under the direction of a Committee chosen from amongst themselves approved by Government, and assisted by Major General Ross, Major General Lyon in Chief and the Town Major of Madras. Colonel Gent the Superintending Engineer.

21 The work for the Defences of the North East Angle has never been executed, which leaves the Black Town almost entirely open in this Quarter, the Stockade which yields its present protection, being in a state of decay. The Boards attention is therefore particularly requested to this Object.

22nd The powder Mills, Granaries and Native Infantry Quarters in the Black Town, likewise the Governor's Garden House, Embatty pettah Barrack Magazine, and Cavalry Stables, and Barracks, on the Island, are in a very serviceable State, and with the usual annual Repairs will no doubt continue so.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Presd. C. of W.s

Fort St. George
23d. April 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. to Bd. Board

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Minute of the Chief Engineer

1st The Chief Engineer being of opinion that many essential Repairs wanted to the Fortifications and which cannot easily be estimated may be accomplished by a temporary augmentation to the Monthly Artificers in the Engineer's Department; he therefore proposes that Government should be addressed for permission to entertain occasionally from 4 to 6 or 8 additional Bricklayers together with the requisite numbers of Coolies to attend them: a sett of Sawers, and from 2 to 6 Carpenters; and that this Board be permitted to make such further Monthly Provision of Materials as the nature of the Service may require beyond what it is now authorized to sanction.

2d As closing the Fort, by completing the Palisade on the East Face, is an object which he has much at heart, he lays before the Board a Statement of the Red-wood wanted for that purpose and for such other repairs to the Palisading of the Court way as will render it complete —

3d Statement of Red-wood Palisades wanted for completing the Sea Face, and repairing the Palisading round the Court way.

Sea

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Sea Face

131 Posts of 7 feet long
262 Rails of 8 D.
1441 Palisades of 5 F. 6 I. long
2 New Gates of 5 Feet by 4-9 each with
2 Stiles, 2 Cross Rails, 7 Palisades and
a long Cross Rails —

Repairs wanting all Round the Covert-way —

1 Post ---- 8 feet long
2 Rails --- 8 D.
86 Palisades of ---- 7 F. 6 I. long
11 D. of ---- 5 F. 6 I. D.
1 D. — for Falling Gate

4th From the aforegoing Statement, it will require about 1050 Red-wood Timbers for completing the Palesading, which on a rough Calculation will weigh from 350 to 370 Candies or thereabouts, the price from 4 to 5 1/2 Pagodas p. Candy —

5th Red-wood being an Article of Trade, the first sort which is generally used on the Works, is sent by the Company to China, and the Second sort to Europe as a dye — The general provision of it therefore has hitherto been with the Export Warehousekeeper who when any was wanted for the Fortifications, delivered

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delivered it by weight, and receiving back such cuttings as could not be wrought up to advantage, deducting the Amount from his Bill. It therefore remains with the Board to determine whether this essential Work should be at once completed by Contract or Estimate, or that the Materials shall make part of the Engineers Monthly Indent, to be wrought up by the Artificers of the Establishment.

6th The Chief Engineer likewise begs leave to observe that the Estimate for completing the Parapets of the Sea Line is already before Government amounting to Pagodas 1501.20.14. which he hopes the Board will recommend to be immediately undertaken, as the people stationed to the Guns would be wholly exposed to any fire from Shipping. - Completing the Caving of the Gallery to the Cisterns, though material may with more propriety be deferred, if it be not the pleasure of Govt. at present to complete the whole of that front

7th A Blue Stone platform of 189 Superficial feet, laid on a levelling Course of Wall Bricks in Clay and one Course of Wall Bricks in Chunam, will cost nearly

Brick Work	5	Pagodas
Stones and Stone Cutters Work	25	D.
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which

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which may serve as a Standard for any Arrangiment the Board may be pleased to make for that Article.

8th. As the Construction of the Draw bridges require scientific knowledge he recommends there being done on Estimate by the Engineer. - The expence will be about 700 Pagodas each. -

9th. Until the new Regulation for the Ordnance Department took place, such Lascars as were not immediately wanted in the Arsenal were sent to the Engineers to be employed on the Repairs of the Roads, or on such other public Works as might be occasionally required. -

10th. On reference to the Report Book he finds the numbers supplied for that Service for the last two Years to be

	Syrangs	Tindals	Lascars
1796	342	1062	24465
1797	992	2446	23092
Total	1834	3502	47557

which being divided by the number of days gives 2 Syrangs 5 Tindals, and 66 Lascars per day. Some thing more than one third of the whole strength of Lascars employed in the Department of the Works - a deficiency for which no industry can make up and which has occasioned many things being left undone that otherwise

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otherwise would have been accomplished.

11th As ever since these Regulations were in force, the business of the Arsenal has been such as to prevent any Lascars being furnished for the beforementioned purposes, and as it is likely, to continue so for some time to come, the Chief Engineer begs leave to point out very material things which now demand attention, and for the accomplishment of which, he wishes the Board would make some Provision.

12th The Repairs to the Roads - and the directing of the Water in the River into its old bed, it having by deviating from that Course, so filled with Sand three of the Arches of Broyer's Bridge before the Wallajah Gate of the Fort and one of the Arches of the Bridge leading to the Black Town, that, in case of a Flood before they are cleared out, the water from the want of a sufficient vent through them, may injure the standing part of the Bridge.

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(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engr M.G.

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secry Military Board

Resolved

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Minute on the foregoing letter and Enclosures from the Military Board

Resolved to authorize the execution of the repairs required to the Sepoy Barracks at Arnee.

The Board concur in the Recommendation of the Military Board that the small repairs required to the Works of Fort St George should be executed; and for this purpose, it is resolved to authorize an increase of the establishment of Bricklayers and Coolies employed under the Chief Engineer in the averaged proportion recommended: but it is conceived more eligible that the Number should be regulated Monthly by the Military Board, according to Statements, to be laid before them by the Chief Engineer, of the work to be performed, than to prescribe a fixed number of Men to be constantly employed: Resolved further with a view to the execution of the proposed Works to authorize the Monthly provision of Materials to be encreased from One hundred to two hundred Pagodas pr Month upon the principle above prescribed.

Resolved also to authorize the execution of the other Works and repairs recommended by the Military Board, by the Superintending Engineer under the direction of that Board: and the Sale of the unserviceable Stores and Materials in the Department of the Chief Engineer.

Read

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Read the following letter from Captain Lieutenant Wood —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From Captain Lieut. Wood expressive of his concern at the Boards concern of his Conduct and his sincere desire to regain their good Opinion by the strictest attention to the regulations proposes the execution of certain Works at his own private Expence

I have received your letter of the 19th Instant the perusal of which has excited the utmost uneasiness & concern and I have to express the deepest Regret, that in the discharge of my Duty I should in any respect have unintentionally subjected the Company to a loss — It was my first wish and the object of my most earnest endeavours, to acquit myself in a creditable manner of the charge vested in me and under the pressure of so mortifying a circumstance as the severe displeasure of Government, it affords me some consolation to be able to declare with least, that in any variation of the designs laid down for my Guidance, a diminution of the expence, such as appeared to me to be consistent with the safety of the Buildings, was the sole and principal object I had in view. — I beg you will express to the Governor in Council my humble hope, that he will be pleased to believe, the regard I have for my own personal character as a Gentleman, and to the advancement of my prospects and respectability in life, which I have founded entirely upon an honorable

continuance

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continuance in the Service must ever powerfully operate against any wilful direliction of duty — It now becomes a part of that duty to acquiesce with respect in the dispensations of Government — and by zealous exertions, in acts of utility, not by unavailing expressions of regret, endeavour to atone for such parts of my conduct, as appear to Government to have been erroneous and incorrect in the hope of regaining their confidence and favorable Opinion, To this end, I beg leave to solicit permission to repair, at my own sole charge such defects in any of the Buildings at Arnee, as are in the remotest degree ascribable to any deviation, however trivial, from the original plans, relying entirely on the generosity of Government, for some mitigation of the severity of their displeasure, when this Work shall have been successfully accomplished —

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) T Wood
Capt.n Lt. of Engs.

Madras 22d May 1798

Minute thereon

Resolved to attract the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors to the foregoing letter in reporting Home the whole of the Subject of the Arnee Buildings —

Read the following letter from Lieut. Col. Murray —

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieut.t Colonel Murray. Giving to Guild the Stables as required for the 1st Regiment of Cavalry at Conanore, either by Contract at rates specified or on Honor as the Board may Prefer.—

On my arrival lately with my Regiment at Connatore (at which Situation I have the honor to Command) I found that the Stables advertized to be Constructed by Contract at that Place for the Convenience of a Regiment of Cavalry were not Commenced, and that on further enquiry I could not ascertain that any preparations were even made for that purpose.—

Anxious of course to see my Men and Horses in a Situation that can Secure them from the inclemency of the Weather, and enable both to be in Constant Readiness for Duty, I lose no time in tendering my Services to Government to Construct upon Honor the 5 Stables required as well as the one for the Sick on Dimensions and of Materials in every respect according to the Spirit of your Advertizement, on Receiving such support

for

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for that purpose from Government as such a Situation
requires; and as I foresee that a Considerable Saving
would arise to the Company by Sixty of their Pioneers
being attached at their expence under me for the
purpose of cutting down the Palmeras and preparing
them for Construction, as well as such other works
as I might require, I trust if the first meets with
the Concurrence of Government this latter will be
a Consiquent Measure. —

Upon these Conditions I would
hesitate warranting the Works thus Constructed
to last five years instead of one as mentioned in
your advertisement barring destruction from an
Enemy or an unforeseen destructive Hurricane,
Similar to the last. —

If Sir this Proposition does not
accord with the Ideas of Government I beg leave
to tender to Contract for the Construction of the
Six Stables mentioned in your Advertisement
subject to every Stipulation and Condition of
demensions

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dimensions and Materials in every respect as
stated in that Advertizement on being allowed
at the rate of Ten Star Pagodas per Stall. and
when Completed to be inspected by a Committee
of Officers appointed for that purpose, and also
I cannot precisely guarantee their being finished
by any given Period. the Board must be sensible
that I am so materially Interested in the welfare
of my Regiment and the Security of its Arms
and accoutrements I shall use no time in
accomplishing so desirable an Object. and for that
purpose in the Event that my first Proposition
is not acceded to I confess my Succeeding Engagements
to abide by the Regulation of your Advertizement
of the 28th December last. —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c
(Signed) J. W. Murray
Lieut.t Colonel.

Madras
19th May 1798.

Minute thereon

Resolved to accept Lieut.t Colonel Murray's
Offer of executing the Repairs and Buildings required
at

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I Connative upon Honor, under the immediate directions of the Military Board: and that fifty Pioneers be placed under his orders. —

Read the following Letter from Major General Bridges. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Major General Bridges - desires instructions respecting an application from the Nizam for leave to purchase military Stores at Masulipatam.

I have the honor to transmit to you Copy of a letter I have just received from the Resident at Hyderabad, which I request you will please to lay before the Honorable the President in Council, and that I may be furnished with instructions on the Subject

I have the honor to be

Vizagapatam
13th May 1798. —

Hon. Hon.
Sir
Your
Most
Obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) Thomas Bridges

To

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To Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division

Masulipatam

Sir.

The bearer of this letter, named Meer Sadut ally, a Servant of His Highness the Nizam proceeds to Masulipatam, for the purpose of purchasing certain Military Stores for the use of His Highness, at whose particular request I have granted him this letter to you by way of Certificate. –

The articles he is directed to purchase are Cartridges paper, Flints and lead. –

It may be proper to inform you, that Government has hitherto admitted of such purchases being occasionally made for the use of His Highness, in consideration probably of the friendship and alliance subsisting between the two States, and by way of return, in some measure for certain immunities which the Company enjoy in the Nizam's Territories. –

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Meer Sadut Ally is accompanied by
by a small Guard of His Highness's Sepoys. for the ostensible purpose
of escorting hither the Stores in question, in the event
of his accomplishing the object of his Journey.

I have the honor to be
Hon. Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
(Signed) James Achilles Kirkpatrick
Asst. and Officiating Resident

Hyderabad
1st. March 1793.

A true Copy
(Signed) S.W. Ogg
Major Brigade.

Minute thereon

The Board have no objection to the Nizam's
Agent purchasing such articles of Military Store as he
may find for sale at Masulipatam.

Read the following Letter from Mr.
William Gordon.

To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris
President Governor and Commander in Chief Hon. Sir
Fort St. George

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam respecting a Bill drawn upon him by the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad.

Sir.

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before
you

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I have a Copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Oakes Collector of the 4th. Division of Masulipatam District by Captain Kirkpatrick Resident at His Highness the Nizam's Court.

Having had the honor to receive the Honble the President in Councils Orders, communicated to me by Mr. Secretary Webbe, under date the 21st. of March, to prepare and send to the Presidency one Lac of Pagodas, the amount still required to complete that Sum being Madras Pagodas Thirty Nine Thousand and three hundred.

Although not particularly instructed for the case that occurs, I should have no hesitation in accepting it when presented, thinking that the draft of the Resident at the Nizam's Court on the Public account of his Highness Paishcush ought not for a moment to be discredited, and more especially as it was at such a sight as to afford Government an opportunity to prevent the payment of it, which I hope will meet your approbation.

I have

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I beg to be favored with your orders upon any future occasion the Resident at his Highness's or the Nizam's Court should draw Bills on account of the Poisheush. &c. &c. to discharge them without orders on the subject from Government

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Sir

Your most

Obedt. Hble Servt.

(Signed) Wm. Gordon

In charge of the Genl. Treasury

Masulipatam

28th. May 1798.

To

T. Oakes Esqr.

Collector &c.

Masulipatam

Sir

I have the honor to advise you of my having this day drawn a Bill upon you payable at fifteen days sight to Meer Gholaumee Saheb. his Highness the Nizam's agent at masulipatam for an amt. Rupees thirty six thousand four hundred and six. six annas nine pice (A. Rs. 36,406. 6. 9.) being the Balance in full of the 2d. Kist of Poisheush. for

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A. F. 1205. including the sums of Arcot Rupees 3.650.
long since charged to his Highness the Nizam for an advance
of one thousand Star Pagodas made some years ago at
Madras to his Vackeel Mhedi Ali Khan, but which
being rejected by this Durbar, is now added by order of the
Supreme Government to the Balance of Peishcash due
on account the said Kist. -

I have the honor to be
Hon.ble Hon.ble
[Signed] I. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
22.d May 1798.

A true Copy
[Signed] Wm. Gordon.

Minute thereon

Agreed to acquaint Mr. Gordon that the
Board approve his intention of discharging the Bill
drawn upon him by Captain Kirkpatrick; and to
authorize him to comply with similar demands in
future. - As this unexpected disbursement may delay
the Transmission of the whole of the money which
Mr. Gordon has been ordered to send to the Presidency

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It is resolved to instruct them to dispatch 50.000 Pagodas immediately and the remainder as it may be received.—

Read the following Letter from Lieut. Collier.—

To I. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
&c &c &c

Sir

From Lieut. G. A. Collier inclosing the accounts of the Suffolk's Tender. and requesting that they may be adjusted as early as possible

Herewith I have the honor to enclose you the Abstract of Pay (No 1.) due the Crew of the Honble Company's Ship Suffolk's Tender, agreeable to the Letter I had the honor of receiving prior to my departure for the Cape of Good Hope.— I have also conformably to your Letter of the 2d of this Month the honor of enclosing you for the Honble the President in Council the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (No 4) in an account Current as likewise another (No 3.) for Provisions supplied the Honble Company's Ship Suffolk's Tender at different Ports

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Ports accompanied with a small Bill.

I have to solicit the indulgence of the Honble the President in Council, should any inaccuracy appear in the mode of their being drawn out, and in this hope, I feel a degree of security from the consciousness of my own integrity, and from a conviction that the Honble the President in Council, will with his accustomed candour, make every proper allowance for the peculiarity of my situation, where from the small number of Officers on board, so many different duties must have unavoidably fallen to my share. - With adding my solicitations that the final settlement of the Suffolks Tenders Accounts, may be brought to as speedy an issue as possible, in order that I may join the Naval Commander in Chief at Trincomallee. I am &c

And have the honor to be

Hon Hon

Signed George R. Collier

Fort S. George
11th May 1798.

Minute thereon.

Resolved that Mr George Taswell and Mr Cecil Smith be appointed a Committee for investigating and

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And adjusting the whole of the accounts of the Suffolk's
Tender, and that they be directed to lose no time in
bringing this Business to a conclusion. —

The President delivers in the following
Minute. —

Lieut. General Harris's Minute in Council 22d. May 1798.

The President having taken into
consideration the report of Expence attending the agency
for furnishing Remount Horses to the Cavalry, is of opinion
that the allowances and appointment of Major
Dallas as Agent ought to be discontinued from the 31st.
Instant, since his Services in that line have not
been required since December 1797. and are now no
longer wanted. —

President's Minute proposing that Lieut. Montgomery be appointed sole agent for the purchase of Remount Horses for the Cavalry Corps, and that Major Dallas's allowances cease on the end of the present Month. —

In recording this opinion it will be
evident to the Board that the President alludes to the
superior mode of supplying the Cavalry with Horses
first suggested by Lieutenant Montgomery and which
in its execution has been attended with such success.

That

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that the whole of the remount horses for three years past have been actually supplied by that officer, greatly to his own Credit and with perfect satisfaction to the Cavalry Corps no Letter professes the purview of Lieutenant Montgomery's qualifications for this Service, and as the President is satisfied that the correspondence established by Lieutenant Montgomery will enable him to supply whatever Remount Horses may be required he proposes as an encouragement for him to continue his exertions that he shall be appointed sole Agent for furnishing Remount Horses with a Salary of 250 Pagodas pr. Month in full of all allowances as Agent, and that when employed in visiting the Stations to meet his correspondents on the business of the agency he shall be allowed an additition of one hundred Pagodas pr. month in lieu of all personal contingencies so long as Government shall consider his absence on that account indispensably necessary for the public Service. —

/Signed/ George Harris

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Minute of the Board on the foregoing Subject

The Board are fully perswaded of the advantages resulting from the plan of Remounting the Cavalry Regiments from the Cutch and Guzzerat Country originally suggested, and since carried into effect with so much success by Lieutenant Montgomery. The active and able exertions of this Officer have so fully established his merits in this line of Duty, that the Board readily concur in the Presidents recommendation of appointing him sole Agent for furnishing Remount Horses, with the allowances proposed.—

Resolved that Major Dallas's appointment do cease, and Lieutenant Montgomerys allowances commence on the 1st. of the ensuing Month.—

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer at Malacca delivered to the President by Mr. Olivier.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Suntary to Government

Sir.

From the Commandant at Malacca forwarding by the hands of Mr Olivier an application made to him by the King of Cochin China for a supply of Military Stores.—

As it was not in my power to comply with the contents of the accompanying letter from the King of

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of Cochin China. I have therefore taken the liberty of transmitting it to you particularly as the Bearer, in case of my non compliance, has instructions he says from his Master, to proceed to Madras in order if possible to obtain a supply of Military Stores. - and conceiving that the King of Cochin China's letter might prove of utility at the Presidency, in accomplishing the object of this Voyage. Mr. Olivier has requested that I would deliver in charge to him, (under Cover) the above letter which I have accordingly done. -

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) D. Campbell
Lieut. Colonel

Malacca
25th February 1798.

Letter from the King of Cochin China to the British Governor at Malacca. -

From the King of Cochin China to the Governor of Malacca.

The Governor will admit that People inhabiting the same parts of the Globe should be mutually actuated by the dictates of Friendship. - He need not be informed that, tho' the Territories of His Majesty are remote from

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from the City of Malacca, an intercourse mutually
beneficial may be maintained between the two States-
on these grounds, and in consequence of the favorable
Reports that have been made by His Majesty's Subjects
of the Governor of Malacca, his Majesty is induced to
Cultivate an alliance with a Neighbour of such exalted
reputation:- His Majesty having heard that the
Governor has under his charge a large supply of
Arms and Military Stores of all descriptions, and
being in great want of these articles has judged it expe-
dient to depute Mr. Olivier, late Officer of his Household
and formerly Commandant of one of His Majesty's
Regiments of Guards, and a Chinese in His Majesty's
Service, to communicate his Wishes to the Governor
of Malacca, and to deliver to him this Letter. - This
Majesty therefore informs the Governor that his Country
is involved in perpetual Warfare, and that it is
highly necessary to provide large Magazines of Arms
and Stores: if therefore the Governor has the means
of furnishing his Majesty with supplies of these
articles

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articles. His Majesty requires that they may be delivered to his Chinese Agent who will faithfully pay their Value. His Majesty will owe this act of Service to the friendly disposition of the Governor. Should the Governor be disposed to send Merchant Ships to His Majesty's ports. His Majesty aware how much depends upon the favorable reception of Strangers, will omit no opportunity of promoting as permanent intercourse with the City of Malacca.—

The Governor may put full faith in the Contents of this Letter.—

Done on the 27th day of the 11th Moon of the 58th year of Cauh Lung / 13th January 1798./

Sealed with the Great Seal of State.

I certify the above to be a true Translation of the original.—

/Signed by/ The Bishop of Adran

The Bishop's Seal

A true Translation/

/Signed/ George Parry

French Translator

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Minute thereon.

The President acquainting the Board that Mr. Olivier has expressed a desire of purchasing Military and Marine Stores at this place for the use of the King of Cochin China. the Secretary is directed to call upon Mr. Olivier for a List of the Articles he requires when the Subject will be taken into further consideration.—

The President lays before the Board the following Translation of a Public Letter from the Prime Minister of the King of Candia addressed to Lord Hobart, and delivered by one of the Ministers Servants to Major Allan.—

Translation of a Malabar Letter

To the Right Honble Lord Hobart

Governor for all the affairs of the English Company at Madras, who has respect and attachment for

/Stree Sunka Durpanna Rauje- Rauja para. Da

Varanna. Dawna. Danapara. Azumacara.

Nerana. Necara Sunnepadagopalatchida Pawra.

Hara. Chura. Neerata. Baisada Perady Canga Da

Sadarsee. Veeta. Vemala. Asaramsee. Seeeta. Da

Naraloea

From the Prime Minister of the King of Candia acknowledging on the part of his Master the Receipt of Lord Hobart's Letter is much surprized at the report of his being necessary to the distinguishes in the Cochin Lord assumes to testify his desire of preserving the Friendship subsisting between him and the English Company

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Naraloca Sorrendrou / My Lord his majesty the King of the Island of Ceylone, most powerful Monarch, opulent, Liberal and Sagacious - like the Shining Sun beams whose Reputation is as bright as the Stars unblemished. like the Milken Ocean, like the Heroliss Cloud / that extends itself over the face of the Heavens / who is Dawindren on earth or King of Kings. —

I received your Lordships's Letter stating as follows "having been under the necessity of coming to "this place respecting the situation of affairs in the "Island / of Ceylon / I shall be very happy to remain here "some time longer to write to you personally, for the "purpose of gaining full explanation of the matter. "but the importance of the publick affairs at Madras. "renders it necessary for me to return tomorrow. I take "this opportunity therefore to assure you of the sentiments "of the regard and Esteem I entertain for your Majesty. "trusting the confidence you have to the Friendship "of the Honorable English Company - The letter Stated this "and other words to that effect &c.

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Upon presenting the same to his Majesty the King of Ceylone who is Chief of all descendants from the Sun and Moon, a Sanctuary to the unfortunate. - The King of Kings, our beloved Lord and Master, whilst he was Sitting on his Shining Throne, adorned with precious Stones, and regulating the affairs of State, having over his head a white Umbrella with Pearled Tassels like the Moon in its full glory, encircled by the Stars, who in words as Sweet as honey extracted from the high scented Lily flower, was pleased to express his happiness at the Friendship established between his Court and the Honorable English Company, which could not have been effected by the former Governor of Madras though endeavours were used. - This alliance and Friendship so taken place for the mutual benefit of the Parties, proceeded from the Wisdom and local knowledge as well as patience and Good luck with which this Governor, meaning your Lordship, has been endowed. his Majesty expected to.

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have had the pleasure of seeing such a Gentleman at this Island to have personal conference on the subject of strengthening the Friendship for a length of time which has been established in his administration, he is concerned at your Lordships return after having sent a letter & without conferring with his Majesty on the Subject of the present and future Transactions on both sides for the mutual benefit and satisfaction, in order that the friendship may be confirmed perpetually as long as the Sun and Moon exist, and in the same manner as an union is formed between Milk and Water. & inseperably, his Majesty further expressed that he thinks for certain, that the matters set forth in the letter which /the Governor/ your Lordship addressed when you was at Columbo, was from the variety of strange accounts given by the People there, and not from your own knowledge - they have conducted the Business without recurring to the Customs of the Country, and acted to the dictates of their own minds through inattention to the usages

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which were friendly stated in a letter from us, and brought the matter to this footing, which they seem to have charged upon us: a partial representation may be made according to the will of the party: if otherwise and impartial men hear on both sides, the fact will be known, otherwise particulars cannot be given in writing, your Lordship assured his Majesty in your Letter, that your Intention is to preserve the friendship which took place between him and the English Company by the blessing of God and to strengthen the Alliance formed with his Govt. and to that effect you are resolved to the utmost of your power to increase the friendship for a length of time to the mutual advantage; his Majesty has also sincere Intentions to strengthen and secure the friendship which took place in the administration of the present Governor, / meaning your Lordship / when it could not have been effected in former times, the delay only proceeded from a want of proper persons, but as your Lordships inclination

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intimation is such you will come into the light of
all matters by the representation of the Gentleman
he may be appointed and sent to this Court to treat
with his Majesty on all former, present and future
matters but he must be a man of Wisdom, Patient
and trust worthy. I am directed by his Majesty to
write to you of his Intentions of preserving the
friendship for a length of time which has been
established between us. —

By order of his Majesty the King
of Candia.
Vijea Sondree - Rajah Canna Saman
Virjana Aggra Samaty party.
Chief Minister.

Dated Streaeirdanaporam
Monday 6th Pungonee of
Pingala year of the Malabar
Epocha 1719. answering
14th. March 1798 -

(A true Translation)

(Signed) Anna Sawmy
Interpreter.

The President proposes that the following
Letter be sent to the Brigadier General De Meuron
to the King of Candia noted also on C.C. No 87. —

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To the King of Candia

After customary Titles and Compliments

Letter to the King of Candia in consequence of the foregoing Letter from his Prime Minister.

The Letter addressed to Lord Hobart by your Majesty's enlightened and confidential Minister Vezier Soondra Raujah Carree Sarra Vergana Aggra Sanaty patty, dated at Sheeriradasparam on the 5th Day of the Month of Dungoonee of the year pungaly 1719. answering to the 14th March 1798. I have received, and understand it's Contents.

Your Majesty is pleased to express your Concern that Reports should have been made by designing and evil minded persons calculated to disturb the Friendship and Harmony subsisting between our respective Governments: and you are further pleased to observe that by an impartial enquiry by means of a conference between persons of wisdom and penetration to be deputed by our respective States, these malicious reports will be totally invalidated and Friendship

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and confidence be restored and strengthened. —

As it is my earnest wish to Cultivate the esteem and good will of your Majesty, and to promote a mutually beneficial intercourse between the Subjects of our respective Governments. this communication of your Majesty's friendly sentiments has afforded me the greatest satisfaction. —

With this mutual disposition to strengthen the friendship subsisting between our two Governments I cannot but anticipate the most favorable result from the conferences which will probably ere this reaches your presence, have taken place between your Majesty's Chief Adegar. and Brigadier General De Meuron. —

As the particulars of those conferences will be communicated to your Majesty by your Ministers I need add nothing to this letter beyond assurances of personal regard for your Majesty and constant wishes for the encreasing prosperity of your Governments. —

Dated 22d. May

Signed George Harris

approved

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Approved and ordered that the Letter be forwarded accordingly.

Read the following Letter from Major General Asher.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Harris

Governor and Commander in Chief &c &c &c

Fort St George

Sir

From Major General Asher has ordered the men of the Meuron Regiment to be given up. entirely for their pardon. States what has passed between him and the Danish Minister in Europe on the subject of surrendering the subjects of Foreign Nations.

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 10th Instant with the enclosed Papers respecting three Men from the Regiment of Meuron reported to be at Tranquebar. This I found to be the Case. but the Circumstances as stated by Sergeant Major Berger. I found on Enquiry to be incorrect. When the Vessel arrived in the Roads. Sergeant Berger came on Shore. and addressed himself to the Commandant and informed him the Vessel had stopped at this Place on account of a Leak. and that he had four Men on board belonging to the Meuron Regiment. the Commandant

answered

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answered should the Leak be of any Consequence he might land the Men. To this the Serjeant replyed he did not intend to land the Men as the Leak was of no Consequence, and that he should go on board in the afternoon. Then the Serjeant left the Commandant who saw no more of them. —

Contrary to the Information Serjeant Berger had given to the Commandant, and without his Knowledge, the Serjeant landed three of his Men, and brought them to a Puenchhouse, where they remained for two or three days unpunished, and when the Serjeant ordered the Men to return with him on board the Vessel, the Farmer of the Puenchhouse, no doubt, ammimated by seditious Conversations, made them refuse to follow him to join the Regiment, on which the Serjeant states in his Report, that he addressed himself to the Main Guard, and laid the Case before the Officer, when he got for answer, it was unnecessary to make any further application as the Men were free. Here I must observe, that I have

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I have not been able to find out, that the Officer on the main Guard at the Time, had any Conversation with Sergeant Berger on the Subject the mutiny. He may perhaps have conversed with one of the Sergeants. On With this answer Sergeant Berger seemed to be fully satisfyed as he relinquished all application to higher authority. left his Men and embarked. To this I can have the pleasure to assure you, that in Case the Sergeant had addressed himself to the Commandant. the Men would have been forced to return with him on board the Vessel: but the Commandant knew no more than I did of what had past between the Sergeant and his Men till he was gone. When the Fumes of the Liquor had evaporated. I am told. the Men were sensible of their Error: but the Vessel was gone. Then the fear of Punishment and the want of subsistence made on them offer themselves to engage for Soldiers. They were enlisted. but under Condition they should be at Liberty to quit the Service whenever they liked.

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They were also Enlisted with no other Views than that of
granting them a Subsistance. —

This was the Situation of the men
when I had the honor to receive your Letter, wherein
you request of me to deliver them up to the Commanding
Officer at Karikal. To this I can now have the
pleasure to answer. that the Circumstances attending
the Case of these men I found to be of such a Nature.
that I fortunately had it in my Power to restore them to
the Service they did belong. which I feel a particular
satisfaction in doing. as it procured me an agreeable
Opportunity of obliging you. Still there is one
Circumstance attending the surrender of these men
which I must beg you will have the Goodness for
my sake to grant. I have past my Promise to the
men to obtain their Pardon. which was observed to
the Commanding Officer at Karikal. when they
were delivered up to him. and what Sergeant
Berger had either from Ignorance or Neglect failed
in his Conduct. I shall likewise request may be
overlooked

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overlooked. and that no step may be taken to the Prejudice
of either Sergeant or the Men on account of this Catastrophe.
shall be esteemed a favor conferred on me for which
I shall ever feel sincerely obliged. —

As the Affair of the three men. I
have now returned to the British Service. brings the
Subject of Desertion in its political Sense to View.
I will take the Liberty to mention (in Confidence) that
the last Dispatches I received from Europe. brought
me the most positive Order; on no Consideration whatsoever
to deliver up Deserters. who take Refuge within the Limits
of the Danish Jurisdiction. to any foreign Power. where
no Cartel exists. This Order has been transmitted to
me in Consequence of a Representation sent by Lord
Hobart to Europe. wherein he complains of the Conduct
of this Government for refusing to comply with his
Demand of giving up some French Prisoners. that
had resorted to this Colony for Protection. which his
Lordship expresses himself authorized by the Law
of Nations to insist on. To this he adds an Accusation

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against this Government of a most odious Nature;
but produces no Fact to corroborate the harsh[illegible] of his
Charge. - This Production was Ministerially represented
to the Court of Denmark, and by the answer received
from that great and experienced Statesman Count
Bernstorff. it was proved that Lord Hobart was not
authorized by the Law of Nations to demand the
Surrender of Deserters from the Danish Government
as there was no Cartel established between the two
Governments. and that his accusation against this
Government was of so serious a Nature, that Proofs
must be produced. and this I hope from the Justice
of the British Government this Lordship will be
compelled to observe. -

By this you will see how I am now
situated with respect to Deserters. the Commanders
of the different Corps of the Army under your Command
who have been quartered in this Neighbourhood well
know that I have privately facilitated the Restitution
of Deserters as much as I possibly could notwithstanding
I have

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I have not always experienced the same Indulgence. But now I must needs observe, that the late Orders from Europe puts an entire stop to all Intercourse on the Subject of Deserters which would not have been the Case if Lord Hobart had refrained from making the Subject a matter of Ministerial Discussion. —

I have the honor to be with great respect

Hon. Sir

Fort Dansborg 17th. May 1798. —

/Signed/ P. Anker.

Minute thereon

Resolved that an Extract of the foregoing Letter be sent to Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron, and that he be desired, in compliance with the Request of General Anker, not to inflict any Punishment on the three Men of his Corps on account of their — past Misconduct. —

The President is requested in his — reply to the foregoing Letter, to acquaint Major General Anker, that as the last despatches from England — afford the Board reason to expect specific instructions on

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on the principal object of this Letter. It is judged necessary to waive all discussion of the subject till those orders are received. —

Read the following Letter from the Attorney General. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris

President and Governor in Council

Hon'ble Sir.

From the Attorney General — is of opinion that Lieut.t Colonel Cooke or some other person who was present at the Seizure of the Susanna Amelia's Papers must necessarily proceed to Madras —

I have had the honor to receive your Secretary's Letter of the 12.th Instant inclosing Copies of some Papers respecting the Ship Susannah Amelia, and desiring my opinion, whether it is indispensibly necessary that Lieutenant Colonel Cooke and Captain Moller should proceed to the Presidency; or whether any mode can be devised for obtaining the evidence required from them, by which the loss of time and inconveniences that will attend their removal to the Presidency may be obviated. I have in consequence the honor to submit it as my

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my opinion that the examination of Captain Muller
before one of the Aldermen as a Commissioner of the Court
of Admiralty is indispensably necessary. and that the
Examination of Lieutenant Colonel Cosher. or some Other
person. not belonging to the Ships. who was present at
the Capture. and at the Seizure or delivery of the Ships
books and papers. and can take upon him to swear. -
that these books and papers have not been altered added
to. or diminished since their Seizure. is also indispensibly
necessary. - and I know of no mode of taking these exami-
nations but by ordering Captain Muller and Colonel
Cosher. or whoever was present at the Seizure of the Ships
and papers. to proceed to the Presidency. or by prevailing
on one of the Aldermen with a Notary public to proceed
to Point De Galle for the purpose of taking the ex-
amination there. -

I have the honor to be
Hon Sir
Your most
obedt Servt
Signed/ Benjn Sullivan

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Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter be transmitted to Brigadier General Dow Mercer, and that he be informed that if there be no other person who can identify the papers taken on the Susanna Amelia, Lieutenant Colonel Croker must be desired to proceed forthwith to the Presidency, together with Captain Moller, whose presence cannot be dispensed with.—

" Geo. Harris

" Edw Saunders

" E H Fullofield

E W Gfh Hd
Cr

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mb. Nos. 85-86 A-86-B. —

From Lieutenant J. Butler — &c.

From Lieutenant J. Butler at Ganjam. requesting leave to proceed to England on Furlough for three years. —

From Major Mc. Innes — enclosing

From Major John Mc. Innes of the 72d. Regiment. a List of the officers and non commissioned of the 52nd. and 72d. Regiments captured on the Woodcot and Raymond Indiamen who have arrived at this Presidency, and requesting that the Arrears of pay due to them may be discharged. —

From Mr. Stracey — enclosing Letters addressed to Sundry Inhabitants on Ceylon. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal. —

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mb. Nos. 87-88-89-90. —

To Lieutenant Montgomery —

To Lieutenant H.C. Montgomery appointing him Sole Agent for the purchase of Horses with a Salary of two hundred and fifty Pagodas per Month — to commence from the 1st June

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23d. June, and an additional 100 Pagodas per Month when he may be actually employed with the sanction of Government in visiting the Stations to meet his correspondents

To Major Thomas Dallas. — To Major Dallas — notifying the Lieutenant Montgomery's appointment and that his Salary will consequently be discontinued from the 31st Instant. —

To the Military Auditor General. — To Major General Sydenham — communicating the above alteration in the System of the Horse Agency. —

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam — To Mr. Gordon — desiring him to send to the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad the whole of the Receipts which may be in the Treasury at Masulipatam on account of the Nizam's Peishcush from the Beginning of Fusly 1201 to the end of Fusly 1205. —

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To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council &c. — &c. — &c.

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Honble Sir,

I have the Honor to transmit for your information Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Croker to Major Agnew and Copy of a private Letter from Mr. Gibson to Major Agnew. —

From the Commanding officer on Ceylon — communicating advices which had reached the Island of the Capture of the Hindostan and Raymond —

I have the Honor to remain,

&c. — — — — — — &c.

Columbo

13th May 1798. — (Signed) P. T. De Meuron

B. G. C.

Major P. A. Agnew

Adjutant General on Ceylon

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you, that his Majesty's Ships, Victorious and Carrisfort and Honorable Company's Cruiser Swift, with a Merchantman in Company / the Commerce Captain Burns, for this Place /

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came to (off the flag Staff) this morning and are now standing on to the Eastward — they touched at Tellicherry the 4th Instant and con=
=firm the loss of the Indiamen, captured by a frigate of Sercey's Squadron, mounting 48 Heavy Guns who put all the Officers and Sea=
=men of the Ships a shore with all private Property, and behaved in the Handsomest manner to every Individual. The report of the 3 Ships under Portuguese Colours seems to be without confirmation and was not credited at Tellicherry as the Present Ships came along the Coast and never saw any appearance of the Kind —

I have the Honor to be, &c.

Point de Galle
May 11th 1798 —

(Signed) Robt. Croker
Lieutenant Colonel

A true Copy
(Signed) I. Reynolds
Secretary

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Copy of a Private Letter from Mr. Gibson to Major Agnew. —

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that His Majesty's Ships the Victorious and Carysfort with the H. C. Ships Swift, and Commerce & Country Ships, from Bombay, but last from Tel=lichery, which they left on the 4th. Current, called here this morning for intelligence, and again proceeded to the Eastward. —

The only intelligence I have been able to collect is as follows Viz.t

That the National Frigate La Prenceuse had landed an Embassador and one Hundred Men at Mangalore, previous to her taking the Indiamen. —

That She had got such particular information respecting the Ships, that on coming under the Woodcot's Stern, they hailed the Ship by name, and told Captain Hannat (by

name

name also) to strike his Colours, or that they would Fire a Broadside into him — The Indiamen only fired ten or twelve Shot between them, and did not engage an hour as reported.— The Woodcots People refused to Fight.—

The Captain of the Frigate behaved in the handsomest manner, landed all the Passengers, Captains and Officers, with the whole of their private Baggage — and even sent to the Commanding officer of Tellicherry, to know if he had any Wine &c^a on board as his Stock for the Rains, begged that he would mention it, and it should be landed.—

The Prenceuse was seen from Anjengo on the 4th Current the very day the Victorious sailed from Tellicherry — Captain Hannat and his Officers, had gone to Anjengo, from whence they intended going to Madras overland; — Captain Smedley and his Officers had gone to Bombay.—

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Most of the Seamen were
landed, and are now on Board the Victorious.—

The Carion belonging to Bruce
Fawcett and Co. had arrived at Bombay from
Europe, The Bombay Captain Robertson burnt
by Accident in Bhay Harbour.—

I am &c. &c.

W. C. Gibson

11th May —

(Signed)

To Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Agent for superintending the delivery of Stores &c. at Anjengo reporting his proceedings with respect to the disembarkation of the Triton's Cargo and his having completed the Service committed to his management—

Accompanying I have the honor to transmit the Receipt of and other documents relative to the Cargo of the Ship Triton as landed at Banda on account of the Honorable Company.— Which with those I had the Honor of addressing to you By the Union & Transports

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Transport Dated 10th. January, are vouchers for the whole of the Provisions, and Stores sent to these Islands by Lieutenant Kempt Agent for Transports. —

I likewise enclose a diary ⁂ relative to the delivery thereof from the arrival of the fleet at Amboyna until the return of the Triton from Banda, By which I trust it will appear that a strict attention to the Instructions I received from Lieutenant Kempt (a Copy of which were inclosed in this Packet per Union) has been my Invariable Rule of Conduct. —

The Triton having remained much longer at Banda than was expected I had (perhaps Incautiously) imputed the delay to the want of Exertion in her Commander and reported the same to the Commercial Resident, but upon Investigation here there appears to be other causes for the delay. The speedy Delivery of and Ballasting, the Ships here, In order to enable the Commercial Resident to dispatch them as soon as possible to Calcutta,

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being strongly impressed in my Instructions from Lieutenant Kempt, my unremitted en= =deavours has been constantly exerted to accom= =plish that object. — I therefore trust the Genero= =sity of the Right Honorable the President in Council will attribute an assertion, which tho' not altogether unfounded would be extremely difficult in me to prove, without involving the Chief Officer of the Triton in variance with his Commander, (which I have cautiously avoided, knowing how dependant the Ship is on the abilities of that Officer) to the warmth of Zeal, in promoting, or prin= =cipal object of my appointment, the Speedy return of the Transports to India. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c.ª — — — &c.ª

Amboina
26th March 1798. —

(Signed) J. D. Lippiatt
Acting Mjr. for the Amboina
Division of Transports —

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1 Letter addressed to Josiah Webbe Esqr.

2 Receipt of the Cargo landed from the Triton at Banda.—

3 Manifest of the Delivery of Ditto

4 Copy of Order of Appointment from Lieutenant Kempt to M.T.D. Lippiatt

5 Copy of a Report of a Committee of Survey held on the salt provisions landed from the Triton.—

6 Receipt of 16 Hhds of Porter and 79 Empty water casks landed at Amboyna

7 Receipt of 32 Empty water casks landed at Banda.

8 Diary of proceedings, relative to the Delivery of the Supplies, landed at Amboyna, and Banda.—

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Substance of Letters to the Nabob.— in C.C. Nos 88-89 — the former reminding him that nearly twelve Month's Arrears of Instalments are due on His Highness's Bond to Sir Paul Joddrell — and requesting he will pay the same into the Treasury agreeably to the tenor of his Engagement — the latter acquainting him that the amount of his Father's donation has been paid by the Court of Directors to the Family of Captain Doling — and urging him by desire of the Court to discharge the Balance due to the Widow of the late Brigadier General Horne.—

Received a Letter from Lieutenant

From Lieutenant Colonel H. Kinsey Colonel Kinsey entered in M.B. No 91 — requesting that the Amount of Offreckonings due to him may be discharged in Cash.—

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos 92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109.—

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To the Military Board -

To the Military Board.-

directing the execution of repairs requested to the Sepoy Barracks at Arnee - authorizing also the repairs recommended by them to be made to the works of Fort St. George, and an encrease monthly expenditure on this account for materials and Artificers in the Engineer's Department consenting to the Sale of unserviceable materials in that Department - directing that some Hammocks, tin Kettles pots and platters provided by the Town Major may be brought on the Military Books - and notifying the determination of Government to entrust the Building of the Stables &c. at Conatoor to Lieutenant Colonel Murray. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Murray

To the Commandant at Conatoor.-

- accepting his offer to execute the repairs and Buildings required at Conatoor upon Honor - and desiring him to be regulated in the prosecution of the work by the

direction

directions which he will receive from the
Military Board

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General — communicating the Board's determination on his references relative to the increased Pay to Sergeants attached to Sepoy Corps — the Charge on Mr. Mc. Dowall's Accounts for the Pay of a Dutch Writer Malabar and Cingales interpretor — and Major Jeannerat's application respecting his allowances — enclosing also Extract of a Letter to Brigadier General De Meuron respecting the claims of Officers employed on Field Service on Ceylon to Tent allowance and Lieutenant De Morgan's application for an allowance for carrying regimental Books. —

To Major General Bridges —

To the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army. — desiring that the Nizam's Agent may be allowed to purchase any Stores that there may be for Sale at Masulipatam, and that he will —

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forward copies of his Correspondence with the Collector to enable the Board to judge of the expediency of restoring or suppressing the Sale of Arrack in the Neighbourhood of the Fort of Masulipatam. —

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam

To Mr. William Gordon - approving his intention to discharge the Bill drawn upon him by the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad, and desiring him to answer similar demands in future without reference to the Presidency — directing him also to send 50,000 Pagodas, of the Lack ordered, to the Presidency immediately and the remainder as it may be received. —

To Mr. George Taswell and Mr. Cecil Smith

To Mr. G. Taswell and Mr. Cecil Smith - appointing them a Committee for examining and adjusting the accounts of the Suffolks tender - enclosing sundry Accounts received from Lieutenant Collier and desiring

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desiring them to call upon that Officer for such further Information as they may require. —

To Lieutenant G. R. Collier -

To Lieutenant G. R. Collier -

notifying the appointment of the Committee and requesting he will afford them such in= =formation as they may require. —

To Brigadier General De Meuron - enclosing Copy of the Attorney Generals' Letter respecting the Susanna Amelia, and desiring that Captain Moller accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Croker or some other person who was present at the delivery of the Ship's Papers may be sent without delay to the Presidency. —

To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon. -

To Captain Macaulay - conforming him that the Paymaster at Trichinopoly will be authorized to make him such occasional advances of Cash as

To the Barrack Master at Tri= =chinopoly. -

may

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may be required for building the temporary Stabling &c. for the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry. —

To the Commandant at Ramporee

To Captain Ridge - desiring him to release the party detained by him — under circumstances of Suspicion and to allow them to proceed to the Nizams Dominions. —

To the Commandant at Ganjam. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton informing him that Mr. Mc. Gibbon will be permitted to draw tent allowance on a Cer = tificate signed by Lieutenant Fletcher that his tent was given up for the use of the Sick

To the Commandt. at Kercial. —

To Lieutenant Crampe - desiring that the three deserters from the Meuron Regiment may be sent to Lieutenant = Colonel De Meuron Bullot at Vellore, and the Deserters from the 1st. Battalion of Artillery to the Head Quarters of the Corps at Trichinopoly. —

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron - enclosing extract of Governor Duncan's Letter respecting the three deserters from his Corps and desiring that the promise of pardon made to the Men may be fulfilled.

To Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron Bullet

To M: Roebuck - enclosing Copy of the Auditor General's report on the additional estimate of Cash sent in by him on the 16th Instant, and informing him that the Sum of Pagodas 5701.13.54 will be issued to him from the Treasury on his application.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To M: Barlow - enclosing extract of a Letter from the Auditor General respecting Captain Mackenzie's allowances, and requesting to be made acquainted with the wishes of the Governor General in Council respecting the Mode of bringing them to account - acquainting him also that the Letters for persons on Ceylon which accompanied

To the Secretary at Bengal.

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Mr. Stracey's Letter of the 4th. Instant have been forwarded with the requisite descre=
=tionary instructions to Brigadier General De Meuron. →

To Mr. H. C. Jackson.

To Mr. H. C. Jackson - en=
=closing Copy of the 27 Para of the Political Letter from the Court of Directors dated 4th October and received per Virginie. →

To Mr. Sherer.

To Mr. Sherer - acquainting him that a Charter party Passage will be provided for him on the first Ship des=
=patched for England from this place. →

To the Secretary at Bengal. Resident at Poona and Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. →

To Mr. Barlow, Lieutenant Colonel Palmer and Captain Kirkpatrick - enclosing Copies of intelligence received from the Mysore Country. →

Sent also the following Letters. →

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To Captain I. A. Kirkpatrick

Afsistant at

Hydrabad

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 8th, 10th, 11th and 13th Instant

To the afsistant Resident at Hydrabad - allowing receipts in the Masulipatam Treasury ordered to be sent to him - Extract of the Letter from the Court of Directors per Virginia on the subject of counteracting the influence of the French party in the Nizam's Service enclosed. -

The party detained at Ramgpore has in compliance with your wishes been liberated, and permitted to return to the dominions of his Highness the Nizam. -

Orders have also been issued for furnishing you with all the receipts in the treasury at Masulipatam from the beginning of Fusly 1201 to the end of Fusly 1205. -

As the influence of the French party at the Court of Hydrabad has lately been a subject of much interesting discussion the Governor in Council thinks it of importance that you should be furnished with the farther sentiments of the Court of Directors respecting

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respecting; and I have accordingly the honor to inclose extracts of their letter dated the 4th October last. →

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

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to desire you will acquaint Lieutenant De Morgan that at his application, enclosed in your Letter of the 23d Ultimo, for an allowance for carrying the regimental Books of the two Battalions of the 6th Regiment of Native Infantry is wholly inadmissible. →

Having entered into a full Investigation of the circumstances con=nected with the application of the Officers employed on Field Service under Major Kenney

To Brigadier General De Meuron on the subject of the Claims of Officers employed on Field Service to Tent allowance and Lieutenant De Mor=gan's application for an allowance for carrying Regimental Books - Letters for sundry Dutch Inhabitants enclosed - Instructions respecting their Delivery.

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24th Kenny for tent allowance, the President in Council directs me to acquaint you that he is only restrained by motives of consideration for the good conduct and sufferings of the Troops from refusing to grant the Officers in question any compensation on the above Account. —

The orders of Government on the Subject of Tent allowance was conveyed to Major General Stuart on the following unequivocal terms (in an Extract of a Letter to the Military Auditor General) so long ago as the 26th October 1796; and the President in Council cannot suppose that General Stuart could have omitted to publish, for general information, a resolution of Government in which every Officer on the Island was concerned. —

"Major General Stuart has been further informed that no tent allowance can be granted to any one unless the Troops

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"are actually in the Field; and that when
"they are called into active Service the
"Officers will have permission to indent upon
"the Government Stores for Camp Equipage
"and the allowance will then commence"

In the present instance it appears that the above regulation was totally disregarded, and that no indent was made upon the Stores, from which, perhaps, the whole of the tents required, might have been furnished.

The President in Council convinced of the propriety of the above regulation, and considering that Tent allowance is established to enable Officers to defray an expence actually incurred for the Carriage of their Camp equipage when employed on Field Service rejects the claim of the Officers to tent allowance: But being

unwilling

2d unwilling that Officers who have given so much satisfaction in the Service on which they have been employed should suffer loss on account of the additional expences they may have been subjected to, he consents to reimburse them the expences they may have actually incurred in covering themselves and occasionally removing their temporary accommodations, on Bills countersigned by yourself after having been first attested by the Officers respectively, according to the Spirit of the following Regulation laid down, in the Letter to the Auditor General beforementioned, for contingent charges. —

"Vizt "that all contingent charges "or such as are not fixed in their nature and "amount, but depend on particular and occa- "sional Circumstances, shall be certified upon "honor, by the party making them, that the

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occasional advances of Cash to be made to the Barrack Master in the Southern division for erecting Stables &c. for the 3d. Regiment of Cavalry.

Captain Elliott's Bills for the passage of Troops brought from Malacca to the Presidency on the Ship Fairlie to be passed for Payment.

works at Fort St. George has for that purpose allowed an addition to the Establishment under the Engineer to the extent which may be approved monthly by the Military Board, and on the same account has permitted the provision of materials to be increased from one to two hundred Pagodas per Month until further orders.

The Governor in Council having accepted an offer of the Barrack Master at Trichinopoly to erect temporary Stables for the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry at Pootoor desires that the Paymaster there may be authorized to make occasional advances on account to Captain Macauley.

Captain Elliott of the Ship Fairly having brought a detachment from Malacca consisting of five Europeans and thirty Natives has been permitted to draw 25 Arcot Rupees for each Man for the voyage.

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

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At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor

Edward Saunders ----- }
and } Esqrs
Friday 25th May 1798. — Ernst William Tallofield }

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

The Commander in Chief

lays before the Board the following Letters

from the Commanding Officer at Amboyna.

To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief &c. — &c. — &c.

Fort St. George

From Lieutenant Colonel Mc Nade Commanding the Troops at Amboyna to the Commander in Chief - stating the Grounds of his refusal to comply with an application made to him by Captain Patterham for Troops to attempt the conquest of Ternate - Steps taken in consequence of a Visit, in which several Sepoys

Sir,

I have the honor of informing you, that an attack upon Ternate which was talked of at Amboyna last year has come more directly forward this Season, and has

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Sepoys were sent - a Return enclosed of the Provisions in Store and Supplies wanted - Madeira Wine par=ticularly required. -

has led to a Correspondence on the Subject, which I have now the honor to enclose. - In addition to what I have stated to Captain Pakenham, I need only say, that I have always thought Ternate an object of no great Consideration, and that the reduction of it with our present Force in the Moluccas, would rather be an incum=berence to Amboyna, which you will per=ceive was the opinion of the Commercial Resident also. -

If the War is continued in Europe, it seems probable the Enemy may attempt some efforts for the recovery of this important Island, which with the present Garrison and Naval Force, I shall hope to defeat, but if our Strength was divided between Amboyna and Ternate, both places would probably fall to no very considerable Armament - I could not in the event of an attack hope for the Safety of either. -

At

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At this favourable Season of the year for Ships to come from the Westward, I was obliged to declare acquiescence in Captain Pakenham's proposal, to carry away the whole Squadron and part of the Garrison, from hence, thereby to leave Amboyna uncovered by any — Ships of War; Neither could I expect that any part of the Troops, which I might detach to Ternate, would at any future period return. — While I should be left with a very scanty Garrison in a post by no means secure against an European Foe; amongst a depraved perfidious people, and uncertain of any Naval Support hereafter. —

The more uncertain, that whenever Captain Pakenham should be absent, the Ships of War stationed for the protection of this Island, would be at the disposal of the Commercial Resident, and as I had already seen the Bombay Frigate they might also be detached for inconsiderable objects — Or perhaps Mercantil purposes, which are or

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ought unquestionably to be secondary Con=
=siderations, under all the Circumstances
of the present time. — If the War is still
pursued, we have I think as many Islands
as we can well defend. —

I hope I shall have the honor
of your approbation in declining to divide
and detach the Troops allotted for the
defence of Amboyna, and I trust the motives
by which I have been guided will be
satisfactory to Government. —

Certain events of last year oc=
=casioned me to be more particular in my
letter to Captain Pakenham than would
otherwise have been at all necessary. —

I beg leave to request your
attention particularly to the latter part of my
Correspondence with Captain Pakenham.

While the Officers of His
Majesty's Ships do not as they assure me,
give encouragement to our Men — Still the
Soldiers are encouraged, and you will
obtain

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observe peremptorily demanded. —

Thus Sir whenever a Soldier's time is out, or that he chuses to assert it has expired, he has only to address Captain Pakenham, who thence feels it his duty to demand the Man for His Majesty's Service; A Man already as much in the Service of his King and Country as any Sailor in the Navy. — Was I from any orders under the necessity of yielding to such demand, I should soon find no small number of the Troops looking not to me, or to their own Officers, but to the Officers of the Navy for protection, under such Circumstances order and discipline would speedily receive a mortal Wound — Captain Pakenham has thought proper to hint at illegal restraint — That however makes only a small part of my Consideration — The Law which governs me, at present being no other than I conceive to be most Conducive to the Honour and interest of the Nation — Where we owe our lives, we must not be too tenacious

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about our liberties - Yet I certainly should not wantonly or in any instance unnecessarily encroach on the Civil Laws of my Country by improper Confinement or Compulsion of any Man

I take the liberty herewith to enclose for your information, a short Correspondence with Mr. Jones, whereby you will perceive that I expected a renewal of disorders in the Town - When the Ships of War should return to the harbour and that I endeavoured to prevent these disorders by expressing to Mr. Jones that some evil might be expected from too general a Sale of Liquor at that period - The regulating of Police not being in any Shape under my controul, and not having it in my power to limit the number of Arrack Shops - I could only endeavour at the means of Sobriety amongst my own people by Keeping a constant Patrole to prevent the Troops getting Spirits or Sagawan, where these Liquors are sold - This Patrole objecting to Soldiers drinking with a party of Sailors from the Resistance, one

of

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of the latter struck the Sepoy, and followed to beat him, in the Street, where a scuffle ensued - A Naique from the Hospital Guard, no way concerned in the quarrel, coming to me to report the riot, was knocked down in the Street; and several other Men being in the same situation, the quarrel became general, and before an Officer and party from the Fort arrived to quell the disturbance several people on both sides had got a good deal beaten. To prevent misrepresentation of this matter I thought proper to ascertain, how the riot began by a regular investigation of the Subject - In doing so I only did justice to the Troops, whose conduct in general has for a considerable time past been quite exemplary, although the Corruptions and seductions of every Kind which have existed at Amboyna, are far beyond what I have ever known in any other place. -

I have the honour of transmitting to you an account from the Commissary's Office, of the present State of our provisions, shewing to what period each Article will last, and of those which we are destitute. -

Madeira Wine is a very essential article of Supply We have not had any in Store for these seven Months, and there is at present but a small quantity in the Colony altogether.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect -

&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) Dan.l M.c Neile Lt. Col.

Amboyna
1st April 1798. -

Estimate

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Estimate of the Quantity of Grain and and Band in the Month of February 1798

	Spirituous Liquors	Wine	Salt Provisions	Rice	Dholl or Peace	Salt	Ghee	Pepper
	Gallons	Drams	Maddras Candies Maunds Pounds	Garcus maunds measures	Garcus measures	Garcus maunds measures	Garcus maunds Pounds	Pollams Maunds
The Quantity and Quality of Grain and Provisions, remaining at Amboyna and Banda on the 28th February 1798	14066	10	305	4.13.33	0.18	4	18.232½	2 118 2 8	19.19
Total Expenditure of One Month	1411	38	48	5 7.22	6	4	9.2.79	3. 1 87	4 17
Ballance	12654	12	25	7. 1 6	30	7	319.5	16.16	25⅛
Specifying the time the above Quantity of Grain and Provisions may last upon an average according to the above Expenditure	9 Months	None	6 months and 15 Days	15	9 months & Months	damaged		4 months and 15 Days	

Fort Victoria

NB. Four Months Salt received from Tumour.

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Provisions remaining in Stores at Amboyna
And a Months Consumption. —

Extra Articles

Chillies	Dammar Garlic	Onions	Turmeric	Tamarinds	Salt Fish	Buffaloes	Sheep	Hogs	Paddy	Wheat Flour	Baskets	Tea	Sugar	Ginger
Pollms	Maunds	Pounds	Pollms	Maunds	Pounds	Pollms	Maunds	Pounds	Pollms	Maunds	Pounds	Pollms	Nambers	
43.23	11	24.6	28[9]22	197.9.5	2	9.5	7036[7]/[2]338		157.15	23	28	6.11	10.18	20.10.78.709
72¾	26	72¾	143.8	143 8	143 8	169	184[1]/[2]3620							
15	15.10			12	14[1]/[2]75.184[3]/[4]27.161¾				7036[7]/[2]338		157	15	33	28 6.11 10.18 20.10 18.715

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None None None None Months None

Amboyna 1st April 1798. —

Mr. Cuninghames dangerous illness occasions the want of
his official signature to this Return. —

(Signed) Dant. Mc. Neile
Lieut. Colonel

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

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

Fort St. George

Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile advising of the Death of Mr. Cunningham and of his having assumed the temporary Charge of the Paymaster and Commissary's Offices from which he requests to be relieved as early as possible - represents the want of Cash. -

I had the honour of writing to you on the 1st instant, duplicate of my letter comes by the present conveyance, though not Copies of all its enclosures, on account of want of time to transcribe them. -

I am concerned to inform you of the death of Mr. Alexander Cunningham, Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions. On his decease, I supposed that those offices would have reverted to Mr. Jones, but he has declined taking any charge of them, and has recommended that I should nominate an Officer here, and one at Banda to those trusts. -

There is not an Officer at Amboyna that I deem capable of the duties who is willing to accept of them; neither are the Officers in general much disposed

at

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at present to act in Civil Capacities. Thus
Circumstanced I have been under the ne-
=ceſsity of taking upon myself the im=
=mediate Superintendance, until Govern=
=ment may be pleased to appoint some per=
=son from Madras to relieve me from so
very troublesome an Office, and which is
no less authorand. But as a certain degree
of responsibility would rest with me for
the Conduct of any one I should nominate
I judged it most expedient to watch over those
Departments myself. —

A Committee of Officers is
now employed in examining the State of
our Provisions which I think will be
found to correspond nearly with the Return
I had the honour of transmitting to you by
the Bombay Frigate copy of which you
will receive with this dispatch. Our Dholl
mentioned in that Return as damaged, is

now

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now found to be altogether unserviceable, so is our Wheat likewise. —

The Quantity of Flower sent from Prince of Wales Island is so very consi=derable, I know not at present how to use, or how to preserve it, until it can be issued; The Troops may have some part in exchange for their other allowances — every care shall be taken of it. —

Those things which are not of the Company's regular issues of Provisions, are termed, "extra Articles"; the Monthly Consumption of them cannot be ascertained, as they are purchased by the Officers and Men, only as they have occasion for them. —

Owing to the great humidity of the Air; — The Sugar in Store Wastes very much, I therefore issue part of it in lieu of Ghee to the Sepoys, which will have the desirable Consequence of making our Ghee last a considerable time longer than it is estimated.

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It appears that Mr. Jones has not more than two Months Pay for the Amboyna and Banda Dutch and English. — It is now one month since the Europeans received any Cash, and nearly the same time since the Native Troops had their last pay=ment. —

The European Detachment stationary at Amboyna was five Months in arrear on the 1st of April — The European Detail from Banda and all the Native Troops were six Months in arrear at the same period. —

If Specie should not arrive from India by the 1st of August we shall experience considerable difficulty and too small inconvenience long before that time. —

I have the honour of en=closing a Correspondence with Mr. Jones on the Subject of the Pay Office and Com=missary's Department. —

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Amboyna
11th April 1798.

I have the honour to be with the utmost respect, &c.a &c.a

(Signed) Danl. McNeil
Lieutenant Colonel

P.S. I have the honour of enclosing a Duplicate of a Letter from Lieutenant Fire-worker Nixon, Commissary of Stores, and I take the liberty of requesting your Consideration of its Contents. —

To William Jones Esqr.
Commercial Resident

Sir,

The death of Mr. Cunningham having left the office of Paymaster to the Troops, and Commissary of Provisions vacant I have to request the honour of your sentiments as to the mode of conducting those Departments in future — and am

Amboyna
4th April 1798. — &c.a &c.a (Signed) D. Mc Neile

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Mc Neile
Commanding the Troops at the
Moluccas

Sir,

I have the honour to acknow=
=ledge receipt of your Letter desiring my Sentti=
=ments in regard to the mode of Conducting
the Business of the Paymaster and Commis=
=sary's Departments in consequence of the ?
decease of Mr Alexander Cunnyhame

Having myself more Business
in the Commercial Department than I can
well perform, it is not in my power to take
charge of the Office of Paymaster or Com=
=missary, but as you are pleased to desire
my Sentiments, the only mode that occurs
to me is what perhaps will appear to your=
=self to be most Consistent and regular namely
that you should appoint an Officer here
and one at Banda, to conduct the Business
of those Departments until some arrange=
=ments can be made by the Government

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Of Fort St. George. —

Arnboyna
4th April 1798. —

I have the honor to be
Do. — Do.
(Signed) W. Jones
Commercial Resident

To William Jones Esqr.
Commercial Resident

Sir,

I have the honor of acquainting you that I deem it expedient to assume a general and particular Superintendance of the Pay and Provision Departments at Arnboyna and Banda. —

You will have the goodness to let me depend entirely upon your resources for the payment of those under my Command and for such Articles of Provision, as you may be able to procure in the course of Commercial transactions in these Islands — For all such supplies I shall pass receipts to you on account of the Honorable Company. —

The

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The arrears due to officers,
and which are in a high degree necessary
to them for the purpose of discharging debts
or procuring Supplies - I request may be
paid to such officers as shall desire it,
either by Bills on Madras or Bonds at
Amboyna to be issued in exchange for their
Pay Chits, - which Chits I shall receive
as Cash from you. - I propose this mode,
not being myself officially authorised to
draw Bills upon Government - But if
there is any other mode which you deem
more proper, you will be pleased to point
it out; - And I likewise, request any in =
=formation, the present posture of affairs
may enable you to afford me, as to what
Cash may be expected from your General
resources for the payment of the Troops,
who are now generally 6 Months in Arrears.

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

Amboyna
7th April 1798. -

(Signed) D.t Mc.Neile
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile

Commanding the Troops

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of the 7th instant, informing me of your taking the Superintendance of the Office of Paymaster and Commissary.

I have at present about 30,000 Spanish Dollars to be applied to those Disbursements, and suppose I shall have in course of three Months from Sales of Merchandize ten or 15,000 More applicable to the same purpose, but on this head cannot speak positively - To do this I give up the payment of the clove Money, unless a Supply of Specie should arrive in the Interim other resources are so trivial, or uncertain as not to be mentioned. -

Any Supplies that my Situation, may enable me to procure for the Garrison I will readily assist in getting;

and

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and request you will let me know, if there are any Articles from Menado or the Neighbourhood that you wish to have, as the Cartier will shortly proceed that way, and Captain Nash will have orders to bring what are to be had. —

In respect to drawing Bills for Arrears I conceive you are fully authorized by taking the Superintendance of the Pay Office to draw Bills in the same manner as the actual Paymaster could do. —

I have the honor to be

&c. —— &c.

Amboyna
10th. April 1798. —

(Signed) William Jones
Commercial Resident

To Lieutenant Colonel Mc. Neile
Commanding the Garrison of
Amboyna

Sir,

Since the period of my first being placed under your Command I have done every thing in my power as far as

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my ability pointed out, to execute and fulfill the duties of my Station, with satisfaction to you, in the first instance as my Com=-manding Officer, and in the second with Credit to myself and the Corps I belong to.—

I am now aware after 15 of Months service, spent in unceasing trouble, and constant unpleasant solicitude, that to attain either of these objects, which has been my Study and aim during the whole of the above period to accomplish, is perfectly im=-possible, at all events for beyond my reach- and permit me in consequence just to add, as I cannot hold my appointment with either: I must beg leave to request your acceptance of my Resignation.—

I cannot help expressing the injury that my feelings sustained, at the very harsh and public manner you spoke to me this Morning in your own Verandah, and in the presence of all your Orderlys.—

I feel as I ought the repeated

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indignities I have suffered, and have only to look forward with patience, to a relief from them. —

I have the honor to &c,
&c. — — — &c.
(Signed) Jno Nixon
Commissary of Stores

Amboyna
February 1798. —

To Lieutenant Firework Jno Nixon
Commissary of Stores

Sir. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date, and in reply must say, that whatever your professional abilities, you certainly have not given me that satisfaction in your Office of Commissary of Stores which I hoped and expected, and which I have had oc= =casion to observe to you (I believe) at every Committee of Stores which has sat since my arrival at Amboyna. —

I cannot with Convenience accept the resignation of your Staff appointment, you must therefore wait the pleasure of Government.

I am equally insensible of harshness to you this Morning as of those indignities which you say you have suffered. — I am, &c &c
(Signed) D. McNeile Lt. Col.

Amboyna
5th February 1798. —

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from Lieutenant Col. Mac Neile. —

Ordered the following Letter be immediately despatched to the Militar[illegible] Board, and that a Supply of Cash be Kept in readiness to be forwarded, on the Gloucester, for the use of the Troops.

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board respecting Supplies of Provisions to be embarked for Amboyna on the Gloucester Papers relative to Provisions &c originally intended for the Manilla expedition since sent on to Amboyna and Banda enclosed with orders for making the necessary adjustments in their Books.

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to send you the inclosed return of provision Stores, which were in Store at the Moluccca Islands on the 28th February last, and of which further Supplies are immediately necessary understanding therefore that the Gloucester is about to sail for that place, he desires that you will adjust the terms of freight with the owners in the most favorable manner, and to issue the necessary orders for consigning to the Commissary of Stores and provisions at Amboyna a quantity sufficient to complete a balance in Store for eight Months

deducting

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deducting five Months expenditure from the quantity remaining in Store at Amboyna and Banda on the 28th February 1798:—

Having ordered a considerable quantity of the Stores and provisions provided for the Manilla expedition to be forwarded to the Moluca Islands for the use of the troops the Governor in Council directs me to inclose for your information copies of the papers which have passed on that Subject in order that the necessary adjustments may be made in the Military books.—

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
25th May 1798.—

Do. ——— Do.

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Government

Read

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Read the following letter
from Major General Gells.

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President in Council and Commander in
Chief &c. &c. &c.

Honble Sir,

From Major General Gells - on the Subject of charges he has to prefer against Conductor Clarke which he states will throw new light of importance to his Justification on Circumstances connected with the Mutiny at the Mount -

On Saturday the 19th instant Lieutenant Cookesley intimated to you at my desire, that there was the most decided & written Evidence in proof of Sergeant Major now Conductor Clarke, not only having had a previous Knowledge of the Mutiny before any Overt Act in the Men, but of his & having encouraged it after the Mutiny had commenced, and that I had submitted the Circumstance to the Governor General in Council. -

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I take the liberty, Honorable
Sir, of declaring to you in this official man=
=ner that what Lieutenant Cookesley has
stated as above is literally true, and I do so,
from it having been just stated to me by a
non Commissioned Officer that Mr. Conductor
Clarke has it in contemplation to resign the
Service and thereby avoid Trial and the con=
=sequent punishment due to such nefarious
Conduct - besides the discovery this Trial
might lead to in my favor and possibly
that others in higher Stations than Conductor
Clarke, were not ignorant of, or at least
had strong grounds of suspicion, that
such a thing would take place before the
Mutiny had actually manifested it self in
the Corps of Artillery. -

I have the honor to be

St. Thomas's Mount 23d May 1798. -

with respect. - &c. &c. - - &c.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

Before

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Fort St. George 25th. May 1798.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following papers delivered to him by Colonel Smith. —

Before the Board go into a consideration of the foregoing letter the Commander in Chief deems it incumbent upon him to lay before them the following papers delivered him by Colonel David Smith Commanding the Mount

To Colonel Smith

Commanding the Cantonment

Representation of Lieutenant Grant of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery to Colonel Smith, respecting General Stuart's communications with certain Men of the Artillery Corps relative to Circumstances connected with the Mutiny at the Mount. —

Sir,

Mount

Enclosed I have the honor to send you the Complaint made to me by Sergeant Gostelow with all the information I have been able to get on the Subject: the hurry I have been in to get it finished I hope will be some apology for the many inaccuracies you will find on its perusal. —

I am, &c. — — &c.

Mount
24th. May 1798. —

(Signed) Peter Grant
Lt. 2. Bn. Artly
Serjeant

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Serjeant Gostelow pay Serjeant in Captain Clark's Company makes the following Com=
=plaint to me —

That on Sunday last the 19th. Instant Gunner Harris of Captain Clark's Company informs him that when he was on leave at Madras on Friday before that Matross Mahoney of the same Company said that General Geils called him into his Quarters, and asked him to drink and sit down, and asked him if he know Serjeant Gostelow: he said he did, and that he was pay Serjeant of the Company to which he belonged, the General then asked him if he was not going to be made part Serjeant, or have some=
=thing done for him: he answered he did not know, the General said he believed he was a very bad Man and did not deserve to have any thing done for him. —

John

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John Harris Gunner in Captain Clarks Company informs that Serjeant Gostelow went on leave to Madras on Friday last. that he heard Mahoney Matross in the same Company, say that General Geils had sent for him and told him to sit down, and have something to drink and asked him if he know one Serjeant Gostelow of the Battalion. yes Sir he made answer he know him perfectly well and he belonged to the same Company with himself the General then asked him if they were going to do any thing for that Man that he heard he was going to be made Park Serjeant - and said it was a pity they should do any thing for him.

On Sunday Morning the 20th Instant Matross Mahoney told me in

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in the open Barracks in a swearing man-
-ner that Sergeant Gostelow must be a
good Man for he had been with General
Geils, and he told me that you was a
very good Man, and the General said he
know you when I was a Butchering and
that I was very often at the late Court
Martial this was shoken in the hearing
Corporals Paddy, and Parker of Captain
Clark's Company. —

Corporal Paddy says that
he heard Mahoney say to Serjeant Gostelow
on Sunday Morning that he had been
with the General and that the General
told him (Mahoney) that Sergeant
Gostelow was a very good Man and
further says that he was standing by
Sergeant Gostelow in the Barracks when
he heard Mahoney say so. —

Henry

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not - he then asked me the reason why I was not promoted to park Sergeant, or some station: - I told him I did not merit it; he then asked me if I thought that those that get any thing merited it; I told him I did not know. — this was all that passed. -

- Timothy Mahoney states that he never upbraided. Matros Hamilton with any thing since he has been in the Battalion and says that he will call on Gunner Harris who sleeps next Cott to him to ask him if he ever heard him. -

Gunner Harris being asked if he ever heard Mahoney upbraid Hamilton (of the same Company) says that he never heard him say any thing to him. -

Mahoney further adds that after Captain Mc. Intire had sent for him and Questioned him about what passed at General Gills when he was then he made

answer

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answer to Captain Mc. Intire to every thing as far as he knew the Day after the 21st. Captain Mc. Intire came to the Barracks after he was gone he asked Sergeant Gostelow if the Captain had said any thing more concerning his being sent for to General Geils Sergeant Gostelow told him if he wished to know to ask the Captain himself - he told Sergeant Gostelow that it was but poor satisfaction that he had got for the trouble he had given me for dressing to go to Captain Mc. Intires, - and says that this is all that he recollects of what passed between him and Sergeant Gostelow. - and further says that he never meant to be the least disrespectful to Sergeant Gostelow. - on this or any other occasion. -

Mourit
24th. May 1798. -

To

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promised to do. —

On Matros Delaney being discharged an European employed by Major General Geils came to him, & requested he would wait on the General: he in consequence went to his House, where he saw Lieutenant Cookesley of the 1st. Battalion of Artillery, who interrogated him on a subject regarding some misconduct of Mr. Conductor Clarke in respect to some particulars relative to the late unhappy mutiny at the Mount, which Lieutenant Cookesly took down in writing — Matros Delaney states he has been sent for several times since, which he has declined attending to, having already said all he knew on the point he was interrogated on, he also made me acquainted similar enquiries were on foot with other Men of the Company. —

I

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I have in consequence of the above directed Matrofs Delaney and shall do all of the Company who may be sent for in this Manner to make the person so applying acquainted, that it is necessary the applica=tion should be made in the first instance to the Commanding Officer of the Corps or Com=pany. — I have conceived it necessary to do this, not only to preserve regularity and a proper and becoming respect, but to remove any doubts in the Mind of any of the Men of a Mysterious enquiry being set a foot on a subject of so delicate a Nature, for altho' the innocent should apprehend nothing, yet this Strength of Mind cannot always be ex=erted where the want of Education is ex=perienced. —

I might not have conceived it necessary to have entered so fully on the Subject of Sergeant Lomas's Conduct had I not more evidently seen the occasion for it

From

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From a paper which he has been shewing to certain Men of the Battalion, as an extract of a Bengal Print, which I now beg leave to forward to you. —

I have the honor to &c.
&c. — — — &c.

Mount
22d. May 1798. — (Signed) Webb Stone
Lt. 2d. Batln. Artly. Comdg.
Capt. Robt. Bell's Company

Asiatic Mirror
Wednesday April 25th. 1798.

We understand that private Letters had been received from Madras which mention that the C. in C. of the Forces on the Coast, had Issued in G: O:- under date the 14th. current a very Censure on the conduct of an Officer high in rank of that Establish=ment, at the same time suspending him from his Rank on the Staff and from the Service till the pleasure of the Court

of

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of Directors is known. —

India Gazette

It is stated that ye G. Officer alluded to in the preceding Paragraph had been offered a Court Martial which he had declined from bad health and disability to attend to its pro= =gress with the vigilance that would be re= requisite. —

If a professional Statement of former Services in India were admissable on such occasions perhaps his pretensions stand higher than any Officer in the Army — Clive, Coote, and their Successors have attached such claim to his Character; — and in his own Department he has not been rewalled — such consolations are peculiarly grate= =fying under his present feelings — and he will carry into retirement, his own satis= =factory acknowledgements and the approbation

of

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of his Country when the impetuous and subordinating policy which inevitably prescribed the recent measure shall have been forgotten. —

Deliberation of the Board on the foregoing papers. —

Upon mature consideration of the foregoing papers the Board are satisfied that the grounds upon which Major General Geils imputes guilt to Mr. Conductor Clarke are not of sufficient strength to bear any measures for bringing him to trial; but, even if this was not the case, they could not but consider such a proceeding under the circumstances of the late mutiny as extremely impolitic and dangerous. — The proceedings of a most respectable Board of Officers led to the assembling of a Court Martial the Sentence of that Court brought the affair to a regular conclusion; and a final and awfull period was put to the whole by the execution of

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of four ring leaders and the reprieve of two not so deeply concerned — The ends of sub=-stantial justice have been attained the punishing has been punished, and a sufficient example has been exhibited to the Army. —

Here then the matter should close and pass into oblivion. But to revive the question; and to enter into further en=-quiries can only excite those Suspicions and disquietude of mind in the Men, which the Sentence of the Court Martial ought to have appeased. this unceasing cannot fail of proving injurious to the discipline of the Army; and provoke the desertion of those Men, who may feel themselves in any degree implicated in the mutiny — This effect, the Commander in Chief informs the Board, appears to have been already produced as four Men have deserted from the Mount very lately and two since these secret enquiries appear to

have

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Resolution to send the following letter --

have been agitated. It is therefore Re=
=solved that the following letter shall be
immediately sent to Major General
Geils. --

To Major General Geils

Sir,

To Major General Geils requesting him to desist from all communications with the Men of the Artillery Corps on the Subject of the late Mutiny and stating the Grounds for this Injunction. --

I am directed to acknow=
=ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23d.
Instant. --

Having brought the
Subject of the Mutiny at St. Thomas's
Mount as far as it related to the non
Commissioned and privates to its natural
conclusion by the sentence of a Court
Martial, - and having exhibited to the
Army a most awfull example by the
execution of four ring-leaders, the
Honorable the Governor in Council is
of opinion that justice and policy require
that the affair should pass into oblivion. --

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The Governor in Council thinks that the revision of a question, which is to let loose the fears and apprehensions of so great a body of Men as the Coast of Artillery is injurious to the discipline of the Army and to the interests of the State. On these grounds he is determined against any proceedings which may lead to a renewal of those disquietudes in the minds of the Men, which the publication of the Court Martial ought to have finally appeased; and I am in consequence directed to inform you that he expects you will desist from encouraging all communications of this nature in future that may concern the non Commissioned and Privates of the Corps of Artillery. —

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

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25th. May 1798. —

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

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Farther delibera-
-tion and remarks
of the Board on the
foregoing Subject-

The Board are aware, and
indeed they are prepared to expect, that the
above resolution may be imputed to a
desire of suppressing the enquiry suggested
by Major General Gells. Satisfied how-
-ever of the impolicy as well as the in-
-justice of pushing this investigation fur-
-ther, they deem it more consistent
with their dignity to exclude these ideas
from their deliberation. The records
will bear ample testimony to the atten-
-tion which has been shewn to the rank
and Situation of General Gells; but
they will also shew that he has not
been restrained from the prosecut of
his objects by any considerations for
that rank or that Situation. In the
attempt to justify himself he has en-
-couraged the junior and inexperienced
officers of the Artillery into a measure
little short of open Mutiny, and it is

evident

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evident from the papers above recorded that emissaries have been employed for similar purposes among the Men. — Under this impression it is of importance to remark what otherwise might have been unworthy of notice — 1st. that since the removal of General Geils from the Command of the Mount and his subsequent suspension from the Service he has constantly resided at that place, — and 2dly. that the extract from the Bengal paper, stated in Lieutenant Stone's letter to have been circulated through the Barracks is of the same handwriting as the principal part of General Geils correspondence with the Board, and particularly of the letter recorded in the Minutes of this day. —

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The Board are aware that a latitude might have been left for General Geils to produce the written evidence, upon which he charges guilt to Conductor Clarke, and to have then decided upon the insuf=ficiency of the evidence (as they have reason from the foregoing Minutes to expect it will prove) against a farther prosecution of the enquiry: they think it therefore of-im=portance explicitly to record that they decide not upon the partial circumstance of the evidence which might be produced in any case, but upon the general principle of putting a final period to the Subject of the Mutiny. —

As there is but too much reason to ascribe the excitement of these doubts to the acts of General Geils himself, the Board think that the serious warning &

contained

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contained on the foregoing draft of a letter to him cannot be too soon communicated. and, as these anxieties have probably pro= =duced their effect by the late desertion, it is of importance that the Senior Officer of the Artillery should be furnished with an authenticated copy of that letter, as a certain means, if occasion should require it of al= =laying the disquietude of the Men. —

The Board deem it further expedient that Lieutenant Cootesley, who under the plea of remaining at the house of his Father in Law General Geils has been employed in these clandestine enquiries at the Mount Barracks should be immediately ordered to join his Station at Arnee. —

Ordered that the necessary orders be in consequence issued. —

Read.

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Read the following Letter
from Captain Waller of His Majesty's Navy.

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

Hond'le Sir,

From Captain Waller of His Majesty's Navy - representing the Distress of his Majesty's Ships on the Amboyna Station for want of provisions and Stores.

I have the honor to transmit to you, a Letter, this day received from Captain Frost, of the Honorable Company's Frigate, Bombay, by which it will appear, that the Garrison, as well as His Majesty's Squadron at Amboyna, stand in need of an immediate Supply, of Stores, and Provisions. —

"And as no orders can be
"received from Admiral Rainier, previous to
"the departure, of the Ship Gloucester, now
"under despatch, for Amboyna", — I beg leave to
submit to your consideration whether it would
be advisable to direct the Contractor, to for-
-ward by this opportunity, a Supply of Six,

or

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or eight Weeks Provisions, for His Majesty's Ships on that Station. —

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

(Signed) W. Waller

Fort George
25th. May 1798. —

To Captain William Waller
&c. — — &c. — &c.

Sir,

In consequence of the absence of the Admiral, and the probability of its being some time, before the despatch which Captain Pakenham sent by the Bombay, may reach him, in which I have great reason to believe was a representation of the scarcity of provisions for the Squadron at Amboyna, I feel it my duty to acquaint you, that on the departure of the Bombay from that place, His Ma= =jesty's Squadron, were so short of all species of Provisions, that the Commanding Officer, could not afford the H. C. Frigate, the quantity

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quantity, I applied for, tho' but small, and at the same time directed that her crew should be put to short allowance, to carry her to the Coast. - We sailed with only five Weeks Provisions on board, I have to add that on our departure there was no prospect of a relief, the Garrison were nearly under the same circumstances. -

I have the honor to remain,

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Henry Frost
Lieutenant Commanding

H.C. Frigate
Bombay in
Madras Roads
24th. May 1798. -

True Copy
(Signed) W. Waller

Minute thereon.

Under the circumstances stated on the foregoing Letter it is resolved to recommend to Captain Waller to give directions to the Agent Victualler to avail himself of the departure of the Gloucester for Amboyna, to furnish His Majesty's Ships on that Station with the Stock of provisions he has proposed. -

Read

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Read the following Letter from Major Mc. Innes of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment. —

To the Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris

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

Fort St George

Honble Sir,

As Senior Officer of those of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment, who embarked at Bombay on the Woodcott Indiaman, it is my duty to inform your Honorable Board, that in consequence of the Capture of that Ship by the French, the rest of the officers, and myself, have almost lost the whole of our Baggage, and thereby sustained a con= =siderable loss, and experienced much per= =sonal inconvenience permit me therefore to request that you will be pleased to order us such a Compensation as your Honorable Board may deem adequate, and enable us

to

From Major Mc. Innes - 72d Regi= =ment respecting the Loss sustained by him and the officers of the 72d Regiment by the Capture of the Wood= =cot Indiaman. —

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to proceed to Europe with Comfort to ourselves--

I have the honor to &c.

Fort St. George
May 24th. -1798. —

&c. ---- &c.

(Signed) John Mc. Innes
Major 72d. Regiment

Minute thereon — Resolved to acquaint Major Mc. Innes that orders have been given for discharging his pay and allowances: but that, with regard to any compensation for the loss of his Baggage, the Board are under the Necessity of referring him to the Honorable Court of Directors. —

Read the following Letter from Major Clarke laid before the Board by the Commander in Chief. —

To Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General of the Army.

From Major Clarke of Artillery - requesting that Conductor Moore, having been appointed to a Commission in the King's, may be struck off the Company's Establishment. —

Sir,

W. James Moore, Conductor

of

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of Stores, attached, to the Arsenal, has had a Commission in his Majesty's Service con-ferred upon him, as will appear by the enclosed Certified Copy of General Orders, by Sir Alured Clarke - and which I forward to you, at the request of Mr. Moore for the information of the Commander in Chief, that the necessary Authority may be obtained, for his being struck off the List of Conductors, in the Honble Company's Service. -

I have the honor to be,
do. ——— do.

Fort St. George
24th. May 1798. -

(Signed) J. Clarke
Act. Commrs. of Stores

Extract of General Orders by the Commander in Chief in India under Date -

Calcutta May 8th. 1798

74th Regiment

James Moore Gent to be Ensign - - -
without purchase, vice William - - - } 8th. Decr. 1797.
Williams promoted in the 73d. Regiment.

A true Copy
(Signed) Keith Young
A. D. P. G

Resolved

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Conductor Moore permitted to resign the Service. —

Resolved, in consequence of Mr. Moore's appointment to a Commission in the King's, that he be permitted to resign the Company's Service. —

Read the following Letters from certain Tanjore Creditors. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

Letters from diffent Tanjore Creditors applying for Payment of the Amount due on their respective Bonds. —

Agreeable to your Letter of 17th. Instant We send herewith Five Company's Bonds granted to us in Exchange for the Tanjore Bonds, amounting in the whole Principal and Interest to this Day Pagodas 12,336. 15. 10 - for which We request you will please to order a Company's 12 per Cent Bond to be issued to us in lieu thereof. — We are, &c.a — &c.a

Fort St. George
21 May 1798. —

(Signed) Pelling & de Fries &c.

One

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One Bond Dated 1st Decr 96 N. 267 for P.			2500.-.-
One Ditto	d°.	268	2500.-.-
One Ditto	d°.	269	2500.-.-
One Ditto	d°.	270	2500.-.-
One Ditto	d°.	271	1335.5.28
			11,335.5.28
Interest on the above Sum to this day mr. 17. 20 dr. at 6 ₰ Cent ₰ Annum			1001.9.62
		Pagodas	12,336.15.10

J. Webbe Esqre

Sir,

We take the liberty to send you the following Statement of the Tanjour Bonds we hold some of which, have been returned from England.—

8 Gov.t Bonds dated 27th April 1795.-		
N. 206 a 214 of 2500 P.cd		20,000
Interest thereon from that date to the 21st May 98 3 yr. & 24 dy. at 6 per Cent ₰ Annum		3678.32.43
		23,678.32.43
Carried Over		23,678.32.43

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Brought Over — 23,678.32.43

6 Govt. Bonds dated 1st. Decr. 1796 Viz!

No. 250 & 251	2500 each 5000	
252	2098.28.38	
253 & 254	2500 each 5000	
255	2286.28.36	14,385.20.74
With Interest thereon from that date to the 21st. May 1798 being 1 Y. & 171 days at 6 P Cent		1267.18.22
		15653.3.16
Amounting Principal and Interest S. Pago.		39,331.35.39

We shall have the honor to present the Bonds at the Treasury tomorrow, agreeably to your Letter of the 17th. Instant — addressed to the Bondholders. —

We have the honor to be,

&c. — &c.

Fort St. George
21st. May 1798. —

(Signed) Tulloh, Brodie & Co.

Josiah Webbe Esqre.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

In conformity to your Letter of the 17th. Instant, We now take leave to for=ward nineteen Bonds granted by the Honble Company

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Company to the Tanjore Creditors amounting with Interest to this date, to Star Pagodas 48,371.20.11 - as per Statement enclosed; and for which we request Bills in our favor on the Government General at the Current dis= =count of the day. —

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

Madras
21st. May 1798. —

(Signed) Kindersley, Watts & Co.
for Silves James Sibbald, &
N. E. Kindersley

List of Company's 6 ℔% Bonds. —

No.				
248	6th August 1796	Company's Bond order Mssrs. Kindersley Watts and Co.		2500.. ..
249	Ditto	ditto	ditto	2131.3.32
247	Ditto	ditto	ditto	2500 .. -
				7131.332
1798 May 21.	Interest on ditto from 6th August 96 to this day at 6 ℔%			765.1642
				7896.19.74
			Carried Over	7896.19.74

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Brought Over ---- 7896 19. 74

No.					
242	6th August 1796	Company's Bond order Mr. Hendersley --	}	2500.. ..	
243	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
244	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
245	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
246	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	1092 31. 40
					11,092 31. 40
1798 May 21	Interest on ditto from 6th. August 96 to this day @ 6 ₹ ℅ ---		}	1190. 26. 2	
					12283. 21. 42
No.					
256	1 December 96	Company's Bond order James Sibbald Esqr. --	}	2500.. ..	
257	Ditto ---	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
258	Ditto ---	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
259	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
260	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
261	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
262	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
263	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
264	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
265	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	2500.. ..
266	Ditto --	ditto ---		ditto ---	908. 21. 69
					25,908. 21. 69
1798 May 21	Interest on ditto from 1st. December 96 to this day @ 6 ₹ ℅ ---		}	2282. 28. 66	28,191. 14. 55
				Pagodas ...	48,371. 20. 11

E. E.

(Signed) Hendersley, Watts & Co.

Resolved

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Resolved, that the Bonds of this Government granted to the holders of the Tanjour bonds be discharged in three instalments, Viz.h, one half at the expiration of two years from the date of the bonds, one fourth in six Months and the remaining fourth in twelve Months from the date of the first payment — Each instalment to be made up with interest due and discharged by Bonds of this Government bearing interest at 12 per Cent per Annum. —

Arrangement determined by the Board for discharging the Claims of the Tanjore Creditors

The President delivers in the following letters received by him from the Friends of Captain Lieutenant Pitman. —

President's Communication to the Board respecting the following.

Captain Pitman

My Dear Pitman

The concern I feel at seeing the orders of Government on your Suspension, recalls to my recollection, a Letter I received from Captain Caldwell; at the time he was sending his

Testimonials in favor of the former Character and Services of Captain Lieutenant Pitman.

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his report on the Tanks in the Chicacole Havelly as this Letter may be of service to you, I enclose it, at the same time, if my Testimony can add weight to those sentiments already entertained in your favor, I have no hesitation in declaring, that your Conduct, while I was Chief of Engineer, was such as met with my of warmest approbation, and that I ever found you an experienced active and Intelligent Officer. —

I remain very sincerely,

Madras
28th February 1798. —

(Signed) W. Kelly Gent

A true Copy of the original returned to Captain Pittman's Friends at their request. —

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

Dear Colonel

This Morning I have sent off my report to Madras upon the subject of the Tank Repairs in the Havelly & sorry I

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I am to say that I am not without much apprehension that our friend Pittman will be involved in the business, — a Circumstance which I cannot but truly regret, as, in my own mind, I am well convinced, from of what has appeared before me, that he has not derived any pecuniary advantages himself in the affair, none of the Dis= =bursements have been made thro' him, nor has he had any thing, whatever, to do, either with the payment of the people, or purchase of the Materials, unfortunately he has been led into a fatal Error, from the false information which has been given him by the people, and too prematurely made reports to Government of Works exe= =cuted and compleated, which he did not himself examine, it must be allowed that, in this, he has seriously neglected his duty at the same time, when the ill =

state

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state of his health is considered and the affliction which he has lain under, in the attack of his Eyes, many allowances are to be made for him. how far Government may take this into Consideration we can=not say. I do not however think that his situation in the Service will be affected, he will probably receive a severe reprimand: but his Character is so well known to all that are acquainted with him, particularly his own Corps, that I do not think more than this is to be apprehended. had any thing dishonorable, or dishonest, appeared against him, I should then have had little hopes; but as this is certainly not the case, which will, I have no doubt, be well known to Government, althó it cannot be officially stated, I cannot think that a promising and Worthy Officer will be thrown away to the service, should you, my Dear Colonel, hear of any steps being

take

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take in the Business at Madras I request you will give me a line of Information as I am very anxious respecting him, - What can have become of our young Lady at Prince of Wales's Island Ship'd. by Mr. Caldwell's Letters, that she can form no Idea of the probable time of their arrival at Madras.

Pray make my best respects acceptable to Mrs. Gent I shall now shortly have the pleasure of seeing her, as I go from this a few days hence for the Presidency.

Believe me, &c.ª - - &c.ª

Chicacole
September 1st 1797.

(Signed) J. L. Caldwell

A true Copy of the original returned to Captain's Friends at their request

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

To

3354 Fort St. George 25th May 1798.

To Captain Lieutenant Pittman
Engineer

Sir,

It was with much Concern I saw the Order of the 24th February respecting you - The Circumstances alluded to in that order not having come under my Cognizance, I am incompetent to judge thereon - But I shall most readily bear Testimony to your Zealous and active Services while with me in the Mysore Country; to the alacrity with which you proceeded to Malacca to make the provision of Materials for the seige of Manilla, to the satisfactory manner in which you executed that Service, and to the interesting Information you transmitted me while thus employed. - And I much regret that any Circumstance should deprive the Service of the advantage of your abilities.

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

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
March 1798.

A true Copy of the original returned to Captain Pittman's Friends at their request.

(Signed) George Parry
Secretary to Govt.

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Memo. This Letter has been already entered once in record as an Enclosure of Captain Pittman's Letter 19th March entered in Diary to Consult 21st March 1798. —

Captain Lieutenant G. Pittman

My Dear Sir,

I am favored with yours of the 5th Instant, acquainting me with your determination to proceed to Europe in order to obtain your re-establishment in the Corps of Engineers - I need hardly say that your suspension gave me great concern, and that your readmission will afford me much satisfaction - I am totally a stranger to the accusations against you, but from your former character when I could witness it, I have no doubt that you will be able to clear yourself of them. —

It is therefore but a justice due to you to declare that when I had the

honor

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honor of conducting the last Seige of Pon-
-dicherry after the unfortunate death of Colond
Maule I was an eye witness of your behavior
and Conduct there; and that your activity
Spirit Zeal and professional ability were
such as to obtain my most perfect approbation
and I sincerely hope you will be restored to
a Corps of which I am convinced you will
always be a valuable Member. —

Trichinopoly
10th March 1798. —

I am with much esteem,
&c &c
(Signed) Elisha Trapaud

A true Copy of the original returned to
Captain Pittmans Friends at their
request. —
(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

Captain Pittman

Sir,

I have much pleasure in
conveying to you the accompanying Letter,
from Captain Mackenzie, whose ability &
Knowledge

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Knowledge and Integrity I hold in the highest Estimation, and I sincerely hope so honorable a testimony of your Services will contribute to remove the unfavorable impressions lately entertained to your prejudice.

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

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Fort St. George
21st March 1798.

A true Copy of the original returned to Captain Pittman's Friends at their request

(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secretary

Major General Ross
Chief Engineer
Fort St. George

Sir,

Tho' it gives me concern that any testimonial of mine should be thought necessary to Captain Pittman's behaviour and Character while acting in course of our duty together; It is a piece of Justice I owe to truth, and to the general tenor of that Officer's conduct to say that his Zeal, his application

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application and his talents, had made a very favorable impression on my mind on his joining us in the Campaigns / where it would be unnecessary for me to recall to your memory those exertions which gave you then so much satisfaction / and which was afterwards followed up by the same uniform propriety of good conduct at the seige of Pondicherry in 1793. / after you had gone to Europe / where in his division of our duties he gave much satisfaction - From my observation of the alacrity and good will with which he always stepped forward, and the promise of further improvement in his profession, which these occasions gave, I had proposed pointing him out as a proper person to pursue the duties I was myself employed on, when, at one period, I was called to foreign service; and I was much gratified in finding him to be one of the Officers at a later period, so selected to assist me on the intended Manila

Expedition

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Expedition. —

Without wishing to enter into the cause or nature of his present unfortunate situation / a Subject so foreign to my habitual pursuits / I request you will be pleased to believe that nothing but my regard for Captain Pittman could have, in this case induced me to offer these Sentiments. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. ——— &c.

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20th March 1798. — (Signed) Colin Mackenzie
Captain Engineer

A true Copy of the original returned to
Captain Pittman's Friends at their request

(Signed) George Parry
Sid Secretary

Resolution of the Board on the subject. —

In delivering these Letters to the Board the President acquaints them that it was the intention of Captain Pitman and his Friends to have postponed the delivery until an opportunity might offer for writing to England, but that Captain

Pitman

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Pitman being reduced to the greatest depres-
-sion of Spirits in consequence of the reso-
-lution for suspending him from the Service
his friends had no hope of his recovery—
unless a mitigation of that resolution should
be obtained: He therefore proposes that
Captain Pitman's conduct be submitted to
the favorable Consideration of the Court of
Directors and that he be authorized to
make known this resolution to the friends
of that Gentleman.—

Agreed to and Ordered
accordingly.—

" Geo: Harris
" Edw Saunders
" E H Fallofield

E H Fallofield
Esq

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Diary

In consequence of the intimation made by the Secretary to Mr. Oliver the following List of Stores was received from him

List of the Military Stores which the King of Cochin China requests permission to purchase —

List of the Stores required by Mr. Oliver for the use of the King of Cochin China —

Salt petre —	Broad Cloth, red, blue green & yellow
Gunpowder —	Sheet copper for sheathing
refined Sulphur —	Canvas
Muskets	Cordage / Hemp /
Do Locks —	Tar
Shot from ½ to 36 lbs —	Sword Blades —
Grenades, Howitzers, Shells	Steel
Iron Guns from 2 to 36 lbs —	Drum Shells &c —
Iron Swivels from ½ to ¾ lbs	
Lead Sheet or Pig —	

Note — As the King of Cochin China is engaged in Hostility with a powerful enemy, and the fortune of war uncertain it is impossible to specify the quantities of the Stores

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Stores abovementioned which he may — +
hereafter require — It is at present sufficient
that he has the consent and approbation
of the English Government to his purchasing
these articles through the means of his
Envoys and agents as circumstances may
require and as he may annually command
the means of providing them — With — +
respect to Marine Stores they are become so
secure and so dear that they may be struck
out of the List particularly as, with the
exception of Tar they can be procured to — +
Cochin China —

A true Translation of the
original received from Mr. Oliver —

/signed/ George Barry
French Interp.

And the Secretary was desired to — +
acquaint Mr. Oliver that the state of the — +
Companies

Answer ordered to be given
to Mr. Oliver

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Companies magazines and the heavy demands on them for foreign expeditions did not admit of their supplying the Military Stores, but that he would be allowed to purchase such quantities of the articles marked in the List as he might require on paying for the same at the established Prices —

Sent and received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mb Nos 110. 111. 112. 113. 114:

To the accountant General

To Mr. Woolf enclosing sundry original Papers received from Lieutenant Kempt the agent for transports employed on the Manilla Expedition and desiring him to cause the necessary Entries to be made on the Books of this Presidency —

To Captain W: — Walter of His Majestys Navy

To Captain Walter recommending him to direct the contractor for victualling to avail himself of the departure of the Gloucester for Amboyna to furnish His Majestys Ships on that Station with the Supply of Provisions he has proposed —

To the Military Auditor Genl.

To Major General Lydenham

referring

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referring for examination Mr. Roebuck's general Estimate of Cash for the ensuing month —

From Major Doveton —

From Commandant at Ryacottah

acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webb's Letter with a Kheredah enclosed for Tippoo Sultaun —

From Captain Macaulay —

From the Barrack master at Tricherapoly

requesting to know how he is to be reimbursed the advances of Cash he may make on account of building the Stabling &c. of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry —

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Sent the following Letter to the Senior Officer of Artillery —

To Major General Sydenham

Senior Officer of Artillery —

Sir,

To the Senior Officer of artillery with Copies of Letters from and to Major General Grills and instructions calculated to appease the Minds of the Men in the event of disquietudes arising from any discussion relative to the late Mutiny —

The Honble the Governor in Council having reason to believe that means have been taken to keep alive the anxiety of

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26th of the corps of Artillery on account of the late — Mutiny at the Mount, and having resolved that the whole of that affair has been brought to its natural and ultimate conclusion by the execution of the sentence of the Court Martial, thinks it of importance that you should be put in possession of the enclosed copy of a letter from Major General Geils and of the answer which has been sent in order that, if occasion should require it may be made the means by the Officer Commanding the two Battalions of appeasing the — disquietude of the Men —

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
/signed/ George Parry
Sub Secy —

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Received the following Letter from
Major General Geils —

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The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

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

Honble Sir

By a note from the Prisoners — Laurence and Connor I am given to understand they are deprived of every necessary, and expect to be ordered away at a short Notice —

From Major — General Geils stating that two — prisoners lately reprieved from the sentence of death are evidences material to his — justification, and requesting that they may not be treated with severity —

I take leave to acquaint you of this Honble Sir — that these two Men — are Material Evidences against Conductor Clarke and on other matters immediately regarding myself. I therefore request they may be — indulged with the necessaries they stand in need of, and detained until his Trial may be over —

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

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[Signed] Thomas Geils —

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With the foregoing letter from Major General Gells the President sent in circulation the following letter from the Town Major -

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Sir;

In consequence of what you intimated to me this morning relative to the Prisoners Laurence and Connor of the Coast Artillery - I thought it my duty to make the most particular enquiry to ascertain as if they had any grounds for complaint -

From the Town major on the subject of General Gells's representation of severities experienced by the prisoners Laurence and Conner -

The enclosed receipt granted by them to the Garrison Serjeant Major shews, that they have received their pay in full for this Month and that as early a date as it is ever issued -

To gain every information on this subject I went to the prison and asked the Prisoners before several Witnesses If they had any Complaints, they said they had none, I next enquired if they had directly, or indirectly made any Complaints to any person whatever - They seperately declared in

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Sent a letter to major Mc Innes entered in MB No 115 acquainting him that orders have been given for the discharge of his Pay and allowances but that in regard to any compensation for the loss of his Baggage, the Board are under the necessity of referring him to the Court of Directors -

To major Mc Innes

Received the following Letter from Mr. Oliver -

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to represent to you that having been Commissioned by the King of Cochin China to bring hither the letter which I have had the honour to deliver to you, I hope to be favored with a reply to His Majesty as the change of the

From Mr. Oliver requesting in reply to the letter lately delivered by him and to be allowed to purchase some stat for the service of his Master the King of Cochin China -

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of the Monsoon approaches and as the Ships which await my return at Malacca may be induced to sail to Cochin China, should I not join them shortly, it is of importance that I should be favored with such reply — as without delay —

If from the State of your Stores and your own demands for the — support of the War you should be enable to comply with His Majesty the King of — Cochin China's Application, there will — still be a prospect that a change of — circumstances will hereafter enable his — Majesty to derive the benefit he looks to in alliance with your Nation. For my own part I only desire the means of — testifying to His Majesty's punctuality and attention which I have shewn to his orders, and to convince him that no —

personal

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personal considerations have superseded a due regard to the good of his Service.

In the List of articles required by the King of Cochin China there is one in which I am hopeful you will be able to accommodate him that is that of which any quantity however small will be acceptable.

I request your attention to the long voyage I have to perform and have the honor to be

Madras 27th May 1798

Honble Sir,

&c &c &c

/signed/ V. Oliveira

Colonel in the Service of the King of Cochin China

A true Translation

/signed/ George Barry

Sub Secy

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To Lieutenant J. Butler at Ganjam

Sent a letter to Lieutenant Butler entered in Mr B N 186 acquainting him that there will be no objection to granting him the leave he has solicited whenever an opportunity may offer of proceeding

to

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to England-

Sent the following letter to the Governor of

Tranquebar

To His Excellency. Major General. Anker

Governor &c at Tranquebar

Sir

To major General anker with — acknowledgements for his having given up the three men of the Meuron Regiment a particular discussion of his late letter depired and why-

I have been favored with your letter of the 27th Instant-

Under the circumstances you have — stated I feel myself obliged by your consideration in restoring the three men of the Meuron Regiment to their duty- and have in compliance with your desire, given orders that no punishment may be — inflicted on them for their past misconduct-

As the last dispatches from England give me reason to expect an early communication of the result of the representation which has been made to His Danish Majesty relative to the — refusal of your Government to surrender the persons of des Cheens and Bligny who had been charged not

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only with having broken their parole but with an act of piracy, I must defer any discussion of this important subject till the expected orders are — received.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) G Harris ...

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 157. 158. 119. 120.

From Mr. Henry Wilson. requesting that his name may be set off against some French Officer of Corresponding Rank already sent to the Mauritius and that he may be furnished with the necessary certificate of his having been exchanged.

From Mr. H. Chilson late 2d mate of the Raymond

From Mr. Stracey accompanying a Roll addressed to Captain Mackenzie of the Engineers containing geographical materials — furnished by the Surveyor General in Bengal.

From the Lieutenancy at Bengal

From Major General Sydenham enclosing his Acct on Captain Youngs — accounts

From the Military Auditor General

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Accounts from 25th December 1797 to 24th February 1798 and a reaudit on Captain Boroughs accounts from 25th August to 24th December 1797 —

From Captain Kirkpatrick —

acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webbe's letter notifying the appointment of Lieutenant Sydenhams appointment as Assistant to the Engineer and Surveyor with the Nizam's Detachment —

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor President
Edward Saunders —
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday 29th May 1798

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved —

Read

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Read the following Letter from
Rear admiral Rainier —

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

Sir,

From Rear admiral Rainier with acknowledgements for the assistance which Government have ordered to be afforded him — Copy of Intelligence communicated to him by the Malabar Commissioners enclosed — Asks his opinion on the Report of the French Frigate said to have anchored at Mangalore and Candeth troops there —

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 11th Current covering copy of — Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter to Colonel Champagne of the 9th and beg leave to acknowledge the sense I entertain of the ready and ample assistance you have been pleased to direct Colonel Champagne to afford at my requisition —

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter transmitted by the Commissioners of Malabar in their Letter to me of the 2d instant containing information from their Northern — Superintendant — With respect to the Extract of a letter from Cochin published in the Madras Gazette of the 11th instant, It may be some — satisfaction to inform you that the circumstances

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of information therein related appear to me very erroneous from the following particulars—

His Majestys Ships Victorious and Carysfort who joined me the 14th off Balacaloo passed Mangalore near enough to have discovered any Ships at Anchor there, in very fine weather, on the afternoon of the 3d The Honble Companys Cruizer Swift who joined Me the same day parted from Captain Clark and landed Treasure at Anjengo, about the 9th The Snow Fortune — — anchored here Yesterday who left Bombay the 4th and stopped four days at Calicut, saw nothing of the enemy, but was informed at Cochin that the Frigade Prenneuse who captured the Raymond and Woodcott lay to four hours in that Road on the 10th. The Captain of the above Frigade had been heard to say he was looking out for the Swift Knowing there was treasure on Board her. The Malabar Coast is now alarmed from Anjengo.

to

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to Bombay and its probable the non appearance of Ships in consequence of the alarm and the foul weather will have operated to hasten the Frigates departure from that Coast — Neither do I conceive it at all prudent to risk any of His Majestys Ships that way at present on account of the bad weather The passage also is very circuitous at this season of the Year —

Native Intelligence is moreover always to be much suspected and in general highly exaggerated for which reasons it may be doubted whether any Ambassador was landed at all it might be only the Captain and a few of his Officers — as it does not appear the Officers of the Ships captured saw or heard of any such person on board the Frigate, or that the French Commander gave the least hint of having any such people on board while at Tellecherry —

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I have the honor to remain
&c &c
/signed/ Peter Rainier —

To

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To the Commissioners for executing the Office of Superviser

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
Indiamen had landed at that place Two Gentlemen
and one hundred persons of different discriptions
that several people had come down for
Seringapatam to conduct them to that place
Moosa assures me this information might
be depended upon -

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedt Servt
/signed/ Christopher Peile
N.S.

Sillecherry
30th April 1798

A true Copy.
/signed/ John Valient
Depy Secy

A true Copy.
/signed/ James Law
Secy

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded to the Governor General in Council—

Read the following Letter from the Dutch Governor at Amboyna—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Hobart

Governor &c &c

Madras

My Lord,

From the late Dutch Governor at Amboyna complaining of his not having been able to procure correct accounts of the Dutch Property delivered over to the Captors

I can not any longer conceal from your Lordships knowledge the great distress I am put to at not seing performed Captain Macleles' promise as stated in the enclosed copy of his letter to me, dated — 30th november 1796, namely to send me an account of the articles belonging to the Honble Dutch East India Company taken charge of by the Commissary to the King, after my having submitted this Settlement and its dependencies to the protection of his British Majesty on the very terms as have been prescribed in your Lordships Official Letter dated Madras 1st October 1795, and that of His Serene Highness

the

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the Prince of orange Rew 7th February 1790 Let
any neglect whatsoever have taken place on my
part or on that of the people under my —
authority, My Lord, this never could be a
Lawfull reason on which the Commissaryes to
the King should withold from me a Specifick
account of the said Articles, they were rather in
conscience obliged to furnish me with one
as soon as possible — As no such thing has
happened, notwithstanding a considerable
elapse of time, during the which many Ships
from Madras and several other British
Settlements have arrived and at my great
sorrow meritorious Captain Muathe hath —
deceased; I find myself brought to the —
necessity to trouble your Lordship with my
fervent request tending to obtain the same
in due form at large or property spoken
a general receipt of all those articles that

have

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that have ben in stock at the arrival of the fleet
begging leave to inform him meanwhile that the
Dutch Commissioners of the remittance of the said
articles are not so blameable as they are represented
in the Captains Letter – I can prove that by some
irregularitys that have been occasioned by the hurry
in which the Royal fleet under Command of –
Commodore / now Rear Admiral / Peter Rainier
hath ben provided with the necessarys such as
Ammunition, Rice and Naval Stores for an
intended and almost as soon executed Expedition
against Banda without the Dutch Surveyers
together with the Commissioner having ben
called for at a dmitting of no delays; while
the Dutch Master attendant hath ben –
continually Kept on duty as a Pilot on board
of several English Vessels and thereby prevented
from watching the Stores under his care at the
wharff

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wharff, where Sepoys at the landing of British Troops
have been lodged for want of sufficient room with the
consequence that he at his return hath found every
Article either disposed of for the Kings Service or done
away—

Having thus far pleaded the innocence of the
Dutch Surveyors and Commissioners you will (My Lord)
no doubt do me justice and be sure that it hath not
been in my power to prevent the abovementioned
irregularities as having not hetimes come to mine
and their Knowledge; they have however performed
their duty by delivering to me their reports in writing,
as many of them as have upon call assisted as the
Remittance of the Company's Effects to the charge
of British Commissaries. What could I do more
than what I have done at the very day on which
possession hath been taken of the Amboyna Settlement
by delivering to Captain Lennon the Admiral's deputy a List
containing the Names of the Commissioners who have been
ordered by me, hath not this act of authority been my

my latest.— please to consider this My Lord and not
stay by the promised but not yet received compleat account
the which would not do with me much less with
the Governor General and Council at Batavia, my
respectable Superiors, since thereby I know is —
meant an account of such articles as the —
Commissaries to the King have in nature got to
their charge only and not of those that have to/ore
been disposed of, or done away, as related, nor of
those that have been spoliated and distroyed at
Mida Lariegue and Saway at the revolt of the States
people long after Amboina hath been taken possession
and every one of which articles therefore ought by
all rules of Justice to remain on account of British
Government as well as the losses that have been
sustained at the unhappy evenement by Baron
von Imiehl and several commoners to a considerable
Amount according to the Bills which the sufferers
have delivered to the Admiral and the which have

been

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been send to your Lordship by his Excellency at his not
yet heard of disposal — I have the honor to expose
matters with all veracity on which I appeal to the
Candour of the admiral and Captain Lennon who are
acquainted with every particular as well as with
the Reasons, why I have not sooner applyed to the
Commissarys to the King for the long long wished for
accounts; my ignorance that it was not of the
Admirals province to sign them and that the
last mentioned had taken them along at his —
going off to madras —

When after all I should to my utter
ruin meet with disappointment and be made —
answerable for the evenements it would certainly distract
me that there is no more any relying on public
faith but I can not bear the thought my Lord as —
entirely inconsistent with the renowned magnanimety
and generosity of Englishmen and therfore will goon
trusting to that exalted Character and particular to that
of

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of your Lordship for matters being henceforth with all possible speed settled at the fullest — satisfaction of the honourable Dutch East India Company and that of the abovementioned — individual —

I am with great Respect —

Your &c &c

(signed) Alex.d Cornabe.

Amboyna
28th March 1798

Alexander Cornabe Esqr.

I am honored with your letter dated the 29th Instant in answer to which I beg leave to observe that your application to the Commissarys for the King of Great Britain for a regular account of the articles taken charge of by us, has been made at a time when his Fleet is under sailing orders; we have at Amboyna for above nine months, — within which time no application was made to us, otherwise you would have been furnished with one longer ere now, indeed the people who acted by your authority in giveing over charge of the publicq Stores &c.a of Amboyna, should have

at

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at the time made a regular report to you daily
and had they required our signation to those —
accounts as taken we would not nor could not
object to sign them however Sir to convince you
of the rectitude of our conduct and our wish to —
comply with your request / th — untimely / —
we shall make the best use of the little time left us
to furnish you with as concise an account
as in our power, perhaps this can't be done
while here, but it shall be sent you back
by a Ship which is to accompany us. I return
the papers you gave me for the Admirals —
perusal —

and have the honor to be
&c &c &c

Amboyna
30th November 1796

(Signed) Thomas. Meakil
Commissary for the King

Resolved to forward a copy of the
minute thereon foregoing Letter to Rear Admiral Rainier and to
request

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request he will afford the Board the means of returning such reply to Mr. Cornabé's application as may appear to him necessary -

I Read the following Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad -

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Honorable Board copy of my Letter of yesterdays date to the Secretary to the Supreme Government together with copies of the publick accounts therein referred to -

I am &c &c

Hydrabad
25th May 1798

signed J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing sundry Statements of Customs and Subsidy and extract of his Letter to the Governor General on the Subject

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G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort William

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of Government the three following papers

N1 an account Current of Paishcush for the Northern Circars from the 2d Fuss of the Fusly year 1201 to the 2d of the Fusly year 1205 both inclusive and including likewise such Balance as remained due to his Highness the Nizam at the former of the above periods—

N2 An account Current of Cash and assignments received from his Highness the Nizam in discharge of Subsidy on account of the Ellore Detachment from the beginning of the Month of August 1795 to the

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the end of march 1797 including a Draft on the Collector of Moorshedebad and sundry small Sums arising out of the premium on certain Drafts on the Masulipatam Treasury-

N3 Account of Sums paid to the Commanding Officer of the Ellore Detachment from the period of its recall by the Nizam in the month of august 1795 to that of its final departure in the month of may 1797-

I have now also the honor to enclose a receipt in full signed by His Highness the Nizam and authenticated with the Ministers great Seal as Vakeel ul Mutlluck for Caishcurk on account of the Northern Sirkars from the beginning of AF 1201. to the end of AF 1205 as well as for the Balance due to His Highness at the former period as stated in the Enclosure N1.

It is proper I should observe for the information of the Government that I have no funds in my hands to answer the Balance of

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of 1253.1.2 stated in the enclosure N2. as due to the Honble Company it being in fact (with a decrease of 19 Rupees odd annas) a mere Contineation of the Balance of 1272.8.0 stated as the Balance due to the Honble Company in the account Current dated 8th July 1795.

I hope to be able to transmit to you in the course of a few days, the account Current of the 2d Hist of Paisheush for et F. 1206 together with a receipt in full from His Highness the Nizam for the whole year which was delivered to me at the same time with the Receipt in full for Paisheush up to the end of et F 1205 herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Hydrabad
20th May 1798

(signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Asst

A true Copy
(signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Asst.

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D.

His Highness the Nizam

1793 August		To paid Syed ud Dowlah at Madras		21,7760	" "
		" Do Runchoor Dose at Masulipatam		3,50,000	" "
		" Do by three several payments made by the Supreme Govt as follows-			
		1 Through Dwarka Dose	350,000		
		2d Do Do	350,000		
		3d Do Mr Farlie	350,000	10,50,000	" "
Sept.	29th	To amount paid to Aboul Futteh 6 Rs 200,000 or 6 Rs 232,000 at Rs		2,148 14	" "
	7th	To amt paid do do S. Rs 100,000 or 6 Rs 116000 at Rs		10740	6 6
1795 July		To amt paid on account of 6 Durney Nuney by the Collector of Moorshedabad 2 Rs 50000 or 6 Rs 58,000 at Rs		5,7703	11 3
		To amount arrears due to the Ellore Detachment to may the 10th 1795 for which an assignment on the Paisheush was granted 28 July 1795		5,00727	" "
		To amount of join Assignment on do granted to the Roy Royam and Meer Zemaun and discharged by Mr. Collector Gregory		1,00,000	" "
1796 February		To amount assignment and do granted to the Roy Royam and paid by Collector 5th Division Masulipatam to Boma Ras		10,000	" "
October	14th	To amt. Assignment on do received this day in payment of three months subsidy account Detachment viz July August & Sept		1,61,140	1 9
Novr. 1797 January	30th	To amt. Cash paid to his Highness agent at Masulipatam by Mr. Collector Wrangham between 1st & 30th November 1796 in Ps at 382. 6 p. 100 Pag		6,21,685	4 4
		To Amt. Assignment on Paisheush rec'd this day in payment of two months subsidy accot. Detachment for Dec. 1796 and January 1797		1,07,426	10 6
April	26	To a Bill drawn this day in favor of Paul Chund Hislundos upon Mr. Collector Wrangham payable at 15 days sight		50,000	" "
June	11	To an assignment on the Balance of Paisheush of 2d Kist of a F 1205 rec'd this day being subsidy for April and May 1797		1,07,426	10 6
July		To an assignment on the Balance of Paisheush for 2d Kist a F 1205 rec'd this day being balance subsidy for March 1797		31,000	" "
1798 May		To Cash paid by Mr. Wrangham to Gholamony Sahib at Masulipatam date unknown / Mad Pag 500 which at the Exch. of 382. 6 p. R 100 p. Mohs		1911	15 3
	12th	To a Bill drawn this day upon the Collector of Masulipatam payable at 15 days sight to Meer Gholamony Sahib being in full the Balance of 2d instalment of Paisheush for a F 1205 including the sum of 10000 Rs charged as an advance to Khedi ale Khan in Mr. Woolf's account Current of July 23d 1792		36406	6 11
		Total Arcot Rupees		37,21,410	" "

Hyderabad the 18th May

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(signed) J. Kirkpatrick

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on Account of Paiskeush for the Circars

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1792 March	31st	By Balance due this day as per Lieut Stuarts account transmitted to Mr Secretary Jackson 25th July 1793 and assumed by major — " Kirkpatrick in his Statement transmitted to the Govt of Fort St George 11th April 1796 including the 1st instalment of a Fs 1201		5,67,760	" "
1793 March	31st	By Paiskeush to this day including 1st instalment of a Fs 1202		7,00,000	" "
1794 March	31st	By Paiskeush to this day including 1st instalment of a Fs 1203		7,00,000	" "
1795 March	31st	By Paiskeush to this day including 1st instalment of a Fs 1204		7,00,000	" "
1796 March	31st	By Paiskeush to this day including 1st instalment of a Fs 1205		7,00,000	" "
Octr	31st	By Paiskeush to this day including 2d instalment of a Fs 1205		3,50,000	" "
1798 May	12th	By Cash charged His Highness the Nizam on Mr Accountant General Woolfs Account Current the 23d July 1792 for money advanced to Ellhidy Khan, under the head of "Loubah of the Deckan" but ordered by the Supreme Government under date the 2d April 1798 to lay over		3650	" "
		Total Arcot Rupees		37,21,410	" "

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asst.

true Copy signed J. D Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Dr. The Resident at Hyderabad in Account Current with the Honble Com and other Monies paid to the Commanding Officer of the Ellore and

1795 Sept.	21st	To Balance brought forward from account Current dated 3d July 1795	1,272	8	9
		To Cash received from His Highness the Nizam / being Subsidy for August and Sept. 1795 /			
November	9th	To Cash do — do / being subsidy for October 1795 /	107,426.	10	6
Decem.	13th	To Cash do — do / being subsidy for November 1795 /	53,713.	5	3
1796 January	19th	To Cash do — do / being Subsidy for December 1795 /	53,700.	"	"
Febreary	8th	To Cash do — do / being subsidy for January 1796 /	53,700.	"	"
March	15th	To Cash do do / being subsidy for February 1796 /	53,713.	5	3
May	1st	To Cash do do / being subsidy for March 1796 /	53,713	5	3
June	18th	To Cash do do / being subsidy for April 1796 /	53,713	5	3
July	17th	To Cash Do do / being subsidy for May & June 1796 /	53,713	5	3
October	14th	To an assignment on the Paishcash received this day being subsidy for July august and September 1796	107,426	10	"
Decr.		To Cash / being the produce of an assignment on the Paishcash Account Subsidy for October and November 1796 / received from the Treasury on its way from Masulipatam to Hydrabad Vizt. Sungevarrum	16,1140	1	9
1797 January		To an Assignment on the Paishcash received this day being subsidy for December 1796 and January 1797	107,426	10	"
			107,426	10	"
March	23d	To Cash received from his Highness the Nizam / being subsidy for Feb. 1797 /	53,713	5	3
May	8th	To Cash received from his Highness the Nizam / being in part / subsidy for March 1797	22,711	5	3
		To Cash being the produce of a Bill drawn by the Resident the 14th of October 1796 on the Collector of Moorshedabad	13,500.		
		To Cash being the premium of 2 Rot. on two Bills drawn the 5th February 1797 on the Collectors of Masulipatam for At Rs 2500	500.		
		To Do Do at 1/2 pCt. on a Bill for at Rs 9000 drawn the 2d May 1797 upon the Collector of Masulipatam	135		
		To 8 at 1pCt on a Bill for at Rs 10,000 drawn 11th May 1797 upon the Collector of Masulipatam	100		
June	11th	To an assignment on the Balance of Paishcash for 2 Kists of a F. 1205 being subsidy for april & may	14,635	"	"
			107,426	10	6
July		To an Assignment on the Dr do being Balance Subsidy for March 1797	3,000	"	"
		Total Arcot Rupees	11,97,572	2	3

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Signed Jas Kirkpatrick Agt

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Company for Money and Pun Rahs received from His Highness the Nizam &c.

Bengal Detachment

1796		By Balance of assignment dated 11th October 1796 being Subsidy for July August and September 1796 amounting to 16.1.60.1.9. but of which 10,10,91.12.1.9. only was received from the Masulipatam treasury including 262.12.9. charges Merchandize	60,068	5 "
1797 may 14		By Amount of Sums paid to Commanding officer Ellore Detachment as per account particulars ..... 9[4]034.8.9. Charges Merchandize which ought to have been included in this account ..... 262.12.9.	9[4]297	5 6
		By Cash sent to the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment in Consequence of my draft under date the 9th may 1797 Madras Pagl. 17990 or Rs at the Exchange of 382½ Pr Pagodas	63766	12 4
July	11th	By Cash paid the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment being part produce of a Bill for 50000 Rs transmitted to me by Mr. Wrangham	33,000	" "
		By do do being Balance produce of a Bill for at Rupees 10,000 drawn by me the 11th May 1797 on the Collector of Masulipatam of which was paid to the Commanding officer of the Ellore Detachment	2100	" "
	17th	By Cash Balance of Bill transmitted to me by Mr. Wrangham above mentioned	17,000	" "
		By Balance left in the Masulipatam Treasury as per account Current with Mr. Wrangham	7[1]036	9 8
		By Balance due the Honble Company	1253	1 9.
		Sola Sarcob Rupees	11,97,572	2 3

Memorandum

true Copy / signed / Jas Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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Memorandum

Account of Sums actually received by the Commanding Officer of the Eleve Detachment since its return to Hydrabad in August 1795 whether from the Treasury of his Highness's Managers / by Tunkha / from the Resident, Collector of Masulipatam or otherwise —

1795 Septr.	21st	To Cash	From the Treasury		1,07,426	"	"
Novr.	9th	Do	Do	received at Hair	53713	5	3
Decr.	13th	Do	Do		53700	"	"
1796 Jany	19th	Do	Do		53700	"	"
Feby	8th	Do	Do	received at Brampillay	53713	5	3 —
March	15th	Do	from	Mohomed Ameen Khan Arab at Chinoorbundah	53713	5	3
May	7th	Do	Do	Near Bachore	53713	5	3
June	18th	Do	Do	near Pangalore	53713	5	3
July	17th	Do	Do	near Do	1,07,426	10	"
Octr.	4th	Do	from the Resident being the produce of a Bill drawn by him on Moorshedabad under this date		13,900	"	"
Novr.	8th	Cash forwarded by Mr. Werangham to Mungaul but not received till the return of the Detachment to Hydrabad			1,00,829	"	"
Decr.	28th	Cash from the Treasure brought up by Captain Hermet			1,07,426	10	"
1797 February	5th	Cash from the Resident being the produce of two Bills dated the 3d February drawn by him on Mr. Collector Wrangham including 2d Pct Primium			25500	"	"
	12	Cash from the Resident being the produce of a Bill at par dated the 13th February drawn by him on Mr. Collector Woangham			12000	"	"
March	23	Cash from the Treasury			53713	5	3 —
May	2d	Cash being the produce of a Bill dated 30th April upon Mr. Collector Woangham			9135	"	"
	8th	Cash from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam			22711	5	3
				Brought Over	9,36035	8	9

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1797	Carried over	936034	8 9
May - 14th	Cash being part produce of a Bill for 10000 Rupees bearing a premium of 8 P^{r} dated 12th May on Mr. Collector Monro	8000	" "
	Total Rupees	944034	8 9

Hyderabad
18th May 1798.

E. E.

(signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick
Agt.

* This is exclusive of the charges of transporting the same to Mungaul -

' Being in part payment of Subsidy for March 1797 -

True Copy -

(signed) I A Kirkpatrick
Agt. -

Ordered

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Minute on the foregoing Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letters with its enclosures be sent to the Accountant General -

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Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal -

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal forwarding to Henry Dundas copy of the Journal and Ledger of the Military Paymaster General in Bengal for the year 1795/96

In compliance with the request contained in the Honble Presidents' Letter of the 9th. November last I am directed to transmit the accompanying Journal and Ledger from the Military Paymaster at this Presidency -

Fort William
the 3d April 1798

I am
&c &c

(signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Journal and Ledger be sent to the Military Auditor General with instructions to establish as complete a coincidence of System between the Books of the two Presidencies as local circumstances will admit -

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Read the following Letter from the Governor in Council at Bombay—

To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris—
Acting President and Governor in Council at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to forward for your Notice the enclosed copy of a Letter from the Commissioners in the Province of Malabar dated the 7th ultimo with a transcript of the Paper of information, mentioned to accompany it, on which we have to request that you will be pleased to advise us whether your intelligence Correspond therewith; or Coincide with the intimations of hostile intentions on the part of Tippoo Sultaun, as transmitted to you by the aforesaid Commissioners—

From Bombay with copy of Intelligence of Tippoo's collecting considerable forces with hostile Instructions on the Borders of the Conga Country desires to know if such Intelligence is corroborated by any information in the Possession of this Government copy of their letter to the Supreme Government on the subject of Tippoos claims on the Sooba District enclosed—

2 We have the honor to forward the Copy of a Letter we have this day addressed to the Government General on the Subject of certain claims lately renewed by Tippoo Sultaun on the

Coorga

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Coorg Rajah's Territory—

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Jona. Duncan
J. Stuart
Sam Revett
William Page

Bombay Castle
5th May 1798.

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council
Bombay—

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for your perusal a Copy of a Paper of Intelligence furnished me by Major General Hartly under yesterdays date and to subscribe myself very respectfully—

Honble Sir
&c &c
(signed) Spencer

Calicut
7th april 1798

A true Copy
(signed) I. A. Grant
Sub Secy

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Head Quarters Calicut
April 6th 1798

A man dispatched from Cananore
on the 21st ultimo in order to visit a part of the
Coorga Country and return by way of Mangalore
arrived
here this day at 4 O.C. P.M. he gives the following
account of himself — "I ascended into the Coorga —
"Rajahs Dominions by the Thomar Ghaut and —
"passed by Nauk-naar and Markeaire at the former
"of which the Rajah then resided — from thence
"I proceeded to the Soulramiry Ghaut two Cofs beyond
"which on the north banks of a River was —
"stationed a force of the Sultauns consisting of —
"four Cushoons of regular Infantry two thousand Horse
"with 500 Carnatics 300 Carriattis /pioners/ and
"three Guns — I can speak positively as to the Force
"in question having myself visited their Camp
"a Nabob named Syed moideen was in Command
"at the time — I descended the Ghaut by a place
"called Panjeh and made the Coomly district
"my way to Deckal where I arrived six days
"ago / the 1st Instant / there I found another
"force of the Sultauns consisting likewise of four
"Cushoons of Infantry with a Body of 1500 Horse
1000

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"1000 Carnatics 500 Cammatties and five Guns
"These Troops had come here from about Jemmaw-
"labad two days before me and were Commanded
"by a Fowjeedaar named Sheer Khan I heard it
"reported throughout their Camp that they were
"shortly to march towards Cannanore -

"Whilst in the Coorga Country and
"passing through the various Districts below the
"Ghauts on my return I heard it report it that the
"Sultaun has lately made an excursion from
"Sirengapatam attended only by his usual Guards
"during which he resided Bettalpore / nearly north
"of Periapatam very few Cofs Six Hindostanee -
"Periapatam soon by the borders of Coorg and
"close to that of part of waynaad and by -
"Nangangode back again that a force consisting
"of two Cushoons of regular Infantry 200 Horse
"500 Carnatics and about 3000 Cammatties were
"there employed in digging a Tank that when
"the Sultaun passed at Mangengode a body of
"Troops was stationed there and a Fowjeedaar
"named Secunder Khan and that Stations were
"permanently fixed as follows - Meer Cummerdden
detached

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"detached with that of Fatteh Hyders at Sunnore
"12 Hindoostance Cos northerly of Chercully Mill
"Lally's Dessenhka Chouree close to Seringapatam
"Khajeh Khans at Chittledroog — Syed Moideens
"at Maanjerabad and Sheer Khans at Deshal —
"The Sultaun is said to have arrived at Bellalpore
"21 Days ago the 16th ultimo where he created a
"number of Nabobs, all Officers herein mentioned
"in Command — 4 — are absented of the Number" —

(Signed) D Mahony
a DC

A true Copy

(Signed) J Spencer

A true Copy

(Signed) Ia Grant
Sub Secy

To the Honble Sir. Alured Clarke KB
Acting Governor General in Council
at
Fort William

Honble Sir

Para 1st

We have already had the
honor

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honor of advising your Government in regular succession of the various important communications lately made by the Commissioners in Malabar of the designs of Sippoo Sultaun against part of the frontier districts in that quarter hitherto held as included in the cessions by the treaty of Peace of 1792 and we now transmit copies of the further intelligence, this day recorded on the same subject on which we can not but be particularly anxious to be favored with your specifick instructions; with which view we shall briefly recapitulate what we understand to be in immediate, or eventual Contest—

2d. Under the first of these heads is to be classed the district of Soolea which appears to have been previous to the existence of Hyders Government separated from Bednore and annexed to our present tributary district of Coorga after which, Hyder having entirely reduced both the principalities in question it is well known that his Son Sippoo detains

the

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the present Coorga Rajah for years at this Capital and managed his country by his own Officers during — " which it seems not improbable as asserted by Tippoo in a letter copied into the body of the Governor's — " minute this day recorded that he or his father — " may have reannexed Soole to Bednore, which whether he did or not it is equally asserted by the Coorg Rajah that on his escape from Tippoo's — " Custody two or three years before the breaking out of our last war, with that prince he recovered — " possession of this, and his other Territories from the grasp of the Sultaun, though all that should perhaps be inferred from this allegation amounts to no more than that he carried on a general and more or less successful hostility against Tippoo from that period and during the near between the latter and the Company may have no doubt extended his power more fully throughout all his former territories The terms of the Peace of 1792 leaving to the Company and its allies the selection of one half Tippoo's Country they upon a full Statement thereof which must no doubt have been before them

made

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made choice of the Paalook of Hoorg at a
Revenue value of 3000 Hoons for what
regarded the restitutions to be made to this
Rajah and whether or not under that single
cession is to be included Soolea and
Kandamangalum, and Coloor Bajy / now
for the first time stated by the Hoorg
Rajah to be dependences on it / constitutes
the present point in Dispute. It will be
seen by the first Commissioners general
report of the 11th of October 1793 and by the
Governors Minute above referred to, that,
under the doubts entertained on this point
the Coorg Rajah professed in several Letters
written in 1792 to have Relinquished Soolea
after which he as early as in June 1793
again resumed (?) his pretensions to it, discoun-
=tenancing at the same time any such
direct Reference to Tippoo's Government as
might have brought on a clear elucidation

of

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of the point of right to such a degree that your —"
Government expressed to him on the 27th October 1794
that the adjustment of the unsettled boundaries
was of the less consequence as notwithstanding
every measure of conciliation and that strictest
adherents to our engagements with him he
evinced an insurmountable disinclination to any —"
interposition besides that from the disposition to
accommodation with him shewn by Tippoo-
Your Government hoped to hear that their —"
territorial disputes had been amicably compromised-
which whether they had or not we have reason
to believe that from June 1793 the Coorga Rajah
has never ceased to maintain possession of Soolea
and several other tracts enumerated in our —"
President's minute to which we beg leave to
refer Rather can we devine what present —"
motive unless it be Tippoo's supposed —"
expectations of assistance from the French
has moved that Prince, after an uninterrupted
acquiescence of nearly five Years to renew his

former

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former pretensions to this district in —
consideration of which we trust you will
approve of our having instructed the Commrs
on the 8th March that in the event of Tippoo
invading Soolia or any of the other parts of
the frontier similarly circumstanced they
were before otherwise actively interfering
to propose a fair investigation in —
conformity to the 4th Article of the Treaty
of Peace, with this clause annexed that
in view to the length of the Coorga —
Chieftains possession he should not be
disturbed therein until a decision took
place between the Sultaun and your
Government —

3d The eventual causes of contest above
referred to relate as far as we can yet
form any opinion on a subject of such
recent discovery and which still —
remains involved in so much mystery

to

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to certain parts of the Coorga Territory known under the names of Hekatnaad Kedeanaloonaad Amillenaad and Babboonaad of which the present Chieftain passed what he now represents to have been a constrained Cession to the Cotiote Rajah in or about the year 1788 which however he states to have availed himself of the first opportunity during the course of the same year to obtain a renunciation of, accompanied by a Grant of a contiguous part of Wynaad, of which we have at present no better discription than that it extended therein as far as a Village called Kulpally the first intimation received by the present Commrs respecting which transaction purported however to charge the Coorga Rajah with having availed himself of our last years hostility with the Pychi Rajah, to have possessed himself of the tract of Weynaad comprehended within these ill discribed limits, which he however without having hitherto positively and directly denied must nevertheless be considered as altogether disavowing as far as

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as can be implied by his uniform relation
of dates and circumstances all which tend to
fix his professions in Wynaad as far as Kalpetty
as having remained uninterrupted from the
1788 and therefore altho' we ~~&~~ be still
at some loss to decide whether and if so
how far the several districts above mentioned
to have been ceded and resumed by him
may be comprehended in or stand connected
with the part of Wynaad in question we
have in view to his apprehensions that
Tippoo means in support of the Pychi ~~&~~
Rajah's pretensions to Wynaad or otherwise
to dispossess of him every part of these ~~&~~
districts, transmitted our opinion on the
14th of last month to the Commrs that
which do ever be their local predicaments
still in respect to whatever part of the
said Territories the Coorg shall have ~~&~~
continued to possess since the Peace they

ought

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ought on any part thereof being invaded by the Sultaun
to make to him the same proposal as already "
noticed in regard to Soolea as a medium equitable
in itself and such as ought to satisfy the Coorg
Rajah as well as Tippoo adding therefore that
in case of the latter persevering to keep forcible
possession of such tracts the Coorga Rajah — "
ought not to be restricted from using every means —
in his power to repell the Sultaun's attacks — "
Strictly however limitting himself in this respect
to the defensive until further orders —

4th We have not yet heard from
the Commrs of their receipt of these last — "
instructions, but the preceding ones relative
to Soolea they appear by their letter to Captain
Mahony included in the Extracts now — "
forwarded to have viewed as only entitling
them to protest against the Sultauns — "
eventual evasion — It is however but —
fair in this place to notice that General
Hartly himself a member of the Commission

seems

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been originally intended a Corps on the
reduced Establishment with only 40 Men
and 12 Saddles a Troop; the other Buildings
are almost completely devoured by the white
ants and not a vestige of a Stall remains
to cover a sick Horse to the want of Stabling
it is more than probable the 3d Regiment
owes it great loss of Horses in comparison
with other Corps who were under cover I—v
therefore and because we have already lost
Four, feel myself under the necessity of
calling your attention to those under
my Command in hopes that you will
be pleased to direct some addition to be
made to the Barracks and Stables built
before the ensuing Monsoon which
will probably save a Number of Horses—

From the narrowness of the
present Barrack it is totally unfit
to accommodate Cavalry the arms and
saddles alone requiring double the
room it affords in this Case the publick

Buildings

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Buildings here can be of no value therefore as the situation of the Cantonment is — badly chosen and not where Government originally intended, I shall take the liberty of proposing a removal of the Corps to Chimundalum Plain when I am convinced the Buildings required may be completed for less expense than the Sabbs and — inefficiency of Barracks can possibly — on this side of the River. Should our — removal meet with your approbation the Regiment will be placed in a far — preferable Situation for itself and add — much to the comfort of the Bramin and weaving Villages in our present — neighbourhood —

Whatever may be adopted I shall have my utmost exertions so as to get the horses under Cover before the Monsoon and. Should an Engineer be ordered to carry on the Buildings he will

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will have every support in my power to —
grant or if left to me to execute they shall
be done according to any Plan and in the
cheapest away possible for the Company
my accounts will be given in upon honor
and I trust from the most moderate ever
made for buildings of the Kind —

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

Tho.s Dallas
Major Comd.g 4.th Regt. N C

Cumundalum
25.th May 1798

Proceedings of a Committee held

by order of Major Thomas Dallas Commanding
the 4.th Regiment of Native Cavalry for the
purpose of examining and reporting on
the State and Demensions of the Public
Buildings belonging to the Cavalry —
Cantonment near Trivendiporam —

Cantonment near Trivandiporam 11.th april 1798

Captain John Leonard President
Lieut.t Hugh MacKay } Members Lieut.t Geo Neale 2.d Do.

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The Committee having visited
and examined the public Buildings —
report on them as follows —

Sepoy Barracks

A tiled building in one Range —
divided into six partitions for the six Troops
each partition of the following Dimensions —
Length 39 Feet, Breadth 14 Feet Height of the
Walls 8 Feet the whole are without Doors &c.
and wanting Repairs and not more then
sufficient to hold above half the Regiments
with their Foot and Horse accoutrements —

Serjeants Quarters

Two separate Buildings each containing
two Rooms of the following Demensions —
Length 15 Feet, Breadth 10½ feet Height of
the Walls 7½ Feet — the whole wanting —
complete Repairs and unprovided —
with Doors and Windows —

Standard Guard Room

A tiled Building devided into two

Rooms

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Rooms of the following Dimensions principal Room - 17 Feet in Length, by 10½ feet in — Breadth, height of the Walls 7½ Feet - the other Room 6 Feet in length, height and Breadth the same with the above — the whole without Doors and Windows and wanting Repairs -

Hospital

A tiled Building of the following Dimensions, joined to an old Swamy House Length 18½ Feet, Breadth 12 feet height of Walls 6 Feet and old Broken Palmyra Door belonging to it. but without windows and the whole totally out of repair and unfit for the purpose it is intended for -

Adjutant Office or Orderly Room

A tiled Building 13½ feet Square - Walls 9 feet high windows tiled in and a Door made of split Palmyras — wanting Repair —

Stables