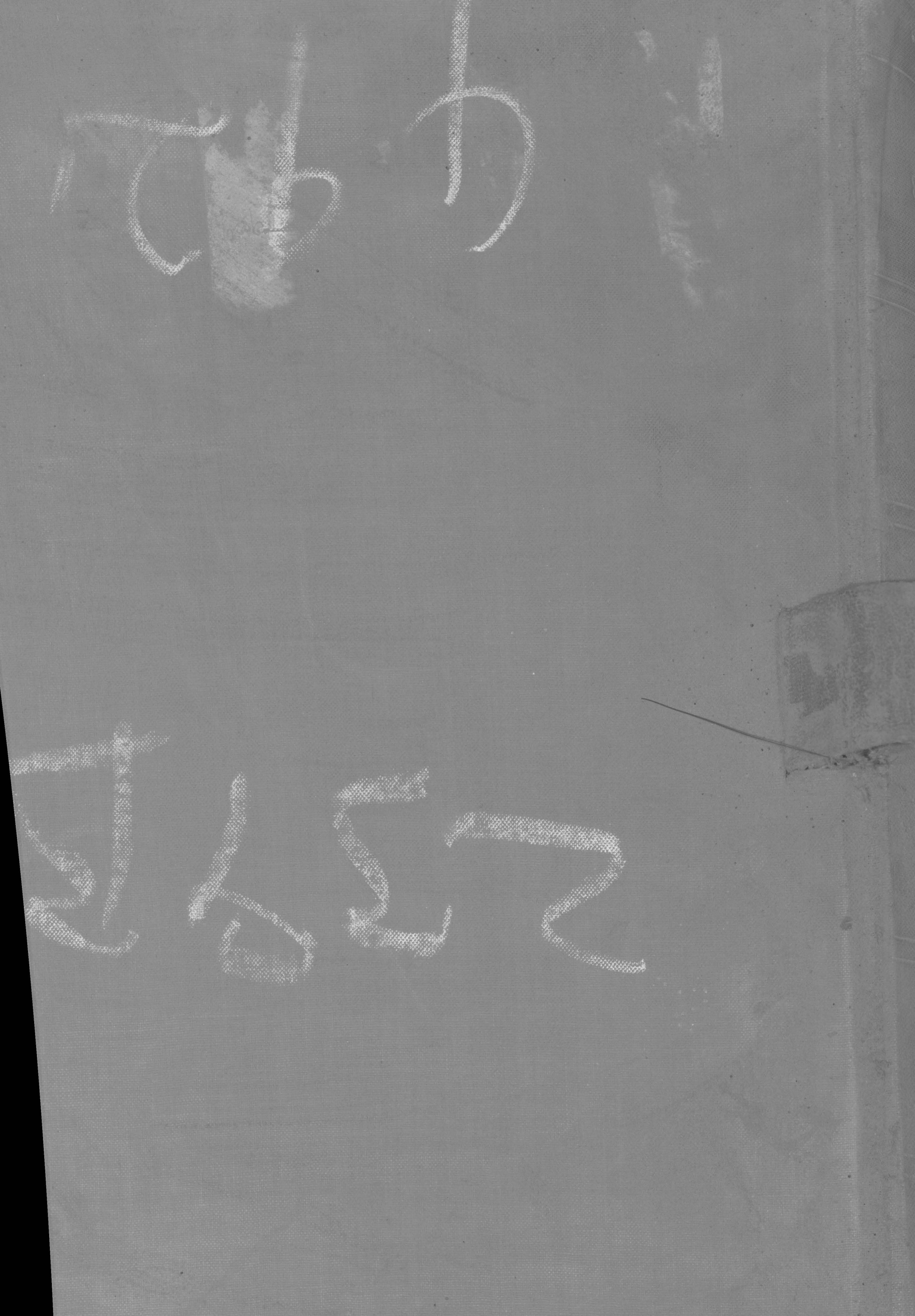


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Extracts of General Orders
By Major General Doyle

Head Quarters Colombo 27th Jany 1798

Corporal James Perry of the 1st — "
European Regement is appointed Quarter Master
and Key Serjeant of Point De Galle - To draw
pay as Quarter Master Serjeant only from
the 1st Instant -

Head Quarters - Columbo 25th Feby 1798

Serjeant Major Evans is appointed
Serjeant Major of the Garrison of Columbo
vice Doull resigned -

Head Quarters Columbo 8th March 1798

Mr. William Colhoun a Assistant
Surgeon at Jaffanapatnam is directed to
take charge of the Malay Corps, for which
he will be allowed to make the regular
charges proportionate to the Numbers of the
Corps as directed in the orders of Government
for a Native Battalion -

Head Quarters Colombo 24th March 1798

Serjeant Doull to act as Quarter Master

and

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act as Adjutant of that Corps till further orders—

Head Quarters Columbo 22d August 1797

Corporal J Burt of Artillery at Point
Delgalle is appointed Sub Conductor of Stores
at that Garrison in room of Sergeant Herr —
deceased—

Head Quarters Colombo 29th August 1797

Lieutenant Colonel Croker is appointed
to Command the Fort and Garrison of Galle till
the pleasure of Government is Known—

Head Quarters Columbo 25th Sept. 1797

Mr. J Reynolds is appointed to act as
Secretary to Brigadier General Dalrymple till
further Orders—

Head Quarters Columbo 13th Nov. 1797

Lieutenant J Stewart of the 55th Native
Battalion is appointed Fort Adjutant of —
Columbo, vice Reid permitted to resign—

Head Quarters Columbo 29th Dec. 1797.

Corporal Fitzgerald of the 1st European
Regiment to act as Key and Quarter Master
Sergeant of the Garrison of Galle — vice Anderson
appointed to the 9th Regiment Native Infantry —

Head Quarters Columbo 18 January 1798

Captain Borough Deputy Paymaster to

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The Kings Troops serving on Ceylon having signified to Brigadier General De Meuron his wish to resign that appointment - Brigadier General De Meuron has been desired by the Right Honble Lord Hobart to appoint Lieutenant Kerr of his Majestys 94th Regiment to be Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops on Ceylon until the pleasure of Government be known -

Head Quarters Columbo 21st Augt 1798

Lieutenant Kerr will continue to act as Barrack Master on Ceylon till the arrival of Captain Blair, who has been appointed to that Office - Vice Borough resigned -

At the recommendation of Colonel Champagne Lieutenant Henry Carey of his Majestys 80 Regiment is appointed Fort Adjutant of Colombo - Vice Howard removed by his Promotion in the 52d Regiment -

Acting Quarter Master and Sergeant Doull to be Sergeant Major of the Garrison of Columbo -

Sergeant Major Owens of His Majestys 19th Regiment to be Quarter Master Sergeant of Columbo and Sergeant Bannantyne of

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of the same Corps to act as Key Serjeant of Columbo—

Serjeant Robert Lester of his Majestys 19th Regiment is appointed to act as Barrack Master Serjeant in Columbo vice Fraser.

Head Quarters Columbo 15th March 1798

Lieutenant De Morgan Adjutant and — Quarter Master of the 6th Regiment to take charge of the Quarter Masters Department during the — absence of Captain Rodgers.

Mr. Pritchard assistant Surgeon will take Medical charge of the Detachment of Bombay Grenadiers - vice Stone removed to Trincomalie.

Mr. Orr will in the same manner consider himself as in charge of the Sick of the Pionier Corps.

True Extract.

Signed P. A. Agnew
Adjt. Genl on Ceylon

Columbo 5th December 1799

G. O.

A Detachment consisting of two — Serjeants and Fifty Rank and File of the 19th — Regiment to be sent to Major Barton tomorrow morning to be instructed in the Gun exercise.

A true Extract

Signed D. Robertson
Town Major

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To the Honble Lieutenant Genl. Harris
President in Council
&c &c &c
Fort St. George

Honble Sir.

From Brigadier General De Meuron Lieutenant Herr promises to furnish the security required by Government purchase of Rice made, reported, and general scarcity of this article noticed—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letters of the 18th and 25th Ultimo and to inform you that the decision you have been pleased to make — respecting an increase of allowance to Mr. — Assistant Surgeon Orr has been communicated to him and that Lieutenant Herr has been — called on for his Security Bonds for Pags. 8000 and two Securities for Pagodas 4000 each a Copy of his answer is enclosed—

I have farther the honor to acquaint you that a Quantity of Rice has been purchased in addition to the Stock in Store sufficient for the consumption till the 1st of October next provided that the whole of this Rice which is now receiving from the Merchants Godowns turns out good — I am however concerned to observe

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observe that from the general scarcity of Grain on the Island its price is very high and will become more so Should it be necessary to purchase any more. A Quantity of Rice has also been purchased at Point de Galle for the use of that Garrison as none can be sent there from Columbo at this time of the year the Consequence of which was that for three successive days there was not a measure of Rice to be purchased in the Bazar

Head Quarters
Columbo
31st May - 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c &c
Signed/ P. St. DeMeuron
B. G.

To John Reynolds Esqr.
Secretary to Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding in
Sir.
Ceylon.

I am honored with your letter of the 19th Instant covering Extract of a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe to the Brigadier General DeMeuron dated the 18th April 1798

on

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on the Subject of the Security Bond required by the Government to be signed by me for Pagodas 8000 and two Securities in the amount of 4000 each — In answer I have to request you will be pleased to inform the Brigadier that I have sent the two Security Bonds for Pagodas 4000 each to Fort St George in order to their being executed and returned to me when I will have the honor of delivering them to him together with my own Security Bond for Pagodas 8000.

I am &c &c

(signed) J. W. Lett
Dep.y P.M.G.
on Ceylon

Kings Pay Office
Columbo
May 30th 1798.

A true Copy
(signed) J Reynolds
Lieut

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Commanding Officer on Ceylon —

Resolved that means be taken for supplying the island, with grain upon the change of the Monsoon and that orders be sent to the Office of Audit for passing the several charges recommended by Brigadier General De Meuron —

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colln —

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To J. Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Lieutenant Collier urging his claim to pay to the period of his arrival at Madras and tendering the House of Chase Lindland and Chase as Securities for the payment of any claims that may be advanced for pay &c due from the Company as owners of the Sheffolk Tender -

I feel myself obliged however — unwillingly, to offer some remarks on the letter I had the honor of receiving from you under date 14th Instant and persuade myself that the Honble the President in Council will, when I shall have fully explained myself, concur if not in the propriety of my claims at all events in the hardship of my present situation and to feeling and generous Minds I am convinced my case only requires to be clearly known and I shall receive every possible Redress. To such then do I now address myself.

I shall beg leave first to observe that my late Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope was by no means from any solicitation on my part to a preference; could any other Ship have been sent with equal convenience to Government, I should, without hesitation, at

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my own humidity have declined going; But as the times were and circumstanced as I was, being ordered by the Naval Commander in Chief to obey the orders of the Right Honble The President in Council, I felt it was my duty and beg leave to assure You inclination had no share whatever.

The extreme hurry of my sailing at twenty four hours notice and the Ship having been previously prepared as directed for Sale occasioned my leaving the Roads in many Respects deficient in Stores and of necessaries, of the very first importance, and which for the last eighteen days of our passage when destitute of a Rudder me very sensibly felt. On my arrival in Simons Bay the Admiral Commanding in Chief there, proposed refitting the Tender and sending her on to India however from unavoidable delays this was undertaken the South East Seems and with them a heavy Swell set into the

Bay

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Bay and our Larboard Streak started -
The impossibility of her being repaired
occasioned her condemnation and I took the earliest
opportunity of coming on to India - I was not
only assured by Admiral Pringle but by Mr.
Pringle agent to the Company also that my
passage should be found and that my allowance
as well as the Master's would be continued till
the day of our return to this Presidency, from
such authority I felt no scruple in calculating
the pay till the day of our return to Madras
nor is it at all unprecedented, Mr. Taswell
allows the customs of four Months pay being
granted to the Officers of the Honble Company's
Ships or of a continuance of their pay till they
return to their own Port incase of the condem-
=nation or sale of the Vessel they may belong
to I shall state a few instances which happened
while Mr. Taswell was Secretary to the
Marine Board at Calcutta. Lieutenant Cooper
Roper Commanding the Sea Rake and
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Wales Commanding the Cornwallis on the sale or condemnation of their respective Vessels had their passages found and full pay and allowances continued them till their arrival in Bombay But as the Honble the President in Council has adverted to the circumstance of myself and the Masters drawing Subsistence in his Majestys Service and has therefore ordered that the deduction as stated in your letter —" should take place I shall with all due submission beg to state that as Lieutenant and Commander of the Honble Companys Ship Suffolk's Tender I am not recognized by the Admiralty and consequently my Agent at home has never to my Knowledge drawn any other than my half pay of fifty Pounds P Annum and this I cannot suppose will be considered as too great an additional allowance after sixteen years continued Service — as to the — Master to my certain Knowledge since his having been attached to the Tender he has never received any subsistence from His Majesty nor do I fancy he is entitled to it — on this subject I shall conclude with observing that however trifling the Sum may be to so large and respectable a body as the Honble Company to me

upon

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/a poor individual who has impaired his health and sacrificed his promotion by a too ardent and Zealous attachment to the honor of his situation and — employers / it is of much importance and therefore hope on a reconsideration of circumstances, and from my having been so long without receiving my Pay that the Honble the President in Council will revoke his decree —

Application has been made from the — Marine Board at Calcutta to me this Messrs — Chase Swell and Chase for payment of the arrears of some of the men late of the Tender, who have entered on board the Honble Company's Ship — Nonsuch and whose certificates these Gentlemen possess and as the agents to his Majesty's Fleet in India they have been good enough to say that they will become responsible for all claims of wages from Seamen, who may have belonged to the Suffolk's Tender — I have the pleasure of enclosing a Certificate from these Gentlemen to that effect, which I trust will be perfectly satisfactory to the Honble the President in Council —

I have only now to request and that

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in the most earnest manner possible that whatever may be the determination of Government, They will be pleased to take into Consideration my anxiety to join the Rear Admiral by the present opportunity /the Joyce transport/ and to order payment for whatever part of the Balance they may judge proper.

I shall now conclude with saying, that if any part of my Conduct during the period I had the honor of commanding the Honble Company's Ship Suffolk's Tender has given satisfaction to the Honble the President in Council it has only equalled my wishes and constant endeavours.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ Robert Collier.

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June 18th. 1798.

To Lieutenant G. R. Collier.

Sir.

We request you will tender our names to the Honble the Governor in Council as Security for making good on your part such arrears of wages as may hereafter appear due to any part of the late Crew of the Honble Company's Ship Suffolk's Tender.

We are.
&c &c
/signed/ Chase Twell and Chase.

Madras
18th June 1798

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Minute thereon

The Board are perfectly satisfied with the explanation which Lieutenant Collier has given as well as with the Security tendered by the time of Chase & Co - Ordered in consequence that the balance due to him being Pag.s 8306. 23.. 65.. be discharged upon application at the Treasury -

The Board have much pleasure on this occasion in adding their testimony to the Zeal and activity which Mr. Collier has — invariably displayed while in Command of the Suffolk's Tender -

Ordered that the Committee appointed for the examination of the Tenders accounts be dissolved and that the necessary adjustments be made on the books by the Accountant General -

Read the following Letter from Major General Geils -

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

Honble Sir,

I had the honor to address you on the 10th. Instant and in referring to this and to my several letters but more especially to that of the

From Major General Geils expressive of his contrition for such parts of his conduct as have excited the displeasure of Government requesting that certain

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certain papers may be expunged from the records and that the Commander in Chief on the Coast and eventually the Commander in Chief in India may be ordered to summon a Court Martial for investigating his Conduct -

the 15th April immediately after my suspension permitted me again to approach your honor in Council and to express my extreme concern for the occasion that has drawn down the heavy displeasure of Government on my Conduct in consequence of my letter of the 13th March with its enclosure addressed to me by part of the Officers of Artillery and unfeigned sorrow that Government should have been thereby obliged from so unguarded an act of mine to have powered down their displeasure so heavily upon me, — a which I can only attribute to the extremely painful and distracted state I was in at the time from the Censure passed - and the dreadful anxiety that now corrodes my mind and altho' I can not recall what has unfortunately happened I have ever been ready to express my contrition and to — attribute what I have done to precipitancy and want of reflection at the Moment as nothing else could have induced me to so rash a — measure as to force Government to the steps they have been necessarily obliged to take against me and after this unqualified apology permit me again Honble Sir earnestly to request the Letters and Papers that occasioned it may be withdrawn

and

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and the Commander in Chief requested to order a General Court Martial to investigate my conduct during the Mutiny on the night of the 15th and Morning of the 16th. of January last in order that I may have an opportunity of acquitting myself to Government and my Honble — Employers of any neglect of Duty on my part — and I beg leave further to request — Honble Sir, that I may be indulged eventually so far as that a Duplicate of this application may be sent from the Commander in Chief on the Coast, to His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India seconded by a recommendation of Government that my request may be complied with —

I have the honor to be with very — Sentiment of Respect —

Yrs &c

St. Thomas's Mount
14th. June 1798

/signed/ Thomas Peile

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The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President Governor in Council and Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Honble Sir

From Major General Geils requesting that he may be permitted to draw his pay and allowances

As the termination of my Pay and allowances from the 13th of april last — The period from which your honor in Council has been pleased to suspend me from the Honble Company's Service - Has already been attended with much inconvenience and distress to me and as I cannot suppose it to be in the intention of Government to punish me unnecessarily in this way I have to offer such Security as they may think proper for eventually refunding the amount and to request that your honor in Council will be pleased to permit of my drawing the usual Monthly allowances as Colonel Commandant of Artillery or such other monthly and specific Sum for my subsistence as you, Sir, may think proper to commence from the ~~H.~~ period of my suspension -

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(signed) Thomas Geils

Resolved

St. Thomas's Mount

19th June 1793

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Minute on the foregoing letters from Major General Giles.

Resolved to inform Major General Giles that the Board can not comply with his request.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board and recommends to their favorable notice the following application from the Adjutants of Native Battalions.

To Lieutenant General Harris.
Commander in Chief of the Kings and Company's Forces
On the Madras Establishment

From the Adjutants of Native Battalions requesting that they may be permitted to draw Horse allowance

Sir

We should have waited in respectful silence until the subject of this address had in course come under your observation were we not persuaded that the pressure of public business and multiplicity of more important concerns might be the cause of its escaping your early attention.

We are aware, Sir, that in arranging a great Military System the adjustment of partial considerations must devolve upon the existing Governments of this country and that, with every disposition to do Justice to all, the first framers of that System could not extend

their

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their views to the inferior minutia connected with it and to every possible Contingency—

Impressed with this belief and relying on your goodness and support we beg permission to remark that in the present Military Regulations no provision is made for Horse allowance to — Adjutants of European or Native Battalions—

We need not urge it to you, Sir, but mention it as a matter of record that our Duty requires our being mounted in Garrison as well as in the Field; and that we are under a positive — Injunction agreeable to the Military Code now in force of being on horseback at Field Days and Reviews—

We intreat it may not be imputed to an invidious motive when we observe that Adjutant Quarter Masters of Native Regiments are in the receipt of Horse allowance and that upon a comparison of the relative Duties — it will be found our occasions are equally — pressing—

With every possible deference and Submission to the authority of that Government

under

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under which We have the honor to serve, we trust we shall stand excused in alluding to the Minutes of Council in Bengal of the 13th of March by which at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, Adjutants of native Battalions on the Establishment are — permitted to draw Horse allowance as — previously granted to Adjutants of Europeans in addition to their other allowances.

It is rather to your indulgence founded on the merits of the case that we are encouraged to hope for a favorable Decision and we presume to hazard a sanguine expectation that we shall meet with your approbation and Support.

With the firmest reliance on your pardon for encroaching so much on your time we request to call your attention to the very inadequate Monthly Sum allowed us for Stationary independent of the Stationary requisite for the pay Abstracts and Muster Rolls

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Rolls of our Department as Adjutants, we have to furnish General, Regimental, and morning report Books, with Paper for monthly Returns and — Regimental Correspondence—

We shall only subjoin that as a General Circulation would occasion much delay— We have deemed it more advisable to limit the address we have presumed to present you to the Center Division and Ceded Districts—

We have the honor to be
&c &c

signed James Colebrooke Lieut. & Adj. 1st Batt. 8th Regt
A. Marshall. Lt. & Adjt. 2d Batt. 2d Regt.
A Grant. Lt. & Adjt. 1st Batt. 4th Regt
J. Maitland Lieut. & Adjt. 1st Batt. 5th Regt
J. M'Vernon - Adjt. 2d Batt. 12th Regt.
Tho.s Grioncll. Lt. & Adjt. 2d Batt. 5 Regt.
Alex.r Baillie Lieut. & Adjt. 2d Batt. 9th Regt
Charles Simpson Lieut. & Adjt. 2d Batt. 7 Regt.
Robert Bruce Lieut. & Adjt. 1st Batt. 1st Regt.
J.W.S. Conway - Lieut. & Adjt. 1st Batt. 12th Regt.
Geo: Lauder - Lieut. & Acting Adjutant
2d Batt. 18th Regt. Native Infy
R.G. Macmillan Lieut. & Adjutant
2d Batt. 2d Regt. Native Infantry

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Minute thereon.

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The Board being of opinion that the Assistants of Native Battalions are well entitled to the horse allowance - Resolve accordingly that they be permitted to draw it from 1st July next -

Read the following proceedings of the Medical Board -

Medical Board

11th June 1798.

Resolutions of Government in Council 19th. June 1798

From the Medical Board proposes sending the Medicines for the Malabar Coast by way of Dindigul and Paliguatchery - Report the death of Surgeon McMahon and recommends the promotion of Assistant Surgeon Batten removals proposed affecting Messrs Kennedy Barbor Tait and Fancourt -

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 6th Instant and have issued to the Surgeon of the Presidency Hospital the orders for clearing the Necessaries as recommended by the Military

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Military Board.

Having directed the
Medical Store Keeper to
comply with the Indent
for Medicines wanted for the
Troops serving on the
Malabar Coast - as far as
the Stores would admit
and to forward them to
Cannanore as soon as
possible he reports that the
whole quantity (with a few
trifling exceptions) amount-
ing to fifteen Cooly load
will be ready in the course
of this day and that the
Coolies have engaged to be
at Palaghautcherry in 30 Days
by the way of Dindigul
provided they can have the
advantage of Guards or
such other Convoy as the
Commanding Officer of
Dindigul may think
most advisable -

As there is no open road from Dindigul to Palgautchery ordered that the Medicines for the Malabar Coast be sent by the way of Travancore and Cochin.

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Approved and ordered.

Mr. Berry also recommends that a Mastry and two spare Coolies may be sent in case of accidents on the road.

We are sorry to acquaint Government that official accounts have been received of the death of Mr. Bernard McMahon, Surgeon on the 5th Instant at Mootapilly having been Shipwrecked on his passage from Point de Galle to Madras.

We recommend that Mr. Samuel Barbor Surgeon be appointed to the 1st Regiment of European Infantry (vice McMahon) Mr. Alexander Kennedy Surgeon to the duty of the Black Town and Jails (vice Barbor) and Mr.

Williams

approved.

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William Tait Surgeon to
the Garrison of Tanjore vice
Kennedy -

The Death of Mr.
McMahon having occasioned
a vacancy in the list of
Surgeons, we recommend
that Mr. James Barter the
Senior Assistant be promoted
and appointed Surgeon to
the 5th Regiment Native
Infantry vice Tait -

Approved.

We recommend that
Mr. Jacob C. Fancourt Assist.
and Surgeon be appointed
to do duty with the 4th Regiment
Native Cavalry during the
absence of Mr. Babington on
foreign Service -

Approved

Sam.l Anderson
Physician General

W Rainey Chief Surgeon

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The intention of sending Cartel to the Mauritius relinquished and the Success Galley discharged the Service —

As Circumstances have occurred, which render it inexpedient to send a Cartel to the Mauritius —

Resolved that the Success Galley be discharged the Company's Service —

The Contract with Mr. G. Lys for the provision of Lascar Clothing for the Year 1797. executed —

Mr. George Lys with his securities — attending, the Board executed his Contract for clothing the Hon'ble Company's Lascars for the Year 1797.

" Geo. Harris

" Edn. Saunders

" Ch. Falconer

Comp.
G. Strachey

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Diary

19th Received the following letter from Major General Bridges.

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Major General Bridges explanatory of the circumstances attending the removal of the Toddy Shop which has lately been a subject of Complaint from the Collector.

I did myself the honor of replying to your letter of the 23d Ultimo from Vizagapatam the 5th Inst and having arrived at this place I transmit, according to the directions of the Honorable the President in Council, Copy of the letter from the Collector of the 4th Division of the Masulipatam District to me, and my reply thereto, on the subject of Toddy — And in further explanation thereon, I beg leave to remark that what has been called a Shop Suppressed was not an established one; and moreover to say that had I found any of the established Shops, which are placed around the Fort any particular nuisance / tho' a nuisance, in some degree, they must ever be near a place where Troops are stationed let Officers be ever so attentive to their Duty / that

I am

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19 I should most undoubtedly in the first instance, have represented to the Collector the necessity of their removal; but that the present case does by no means apply to them, as the Fact is, that advantage was taken of my absence, when inspecting the Troops in the Guntoor Circar in the month of March last to erect a building where none of any description is ever allowed as being contrary to all Military Rules and regulations on the esplanade a short distance from the Glacis near the East Gate of the Fort, without the consent, or even the knowledge of the Officer in charge of the place, and Toddy sent into it for Sale - This being made known to me, on my return, by the Fort — Adjutant, as well as receiving a Complaint from the Servant of the Agent for the Sale of Spirituous liquors as an interference with him as per 10th. and 18th. Articles of Government orders under date the 26th. of May 1797 giving him an exclusive right of disposing of Toddy under certain Regulations and Restrictions and — empowering the Commanding Officer to take the necessary steps to ensure that privilege, I deemed it my indispensible Duty to direct the people to be told to remove their building, and Toddy without

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without delay, which not being complied with, tho' two or three times repeated, I ordered the Engineer to pull down the building, and to keep his Esplanade clear, and the Toddy people to take away their liquor, which was accordingly done, that two days after more Toddy being brought to the same spot for Sale, and some irregularities ensuing in consequence of it's having found it's way into the Fort, The Fort Aejutant in the — execution of his Duty in conformity to the aforesaid Government orders for regulating the Sale of Spirituous liquors, caused it to be destroyed —. All which I conceived fully explained in my letter to the Collector in reply to his address to me setting forth the Arrack and Toddy Farmer's claims and which to prevent — misrepresentation, or misunderstanding I accompanied with the above mentioned Articles of Government Orders, and likewise to shew that so far from its being an interference with the Farmer, the Fact was, that he was interfering with the Agent for the Sale of Spirituous liquors by bringing his Toddy to such a situation, and otherways doing what he had no right to do, the erecting a building near the Fortifi- = cations without permission of the Officer in

Command

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Masulipatam
14th June 1798

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

Copy of a letter from Mr Thomas Oakes

To Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division of the
Army

Sir

I beg leave to enclose Copy of a Representation made to me by the Arrack Farmer stating an Infringement upon a Privilege, held more than 27 years, of keeping a Shop in the situation he describes - As the Shop was outside of the Fort I should have expected that some notice would be given to me of publie inconvenience arising from it previously to the seizure of the Shop keepers, Toddy Men, and Pots of Liquor, by a guard of Sepoys - if it be proper to remove the Shop in question, I request to be favored with a publie intimation to that effect for my guidance as respects a remission to the Toddy Farmer and the necessity of communication upon the subject

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to the Board of Revenue.

I do not know to what Military Officer the Arrack Farmer alludes in his Representation though, in all events, I presume it is most regular to address you as Commanding the Fort of Masulipatam as well as the Northern Division of the Army

Masulipatam
10th April 1798

Copy of a letter to Mr Oakes dated 12th April 1798

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 10th Instant enclosing me a representation from the Arrack Renter I can only, for your information observe, that it is within my particular province to preserve good Order among the Troops in Garrison; and that having heard of irregularities brought on by intoxication with Liquor supplied from a Shop erected (during my short absence on duty) on the Esplanade near the Glacis, a little distance from the East gate of the Fort, as well as a Complaint from the Servant of the Company's Agent in charge of Spirituous liquors, of an interference with him

No 19 him, I in consequence thereof directed the owner to be warned to remove it, which after being repeatedly done without effect, the Engineer was ordered to pull down the Shed; and on the liquor being returned two days after for sale to the same spot, The Fort Adjutant in the execution of his duty sent a Guard to seize the people and destroy their pots; And which must ever be the case if he attempts to interfere with the Company's Agent who has an exclusive Right to dispose of Spirituous Liquors of any denomination to the Troops &c.

With respect to his Argument of former privileges I can only remark that nothing of the kind has been suffered since I came here, nor on enquiry do I find it to have been the case in my predecessor's time, and to shew the impossibility of my admitting any such claim I enclose Extracts from Government orders on the subject of Arrack Toddy &c.

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

Sent

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Substance of a letter to the Rajah of Tanjore

Sent letter to the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C.C. No. 98 acquainting him that no abatement can be made in his kist due on the 15th Instant, on account of his Share in the Pearl Fishery the amount of which will be credited him in the account of the Kists which have fallen in Arrear.

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in C.C. Nos. 86 87 88 89 90.

To the Resident at Tanjore.

To Mr Torin enclosing the above mentioned letter for the Rajah and Copy for his information.

To the Commander of the Princess Galley

To Captain Thomas Binny dismissing his Ship from the Company's Service.

To Mr. S.C. Saalfelt

To Mr Saalfelt permitting him to proceed to Daffnapatam for the purpose he has stated provided he engage not to remain on the Island of Ceylon.

To the Secretary at Bombay

To Mr. Richards, enclosing a letter addressed to the Governor and Council at Bombay and received from China on his Majesty's Ship Sybelle.

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To Major General Geils

To Major General Geils acknowledging receipt of his Letters of the 10th 15th and 19th Instant and acquainting him that the Board cannot comply with his Request

To the Commandant at Ryacottah

To Major Doveton enclosing a letter from the Governor of Bombay entered in Consult.n 3d July addressed to Tippoo Sultaun.

Received the following letter from

Bombay

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bombay with extract of a letter from the Court of Directors notifying the Honorable Mr. North's appointment by his Majesty to the Government of Ceylon and advising of Mr. North's arrival at that Presidency

I am directed to request you will submit for the information of the Governor in Council at your Presidency the enclosed Paragraph of advices from the Honorable the Court of Directors and to add that the Honorable Mr. North landed at this place from the Brunswick the 1st Instant

Bombay Castle
5th June 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) R. Richards
Secry to Govt

A true Copy of the original
lodged in the Civil Office
(Signed) George Parry Pubr Secry

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Public Department

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Honorable Frederick North to be Governor of the British Settlements on the Island of Ceylon, he proceeds to Bombay on the Ship Brunswick. We direct that Mr North be received at your Presidency, and treated during his stay there, with the attention that is due to his Situation.

A true Copy

(Signed) R Ruckards
Secry to Govt

A true Copy of the original
Lodged in the Civil Office

(Signed) George Parry
Subtcry

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Sent the following letter to Brigadier General De Meuron.

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

To Brigadier General De Meuron. Granville be sent to Ceylon on the change of the Monsoon. the charges referred by him ordered to be passed. Mr North's appointment to the Government of Ceylon notified, and charge covered to be accordingly delivered over to him on his arrival on the Island.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 31st Ultimo with their enclosures.

Means

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Means will be taken for furnishing the island with supplies of Grain as soon as the change of the Monsoon will permit

Orders have been sent to the Office of Audit for passing the several charges which you have recommended.

I am directed to add that official accounts have been received of the appointment of the Honorable Frederick North to the Government of the British possessions on the island of Ceylon as well as of his arrival at Bombay and to desire in consequence that you will make over charge to him whenever he may arrive at Columbo.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Hebbe

Secy to Govt

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Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-

To Major John Gardiner
Trustee for Major G
Hart

To Major Gardiner calling for payment of the Balance belonging to Major Hart stated to be in his hands Vizt Pags 125 7 1 39 40 and determining him

21 him in the event of Major Hart or his Trustees
being called upon hereafter for that Amount

To the Military Board notifying
measures taken in consequence of their letters of the
12th and 15th Instant authorizing the Sale of damaged
provision Stores at Arnee and enclosing Copy of the
contract entered into with Mr Lys for the provision
of the Lascars Clothing for the Year 1797.

To the Military Board

To Lieutenant Collier acquainting
him that the Board accept the Security he has
tendered of the House of Chase Sewell and Chase
and the Balance, due from the Company on account
of the Suffolk's Tender Pds 8306.. 23.. 33.. will be accordingly
advanced to him conveying the Board's approbation
of his Active and zealous conduct while employed
in the Command of the Tender.

To Lieutenant Collier late Commander of the Suffolk's Tender.

To the Military Auditor General
desiring that all charges on account of Firewood
hitherto provided at the public Expence at
Masulipatam may cease on the 1st September that
Simony charges incurred on the authority of the
Commanding Officer on Ceylon may be passed that
250 Bombay Rupees may be advanced to Assist=
=ant Surgeon Betty on account of his Passage
from

To the Military Auditor General

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21st from Bombay to Madras and 1500 Pagodas to Colo. Murray on account of the Commodore Stabling desiring him also to authorize the Paymaster at Pondicherry to pay Madame Dosset the Sum of 300 Pagodas and to discontinue her pension of 100 Rupees pr. Month referring for examination accounts of arrears of increased Subsistence due to the Kings Troops desiring his opinion on the exchange at which the Rixdollar should be brought into Madras Currency, on the adjustment of the Molucca Accounts informing him that the Batta issued to the Troops on Holidays, is to considered gratuitous and not to be deducted from their established pay enclosing Copy of Mr Lysi Contract for Lascar Clothing for the Year 1797 and desiring him to furnish a Statement of the Advances of Cash to be made to the Contractor.

To the Commandant at Pondicherry

To Major General Brathwaite informing him that at the request of Madame Dossett orders have been given to the paymaster at Pondicherry to advance her 300 Pagodas in lieu of all claim to the Monthly salary hitherto

21st hitherto granted her.

To Messrs Stephens and Cockell informing them that the decision of Government respecting the Susanna Amelia has been impeded by Captain Moller's refusal to come to the Presidency

To Messrs Stephens and Cockell Attorneys to Mr C. Pengel

To the Medical Board informing them that orders have been given for reimbursing Mr Betty the expence incurred on account of his Passage from Bombay to Madras.

To the Medical Board

To Major De Meuron desiring he will not interfere with the Collector in any arrangements he may make for the Cultivation of the Ground on the outside of the Ditch of Tripassore.

To the Commandant at Tripassore

To Mr Snodgrass, desiring he will explain the Circumstances of a Complaint made by Captain Johnston of the improper confinement of a Mastry Carpenter under the Collector's authority

To the Collector at Ganjam

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton expressing the Board's concern that so deserving an Officer as Lieutenant Fletcher should have been guilty of writing so improper a letter as that

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21st that laid by him before Government — and acquainting him that Mr. Mc. Gibbon will be permitted to draw the usual tent allowance during the time his tent was in use for the accommodation of the Troops.

To the Commandant at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd — desiring him to comply with the application for troops made to him by Mr. F. A. Grant Collector of Mayaveram.

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Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos. 102 — 103 — 104 — 105 — 106 — 107 — 108 — 109 — 110 — 111 — 112 — 113 — 114 — 115 — 116 — 117.

From the Commandant at Tranquebar.

From Colonel Champagne — advising of the Embarkation of the Flank Companies of the 73d Regiment on board the Orpheus and pointing out the necessity of attaching a considerable body of Pioneers to the Forts under his Command.

From Lieutenant Colonel Cotton Commanding his Majesty's 25th Light Dragoons.

From Lieutenant Colonel Cotton — requesting that Lieutenant Jenkins who is about to proceed to England to join the recruiting Company of the 25th Dragoons may be permitted to draw the customary allowance of Passage Money

From the Adjutant General

From Lieutenant Colonel Close — recommending

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22d recommending that Ensign Patrick Brown may be promoted to a Lieutenancy vice Rind deceased.

From the Secretary at Bombay

From Mr. Rickards stating that the Sum of Rs. 26..2..66.. has been advanced to the Owner of the Cornwallis Country Ship on account of each Recruit for the 36th Regiment embarked for Madras.

From the Commandant at Ryacottah

From Major Doveton acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Webbe's letter of the 16th Instant with its enclosure for Tippoo Sultaun.

From Mr. I. R. Laurence

From Mr. I. Laurence requesting to be furnished with an especial Certificate of his exchange.

From the Commander of the Ship Despatch

From Captain Brown requesting to be furnished with a letter of Marque for the Ship — Despatch against the French Spanish and — Dutch Nations.

From Lieutenant Streney of the 52d Regiment

From Lieutenant Streney requesting that he may be ordered a Passage to Bengal at the Public Expence: having it in Intention to embark for England from that Presidency

To the Commander of the Ship Henry Dundas

To Captain Carruthers desiring him to receive Lieutenant Streney of the 52d Regiment and Sergeant Felix Henny of Artillery on board

his

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22d his Ship as passengers for Bengal and to apply for payment of their passage money to the Bengal Government

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow requesting that Captain Parruthers may receive the customary allowance on the above account enclosing Serjeant Kenny's original Certificate and an extract of a letter from the Select Committee at Canton certifying that he did not draw any pay during his residence in China.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Ditto forwarding Statements of payments made to His Majesty's Troops serving under this presidency on account of Subsistence from the 25th June to the 24th December 1797 and Company's allowances from the 1st July to the 31st December 1797.

To the Committee for examining and adjusting the Accounts of the Suffolk's Tender.

To Major Smith and Hall approving the manner in which they have conducted the Business allotted to them and dissolving the Committee.

To the Accountant General

To Mr. Woolf informing him of the Amount ordered to be paid to Lieutenant Collier and desiring that the necessary

adjustments

22. Adjustments may be made in the General Books

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow - enclosing Certificates received from Bombay of the exchange of Messrs. Carter and Thompson lately Mates on board the Raymond Indeaman and captured by the Proneuse French Frigate with a request that they may be delivered to those Gentlemen.

To Messrs Lindersley Watts & Co.

To Messrs Lindersley Watts and Co. — informing them that the Certificates included in the List submitted by them No. 2, on account of their Constituents [illegible] will be immediately made over to them - and those included in List, No. 3 so soon as they shall have furnished the indemnity proposed.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - desiring that Lieutenant Jenkins of the 25th Dragoons — ordered home on recruiting Service may draw the customary allowance of Passage Money on his entering into Security to repay it if disapproved of by the Court of Directors.

23. Received the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 118-119-120-121-122-123-124.

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From the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant

From Mr. James Mackay - enclosing Bills for victualling Detachments of Troops embarked on Service at different times on board His Majesty's Ship Arrogant.

From the Chief Engineer

From Major General Ross - enclosing an application from Captain W. C. Lennon for leave to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the benefit of his Health.

From the Surgeon of the Company's Ship Henry Dundas

From Mr. Robert Stratton - enclosing a Bill amounting to 56 Pagodas for Medicines and attendance on a Detachment of Lascars conveyed from Bengal to Madras on the Henry Dundas.

From the Commandant at Nellore

From Captain Forbes - enclosing an Estimate of Expence for repairing the Sepoy Barrack at Nellore.

From Lieutenant W. Wade of the 52d Regt

From Lieutenant Wade - advising of his intention to proceed to the Cape in prosecution of his Voyage to England on an American Ship now in the Roads, and requesting that the customary allowance of passage money may be advanced him.

From the Commandant at Ganjam

From Captain H. Webber - stating the heavy expences he has already at different times

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23d Times incurred in repairs to his Quarter and requesting that, as some indemnification, he may be permitted to draw the customary allowance of House Rent.

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

From Major General Bridges - enclosing Copies of such points of his Correspondence in the course of his late tour of the Northern Division as appear necessary to be laid before Government

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutent Genl Harris
Governor. President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield. } Esqrs

Tuesday 25th June

Minutes of last Consultation read and Approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's

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President's Minute In Council

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Lieutenant General Harris's Minute - explains the cause of his having kept back the orders received from the Court of Directors by the Vengeance Frigate, on the subject of Tanjore - lays them before the Board - with the final Instructions from Bengal - and the Draft of a letter which he proposes should be sent to the Resident at Tanjore.

The letter which I now lay before the Board, from the Secret Committee of the Honorable Court of Directors, containing the final judgement of the Government at Home upon the important question of the Succession to the musnud of Tanjore together with their orders to the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington and this Government for executing that judgement, were delivered to me by his Lordship, on his arrival at Madras: but very important consideration having induced him to resolve, that no measures should be taken until his instructions, on the subject, should be received from Bengal, I deemed it most consistent with the orders of the Secret Committee, and likewise in compliance with the suggestion of his Lordship, to postpone submitting their instructions to the Board, until they were on the eve of being carried into execution. That Period has now arrived, as the Board will observe

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observe from the Communication, I yesterday
received, and now submit to them from the
Supreme Government, on this momentous Subject.

The letter and it's enclosures from
the Governor General are so clear and Comprehensive
that I anticipate the Board's concurrence in the
immediate transmission of the annexed letter to
the Resident at Tanjore, framed in conformity
thereto.

As the Selection of proper persons
to fill the Commission, is of much importance
and may depend, in some degree, on the
determination of the Rajah to retain the Country
under his own Management, or assign it over to the
Company, for a limited period, I recommend that the
consideration of this part of the arrangement be
postponed untill we receive the Residents' Report

I propose that Copies of the proclama-
tion, of the Questions put to the Pundits, with their
answers, and of the Supreme Government's letter to
Ameer Sing, should be forwarded to the Residents
of Hyderabad and Poonah, with the Caution to them
that they are intended for their information, and
that they may be prepared to satisfy any enquiries
made

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made by their respective Courts, by explaining the Principles on which the Company have acted, and not with the intention of their making any appeal to them on the subject of our Proceedings at Tanjore.

(Signed) Geo Harris

Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident

at

Tanjore

Sir,

Instructions proposed to be sent to the Resident at Tanjore for carrying into effect the orders of the Governor General in Council for deposing Amer Sing and placing Serfogee on the Musnud of Tanjore

It having been resolved to place the Rajah Serfogee on the Musnud of Tanjore, I am directed by the Honorable President in Council to desire you will immediately on the receipt of this letter take precautions for preventing the removal of any of the public Treasure, Jewels or Papers from the Palace; for this purpose you will call upon the Commanding Officer of the Troops, and the two next Senior Officers to accompany you there, and fix their Seals with your's on the Apartments in which such Papers or Effects are lodged until Serfogee shall be established on the Musnud.

Having executed this duty, and placed guards over the Apartments, you will

announce

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announce to Ameer Sing the decision of the Company,
and deliver to him the accompanying letter (of which
a translation is enclosed for your information) from
the Right Honorable the Governor General, which
communicates to him the grounds of the judgment
in favor of Serfogee's Rights, assures him that his
Person shall be protected, and that whatever shall
be adjudged to be his private property, and not to
belong to the Sircar shall be secured to him together
with a suitable provision for his maintenance so
long as he shall conduct himself in all Respects
to the satisfaction of this Government

The President in Council leaves to
your judgment the manner of Ameer Sing's removal
from the Palace to some neighbouring Place
of Safety where a suitable Guard must be stationed
for his protection, and though he trusts there
are no reasons to apprehend any disturbances, he
desires you will be particularly careful to guard
against any such Event and to see that every proper
attention be shewn to his fallen condition. As
it is highly expedient that he should be removed
from Tanjore with every expedition consistent with
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the necessary Delicacy to his Feelings, you will call upon him, when his mind is somewhat composed to point out in what place he wishes to take up his Residence. If however he should attempt to create any disturbance, the Presidentin Council desires that he may be immediately removed under a sufficient Guard to Trichinopoly and if you think the peace of the Country or the Success of the measures you are to execute require that any of his Ministers or family should be secured until Serfogee shall be fully established you will act accordingly.

On informing Serfogee of the decision in favor of his Right to the Musnud you will deliver to him the accompanying letter from the Governor General and in doing so require his assent to the following Stipulations.

First That he will acquiesce in the appointment of a Commission to consist of Company's Servants for the purpose of enquiring into the present state and resources of Tanjore

Secondly That he will allow the Commission

to

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to have access to all the Public Accounts and records of the Country whether deposited in the Palace or elsewhere.

Thirdly That he will cause the attendance of all Persons, whom the Commission may require to appear before them for the purposes of their Enquiry and that he will afford them every assistance in his power for the speedy and successful accomplishment of it

Fourthly That until the Commission shall have closed the proposed Enquiry, and until the arrangements which may be agreed upon in consequence shall have been carried into effect, the Treaty of 1792 shall continue in full force in the same manner as if no change had taken place in the succession and accordingly, that the Servants of the Company shall retain the management of the Sunbahs, which have been assumed in consequence of the failure of Ameer Sing in the payment of his Kists.

Fifthly That whenever the Commission shall have terminated the proposed enquiry he will consent

consent to such arrangement as may be deemed
expedient for the better management of his Country
particularly for the due administration of Justice,
and also for securing to the Company the more
regular discharge of their existing and future
demands on Tanjore.

Sixthly That he, conjointly with this
Government, will engage to afford full protection
to the Persons of Ameer Sing and his Family; and
that he will secure to Ameer Sing such property
as may be determined by this Government not
to belong to the Sircar and also that he will pay
to Ameer Sing punctually, through you, such
Sum for his maintenance as Government may
think reasonable so long as Ameer Sing shall
conduct himself in every respect to the satisfaction
of Government.

These Stipulations having been
acceded to, you will proceed immediately to place
Serfojee on the Musnud, and when that Ceremony
has been completed the accompanying Proclamation
in

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in the English language, of which a Maratta translation will be forwarded as soon as it can be made, is to be published by you. Copies of all the Questions stated to the Punsits and their answers regarding the Succession on the Maharatta, Persian, Malabar, and Gentoo languages will be speedily forwarded to you for the purpose of being posted up in the most public places of Tanjore.

Considering the disorders which have prevailed in Tanjore since the Succession of Ameer Sing; the little experience, which Serfogee can be supposed to posess with respect to the management of his affairs; and his want of proper Officers for the conduct of business added to the heavy demands, which he must discharge immediately upon his accession, the President in Council is thoroughly convinced that it would be equally conducive to his interests and to those of the Company that in addition to the several Stipulations, which have been now detailed, Serfogee should consent to transfer the entire charge of the whole of the Country of Tanjore to this Government for a period of One or two Years

after

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after his accession; this Government engaging to
be accountable to him for whatever should be
collected from the Country beyond the Amount
of the Annual Sum due to the Company under
the Treaty of 1792, and also affording him a
sufficient Sum for the maintenance of his Rank.

The President in Council does not
however think it proper to direct you to make
any proposition to him to this effect, because he
deems it of the greatest importance to the national
Honour that no grounds should be afforded
for suspicion that the change in the Succession
has been dictated by a desire to extend the
Company's influence in the Country or by any
other motives than those of a strict regard
to Justice. But should the Rajah from a
sense of his inability to enter on the immediate
management of the Country, be convinced that
he will better secure his own permanent welfare
as well as the interests of his people by entrusting
the mangement of his Country to the Servants
of the Company, for one or two years, and should

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for that reason expreſs his desire in the most explicit and formal manner that this Government should assume the temporary charge of it, you will inform him that the President in Council acquiesces in his wishes on the Terms already stated - you will report so soon as possible his determination on this point, as subsequent arrangements will materially depend upon his decision but, whatever that may be, you will recommend him to publish immediately on his installment an order to all Renters Managers and other Inhabitants to refrain from making any payments on account of Revenue to any persons whomsoever until they shall receive his further Commands, and apprizing them that their peaceable conduct and immediate submiſsion to his authority is the only mode of preventing the neceſsity of ordering a Military Force to enter the Country, and thereby averting all those Calamities that Military operations inevitably occasion.

Enclosed I transmit to you an unconditional order to the Commanding Officer to comply

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comply with whatever demand you may make for Troops and the President in Council desires me to express his reliance upon your discretion on this solemn occasion of manifesting the Power and the Justice of the Company, and of repairing the injuries, which the Country of Tanjore and its lawful Prince have sustained by the usurpation of Amer Sing

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

Letter from the Court of Directors in the Political Department Dated 18th October 1797 and letters from the Secret Committee Dated 27th October received by His Majesty's Ship Virginia now read.

Read accordingly letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the political Department dated 18th October 1797 together with the despatch from the Secret Committee therein mentioned.

Read also the following letter from Bengal.

To

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To the Honorable
Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council
Fort St George

Honorable Sir

From Bengal with orders for the Instalement of Serfoge Rajah on the Musnud of Tanjore and Instructions relative to the Management of the Country. Letters from the Governor General to Serfoge and Ames Sing and Draft of a Proclamation to be published on the occasion enclosed.

The Right Honorable the Governor General having communicated to us a Copy of a letter to your Government delivered to him by the Secret Committee of the Honorable the Court of Directors, and containing the final judgement of the Government at home upon the important question of the succession to the Musnud of Tanjore, together with their orders to his Lordship and your Government, for executing that Judgement, We now convey to you the result of our deliberations upon the communication made to us, by his Lordship.

2 We think it unnecessary to communicate to you his Lordship's reasons for postponing the ultimate instructions to your Government for carrying the Committee's orders into

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into effect, until his arrival in Bengal.

3 It will be sufficient to observe to you, that he has expressed it as his opinion, in which we entirely concur, that some modification in the manner of carrying those orders into effect is indispensably necessary for the purpose of securing the attainment of the substantial ends of justice, to which the views of the Secret Committee were principally directed

4 This observation is more particularly applicable to that part of the instructions of the Committee, which relates to the appointment of a Commission to examine and report the real state of the Country of Tanjore, as a step preparatory to the ultimate measure of placing Serfogee upon the Musnud.

5 We concur in opinion with his Lordship, that while a large portion of the Country shall remain in the hands of the present Rajah, and while the authority shall be acknowledged to be Lawful, the enquiries of

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of such a Commission would be embarrassed in every step, and frustrated in the end; and that the final result would prove equally prejudicial to the Interests of Serfogee and of the Company and highly injurious to the prosperity and happiness of the people of Tanjore.

6 To enable the Commission to prosecute their enquiries with any prospect of Success, it would be necessary that they should have access to all the accounts of the Palace, and that they should have powers to require the attendance of all persons, whom they might deem capable of furnishing them with information respecting the real state of the Country

7 It could not be expected that the present Rajah would willingly give his consent to an enquiry, which must terminate in exposing his evil Administration, or that if he could be prevailed upon to acquiesce in such a measure, he would not oppose to its progress obstacles, which no diligence or activity could overcome

and

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and which must ultimately render the whole investi-
gation abortive

8 The report of a Commission so embarrassed
must have proved insufficient to answer the views
entertained by the Secret Committee of founding
upon it the Basis of a new Settlement for the
Country of Tanjore.

9 In addition to this consideration,
it would have been impossible to expect that a
Commission under such circumstances could
have produced a report within any short period of
time. The information, which has been communicated
to us by his Lordship, has satisfied us that no
Report could be made by such a Commission within
a shorter space of time than ten or twelve Months
a degree of delay as contrary to the Spirit of the
orders of the Secret Committee, as to the substantial
purposes of Justice.

10 It could never have been in the
contemplation of the Government at home, after
the solemn adjudication of the Musnud to suffer
to postpone to so distant a Day, by an act of

this

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their own, his final restoration to his acknowledged Rights.

11 For so long a period of time it would not have been possible by any degree of vigilance to have concealed the real object of the enquiry from the anxious mind of the present possessor of the Musnud of Tanjore.

12 Under such circumstances Ameer Sing would no longer have felt any interest in the welfare of the Country, or in fulfilling the Stipulations of the Treaty of 1792 with regard to his payment to the Company; and it cannot be doubted that he and his Adherents would have endeavoured by every means in their power to protract the investigation, in order to avail themselves of the interval for the purposes of extortion and embezzlement.

13th The consequences to the interests of Serfogee, to those of the Company, and to the welfare of the people of Tanjore are evident.

14th To have appointed a Commission without the consent of the present Rajah, and

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to have empowered them to act independantly of his authority, would have been considered by him, as well as by the other powers of India as a violation of the Treaty of 1792, to which we are bound to adhere so long as we continue to recognise him as the Lawful Prince of Tanjore.

15 To obviate these difficulties, we have determined that Serfogee shall be placed upon the Musnud with all practicable dispatch leaving the necessary inquiries into the state of the Country to be made after his accession, when we have no doubt that they may be prosecuted with facility, and may furnish materials for a final arrangement of the affairs of Tanjore conformable to the orders of the Secret Committee, and equally beneficial to all parties

16 We accordingly hereby authorize and direct you to place Serfogee on the Musnud of Tanjore.

17 We leave it to your Government to make such arrangements as you may deem

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deem advisable for carrying this measure into
execution in the most expeditious manner, and for
guarding against any disturbance or insult to the
Rajah Ameer Sing, or his Family. We trust however
that there are no reasons to apprehend any such
event.

18 It will be proper notwithstanding
before the present Rajah is apprized of your intentions
that precautions should be taken for preventing
the removal of any of the public Treasure, Jewels
or Papers from the Palace; and we think it —
advisable that the Resident, the Commanding
Officer of the Troops and any other Persons whom
you may direct to accompany the Resident for
that purpose, should be ordered to fix their
Seals on the Apartments in which such Papers
or effects are lodged, until Serfoge shall be
established on the musnud.

19 No time should be lost in —
removing Ameer Sing from Tanjore to whatever
place you may think proper; and a suitable —
guard should be stationed with him for his
protection

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protection. His future place of Residence must be determined by Circumstances.

20 On announcing to Ameer Sing the decision of the Company, you will direct the Resident to deliver to him the accompanying Letter from the Governor General, communicating to him the grounds of the Judgement in favor of the Rights of Serfogee, and assuring him that his person shall be protected, and that whatever shall be adjudged to be his private Property, and not to belong to the Sircar, shall be secured to him, together with a suitable Provision for his maintenance so long as he shall conduct himself in all respects to your satisfaction.

21 Immediately after Serfogee, shall have been placed upon the Musnud, we desire, that the accompanying proclamation, with Translations in all the Country Languages, and Copies of all the Questions stated to the Punduts, regarding the Succession, both here and at Fort St. George, may be fixed up in the most public places in Tanjore.

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22 We also transmit a letter from the Governor General to Serfojee to be delivered to him on his being informed of the decision in favor of his Right to the Musnud; on the delivery of this letter you will require his assent to the following Stipulations, which however we authorize you to modify in case any Circumstances of which we may not at present be apprized, should render such modification necessary.

First That he will acquiesce in the appointment of a Commission to consist of Company's Servants, for the purpose of enquiring into the present state and resources of Tanjore.

Secondly That he will allow the Commission to have access to all the Public accounts and Records of the Country whether deposited in the Place or elsewhere.

Thirdly That he will cause the attendance of all Persons, whom the Commission may require to appear before them for the purposes of their enquiry; and that he will afford them every

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every assistance in his power for the speedy and successful accomplishment of it

Fourthly That until the Commission shall have closed the proposed enquiry, and until the arrangements, which may be agreed upon in consequence, shall have been carried into effect, the Treaty of 1792 shall continue in full force, in the same manner as if no change had taken place in the Succession, and accordingly that the Servants of the Company shall retain the management of the Soubahs which have been assumed in consequence of the failure of Ameer Sing in the Payment of his Kists.

Fifthly That whenever the Commission shall have terminated the proposed enquiry he will consent to such arrangements as your Government, with our sanction, may deem expedient for the better management of his Country, particularly for the due Administration of Justice, and also for securing to the Company the more regular discharge of their existing

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and future demands on Tanjore.

Sixthly That he conjointly with your Government, will engage to afford full protection to the persons of Ameer Sing and his Family, and that he will secure to Ameer Sing such property as you may determine not to belong to the Sircar and also that he will pay to Ameer Sing punctually through your Government such Sum for his maintenance as you may think reasonable, so long as Ameer Sing shall conduct himself in every respect to your satisfaction.

23 Considering the disorders which have prevailed in Tanjore, since the accession of Ameer Sing; the little experience which Serfogee can be supposed to possess with respect to the management of his Affairs, and his want of proper Officers for the conduct of business, added to the heavy demands which he must discharge — immediately upon his accession, we are convinced that it would be equally conducive to his — interests, and to those of the Company, that in

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addition to the several Stipulations which we have now detailed, Serfoge should consent to transfer the entire charge of the whole of the Country of Tanjore to your Government for a period of One or Two Years after his accession; your Government engaging to be accountable to him for whatever should be collected from the Country beyond the amount of the annual Sum due to the Company under the Treaty of 1792 and also affording him a sufficient allowance for the maintenance of his Rank.

24 We do not however think it proper to direct you to make any proposition to him to this effect. The Secret Committee have most justly remarked, that as it is our Duty to interfere in the Settlement of the succession to the Musnud of Tanjore for the purpose of remedying that injustice which originated in our former interference; so it would afford just cause of reproach against us, if after such a lapse of time the Native powers of India were to observe us interfering in the present instance in order to carry into effect any forfeiture in our favor. We deem it of the greatest

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importance to the national honor that no ground should
be afforded for suspecion that the change in the Ra
succession has been dictated by a desire to extend our
influence in the Country, or by any other motives than
those of a strict regard to Justice.

25 Should however the Rajah be sensible
of his inabelity to enter on the immediate management
of the Country, and express a desire to you that you
should for that reason assume the temporary charge
of it, you have our sanction to acquiesce in his
wishes on the terms which we have already stated

26 Should the Rajah determine to
undertake the charge of the part of the Country which
has not been assumed under the Treaty of 1792, we
are of opinion that every indulgence ought to be
shewn to him with regard to his first payments
and that the provisions of the Treaty of 1792
for cases of failure should not be put in force
against him until he has had adequate time to
effect his Payments from the resources of the
Country

27 To this indulgence however we think
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it will be proper to annex a condition, that the Rajah shall pay due attention to the recommendation of the Commission in the selection of his minister and of his other principal Officers, as the only means of convincing us that the indulgence will not be abused.

28 We are also of opinion that if it should be found necessary, your Government should assist the new Rajah by guaranteeing to the Sowcars the repayment of such pecuniary advances as they shall make to him for the Cultivation of the Country, provided that the amount of such advances be limited, and applied by the advice and under the Superintendance of the Commission. The Commission should also be empowered to require from the Rajah such Security as they may deem sufficient to preclude the difficulties which might arise from the failure of the Rajah in the repayment of any Sum advanced to him by the Sowcars upon the Credit of the Company

29 We recommend that the Commission should consist of three Persons; and as we are satisfied that your Government are equally sensible with

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with ourselves, how deeply the honor of the Company and of the British Nation is concerned in repairing the injuries which the Country of Tanjore and its lawful Prince have sustained by the usurpation of Ameer Sing, and how much the attainment of this important object must depend on the conduct of the Commission We have the fullest confidence that you will select for it those Servants of your Establishment who are best qualified to discharge so sacred a trust.

30 You will furnish the Commission with such detailed Instructions as you may think proper. We recommend however to your particular attention the following points which appear to us of essential importance, but which we authorize you to adopt with such alterations as you may think the circumstances require.

31 Besides obtaining the most exact information of the state and resources of the Country, the attention of the Commissioners should be directed to lay a foundation for its future improvement

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32 For this purpose they should endeavour to recall the Inhabitants, who are said to have emigrated from Tanjore during the administration of Ameer Sing, by offers of pecuniary aid, or by such other measures as they may deem most likely to prove effectual; but above all their attention should be directed to the repair of the Mounds and Water Courses and other Works of a similar nature.

33 All oppressive Taxes and Exactions and other abuses, which may have been introduced under the administration of Ameer Sing should be abolished, and such arrangements, as local circumstances will admit, should be made for defining as far as may be practicable the Rights of the Cultivator of the Lands, and of all other Persons from whom the Revenues of the Country of whatsoever nature, may be collected.

34 We trust that little difficulty will arise in introducing these arrangements into the Districts already under the charge of

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of the Servants of the Company, or in obtaining the Rajah's consent to the extension of them to the Soubahs, which have not been assumed, should the Rajah retain those Soubahs under his charge.

35 With a view of securing to the people the benefit of these arrangements, and the advantages of effectual protection in their Persons and properties, the attention of the Commission should be directed by your Instructions to the speedy establishment of Courts for the Administration of Justice in Civil and Criminal Cases, upon this subject which we deem to be one of the most important branches of the powers to be delegated to the Commission, it does not appear to us at present proper or indeed practicable to give you any detailed orders, but we shall take the earliest opportunity after the receipt of the Report of the Commission to communicate to you our Sentiments with respect to the system for the better administration of Justice in Tanjore which shall appear suitable

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suitable to the circumstances of that Country, and to the manners and Customs of the Inhabitants.

36. With regard to the nature of the further security which it may be proper to require from the Rajah for the more regular discharge of his payments, we are not at present prepared to offer any decided opinion on this important subject, until we shall have received the Report of the Commission; This subject should however form one of the early objects of the attention of the Commission and we shall be anxious to receive their Sentiments with the opinion of your Government respecting it

37. It is impossible for us at present to form any satisfactory opinion how far the expectations of the Secret Committee with regard to the improvement of the Revenues of Tanjore and to the consequent augmentation of the Rajah's annual Payments to the Company, are likely to be fulfilled.

38. This subject however, which has anxiously engaged the attention of the Secret

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Committee will demand the most ample investigation whenever the Report of the Commissioners shall have furnished sufficient information to enable us to pursue it with effect.

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

Fort William
the 31st May 1798

(Signed) Mornington
" Alured Clarke
" P. Speke
" Wm Cowper

To Rajah Ammer Sing

From the Right Honorable Lord Mornington to Rajah Amer Sing - Communicating to him the final Judgement of the Court of Directors in favor of Serfogee's Claim to the Raje of Tanjore and the Grounds on which it has been adopted

While I enter upon the execution of the Commission with which I am charged by the Honble the Court of Directors, a Commission of not less importance than to execute their ultimate orders upon the relative claims of your Excellency and Maharajah Serfogee to the Raje of Tanjore, it is a justice due to you to state fully the nature of the final judgement of the Honorable Company, and the grounds upon which it has been adopted.

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For this purpose I shall revert to the period of the late Maharajah Tulyagee's death when the claim to the succession became a subject of descussion between your Excellency and Serfogee. The intimate connection so long subsisting between the Company and the late Maharajah rendered it incumbent on the Government of Fort St George to interfere at that time, with a view to ascertain by an impartial investigation the grounds of your respective pretensions, and to secure the succession to the person who should be found to have the superior title to it according to the laws of the Shaster, and to the established usages and customs of Tanjore.

It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate to your Excellency the steps that were taken by the Government of Fort St George for that purpose; it is sufficient to observe that the unanimous opinion of the Punditts consulted upon that occasion, was deemed a just ground for the determination in your favor, and for pronouncing the adoption of Serfogee to be

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irregular, contrary to the Laws, and in itself an act of injustice towards your Excellency; the Government conceived themselves in the strictest sense, to be instruments of Law and of Justice on that occasion.

Your Excellency however had not long been seated upon the Musnud in conformity to this decision, before suspicions were entertained of the integrity of those Punoits, whose sentence had affirmed your Title, and doubts were suggested of the truth of those interpretations of the law upon which that sentence had been founded; and at length your Excellency's title was formally impeached upon the strongest grounds of Justice and Law. The same respect for both which had dictated the original enquiry, now demanded with additional force the reconsideration of the subject; since if injustice had been committed, the Company had made the act their own, and were therefore bound to repair its consequences by every means within their power. With this view the interrogatories originally stated to the Punoits at Tanjore, were

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referred to the most respectable Pundits in Bengal and Benares, but at the same time so modified as to obtain from those learned Men specific answers to every point of reference without disclosing the object or tendency of the questions referred. These venerable Interpreters of the Shaster placed at a distance from your Excellency's Government and delivering their opinions on pure and abstract principles of Law, could have no interest in the questions proposed to them, their judgment was unbiassed, and their sentence the genuine dictate of their conscience and of their learning. The question was at the same time agitated in the Councils of Fort St. George, every source of information was consulted, and the result effectually removed all those objections to the adoption of Sirpoge, which your Excellency had maintained. Being desirous that your Excellency should be fully apprized of the grounds which have led to the Company's decision upon this important subject, I shall particularize the evidence by which the objections to the Rights of

of Serfogee are confuted.

The first objection was, that the late Maharajah Tulyajee was in such a state of infirmity at the time of adopting Serfogee, as did not admit of the exercise of his mental faculties.

On a full investigation into this objection, it has been proved from the records of the Government of Fort St George that the late Maharajah Tulyajee some time before the day of his death addressed letters to the Governor of Fort St George advising him of the adoption. These letters also prove that the adoption did not take place in consequence of any sudden resolution on the part of the Maharajah Tulyajee, but that it was the deliberate execution of a Solemn act of religion long before premeditated. The recorded documents shew that the adoption actually took place nine days before the Maharajah's death.

The records of the Company also establish that at the time of the adoption, —

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Maharajah Tulyajee conducted the administration of the affairs of his Country, and that he retained the use of his faculties and judgement in an extraordinary degree of perfection to the hour of his decease.

By the same unquestionable evedence it is proved that on the day preceding that of his death, the late Maharajah formally communicated the arrangements which he had made for the Government of the Country during the minority of Serfojee, to the Company's Resident in your Excellency's presence, in that of Serfojee and of the principal Officers of his palace; which circumstance removes the second objection, that the adoption was carried into execution without consulting your Excellency, or the relations of the family. Thus it is evident that the adoption of Serfojee was made by Maharajah Tulyajee in the full vigor and exercise of his understanding and in the most deliberate manner, accompanied by every circumstance which could render such an

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an act either solemn or public

With respect to the third objection viz: that Serfogee is an only Son; it is established by the opinions of the most learned Pundits in Bengal and Benares, that this circumstance does not invalidate an adoption whatever guilt such a deviation from the Laws of the Shaster may attach upon the parent who shall give away his only Son, or upon the person who shall adopt him.

As to the fourth and last objection viz: the age of Serfogee, the same learned Pundits of Bengal and Benares have declared that Serfogee being lineally descended from the same male Ancestor with his adoptive Father, his age, and his having undergone the usual ceremonies prescribed for Children were no impediments to the legality of the adoption; This award of the Pundits of Bengal and Benares is confirmed by the special opinions on this point delivered by the Pundits of Tanjore.

Independant of these positive proofs

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proofs of the legality of Serfogee's adoption, it has been proved by the most incontrovertible evidence that the Punsits of Tanjore on the ground of whose opinions the rights of Serfogee were set aside and your Excellency was placed on the Musnud, were either altogether ignorant of the Laws of the Shaster, or influenced by corrupt motives. The result therefore of this second enquiry into the relative Rights of your Excellency and Serfogee is this. The united sentence of the most learned Punsits of Bengal Benares and Tanjore has pronounced the adoption of Serfogee to be strictly legal according to the unquestionable doctrines of the Shaster, and to the established usages and Customs of Tanjore and the alleged facts and principles of Law upon which your Excellency's title was affirmed, are shewn to be unfounded.

The conclusion that follows is, that Maharajah Serfogee is of right the lawful Rajah of Tanjore.

Since then it appears that the Company

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Company through the medium of their Representatives have been made the instruments of injustice by withholding from the Rightful Heir the powers and privileges belonging to his inheritance, they are bound by the most solemn obligations of duty to repair the wrong they have ininterntionally committed.

The claims of Serfoge to immediate justice become more urgent in proportion to the length of time that your Excellency has, as it now appears, in contradiction to the established laws of inheritance, retained possession of the Musnud.

Upon these indisputable grounds have the Honorable Company resolved to contribute every aid in their power towards the effectual restoration of Maharajah Serfoge to all his rights and previleges, and to support him in the enjoyment of them.

No project of ambition, no expectation of profit has influenced this decision. It is the result of a solicitude on the part of the Company to maintain that character for equity and good faith in all their dealings with the Princes and Chiefs of Hindostan, which would be justly forfeited by

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by any longer withholding from Serfogee the rights to which by law, justice and prescription, he is so indisputably entitled.

It is painful to me to be the channel for the communication of this decision to your Excellency, but while compelled by my duty to satisfy the indispensable claims of the lawful Heir to the Musnud of Tanjore, it is my sincere desire to afford to you every alleviation of your situation which circumstances will admit. Let not your Excellency suppose that by this determination you have lost the protection and favor of Government, you will find in them every disposition to countenance and befriend you so long as the propriety of your conduct shall merit their regard, and in this spirit I have given directions for all your private property as far as it can be distinguished from that of the Sircar which of course devolves upon Maharajah Serfogee to be secured to you. It is also my intention to allot a Sum for your maintenance adequate to all the purposes of comfort

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comfort and convenience, and the punctual payment
of this provision will be secured to you by the
Government of Fort St. George; That Government will
in concert with you fix upon a suitable place for
your residence, where your Person will be under the
protection of the Company. I rely upon your Excellency's
prudence and good sense to refrain from any attempt
direct or indirect to interrupt the restoration of
Maharajah Serfojee to his Rights. With the fullest
conviction of the necessity and justice of this solemn
Judgement between your Excellency and Maharajah
Serfojee no consideration will induce this Government
to suspend its execution, and any effort to counteract
its object will be without avail and hazardous to
the welfare of those concerned in it. The arrange=
=ment is not of a personal nature; it does not
originate in an undue preference of another over
your Excellency, but in the desire of the Company
to adjudge the Musnud to the rightful Claimant.
I trust therefore that your Excellency will entitle
yourself to my friendship by a resigned acquiescence
in a decision, the result of a most deliberate

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and impartial investigation, founded upon the most sacred maxims of Law, and proceeding from principles of which you cannot dispute the Justice.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
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To Rajah Serfogee

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From the Right Honorable Lord Mornington to Serfogee Communicating to him the ultimate determination of the Company to place him on the Musnud of Tanjore and recommending certain points to his attention calculated to promote his own happiness and the comfort and prosperity of his Subjects.

The time is now arrived when after a long, solemn and most impartial investigation into the relative rights of your Excellency, and Rajah Ammer Sing to the Raje of Tanjore, the Honorable Company have passed a final decision upon that momentous subject, and have invested me with authority to carry that decision into effect.

For the grounds of this Judgment it might be sufficient to refer your Excellency to the Proclamation which I have directed to be published at the moment of your accession, and to the opinions of the several learned Pundits who have been consulted in the course of the enquiry. It may not however be useless in this

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letter to impress upon your Excellency's mind the leading principles which have guided the conduct of the Company both in the Sentence which originally established the power of Ammer Sing, and in that which now restores the Musnud to you. A Solicitude to execute — justice with impartiality has in fact been the uniform motive of both.

When upon the decease of your adoptive father the late Maharajah Tulpajee, the Government of Fort St George considered themselves bound by the nature of the connection subsisting between the Company and him to investigate the relative pretensions of your Excellency and Ammer Sing to the succession, and support the rightful Claimant, they could not but deem the unanimous opinion of the Punsits consulted upon that occasion to be a sufficient testimony of the validity of the title of Ammer Sing, and they acknowledged it accordingly. Serious doubt however being subsequently entertained of the integrity of those Punsits, and of the legality of that decision, the Company deemed it a sacred obligation of duty to institute a second enquiry for the final determination of this important question. In conducting this second enquiry precautions were taken

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taken, which precluded the possibility of undue influence, and the result having afforded the most indisputable proof of your superior title to the Musnud, the Company actuated by the same principles which governed their former Judgement, have resolved to restore you without delay to the possession of your lawful Rights.

I have no doubt that the happy change which is now to take place in your fortunes will produce a Salutary impression upon your Excellency's mind. From a state of adversity, without the means of asserting your rights, you are raised to the Musnud of your Ancestors by the justice and power of the Company You had no other recommendation to their assistance than the validity of your title, and your friendless and unprotected situation which rendered you unable, without their aid to prosecute your just claims to your inheritance I trust that a recollection of this memorable transaction will be preserved for ever in your breast, and that while it shall inspire you with

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with an unlimited confidence in the honor faith, —
humanity and equity of the Company, it will —
animate your with a continual zeal to justify
their protection by a conscientious discharge of your
duty towards your Subjects and by a faithful —
performance of all your public engagements.

To contribute every aid in my
power towards enabling you to accomplish both
these great objects, I have empowered the Government
of Fort St George to propose to you certain arrange=
=ments, founded upon the most sincere regard
for your welfare and honor, as well as for the
prosperity and happiness of the people of Tanjore
I most earnestly recommend to you to cooperate
cordially and zealously with the Government
of Fort St George in giving full effect to the
beneficial spirit of the arrangements which they
will propose to you. The Government of Fort St George
is the legal channel of every communication, —
which the public Service may require me to —
make to your Excellency. Every suggestion proceeding
from them will originate in my authority, and
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will have the full support of my power. Nothing will tend so much to preserve and strengthen my friendship for you, as your attention to the advice of the Government of Fort St George, to whom I refer your Excellency for a particular detail of my opinion as well with regard to the future Government of Tanjore, as to every consideration which can affect the reputation and ease of your administration.

The peculiar advantages of your education conducted under the Superintendance of the Government of Fort St George, and under the care of persons of the most respectable Character, have I trust furnished your mind with such principles and Sentiments, which will enable you to fill your high Station with credit to yourself and benefit to your Country. But your Youth and inexperience will necessarily expose you for some time to all the dangers to be apprehended from the arts of designing Men, and from the specious insinuations of evil advisers. This is the most formidable danger to a young Prince, and your best security against it will be to resort to the Wisdom, experience and tried friendship of the

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Government of Fort St George, that Government will be
your faithful guide in the selection of your
Ministers, and of all the Officers to be employed in
the management of your Country.

The interests of the Company, of your
Excellency and of your people equally require that
the affairs of Tanjore should be administered by
Men of ability, knowledge, and integrity; under the
guidance of the Government of Fort St George, your
Excellency may be confident that none of an opposite
description will be admitted into the administration
of your Affairs. I shall therefore be most anxious to
hear, that at your first accession to the Musnud,
you have given a satisfactory proof of your
discretion, of your affection for your Subjects, and
of your respect and regard for the Company by
manifesting your implicit reliance on the amicable
disposition of the Government of Fort St George.
Having every reason to believe that your Excellency's
character will not disappoint the expectations which
I have formed of it, and having already communicated
to the Government of Fort St George such particular

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advice as I think it necessary to convey to you on the present occasion, I will conclude this Letter by calling your special attention to one point only, which most essentially concerns your reputation and honor. From the conduct which you shall observe towards the late Rajah Amer Sing the world will take the first impression of your character: If you shall attempt to treat him or his family with disrespect or unkindness, that power will appear odious in the eyes of all Mankind of which the first exercise has been perverted to the unworthy purpose of revenge. Whatever injuries you may have suffered from Amer Sing, your education must have taught you, that it will better become you to forgive than to resent them; notwithstanding the justice of your elevation and of his fall, you must never forget that Amer Sing held the high rank to which you are now destined, that he is descended from the blood of your Ancestors, and that it would be as inconsistent with every true sentiment of dignity, as with the acknowledged principles of humanity, generosity, and manly honor to insult his misfortunes in the hour of your prosperity

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prosperity. In the act of rendering justice to your claims, the Honorable Company have not withdrawn their countenance from Amer Sing: Their protection will still be extended to him under all the Circumstances of his fallen condition. For this purpose you will be called upon by the Government of Fort St George, in my name and under my authority to secure to Amer Sing an ample provision for the future maintenance of himself and his family, the possession of his personal property as distinguished from that of the Sirkar, the safety of his person, and the quiet enjoyment of retirement, in whatever place he shall be established with the consent of the Government of Fort St George.

Your cordial assent to this arrangement in favor of the late Rajah will fix you in my esteem, and will be the best pledge which you can give to the world of the moderation of your Character and of your possessing the most essential qualities of a good Prince.

Finally the Company will expect from your Excellency, in securing to them the full

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benefit of their valuable interests in Tanjore, a degree of good faith, proportioned to that which they have manifested in raising you to the Throne of your Ancestors.

The interests of the Company and those of your Excellency are inseparable, and no attempt can ever be made to distinguish them without danger to both. Relying upon your Excellency's concurrence in the sentiments which I have expressed and having received the most favorable accounts of your virtuous disposition, I offer to You my sincere congratulations on your accession, in full confidence that this important event will contribute to restore the opulence, happiness, and prosperity of your people, while it will afford a memorable instance of the determination of the Honorable Company to maintain inviolable the acknowledged principles of the Law, the Sacred rules of Justice, and Good faith, and the established customs and usages of Tanjore.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secty to the Govt

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Proclamation to be published at Tanjore upon the deposition of Amer Sing, and the placing of Serfojee upon the Musnud

Proclamation to be published at Tanjore upon the Deposition of Amer Sing and the Instatement of Serfojee on the Musnud

The circumstances of the death of the late Maharajah Tuljajee, and the claims preferred to the succession to the Musnud, by Rajah Serfojee and Rajah Amer Sing, are well known to all the Inhabitants of Tanjore.

The intimate connection which had long subsisted between the Company and the late Maharajah Tuljajee, rendered it incumbent on the Government of Fort St George to interfere with a view to ascertain by an impartial and solemn investigation the grounds of the pretensions of the respective Claimants, and to see that the succession devolved on the person who should be found to have the Superior title to it according to the Laws of the Shaster and to the established usages and customs of Tanjore

For the purpose of instituting such an enquiry the Governor of Fort St George proceeded in person to Tanjore, and a number of Punchs, who were represented to be of the most respectable Characters having been assembled, they were desired to

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to deliver their opinions on the respective rights of the Rajah Serfogee, and of the Rajah Amer Sing

These Punoits were unanimous in their opinion that the adoption of Rajah Serfogee was irregular and contrary to the Laws and that exclusive of these objections to the adoption, it was in itself an act of injustice to Amer Sing the late Maharajahs brother, whom they declared to be the legal Successor to the Musnud of Tanjore.

No cause appeared at that time for distrusting this award of the Punoits formally given at the requisition of the Governor of Fort St George Rajah Amer Sing was therefore declared to be the Rightful Successor to his Brother, and was accordingly placed on the Musnud.

The Rajah Amer Sing however had not been long seated upon the Musnud, before suspicions were entertained of the integrity of those Punoits, whose sentence had affirmed his title and doubts were suggested of the truth of those interpretations of the Law upon which that sentence had been founded. At length the title of Amer

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Sing was formally impeached on the strongest grounds of Justice and Law; and the same respect for both which had dictated the original enquiry now demanded a reconsideration of the Right to the succession.

With this view, the questions originally stated to the Pundits at Tanjore were referred to the most respectable Pundits in Bengal and Benares — Rajah Amer Sing again urged his objections to the adoption of Serfojee: He asserted.

First, that the late Maharajah Tulyajee was in such a state of infirmity at the time of adopting Serfojee as did not admit of the exercise of his mental faculties.

Secondly, that the adoption was carried into execution without consulting him Amer Sing, or the other relations of the family.

Thirdly, that Rajah Serfojee was the only Son of his father; and

Fourthly that when he was adopted by Tulyajee he exceeded the age prescribed by Law.

On a full investigation into the first of these objections, it has been proved from the records of the Government of Fort St George, that

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the late Maharajah Tulyajee some time before the day of his death addressed letters to the President of Fort St George, advising him of the adoption.

These letters also prove that the adoption did not take place in consequence of any sudden resolution on the part of the Maharajah Tulyajee, but that it was the deliberate execution of a Solemn act of religion long before premeditated

The same recorded Documents shew that the adoption actually took place nine days before the death of Tulyajee.

The records of the Company also establish that at the time of the adoption the Maharajah Tulyajee conducted the administration of the affairs of his Country, and that he retained the use of his faculties and judgement in an extraordinary degree of perfection to the hour of his decease.

By the same unquestionable evidence, it is proved that on the day preceding that of his death, the late Maharajah Tulyajee formally communicated the arrangements which he had made for the Government of the Country during the minority of Surjoojee to the Company's Resident in

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in the presence of his brother Amer Sing, and of his adopted Son Serfojee, and of the principal Officers of his Palace. Thus it is evident that the adoption of Serfojee was made by the Maharajah Tulyajee in the full vigour and exercise of his understanding and in the most deliberate manner accompanied by every circumstance which could render such an act either Solemn or public.

With respect to the third objection Vizt. that Serfojee is an only Son, it is established by the opinions of the most learned Punoits in Bengal and Benares that this Circumstance does not invalidate an adoption, whatever guilt such a deviation from the Laws of the Shaster may attach upon the Parent who shall give away his only Son, or upon the person who shall adopt him.

As to the last objection, Vizt. the Age of Serfojee, the same learned Punoits of Bengal and Benares have declared, that Serfojee being lineally descended from the same Male Ancestors with his adoptive father, his Age, and his having undergone the usual Ceremonies prescribed for Children, were no impediments to the legality of the adoption.

This

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Sings unlawful possession. The Honorable Company will not lend its support to the continuance of an acknowledged usurpation; and having by a deliberate and solemn investigation brought to light the true principles of Law which should govern the Succession to the Musnud of Tanjore, having exposed the arts by which those principles have been perverted, and having established the Rights of the lawful heir on the most solid ground the Honorable Company through their Government of Fort St George do proclaim the Rajah Serfogee to be the lawful Rajah of Tanjore, and do declare that they will contribute every aid in their power towards the effectual restoration of the Rajah Serfogee to all his rights and privileges, subject to the existing engagements between the Company and Tanjore, and to such other engagements as may hereafter be contracted between the Company and the Rajah Serfogee.

A true Copy

(Signed) G. H. Barlow

Secy to the Govt.

Resolved

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The Draft of Instructions proposed by the President be sent to the Resident at Tanjore approved by the Board.

Deliberations and Resolutions of the Board on the foregoing Subject

Resolved that the Draft of a letter proposed by the President be immediately despatched to the Resident at Tanjore, and that an unconditional order for Assistance of troops be sent to the Commanding Officer.

The Board concur in the Presidents opinion that the Appointment of Commissioners should be postponed; and that Copies of the questions put to the Pundits with their answers - of the proclamation and of the Governor Generals letter to Amer Sing should be sent to the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad.

Ordered accordingly

As the questions put to the Punoits of Bengal and Benares do not appear to have been entered on the records of this Government Resolved that application be made for them together with the answers and the Shanscrit translation.

Resolved to advise the Supreme Government that their orders have been so far carried into effect

Ordered

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Ordered that the proclamation be translated into the Maratta language and forwarded to the Resident as soon as possible.

" Geo: Harris

" Edw Saunders

" H Tullofield

Comp
G Strachey.

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Diary

Received and sent the follow-
-ing Letters

To the Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris
Governor and President in Council at
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Captain Bond of the Swift Cruizer enclosing his Instructions from Rear Admiral Rainier directing him, on his arrival in these Roads, to put himself under the orders of Government.

Agreeable to the Orders of Peter Rainier Esqr. Rear Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in the Asiatic Seas, I herewith inclose his Orders to me dated the 19th Instant.

I am with respect,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Chas. John Bond
Captain of the Bombay Marine
Commanding the Honble Compys.
Cruizer Swift.

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To Captain Charles John Bond
Commander of the Honorable Company's Cruizer
the Swift

By Peter Rainier Esqr.
Rear Admiral of the White
and Commander in Chief of His
Majesty's Ships and Vessels in
the Asiatick Seas. —

You are hereby required and
directed to receive on Board such of His
Majesty's 73d Regiment, their Officers, Servants,
and Baggage as Colonel Champagne shall
direct, and putting yourself under the Command
of Captain William Hills of His Majesty's
Ship Orpheus, forthwith proceed with him to
Madras road, where they are to be landed
and follow the directions of that Presidency for
your future proceedings, communicating this
order to the Honorable the President on your
arrival there. —

Given

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Given under my hand on board
His Majesty's Ship Suffolk in Clappenberg Cove
Trincomale June 19th 1798.

(Signed) Peter Rainier

By Command of the Commander in Chief

(Signed) John Valpent
pro Secretary

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Major Doveton enclosing a Kheretah from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to the Governor General

I have the honor to transmit to you a Kheretah from Tippoo Sultaun addres= =sed to the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington. Copy and Translation of an Enayet-reamah from the Sultaun to me which accompanied the Kheretah, also go enclosed. —

I beg leave to add, that my Canal hurcarahs who brought the Kheretah, and who left the Sultaun's Camp at Hooroy on the 17th Instant, inform me that at the time

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25th time of their departure not any Europeans from Mangalore had reached Seringapatam.

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

Ryakota
20th June 1798.

(Signed) G. Doveton

Translation of an Enayet Nammah from Tippoo Sultaun to Major Doveton. —

Dated 2d Moharrum Hooj: 1213
(June 17th 1798)

After the usual Address —

I received and understood the contents of your Letter, which accompanied the Khereetah from the Right Honorable Lord Mornington. — The arrival of His Lord=ship at Calcutta, and his having taken charge of the Government of the Honorable Company's Possessions, have afforded me a satisfaction beyond expression. — By the Blessing of God, the Terms of Friendship and Union which are established between

the

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the two Sirkars, will daily increase and be strengthened. —

A Kheretah in answer is here= =with sent, - be pleased to forward it to Calcutta

Give me frequent Accounts of your Welfare. - What can I write more.

A true Translation

G. Doveton

Signed

To C. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing the abovementioned Kheretah —

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying Letter from Tippoo Sultaun, in reply to that addressed to him by the Right Honorable the Governor General on the 21st ultimo. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

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(Signed) J. Webbe

Secretary to the Government

To

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To Colonel H. H. Aston

Commanding at

Tanjour

Sir,

To Colonel Aston directing him to comply with any requisitions which Mr. Torin may make to him for Military aid to facilitate the execution of the orders for placing Serfoje on the Musnud

The Honorable the Governor in Council having transmitted orders to the Resident for the execution of a Service, in which a particular disposition of troops may become necessary, directs me to desire that you will comply with any application for that purpose, which may be made to you by Mr. Torin. —

I am, &c. — — &c

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(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Govt

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

Sir,

To the Secretary at Bengal advising them of the orders sent to Tanjore for deposing Amersing and placing Serfoje on the Musnud and requesting to be furnished with the questions and answers

I am directed to request you will inform the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council that his directions

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25th directions of the 31st Ultimo were received last night, and that orders have in consequence been this day sent to Tanjour for the deposition of Amor Sing.

answers of the Bengal and Benares Pundits on this Subject.

The Governor in Council is compelled to delay the publication of the questions and answers of the Bengal and Benares Pundits upon the points submitted to their consideration, as they do not appear to have been entered on the Records of this Presidency; he therefore directs me to request that these papers, or such part of them as may be thought necessary for publication should be transmitted hither with the Shanscrit translations.

I have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
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&c &c &c
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

26th Received and sent the under-mentioned Letters entered in Mil. Nos 125-126-127-128-129.

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From the Purser of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus.—

From Mr. Goodwyn—enclosing Bills for victualling Detachment of the 73d and 80, embarked on His Majesty's Ship Orpheus from and to Trincomalé.—

From the Com=mander of the Swift Cruizer

From Captain Bond—enclos=ing a Bill for victualling Troops occasionally embarked on the Swift Cruizer.—

From Commandant at Pyacottah.

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From Major Doveton—acknow=ledging receipt of Mr. Webbe's Letter of the 20th Instant.—

From the Military Paymaster General—

From Mr. Roebuck—enclosing his general Estimate of Cash for the ensuing Month.—

To the Secretary at Bombay.—

To Mr. Richards—forwarding a Letter for the Bombay Government received from China per Fox Frigate.—

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Received the following Letters

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

From Major General Brathwaite—with List of French officers embarked from Pon=dicherry on the Danish Ships Fern Born—Copy of the Certificate

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 9th 13th and 20th instant

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Certificate of release granted them and of her Letter to General Malcolm respecting them.

27th instant. In consequence of the first I advertised the French officers mentioned in it of the Orders of Government, and also of its liberality, that they might be prepared to embark when the Fanborn arrived, and I gave notice to two others who had made application, that they would be permitted to go, if Captain Lindsay would agree to accommodate them.

The evening before last the Fanborn arrived, and yesterday all matters were arranged with Captain Lindsay, and he agreed to receive and accommodate upon the same terms a Captain D. Egmont of the Sepoy Establishment, and a Monsieur Burgues a Marine officer who was here almost starving with a family, and this day the whole are to be embarked; all matters having been arranged with the Paymasters.

Agreeable to the instruction contained in your Letter of the 13th. I have discharged each of these officers from his Parole, and caused a Certificate to be given to each, of

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which I enclose a copy under No. 1, I also enclose a Return of them under No. 2 and under No. 3 a Copy of my Letter to General Malartic. —

In reply to your Letter of the 20th I have nothing to say, but that Mr. Joset notwithstanding the permission so urgently and so long ago solicited by him to go to the Islands, and to which Government conceded, has not yet left this place, and I imagine that the application of Mrs. Joset to Government has been made with a view of defraying their expences to the Islands, and as there are two Ships I believe now at Tranquebar bound thither, I have no doubt they will take their passage in one of them so soon as this liberal donation to her has been paid. The poor Woman and her Infants are objects truly meriting the compassionate consideration of Government, but Mr. Joset has by no means conducted himself in such a manner, since his release

from

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27th from confinement, as decent gratitude should have compelled him to do. →

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — — — — &c.

Pondicherry
24th June 1798. →

(Signed) John Brathwaite

P.S. The Officers have all embarked and the Ship has sailed. →

By Order of John Brathwaite Esqr. Major General of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Forces in India, Colonel of the Second Regiment of European Infantry, and Commandant of Pondicherry. →

This is to Certify that the Bearer hereof — Prisoner of War in Pondicherry on his parole of honor, is this Day released from his parole, and permitted to embark for the Isle of France on the Danish Ship Fenborn Commanded by Captain P. H. Lindaen; and that he has received the Subsistence hitherto paid to him

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from monthly since the time of his Captivity, up to the end of July next, and that the said Captain Lindain has received from the Honorable Company's Paymaster here — Pagodas for his accommodation and lodging on the Passage.

Given under my hand in Pondicherry this 23d. Day of June in the year of our Lord 1798 — —

(Signed) Allan Grant
Town Major

A true Copy
(Signed) Allan Grant
Town Major

Return of the French Officers Prisoners of War in Pondicherry Released from their Parole of Honor and embarked by order of the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George on board the Danish Ship Jemborn Commanded by Captain P. H. Lindain for the Isle of France - this 23d Day of June 1798.

Captain Drums of the Marine

Captains

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Captain D. Egmont of the Sepoys
Mons.r Franchetau - Officer of Marine
Mons.r Du Chattell - - - Ditto
Mons.r Carion - - - - Ditto
Mons.r Le Febure - - - - Ditto
Mons.r Soulac - - - - - Ditto
Mons.r Dubois - - - - - Ditto
Mons.r Burguesse - - - - Ditto

(Signed) Allan Grant
Town Major

To General Malartic
Governor of the Isle of France &c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

In obedience to orders I have received from the Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council, I have this day discharged certain French officers, who were Prisoners of War here on their Parole, from their Parole, and have embarked them on board a Danish Snow, the Fernborn Captain Lindain to be conveyed to the Isle of France

Enclosed

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Enclosed is a List of them, & signed by Captain Grant the Town Major of this place, also a copy of a Certificate of such as I have caused to be given to each of them by Captain Grant. They have received their Subsistence up to the end of July and Captain Lindsay has been liberally paid for their passage and accommodation. —

I have the honor to be, with much consideration &c &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite
Major Genl Comm. Pondy

Pondicherry
June 23d 1798. —

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Aid de Camp

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

at

Fort St. George

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay with Intelligence respecting the French then landed at Mangalore the reception of Tippoos Ambassadors at the Mauritius and the Voyage of the Preneuse Frigate

Sir,

I am directed to forward to you, for the information of the Governor in Council; the accompanying Copy of a paper of information from Mangalore:—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Bombay Castle

12th June 1798.—

(Signed) J. A. Grant

Sub Secretary

Naguedah Tafsiboy Adamjee, lately arrived from Mangalore, details the following information—

He sailed from Demaum in a Grab vessel, called the Rainha das Anjos, some time in the Month of November, bound to Columbo, with 585 Candies of Wheat, ten Cales of Surat-Piece Goods, and two Cales of

Demaum

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Demaun-piece goods on board. Near Columbo, they fell in with two french Frigates, on which the Naguedah destroyed all his Portuguese Papers, and his colours and hoisted Moor Colours, soon after which he was boarded by the Frigates, who finding he had no papers, or passport, they immediately made him a prize, carrying him, his vessel, and people, to the Mauritius, where on a fair investigation, - and twenty days being permitted to elapse, the vessel was ultimately condemned, and the Naguedah, and his people kept prisoners. A few days afterwards, a small Ketch arrived at the Mauritius from Mangalore, on board of which was a Moorman, an Ambassador from Tippoo with fifteen Sepoys, he was exceeding well received, and conducted to the Government house, where he had a private Conference with the Governor, after which, a house was provided for

his

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27th his Reception - After several interviews with the Governor in Council, an order was issued immediately to prepare the of Prenuse Frigate, for Sea, at the same time, a hand bill was circulated, giving notice to all persons, who might be inclined to enter into the Service of Tippoo Sultaun, they might imbark on board the Prenuse - In the course of about one Week, they collected one hundred and thirty Men, who voluntarily entered into Tippoo's Service, about sixty of whom were Frenchmen, the Remainder Caffres, and Malabars - On the Naqueda's hearing the information of the Prenuse being destined for Mangalore, he addressed himself to Tippoo's Ambassador, requesting, that, as they were both of the same Religion, that he would apply to Governor & Malartic to permit him to proceed by the Prenuse; who granted his request, and &

permitted

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permitted the Naguedah, and two of his Servants to return, and the remainder of the Crew were ordered to embark on board a Danish Ship, bound to Madras, and Ben=gal. The Prenuse sailed from the Isle of France, about the beginning of March, with Tippoo's Ambassador, a French Ambassador for Seringapatam, four French Gentlemen of his Suite, and the Naguedah on board; and the Naguedah understood, that the Fre=gate had orders to proceed direct to Man=galore, and no other place, being very ap=prehensive of falling in with some of the English Men of War on the Coast, they ac=cordingly shaped a direct Course for that port. off the Laccadaves, on the 15th of April, they fell in with a small Grab, belonging to the Bubei of Cananor, laden with Salt, they took the Naguedah on board, and, after having received every information he could give them, he was permitted to

proceed

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proceed on his voyage & From this Vessel they learnt, that only one Company's Vessel was laying in Mahe Roads taking in Pepper, in consequence of this information, the Frigate altered her course for that Port, On the 19th of April, in the evening, they arrived off Tellicherry Roads, where they saw the Woodcot at Anchor — They hoisted English Colours drinking several bottles of Wine to their good Success, their Great Guns were all got ready, and the Crew Armed with Pistols, and Cutlasses, intending to Board and cut out the Woodcot, about Nine o Clock at Night, and proceed direct with her to Mangalore, but proving perfectly calm, they could not effect their purpose — The Frigate anchored during the Night, at Sun rise a light breeze springing up, they weighed and stood off, and on, till about 1 oClock, when they observed the Raymond coming from the Northward, with all Sail set, and She soon afterwards anchored near the Woodcot —

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— On observing the Raymond with their Spy Glasses, they soon discovered that She was an Indiaman, at which they expressed much satisfaction, and immediately prepared to give chase to her; where a Squall came on with thunder, and lightning, a flash of ? which struck the Frigates Main Top Mast, and Split it slightly, killing four Men, and wounding four others; after which it took an oblique direction towards the Water. —

When the Squall subsided, they made Sail for the two Indiamen, and ? captured them, as has already been detailed in the papers; They manned the Prizes, with thirty five Europeans each, and some Lascars that were on board the Ships, and despatched them for the Mauritius, afterwards the Frigate made the best of her way to Man= =gulore, where in twenty four hours they landed the Ambassadors, the Naguedah, and the ? people, that had entered into Tippoos Service, and, after taking on board some water, and

refreshment

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27th refreshment, sailed again for the Southward,
When the Naguedah left the Isle of France,
there were two frigates in the harbour, one
ready for Sea, the other unrigged, and he
heard that previous to his sailing that three
frigates had sailed, but their destination
he had not been able to learn. —

A True Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

To His Excellency Henry Harris Esqr.
President in Council &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

From Captain Hills of the Orpheus - enclosing Copy of his Instructions from the Admiral on the Subject of his proceeding to the Moluccas Islands -

The inclosed is an Extract from the orders which I received from Rear Admiral Rainier on my leaving Trincomalle which he desired me to make known to this Government. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Hills

Orpheus Madras
26th June 1798. —

By

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By Peter Rainier Esqr
Rear Admiral of the White
and Commander in Chief of
His Majesty's Ships and Vessels
in the Asiatick Seas. —

You are hereby required and directed to receive on Board His Majesty's Ship Orpheus under your Command a Detachment of His Majesty's 73d Regiment with their Officers and Baggage and forthwith proceed, with the Honorable Company's Cruizer Swift, to Madras Road, and there land them — When you are to take on Board as much Provision and Stores as you can stow away, together with such Treasure and Dispatches as the Presidency of Fort St George may have occasion to put on Board for the Molucca Islands establishment, and make the best of your way to the Island of Amboyna thro' the Straits of Malacca and Balambangan.

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On your arrival at Anjengo, and finding yourself Senior officer of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels on that Station you are to take them under your Command; and you are to be guided by such General Orders as you will find there from me as far as may at this time be practicable, and do your utmost to protect the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects in those Seas, and in cooperating with the Commanding Officer of the Troops for the defence of the Islands if attacked.

Should the Government of Fort St. George think proper to send the Honorable Company's Cruizer the Swift to assist in the above purposes you are to take her under your Command as well as all other their Cruizers, who may be ordered on that Station or are already there for which you are to obtain the proper

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From the Secretary at Bengal - enclosing Persian Copies of the Governor General's Letters for Amer Sing and Sherfojee Rajah lately received. —

Proper Authority from the Honorable the President in Council. —

Suffolk
Clapperberg Cove
Trincomale
June 19th 1798. —

A True Copy
(Signed) Wm Hills

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

Sir;

I am directed to transmit to you, to be laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council, the inclosed Persian Copies of the Letters from the Right Honorable the Governor General to Rajah Sherfojee and Rajah Amer Sing, the originals of which accompanied the letter from the Supreme Government dated the 31st Ultimo. —

Fort William
the 12th June 1798. —

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

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Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 130-131-132-133-134.—

From Madame Josset—

From Madame W. Josset.

expressive of her acknowledgements for the Board's ready compliance with her late request.—

From Captain Bond—enclosing Indents of Stores, Provisions and Cash required for the use of the Company's Cruizer under his Command.—

From the Commander of the Swift Cruizer

To Captain Cornthwaite—desiring him to receive Lieutenant Burdett of the 52d, and Ensign Nicoll of the 72d Regiment on board his Ship, as passengers for Bengal.—

To the Commander of the Ship Henry Dundas.—

To Mr. Barlow requesting that the customary allowance of passage Money may be advanced to Captain Cornthwaite on the above Account.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

To

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To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham-
-referring Mr. Roduchs July Estimate for
examination.—

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Sent the following Letter to
the Resident at Tanjore.—

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at
Tanjore

To Mr. Torin-
forwarding a
Marattah Copy
of the Procla-
=mation respect=
=ing Serfogees in=
=debtment in the
Raja of Tanjore-

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council to transmit to you the
accompanying Mahratta Copy of the procla=
=mation enclosed in my Letter of the 25th
Instant, which he desires, may be fixed up
in a conspicuous public Situation at Tanjore.

Fort St George
28th June 1798.—

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

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From the Secretary
at Bombay.—

Received a Letter from Mr.
Secretary Richards entered in Mut. No. 135-
stating the Sum to be allowed the Owners of
the

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29th Sir Thos Cornwallis for victualling the Recruits for the 36th Regiment embarked on that Ship for Fort St George. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor - President

Friday 29th June —

Edward Saunders — —
and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esqres

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following letters from his Excellency the Admiral. —

The Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris

Governor and President in Council

Fort St George.

From Rear Admiral Rainier in reply to the Board's reference respecting the Fortifications at Trincomonale and Batticaloe - and Mr Cornabe's application for returns of Dutch Prize Property delivered over to the Captors of Amboyna and Banda. —

Honble Sir,

I beg leave to reply succesively to your Letters of the 10th and 30th ultimo. —

Not

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Notwithstanding my Lord Hobart's recommendation in the Minute enclosed I must acknowledge myself incompetent to be joined in any Consultation on the general plan it may be necessary to adopt for the permanent fortifications of Trincomale and Fort Ostenberg; but previous to my leaving this place shall with much pleasure take an opportunity (having been hitherto prevented by various avocations of Service) to inspect the fortifications of Fort Ostenberg with Colonel Champagné, and give my advice on such temporary works, as shall appear to us expedient to construct, for its present defence, avoiding all unnecessary expence and leaving the same to be transmitted to your Honour by Colonel Champagné.

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I apprehend Lord Hobart's reason for recommending my being joined in the Consultation was founded on my having expressed to His Lordship an opinion, I had before hazarded to Lieutenant General Stuart, that as the defence of the Harbour, the great point in view, depended solely on Fort Ostenberg the Fortifications there ought to form the principal object of attention, a small redoubt on Pagoda Hill being all that appeared to me necessary for Trinconomale to defend the Back Bay from depredatory insults. — The Forts of Trinconomale and Ostenberg are too distant to be defended by the same Garrison, the division of which contributed in a great measure to their becoming so easy a Conquest twice to the English, and once to the French in the present and former War, and it probably may

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may never be thought an object worth the expence of the Maintenance of two Garrisons. — The Dutch I believe found Pagoda Hill fortified when they took the place from the Portuguese, and never thought of fortifying Fort Osterberg till after the Peace of 1763 — the temporary works at the French pass and the old Dutch Fort opposite from their insignificance and obvious defects, appear to have been neglected almost as soon as constructed.

With respect to Mr. Cornabe's, the late Dutch Governor of Amboyna, application for a General Receipt of Stores and Effects delivered to the Captors at the taking of the Place, no application was ever made to me for the purpose during a residence of near 9 Months on the Island; nor yet to the Commissaries, as fully

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fully appears by Captain Mucklis Letter -
— The losses of the Baron Von Imelth
and other individuals by the insurrection
in the Kittur district and elsewhere would
not, under that circumstance, I am inclined
to think have been made good by any
Government - Add to which that the Island
being captured subsequent to the date of the
King's Proclamation investing property taken
from the Dutch in the Captors, renders the
receipt applied for, of little importance -;
however I have written to Mr. John Brown=
-cker my Secretary, who is one of the Agents
or Commissaries jointly with Captain
Lennon of the Engineers, and the late
Captain Muckli to furnish the receipt
required; if you are desirous of its being
transmitted to Mr. Cornabé, and you have
my full consent thereto; in which case

you

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you will please to lay your Commands on Captain Lennon to the same effect.- His Majesty's Proclamation not being received during my residence at Amboyna, the Commissaries were particularly instructed by me to call upon such persons as were authorised by the Dutch Government, to be present at all Surveys and deliveries of Stores and effects, whose names were never notified to me. - The Naval Stores were of little value, but are fully accounted for in the Commissaries's Accounts. -

Suffolk Trincomale- I have the honor to remain-
June 22d. 1798. -

&c. ——— &c.

(Signed) Peter Rainier

The Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris
Governor and President in Council, Com-
-mander in Chief of the British Army on the
Coromandel Coast - Fort St. George. -

From Rear Admiral Rainier. means to send a Squadron to cruize off the Dutch Islands - States the necessity of appointing a large Force to keep in check the Spanish Squadron

Honble Sir,

In reply to that Paragraph of

your

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Squadron at Manilla and requests information respecting the Company's Ships destined this Season for China.—

your Letter of June 7th recommending my sending a Detachment of His Majesty's Ships to cruize off Mauritius alternately with the Commander in Chief at the Cape, the great objection on my part, and which satisfied His Excellency the then Governor General on a similar application, soon after my arrival on this Station, is the Health of the Crews being so liable to suffer severely by scorbutic complaints in consequence of living so long on Salt Provisions as they must necessarily do on such distant Services, and the great difficulty of recruiting them on their return from various causes incident to tropical climates, and to this Country in particular.— However I have determined to make the experiment, and His Majesty's Ships as per Margin under the Command of Captain Osborn are appointed for this Service, which I

Arrogant
Centurion
Fox—

recommend

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recommend to be kept as Secret as poss-
-ible, that the purpose of it may not be
disappointed by a too early communication
to the French. —

I am duly sensible of the
good opinion you are pleased to express of
my judgment in making a proper disposi-
-tion of His Majesty's Squadron under
my Command. —

It may not be improper to
observe that there will, of course, be a
strong Convoy wanted to protect the Trade
of the Honorable Company, and indi-
-viduals of this Country at Canton, for
which provision must be duly made,
as the Spanish Force at Manilla is
very considerable, consisting from
Captain Cooke's information, who saw
them in the middle of January last, of
three large Ships of the Line and 3 Frigates;
and although them in a dismantled state will

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in all probability be fit for Sea by the termination of the present Monsoon at farthest. Most of the Country Trade, particularly from Bombay have sailed for China; and no application has been made to me for their protection from hence, but it will I suppose be expected I shall cover their return. —

I am unformed as to the number of Ships the Honorable Company have taken up for that Trade for the ensuing Season, as also what Number of them will be directed to call at Madras and Bombay in their way to China. —

I Am of opinion that the Bombay Frigate can no otherwise be better employed for the present than in cruizing in the Streights of Malacca, and may sail in Company with the Orpheus.

I have the honor to remain

&c.a — — &c.a

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Suffolk
Clappenberg Cove
Trincomale
June 23d 1798 —

Resolved

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Resolved that the follow=
=ing answer be sent to his Excellency.—

To His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier
Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's
Ships and Vessels in the
East Indies

Sir,

Letter to Rear Admiral Rainier in reply to the two foregoing - and stating the Board's intentions respecting the em=ployment of the Bombay Frigate and Sweft Cruizer

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Letters of the 22d and 23d Instant.—

We beg leave to offer our ack=
=nowledgements to your Excellency for the communication which you have already made of your sentiments in regard to the defence of Trincomale and Fort Ostenaburgh, and anticipate much advantage to the future government on Ceylon from your Excellency's farther consideration of this important Subject.—

We take this occasion to in=
=form your Excellency that we have

received

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received advices from the Honorable the Court of Directors of his Majesty's having been graciously pleased to appoint the Honorable Frederic North Governor of the island of Ceylon, and that in consequence of his arrival at Bombay on his way to take charge of this trust, we have sent directions to Brigadier General De Meuron to be prepared for delivering over the Government of the Island to Mr. North upon his arrival at Colombo. —

In consequence of the latitude which your Excellency has left in regard to the application of Mr. Carnabe, we shall at a future period do ourselves the honor of informing you of the measures we may take in that affair. —

We beg to assure your Excellency that we are fully sensible of the ready attention which you have been pleased

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pleased to pay to our suggestion for station=
=ing a part of your force off the Mauritius.
But we are happy to add, that the late
intelligence of events at that place appears
to us to have rendered such a disposition
unnecessary. for since the resolution of the
Committee of public Safety for sending the
military from the island, and the con=
=sequent dispersion of their Ships of War,
we have no doubt you will concur with
us that there is little danger to be ap=
=prehended from the connection between
the French Islands and Tippoo Sultaun,
while on the other hand the employ=
=ment of part of your Squadron upon
that Service may disable you from
being superior to the enemy on the
Eastern Seas, where by the latest ac=
=counts the remaining Ships of the

French

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French and Dutch in India are likely to be stationed. As far therefore as your Excel-lency's determination may have been guided by our Suggestion, we think it our duty to state that the grounds upon which that Suggestion was made have been entirely changed; and that the alteration of cir-cumstances leaves your Excellency at liberty to make such other arrangements for the protection of our possessions and com-merce as you may deem best expedient.—

Under this impression we do ourselves the honor of inclosing for your Excellency's information copy of the latest advices which have been received of the resolutions of the Court of Directors in regard to the Ships which are intended for these Seas: at the same time we beg leave to apprize you that we have received no

communication

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... communication from the Supreme Govern=
=ment of the probable time when they may
dispatch Ships for England. Of the
Ships intended for China we have yet
received no advices whatever. —

Having seen your Excellency's
instructions to Captain Hills of his Majesty's
Ship Orpheus we have determined to des=
=patch the Honorable Company's Cruizer
Swift, to the Moluccas, and have accord=
=ingly put Captain Bond under the orders
of Captain Hills. It is also our intention
to send instructions to the Resident at
Amboyna and Banda for putting such
of the Company's Cruizers as may be upon
that Station under the Command of the
Senior Officer of his Majesty's Ships. —

We should have been happy
in complying with your Excellency's wishes
in regard to the disposal of the Bombay

Frigate

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Frigate; but our President having received immediate information from the Governor of Bombay of the great advantage the Frigate would be to that Government on the Malabar Coast the moment the Monsoon is over we think it incumbent on us to comply with the wishes he expresses, until the Season however may admit of her going to Bombay We have employed her in conveying arrack for the use of the Garrison at Trincomale; and have ordered Lieutenant Frost to convey the Joyce transport to that place - Upon the return of the Bombay Frigate it is our intention to dispatch her to Bombay, unless your Excellency should still be desirous of her being employed on other Service. -

We have the honor to be,

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29th June 1798. -

&c.a — — &c.a

(Signed) Geo: Harris &c.a
Council

Resolved

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Orders to be given to the Commanders of the Bombay Frigate and Swift Cruizer.

Resolved that orders [redacted] for the disposition of the Honorable Company's Ships Bombay and Swift be issued according to the foregoing notification to the Admiral.

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bengal forwarding the original Questions and Answers of the Bengal and Benares Pundits regarding the Tanjore Succession and some original opinions of the Pundits of Tanjore: instructions respecting them.

Sir,

It not appearing that Copies of the questions in the Shanscrit language respecting the Tanjore Succession

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Succession stated to the Pundits of
Benares and Bengal, or their answers,
have ever been transmitted to Fort St.
George, I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor General in
Council to forward the Originals of
the Questions and Answers, and also
No 1 to 27 — the Originals of the opinions of the
Tanjore Pundits, that Copies thereof
may be published at Tanjore with the
Proclamation, as desired by his Lord=
=ship in Council, in his letter of the
31st ultimo. —

2 His Lordship in Council
requests, that these documents may be
deposited

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deposited amongst the Records of Fort St. George. —

Fort William
the 16th June 1798. —

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

Minute thereon —

Ordered that Copies of the Shanscrit questions and answers be prepared as soon as possible by the Mahratta Translator for transmission to Tanjore, and that the originals be lodged in the office. —

Gle. Harris
Edw Saunders
W Falloficld

Comp
G Strachey.

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Diary

Received and sent the under-
-mentioned Letters entered in Mo. B. Nos. 136
137 138 139 140 141 142.

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer
From the Resident at Poona.—
acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webbe's Letter of the
30th May.

From Major Jeanneret request
From Major Samuel Jeannerets
-ing that Government will allow him a certain
Time in which to pay off, by instalments, the
Sum which he has been called upon to defend.—

From Captain Turner request
From the Commander of His Majesty's Ship Carysfort
-ing to know if Government can appoint the
Bombay Frigate to give Convoy to the Joyce trans-
-port to Trincamale, agreeably to the Admiral's
Wish— and intimating his readiness to afford Convoy
to any Ships sailing to the Eastward.—

To Lieutenant Frost— desiring
To the Commanda of the Ship Bombay
him to receive a supply of Arrack on board his
Ship for the use of the Garrison of Trincamale,

and

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29th and to afford convoy thither to the Joyce transport

To the Commander of the Ship Joyce Transport. — To Lieutenant Doblie — communicating the Instructions given to Lieutenant Frost, that he may avail himself of convoy if he judges it necessary —

To the Commander of the Ship Cruiser Swift. — To Captain Bond — directing him to proceed under the Orders of Captain Hills of His Majesty's Ship Orpheus to Amboyna where in the event of Captain Hills's absence he is to put himself under the Orders of the commercial Resident. —

To the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Orpheus. — To Captain Hills informing him of the instructions given to Captain Bond and that any other of the Company's Cruizers that may be on the Amboyna Station will be placed under his Orders — requesting that the treasure intended to be sent for the use of the Troops may be received on board the Orpheus. —

30th Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General. —

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No. 30.

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

Hble Sir

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

1

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of July 1798, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks, Sixty Nine Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Eight Pagodas, and Fourteen Fanams, (Pagodas 2,69,768..14..) is required for the Payment of such Military Charges as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month Viz.t —

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,59,807..	16..	28
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	1,09,960..	39..	52
Pagodas	2,69,768..	14..	

2

The Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Columbo amounting to Forty three thousand Six hundred Pagodas (43,600) having been included in the Military Paymaster General's Estimate altho' that Paymaster states a considerable Balance of Cash in hand; which I find on refering to M.r

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of one of the detached Stations within his range of payment, I have therefore deducted that Sum from the General Estimate. —

6 Altho' the Military Paymaster at Vizagapatam had stated in his Estimate and included in the Total thereof a Balance said to be due to him on the 31st May last equal to Five Thousand Two hundred & Eighty six Pagodas Seventeen Fanams & Twenty two Cash (Pagodas 5286. 17. 22.) yet I find that this Sum has been by mistake deducted from the Total of his Estimate & the Residue only entered in the Military Paymaster Generals' Estimate, on the supposition of that Sum being a Balance remaining in his hands. — As I am not in posfession of that Paymasters' Accounts for May last, or of any document to enable me to judge of this demand, I can only state my belief that Mr. Wilson must have ascertained the Amount that appeared due to him on closing his Accounts for that

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30th Month, otherwise it would not have been entered in his Estimate, under these considerations I am of Opinion that Sum should not have been deducted, I have therefore included it in the gross total hereon reported on. — I have the honor to be with great respect

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Milr. Aud. Gl.

Milr. Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 30th June 1798. —

Dispatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. D. Nos. 1143 — 1144 — 1145 1146

To Captain Turner — acquainting him that the Arrangement suggested by him has been ordered and acknowledging his attention in notifying the destination of his Ship. —

To the Commander of his Majesty's Ship Carysfort —

To Colonel Champagné informing him that a Supply of Arrack for the use of his Garrison has been shipped on the Bombay Frigate —

To the Commandant at Trincomale. —

To Mr. Torriano — enclosing a Letter to be forwarded to Rear Admiral Rainier in the Providence Schooner. —

To the Resident at Nagore. —

To Major General Sydenham — desiring that a Months Pay may be advanced to —

To the Military Auditor General. —

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to the Company of the 11th Regiment Native Infantry lately arrived at the Presidency from Masulipatam under the Command of Captain Kennat.

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The following Order of Council having been sent in Circulation and approved was despatched to the Clerk of the Treasury.

Order of Council Military Department 2nd July 1798.

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury on Account of the Military Paymaster General's Estimate for July.

Ordered that the Sum of One Lack fifty nine thousand eight hundred and Seven Pagodas Sixteen Fanams and twenty eight Cash (Pags. 159807..16..28.) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of his estimated disbursements for the Current Month.

By Order of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) George Parry
Sub. Secy.

Received the following Letter from the Secretary at Bengal.

To

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

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to request you will express his wish to the Hon.ble the Governor in Council, that the Papers marked No. 1 to 19. transmitted with my letter of the 16.th Instant, respecting the Stated illegitimacy of Ameer Sing, and also the passages relating to the same subject in No. 18, may not be published with the proclamation, as it forms no part of the grounds on which the title of the Rajah to the Musnud has been adjudged invalid.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Sec.y to the Gov.t

Fort William
the 18.th June 1798.

From the Secretary at Bengal directing that certain papers of those lately transmitted hither, may not be sent to Tanjore, being irrelevant to the subject of the succession.

Despatched the undermentioned
Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 1 2 3 4 5
To Mr. Barlow enclosing a
letter

To the Secretary
to Bengal.

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a letter from the Nabob addressed to the Governor General.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Bodnick enclosing Copy of the Auditor's report on his July Estimate and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 1,59,80 7/ 16 28. will be advanced to him on that account from the General Treasury.

To the Commanding Officer in the Northern Division.

To Major General Bridges desiring that Captain Lieutenant John Blair of Engineers may be permitted to proceed to Hydrabad on his private affairs.

To the Commander of the Swift Cruizer.

To Captain Bond directing him to receive two Havildars 10 Sepoys and 4 recruit Boys on board his Ship for Ambyna and to victual them at the regulated rate.

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham desiring that Captain Bond may draw the Amount of three Months Subsistence in Advance on Account of the above Sepoys &c.

Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mr. B. Nos. 6 7 8 9 10

From Madame Josset.

From Madame Josset requesting to be relieved from a doubt she labours under respecting the Intention of Government in granting her

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2nd. Her the 300 Pagodas lately ordered to be advanced to her? — From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell

From the Commandant at Poonamalle requesting that Mr. Assistant Surgeon Meinmay be authorized in Orders to draw the regulated Medical allowance for attending the detachment of Bombay European Supernumeraries lately sent into Pondamalle. —

From Mr. Richards enclosing a Letter addressed to Rear Admiral Rainier — From Lieutenant Dobbie — expressing

From the Secretary at Bombay —

From the Commander of the Joyce Transport. — his acknowledgments for the Board's consideration, and his Intention to avail himself of the Convoy of the Bombay Frigate to Trincamale. —

From Lieutenant Gregson — advising

From Lieutenant Gregson of the 2d Battalion 4th Regiment — 3rd. of his intention to embark for Bengal in the Expectation of finding a more speedy conveyance to England than by remaining on the Coast. —

Mr.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor — President

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday
3rd July 1798.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter from

the Commissioners at Calicut. —

To Lieutenant General George Harris

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

From the Commissioners at Calicut — enclosing Copy of their detailed report dated 13th June to the Bombay Government relative to the Grounds on which to maintain the Company's Claim to the Wynaad District & the Importance of this object. —

We have the honor to submit to your perusal a Copy of our Letter* of this date to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council and of its Accompaniment, in pursuance of the intima-tion in our letter of the 6th Instant and have the honor to be very respectfully. — &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) F. Spencer
Jas Hartley
J. Uhthoff
J. Smee. —

Calicut
13th June 1798.

* NB. Copy only of the Letter to the Governor in Council of Bombay 13th June came enclosed — (Signed) George Parry Sub. Sec.y

To

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To The Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council
Bombay

Honble Sir,

On the 6.th instant we had
the honor of transmitting a Copy of our address
of that date, to the Honble the Governor General
in Council, accompanied with Copy of a translation
of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun, in Answer to our
President's overture of the 27.th February last, respect-
-ing the district of Wynaad, and having, in
that letter, intimated our Intention of addressing
you more at large on the Subject, We now proceed
to do so, particularly on the Point, which, from
the Report of the first Commissioners, and the
Instructions of the Secret Committee of the Hon.ble
the Court of Directors of the 22.nd of September
last, appears of the most Importance in the
Discussion of our right to the District of
Wynaad Viz.t — "The Excess, in Tippoos Sche-
-dule, of the Valuation of the Coliate Country,
if taken without Wynaad." — The best mode of

discussing

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discussing this Point, and ascertaining its intrinsic Merits, seems to be, by a Comparison between the Rates in Tippoo's Schedule, and the Documents procured through other Channels, of the value of all the Districts comprised within the Province of Malabar, particularly of the Northern Districts, in which Cotiote is included, with a view to ascertain whether Tippoo's Estimate of the value of Cotiote, exceeded his Estimate of the value of the other Districts, by such an Amount, as to warrant the conclusion or Presumption, that Wynaad was meant by him, or in justice ought, to be included in his Cession to us of Cotiote. We have in Consequence had reference to the records of the Administration of this Province since the Cession, and now submit to you the result of a very careful and impartial Examination thereof, which has necessarily involved the Delay of a few days in the transmission of this Address.

2 In your Commands of the 2d. February last, wWe are referred to their accompanying extract of a letter from the first Commissioners to the Government of

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of Fort St. George dated 22nd May 1793, (which we find Copied at length in the Vouchers No. 60 & 71 to the general report) and the letter from our predecessors to the late Committee of Government of the 6th July last, as Containing the principal, or nearly all the Arguments in favor of our Claim to Wynaad; which leads us to observe, with regards to the last quoted Voucher, that altho' its contents might have furnished materials for debate in the event of a Negotiation, yet as they are all grounded on the propriety (which cannot be disputed) of our deriving a revenue from that District while it remained in the undisturbed possession of the Coorminad Rajah, without any reference to the question of right, We do not deem any thing therein Contained to be relevant to that question, until the decision passed by the Supreme Government on the 17th October 1796, which was Announced to us by your Secretary's letter of the 13th November following

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following; and with regard to the other authority above quoted we now proceed to submit to you a Comparison of the rental of the Northern Districts of the Province of Mallabar, when under Tippoo, with the Valuation of them in that Princes Schedule of his Cessions to us. —

3 First; with regard to the district of Cherical; a Settlement is said in the 33rd paragraph of the General report to have been Agreed upon — between the Rajah and Arshed Beg, for the Year — 960 or 1784/5, at 120,000 Rupees a 125,000 Rupees payable Jumma; in the 43rd paragraph it is — Stated that Tippoo, at a Meeting with this Rajah in the Coorga Country, in the latter end of the Year 1785, took an engagement from him to pay a Nuzerana of Rupees 30,000 and an annual Jumma of Rupees 120,000; in the 56th paragraph the Revenues of this district are Stated to have been ascertained by Tippoo's Aumeens to be, in 961, 1785/6 Rupees 135,000, but that an estimate for

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the same year was afterwards made in Hoons, to make the Accounts Correspond with those in the Southern division, and rated at Hoons — 42,187 at (evidently) an error in our Copy of the Report) Rs. 3½ to the Hoon; and for the following Year $\frac{962}{1786/7}$ Hoons 44,192; in the — 253 paragraph, the Beeby of Cannanore appears to have made an offer, if the district was leased to her, to pay annually to Government — Rupees 125,000, averring thro' her Minister, in the 65th Voucher to the Report, that the Country was not worth more; thus the different — estimates of the value of this district under Tippoo's Government are, exclusive of Bhanda = terra Viva =

by Arshed Beg in 960–1784/5, at the highest Rs. 125,000

Settlement in Coorga in the end of 1785 —

a Nuzeranna of 30,000 & Annually 120,000

by Tippoo's Aumeens for 961–1785/6 135,000

And for the same Year in Hoons 42,187 —

for the following Year $\frac{962}{1786/7}$ } ..... 44,192 x

Valuation by the Beeby payable Jemma Rs. 125,000

Rs. 505,000

Amounting

x Called by Anund Row the Gomastah on this occasion, 45000 Hoons, as P Voucher No 4

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Amounting on an Average of the Six Valuations, taking the Rupees at 3⅝ to the Hoon (the rate adopted in the Calculation of Tippoos Hoon in the 254th paragraph of the Report) to Hoons 41,329 Annually; We have avoided enclud-ing in the above Average a Statement which occurs in the 251st paragraph of the Report extracted from the 65th Voucher, wherein the Beeby declared the Revenue funds of this District to have Amounted, in the Fyear 1794 to Rupees 184,220, when in posession of her family, as a view of the different valuations taken of it at periods not so remote from the time of the Cession is, we think, fitter for the proposed Comparison; the same objection does not apply to the Statement of the funds in question mentioned, in the 254th paragraph of the report, to have been given in by Mr. Farmer to the Commissi-oners, which Appeares, by its title in the 66th

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66th Voucher, to be an account of the grofs proceeds of this district in Money, Rice, and Pepper for 962/1786/7 to the amount of Rupees 181679. making, at 3 1/8 to the Hoon, 58,136 Hoons; we have however omitted this Statement in the foregoing Average, because that Average is taken from what appears to us to have been reckoned the net payable Summa of those times, altho' we ought perhaps to have deducted in that Account, from the Rupees 120,000 Agreed upon in Coorga, the Jaghire of Rupees 15,000 which Tippoo seems (altho' Conditionally as expressed in the 43d paragraph of the report) to have allowed to the Rajah out of that Sum, which deduction would be so much more in favor of our Compare=son, we also find another grofs Summa of this district detailed in the Voucher No 7 to the general report, for the years 962 and 963, the former (estimating the pepper in Kind

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Kind) Amounting to Hoons 45,392: and the latter (with a Money tax on pepper vines) to Hoons — 69,399) after deducting 5,000 for Bhandaturra) said to have been taken by Causpyrao, who is mentioned by Soobrun Bhut, in the 11.th Voucher, to have made a Jummabundy of this district for the years 961 & 962, in Concert with — Anaju Row; amounting, for the former year, to 41,283 Hoons, and for the latter to 54 at 55,000 Hoons; it is further positively asserted by Oudput Roy, in the above quoted 11.th Voucher to the general report, that in the following year $\frac{963}{1787/8}$, Caushy Row made a Jummabundy of this district amounting to 80,000 Hoons — including Bhandaterra (probably the one — detailed in the 7.th Voucher) but that the Collections did not exceed 56,000, and that this latter Sum was recorded as the Amount Jummabundy; these different grofs

Estimates

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Estimates therefore stand as follows— Viz.

		Hoons
Summa for 962/1786/7	as given in by Mr. Farmer	58,136.
Ditto for Do.	by Caushy Row	45,392.
Ditto for 963/1787/8	by Ditto	69,399.
Ditto for 961/1785/6.	by Do. & Anaya Row	44,283.
Ditto for 962/1786/7	by Do. & Ditto	55,000.
Ditto for 963/1787/8	by Caushy Row	56,000
		325,210.—

Making on an Average of the

Six valuations, a gross Summa of 54,202. Hoons

altho' if the Summa of 69,399 Hoons in the

Voucher No. 7, is the same with the Nominal

one of 80,000, including Bhandaterra, mentioned

by Oudhut Roy, which appears to be the case,

this Sum of 69,399 ought properly to be set off

at the ascertained Amount of 56,000 Hoons —

which will reduce the Average to 51,968 Hoons;

it is worth remarking here that Anund Row,

represented as the Gomastah of Caushy Row,

asserted, in his examination in the 4th. Voucher,

that he knew nothing of this Summabundy.

Secondly

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Secondly, in respect to the District of Cartanaad, We find by the 33rd paragraph of the general report that Arshed Beg made a Settlement with that Rajah's Minister for the Year 959/1783/4, at Rupees 50,000, it is there however stated that Rupees 170,000 were drawn from the district during that year under various pleas, but, as the Sum of Rupees 50,000 is taken in the following paragraph, as the value of that district in the abstract of the Northern Division as it stood valued to Tippoo in 960/1784/5 We have no choice but to adopt it also, it is further recorded, in the 113th paragraph of the said report, that an Agreement was concluded at an interview between Tippoo and this Chieftain in Coorga, in the latter end of the year 1785, Stipulating the payable Sum to be 20,000 Hoons making at 3 1/8 Rs. ₱ Hoon Rupees 62,500, from which the Jaghire of 7000 afterwards allowed to the Rajah might perhaps, in our proposed Comparative view, to be deducted;

this

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this Settlement in Coorga is fixed by Soobrun Bhut, in the Voucher No. 4 at 50,000 Rupees Revenue, & a Nuzeranna of 25,000 Rupees; in the 58th. paragraph of the report, the result of the investigation by Tippoos Aumeens, in the year 961 or 962 is Stated, in our Copy, at 27,000 Hoons or Rupees 54,375 from whence an error in transcribing one of the Sums is evident; but, from the Sequel in the same paragraph, We are inclined to think the Hoons may be right, and that the Rupees ought to be 84,375 (the Amount of that Number of Hoons) instead of 54,375, in which We find ourselves justified by Soobrun Bhuts relation in the Voucher No. 4, who also fixes this Jummabundy for the Year 962 / 1786/7, averring however that the real Amount was 40,000 Hoons, which difference he there reconciles in a Manner which there is no room to dispute; but we are at a loss to determine whether it was the Sum of 27,000 or 40,000 Hoons which he says was Collected till, or whether it included the

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Year 963, altho' this last Conjecture is probable as this Summa was only, it seems, taken in 962, We shall here omit the Pymash of this district inserted in the 7.th Voucher, Amounting to Hoons 61,873, for the same reason which induced the first Commissioners to prefer that of 40,000 Hoons as their Standard in their allusion to this document in the 58.th paragraph of their report the different Valuations of this district under Tippoo, as they occur to us, are consequently as follows Viz.t-

by Arshed Beg in 959. 1783/4 ..... Rup.s 50,000.-

latter end of 1785 Agreement between the Rajah and Tippoo 62,500.-

in 961 or 962 by Tippoo's Aumeens 27,000 Hoons or .. 84,375.-
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which last it is said ought properly to be 40,000 Hoons or 125,000.-

Rup.s 321,875.-

Making on an Average of the four Statements a Sum of 25,752 Hoons.-

Thirdly; as to the district of Irvenaad

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Irvenaad, We observe by the 35th paragraph of the General report, that Arshed Beg concluded upon the Sum of Rupees 25,000 as its Revenue for 960/1784/5 which we presume to be the Settlement alluded to by Mr. Rickards in 70th Voucher, under which the Collections were to be conducted jointly by the Mopla Balaahy, therein mentioned, and the Nambiars; it is stated in the 270th paragraph of the report that this was soon afterwards — encreased to 11,000 Hoons by Abdullah, the — succeeding Amil (probably alluding to that Copied into the 71st Voucher) a Sum so strongly Remonstrated against by the Nambiars, that they were allowed a partial relief, and 30,000 Rupees were demanded from them in the form of a — Tribute, as recorded also in the Voucher No. 70. but even this was so grievous a burthen that the Nambiars abandoned their possessions, and fled either into Tellicherry or took to the Jungles on which Abdulla was put to death by the — Inhabitants; so that we conclude upon —

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Arshed Beg's Settlement to have been the utmost value of this district to his Master, for the few Years preceding the last War, to which period we have confined our Remarks on the other districts, and this Amounts to 8000 Hoons.—

Fourthly; with regard to Cannanore; without entering into the Merits of the Voluminous Vouchers on the Subject of its Revenues, we shall adopt the value affixed to it in the 35.th paragraph of the report, as its worth to Tippoo for the Years intervening between $\frac{960}{1784/5}$ and the Commencement of the War Viz.t 6000 Hoons.—

Fifthly; in respect to Cotiote the Revenue circumstances of which district have given occasion to the present Address, it appears more proper for the purpose of our Comparative view to Confine ourselves within the period of the Separation of Wynaad; which seems to have been extorted from the Cotiote Rajah, by a deed executed at an

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interview with the Sultaun in the Coorga Country,
in the year 961 (1735/6) after which, as we find it
stated in the 43d paragraph of the general report,
the Rajah was to pay an Annual revenue of
65,000 Rupees for the remainder, or Cotiote
proper, The Jaghire of 12,000 Rupees, granted
to the Cotiote Rajah on this occasion, is stated
by Subbum Bhut in the Voucher No. 14, to be
deducted from this Amount, leaving the net
payable Summa 53000 Rupees, but having a
doubt on this head regarding the other Jaghire,
we did not deduct them in that part of our
Statement, for which reason we shall hereunder
insert the entire Sum as in the other Cases; We
were left in some uncertainty on this head by
the manner in which these grants are mentioned
in the 43d paragraph of the report, as it does
not appear clear to us whether the payment
of them was to commence when the Agreements
therein alluded to were formed, or after the
proposed ascertainment of the Revenue funds
of the respective Countries of the Rajahs in
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question; it is further reported by Subhum Bhutt in the Voucher before quoted, that in 962 Ram Sing Pilla, Tippoo's Dewan, was at some pains to ascertain the funds of Cotiote proper, wherein he fixed the Summa at 81,000 Rupees, from which was deducted the before mentioned Jaghire, and thus it seems, on the same Authority, implied to have continued up to the Year 964; the evidence in this Voucher to the very high Summabundy of 140,000 Hoons for 962, is certainly unsatisfactory, as Noticed in the 5.th Paragraph, but in the midst of so much uncertainty with regard to the real resources of the other districts about the same period, it does not appear improper to insert it for the purpose of our Comparative Average, especially as we find that Mr. Boddam, in his explanation of his Comparative Statement in the Voucher No. 7. says under the head Cote Angary, (there expressed to mean Kadroor, Palchy & Cotiary) "I have not

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"not been able to procure any particulars of
"this Taalook but am informed that it was
"generally rated at 40,000 Hoons;" the different
Valuations which thus appear to have been affixed
to Cotiote, after it was dismembered are therefore
as follows.—

At the interview with the Sultaun in the
Coorga Country in the latter end of 1785.. 65,000.
by Ram Sing Pilla in 962/1786/7 ..... 81,000.
Oudhut Roy's report of Veneat Shy and
Sheenvas's Tummabundy of 962 in
the Voucher No. 4. which he acknow-
=ledges however was never sent to the
Cutcherry; but corresponding with
Mr. Boddam's information we
judge it proper to insert it..... 125,000.

Rupees 2,71,000.

Making, on an average of the
three Valuations, an Annual Tumma of
28,904 Hoons; in selecting the foregoing extracts
we were desirous to refer to the written
information given by Oudhut Roy to Messrs.
Page & Boddam at Cochin, in february 1793
which is so much the subject of reference
in

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in the 4th Voucher to the Report, but it does not seem to have been transcribed into the Copy of the Appendix which we have; the whole of the 6th Voucher is also wanting, and we take this Opportunity of requesting to be favored with Copies of these papers from the Presidency; in Addition to the above — detailed Abstracts, that of the Northern Division as it stood under Tippoo, and inserted in the 35th paragraph of the general Report, may not unaptly be quoted here; the districts at that time composing the Northern Division are there stated to be worth to Tippoo ("at the lowest estimate") in the —

Year $\frac{960}{1784/5}$ ..... Rs. 313,000

Deduct / to make the Comparison with the Cession for Wynaad 35,000

Rs. 278,000.—

or Hoons ..... 88,960.—

Which districts are rated in the Schedule of Cessions to amount, as Vide 9th paragraph of

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Brought over ... 88960.

Hoons 236,483.—

of the report, to .....

Deduct, to make the Comparison of

the ceded Amount with that inserted

in the 35th paragraph, Viz.—

Bhandaterra, in the list of Cessions,

but not in the 35th. paragraph... 1313/

Coringote ... D.o D.o D.o ... 447o. ... 1760/ — 198,876.—

From whence it appears that the

same tract of territory which, on the best authority,

could only be valued in 960/1784/5 at 88960 Hoons,

was ceded in the Year 967/1791/2 with a valuation

of 198,876 Hoons affixed to them; we have only

further to subjoin a similar Comparison of the

individual districts of which we have formed

an Average estimation; in ascertaining the

accuracy of which we have, we believe,

had recourse to nearly all the Vouchers

in our possession.—

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Districts	Averaged while under Tippoo as above.— Hoons	Ceded at Hoons	The Amount at which they were ceded exceeds the valuation which appears to have been put upon them under his administration by ..... Hoons—
Cherical	1.st Average of 6 Valuat.s 41329	67334	26005
	2.d Ditto of 6 ditto ... 54202	67334	13132.
	3.d Ditto of D.o D.o ... 51968	67334	15366.
Cartanaad	25752	50109	24357.
Irvenaad	8000	11430	3430.
Cananore	6000	30000	24000.
Cotiote	28904	40001	11097.—

We have not thought it necessary to make the Numerous references which would be required to take a similar view of the districts then Composing the Southern division; but we cannot help remarking the singular degree of Mystery in which the Revenue Concerns of the Paulghaut district, seems to have continued to be involved, even under the very laborious and Zealous researches of the first Commissioners; respecting which we find, by the 103.d paragraph of the genral report, that these Gentlemen were under a necessity of being guided entirely by such information

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information as the Achin choose to impart to them, on the occasion of framing their first Agreement with him at a gross Summa of Rupees 90,000 for Paulghaut proper; and it is no less singular that the Accoient furnished a few days afterwards (as Noticed on the following paragraph) by Mr. Ponney, makes the Amount of Paulghaut when under Tippoo 22,000 Hoons more than that Prince values, as appears by the Voucher No. 7, the same lot of districts at, in his Schedule of Cessions. On the whole it seems very difficult to conclude on the degree of Credit to which any Accounts of the State of the Revenues, antecedent to the Cession, may be entitled; but as far as that goes, in the above Contracted abstract of the few Northern districts it would seem that Cotiote proper was ceded to us, at a rate not disproportioned to the other Northern Cessions, respecting the limits of which

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there has never been any dispute; and consequent-
-ly that there is the less reason to conclude
that Wynaad was meant to be enduced in it,
on the sole ground of its being valued at
10,001 Hoons; and the specification of the
Subdivisions, which compose the district called
Cote Angary in the Schedule, leaves no ground
for inferring that any other district was ceded
under that head, which, considering the
minuteness of the detail observed throughout
that voucher, We think it may be presumed
would have been expressed. —

4.th As Colonel Dow's Arguments
on this Subject seem to have had considerable
Weight, it is not irrelative to our purpose to
refer to them in this place; that Gentleman,
in his Memoir of the 11.th August 1796. States
from information which he adds may be
depended upon Virr.a of Nemicanda who
was Tehasildar of Wynaad and Coorumbella

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in the years 1786 & 1787, that the revenue received
in the former Year was 80,000 Rs. or 25,600 Hoons; and in
1787 — 95,000 Rupees or 30,400 Hoons; stating that the
Coorminaad Rajah, in the Second Year after
the peace of 1792, *realized 60,000 Rupees from it,
and in the following Year 70,000 Rupees; adding
"I have authority to believe that were the finances
"of this district" — | Wynaad | "judiciously managed,
"and the inhabitants reduced to Subordination, its
"Revenues would not be less than the greatest
"Sum the Rajah is said to have drawn from it,
"and in a few Years exceed whatever it brought
"into Tippoo," Which Seems to be supported by
the mention made of the value of this district
in the Complaints of that Prince, Communicated
thro his Vakeels, as noticed in the 234.th paragraph
of the general report, wherein they state it to
be a Country of 40,000 Hoons, from which
if we deduct 1800 Hoons, which Oudhit Roy
deposes in the 4.th Voucher to be the Jumma
of

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of Coorumbutta when it was separated from Pyoormuttah, and joined of Wynaad, as mentioned in the 279th paragraph, will remain 38,200 Hoons for the Revenue to Wynaad as mentioned in the 279th paragraph, will remain 38200 Hoons for the Revenue of Wynaad or Chuckloor proper; which there seems to be no more reason, than in the other cases to think is materially wide of the truth, if 30,1100 Hoons were received into the Treasury in the Year 1787; so that pursuing the plan adopted in the preceding paragraph, the following is a Corresponding Appreciation of this district since its dismemberment from Cotiote Viz.t-

Rupees 65000 being deducted for Cotiote, from the Sac at which the two districts were assessed, leaves for Wynaad at the Separation 35,000 Rupees or 11,200.-

For 1786 P the Tehsaldaar's Account ... 2560.

1787 P Ditto ..... Ditto ..... 30,400.

As mentioned by Tippoo's Vakeils ..... 38,200.

Hoons ... 105,400.

or

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or 26,350 Hoons, on an Average of the four Valuations and this Sum added to the Amount at which Cotiote proper stands valued for the same period in the preceding paragraph on nearly similar Authorities, or at least information of nearly similar authenti-city, forms an Aggregate so much exceeding what Cote Angary stands at on the Schedule, as we think Amounts to another proof that this district was not ceded to us at the peace. as to Tippoo withdrawing his Tehasaldaar & troops from Wynaad at the peace, and establishing his advanced post at Iterwllah, it does not seem certain that he had either Tehasaldaar or Troops in that district at the peace; the probability rather is that he had none, or perhaps a small establishment on the Eastern border, as it appears by the 231.st paragraph of the report, that it was then generally believed that the Cotiote Rajah had resumed this district during the War; it appears at all events pretty clear by the tenor of the following or 232.d paragraph that this Rajah was in possession of it at the peace,

which

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which sufficiently accounts for Tippoo withdrawing his people from it, if he had any in it, without attributing it to a direliction of his right which it is probable he was neither in a condition, nor inclined to assert, at that juncture, smarting as he was under the loss and humiliation he had suffered; this therefore cannot We think be considered as a proof that Wynaad was ceded to us, altho it seems by the Memoir before us to be, in Colonel Dow's opinion, a conclusive Argument that it was, stating the resumption of it by the Cotiote Rajah as a Consequence of its being evacuated by Tippoo; whereas it appears on the contrary that Tippoo evacuated it on the Cotiote Rajah resuming it. The Colonel further observes, as a proof of our right, that Tippoo had advanced no claim to this district after the peace; but on the other hand it is recorded in the 232.d paragraph of the report, that this Prince did demand restitution of it from the Cotiote Rajah, as represented by that Chief to the Bombay

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Commissioners in the Month of March 1792, the Month in which the treaty of peace was Signed; but the allusion to this part of the subject in the letter from the Honble the Court of Directors of the 22d September last, supercedes the propriety of any further remark from us.—

5th As this subject has now become so very interesting we presume, Honble Sir, that it cannot be otherwise than acceptable to you to have reference to every document that can throw additional light on the subject; and in this view we beg leave to submit to you, that it has been intimated to us that, during the Negotiations of the treaty of Seringa-patam in february and March 1792, Tippoo delivered to the Allies a Schedule of the whole of his territories; we know not whether it is on the Records of the Presidency, but we are given to understand that it will probably be found in a Narrative of the Negotiations, delivered into the Governor General in Council by Sir John Kennaway; this general Schedule was, according to our information, laid

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before the Allies for the purpose of their making from thence their Selection of the intended Cessions and if, in it, there shall be found any district by the Name of Wynaad, or Chuckloor as it was afterwards termed by Tippoo, distinct from Cote Angary, that Princes right to the former district will we presume be incontestibly establish-ed, as it will appear in that case to have been left in the division of the Country which remained with him; the document above alluded to may also afford useful information in respect to Coorumbulla, Amra and Soolia and all other places near the boundary of Tippoo and the Allies which are now, or may be hereafter in dispute; that Narrative may also perhaps contain other Schedules of Tippoo's territories than that presented by his Authority, which may be a help to the information so much required. If on the other hand, the general Schedule in question should not represent the districts of Wynaad, Wynaar, Chuckloor, Coorumbulla

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Coorumbulla, Amra, Soolia &c.a as forming a part of the Country retained by Tippoo, our Claim to them will be equally good with his, which is— founded, with regard to Wynaad at least, on the Circumstances of it's Name being ommitted in the list of Cessions made to us by the treaty of— Seringapatam; as the general Schedule above alluded to might be an useful Document— among our Records, We beg leave to submit to— you, to furnish Us with a Copy of it.—

6.th We shall take an early Opporta-nity, for the further illustration of this Subject, to transmit a Statement containing a view of the Amount at which all the different districts stand valued in Tippoo's Schedule of Cessions, compared with their gross Jummas under the present— existing Quinquennial lease, by which it will appear that Cotiote proper, as we hold it,— stands valued by us in nearly the same propor-tion with regard to that Schedule as the other districts in general, and more favorable than some;

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some; so that whatever may be said of its high rental in the Schedule, will apply more or less to, we believe, every District in the Province, — except Cartanaad, of which the gross Summa, under the first year of the quinquennial agree-ment, is 2100 Hoons higher than it stands in the List of Cessions.—

7.th We have already trespassed on your time, Honble Sir, perhaps more than the importance of any thing we have offered can justify, but as our intention is to bring all the Arguments against the Cession of Wynaad into one point of view, as near as possible, we beg leave further to submit that there are passages in the general report of the first Commissioners proceedings, which seem to Account very probably for the Summa of Cotiote being rated at — 40,000 Hoons, without indulging the supposition that Wynaad was understood to be included; for instance, in the 57.th paragraph, it is sugges-ted that this Amount may have been swelled by

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by an ideal Assessment of a Money rent on the Number of Pepper Vines, and eked out also by the supposed Amount of the Rajahs profits from fines and Confiscations, the Amount of which cannot with any certainty be appreciated; and altho' it is there stated, in Opposition to the probability of a Money Assessment on the pepper Vines being brought into the Account, "that it was not the usage of that district" yet, considering, as far as We can judge, that all or most of the Assessments, of the latter years at least, of Tippoo's time, were arbitrary, We may, We think, without impropriety admit the Idea that, altho' it might not have been usual, Tippoo had it in view at the time of the Cession; for we find, in the Case of Cherical, a Jummabundy for 962 rating the pepper in Kind, and another in 963, charging a Money rent on the Vines, the latter exceeding the former under this head no less than 22,038 Hoons, making an addition of nearly

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one half to the Assessment of the preceding year, and in favor of the supposition that all, or most of the Assessments of the period alluded to were arbitrary, and of course little to be depended on, we beg leave to quote an Answer of Ondhut Roy on his examination of the 13th. August 1793, in the 4th. Voucher, wherein he says "In the year "959 / 1783/4, Arshed Beg Khan made his Settlement on "inspecting the Hurzoor Jummabundy, and "adding to, or deducting therefrom, as he saw "proper; but he did not make any actual "measurement."—

8th. In the 67th. paragraph of the same report, the Commissioners adverting to the Cruelty and rapacity exercised by Tippoo on the Northern Rajahs', in the Year 1789, add "as the Rajahs' were not restored till about the "beginning of 1791, it seems probable that the "large Sums at which Tippoo has Stated the "Jumma of the Northern districts, in his Schedule, "may have been in some measure founded on

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"the grasping Collections of his Agents, during the
"twenty Months in question;" of his rapacity about
"this period there is a Melancholy record in the
"53d paragraph, wherein he is said to have levied,
"in the Year 1788, from his Malabar dominions,
"a Nuzzeranna, or gift, of 12. Lacs of Rupees, of
"which Rs. 125,000 was assessed on the Cartamaad
"district, & 70,000 Rupees of it actually realized
"in two Months; and in the 77th paragraph, the
"following passage occurs; "by the treaty of Peace,
"concluded between your Lordship and Tippoo—
"Sultaun at Seringapatam on the 16th March 1792,
"the said Malabar Countries (or such part of them
"as had been included under the district of Calicut)
"were, together with Paulghaut, which, from 957/1783/2,
"had been placed under this last mentioned
"Catcherry, contained in the Cessions of territory
"made" &c. &c. &c. it is further stated, in the 102d
"paragraph, that Paulghaut, until this time, had
"stood Annexed to Coimbatoor, from whence it
"thus appears to have been separated but four
"years

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Years before Wynaad was, in like manner separated from the Calicut Cutcherry and annexed to that of Seringapatam, because it was "a County above the Ghaut",* Paulghaut was accordingly expressed to be ceded, as were all the other districts ceded at that time; but we find no mention of any of the districts which were not ceded, altho' the Narrative before mentioned to have been delivered into the Marquis Cornwallis by Sir John Kennaway, may in all probability Contain as Satisfactory a proof of them, as we have of the Cessions.-

9. We find again in the 235.th Paragraph of the first Commissioners report, that they, alluding to the Cotiote Nairs having resisted an Officer of Tippoo, on his Attempting to pass into Wynaad some little time, before, advised the Rajahs of Cotiote and Caarmanaad, in the latter end of March 1793, of their resolution neither to support or countenance them in violating, in respect to-

* Vide Sultaun Bhutty's examination on the 4.th August 1793 Voucher No. 4 to the general report.-

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to Wynaad, the Sovereignty of Tippoo Sultaun, which district they considered was certainly not included in the Cessions by that Prince.—

On the 10th. Instant arrived here 10th. a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the address of our President dated 15th. Zekadah (2d. May) exactly to the same Purport as that dated 10th. May, of which a Translation was forwarded to you in our Address of the 6th. Instant. This Letter was received by the way of Cournatore, in Answer to our President's which had been sent by that Route, and explains the allusions in Tippoo's letter of the 10th. May, to a prior Communication. The Readiness with which Tippoo has Answered both the Original and Duplicate of our Presidents' Letter, forwarded viâ Mangalore and Cournatore, and the becoming Style in which those Answers are written, seem to afford reasonable ground to conclude, that the Return unopened, of our Presidents' first letter to

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Tippoo, forwarded through the Koorg Country, is not imputable to Insult, or Arrogant Slight on the part of Tippoo, toward our Government, or to Rejection of Intercourse with the Administration of this Province; and that if not the Effect of mistake or Accident, it may perhaps, be ascribable to Tippoo's Disinclination, from Antipathy toward the Koorg Rajah, to that Rajahs' being in any manner concerned in the Intercourse between him and our President; or even his Country being made the Channel of such Intercourse.—

11 That the District of Wynaad would be a desirable Acquisition to us is admitted by all who have considered the subject, and we therefore beg leave to submit to you such grounds as have occurred to us, as affording the possible means of our keeping Possession of Wynaad, in the Event of its' being decided that District was not meant by Tippoo, nor in Justice ought to be included in his Cession to us of Cotiote.—

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The Desirableness to us of Wynaad does not consist merely in the Amount of its Revenue, though that is Considerable, but in many local Circumstances of Advantage to us, from the Possession of it. Viz.t As affording an eligible Station for a Military Force, which might overawe the disaffected or refractory in the Province of Mallabar Contribute to the Civilization and Protection of the Country, by establishing frequent Intercourse by a high road, between the Eastern part of our Mallabar Possessions, and our Stations on the Sea Coast; operate in Prevention or Check of those Numerous Enormities of Robbery, Murder, and Devastation, which we are concerned to say are now, and have ever been, but too prevalent in the Province of Mallabar; and promote the highly desirable object of establishing the Company's Authority throughout the Province; whereas the Possession of Wynaad by Tippoo may, from the Vicinity of that

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District to the Heart of our Possessions in Mallabar and the Numerous Convenient Passes it affords into the Low Country, prove highly prejudicial to us, in the event of future Hostilities with that Prince; may afford an Asylum to the disaffected or discontented Chiefs of Malabar and to the Numerous Banditti that now infest the Province; while from the Pretensions which we have occasionally advanced to Wynaad, rendered Conspicuous to all Mallabar by the Presence in that District of our Surveyors, a Native Techsuldar, and even the Establishment therein of a Military Station, and, at one Periods, of a Considerable Military Force, the Direction of those Pretensions may perhaps operate some what to our Prejudice in the Minds of the Mallabarians in general; an object of some consideration in the present inefficient State of the Company's Authority in the Province.

12 The grounds we allude to, as affording the possible means of our keeping Possession

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Possession of Wynaad are as follows, That Tippoo included in his Cessions to us three* Districts— which the Raja of Travancore claims as belonging to him, & consequently that Tippoo had no right to cede them to us, and ought to make us an adequate consideration in Lieu thereof, which may be used as a set off against Wynaad; and, if not equivalent thereto, an addition of some Districts or Villages (should any such be in Dispute, either on the Malabar or Coromandel sides of India) may be ceded to Tippoo, or we may make up the difference to him by some other Territorial Cession, or by a gross Payment of equal value, or by an annual Payment in Cash, as We now do to Nizam Ally Khan for the Northern Circars.—

*Vide Commissioner's first report dated 11th. Octr. 1793,— Paragraphs: 158, 159. 160, 169, 170, 171,— 172, & 173. & the— Letter from Government General to Bombay Government dated 27th. March 1794:— Para: 59.—

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It may not be amiss to advert to the Possibility, in the Event of our Claim to Wynaad proving unfounded, that Tippoo may make a demand of the Amount of the Revenues

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of that District since the Peace of 1792, the — Realization of which to his Sirkar, He may allege has been obstructed by the Pretensions advanced to that District by us, and by our Dependant the Raja of Coorminaad (or Cotiote,) and the measures that have been pursued in consequence of those Pretensions. —

We have the honor to be very respectfully. —

Calicut 13th June 1798

&c &c &c

(Signd) John Spencer
" James Hartley
" Joshua Uhthoff
" John Smee.

A true Copy
(Signd) Jas Saw
Secy

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

To W Webbe Esq re
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you for the information of the Honble Board, Extract from

From the Asistant Resident at Hydrabad with Extracts of his Correspondence with the

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the Governor General respecting the demur stills made in affording him satisfaction on the subject of the Sepoy Deserters - in which it appears that Azim ul Omrah is much concerned at the Duplicity & disobedience of Mons.r Piron.

From my Address of the 15.th Instant to the Right Hon.ble the Governor General, and of the Inclosure therein referred to.

I am

&c.a &c.a

Hyderabad
18.th June 1798.

(Signed) J.e A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad, to the Right Hon.ble the Governor General - dated 15.th June 1798.

3.d In the 7.th Paragraph of my Address of the 31.st Ultimo, to the acting Governor General, I have already alluded to the European Deserter, mentioned in the second Paragraph of the enclosed Translate. — This Man whose real Name is Lilly bridge, deserted with his Arms, and Accoutrements from the 4.th European Regiment of coast Infantry when on its March from Arnee to Ellore in the Year 1793, enticing away with him six other Men. after passing through several of the Native Services, he at length entered as an Officer into that of Mr. Finglas.

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Some time previous to it's being retained by Azim Ul Omrah at Poonah, under the disguise of his feigned Name he contrived to remain unmolested for some Months after his arrival here, until his irregular and even treacherous Conduct towards the Chief of his Party, occasioned his dismission from it, upon which he offered his Services to, and was retained by Rajah Ragotim Rao, who gave him the Command of a small Corps, with Authority to encrease it to a thousand Men.— This he was doing very rapidly by inveigling Men from the Party of Mr. Finglas, who thereupon intimated to me that he had reason to suspect him of being a Deserter from the Company's Services, from some expressions which had occasionally escaped him while in his— The Inquiries which in consequence of this information I set on foot fully Corrobora-ting the truth of it, I lost no time in stating the case to this Durbar, and demanding this Man's delivery to me. After repeated evasions on the part of the Minister— or rather, on

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that of Ragotim Rao, a promise was at length given me that he should be delivered up, and Meer Allum thought proper of his own accord to pledge himself for the due performance of it. The result however as your Lordship will perceive, was not very Creditable to Meer Allum, and justified I trust the Complaint made to him on the occasion by Moonshee Azeez Oollah.—

4.th I trust also that your Lordship, upon adverting to the unadvanced State of the Affair of the Sepoy Deserters, after five Months fruitless application on my part for their surrender, will not disapprove of the intimation given by the Moonshee to Meer Allum of the necessity I should eventually be under of declining compliance with applications from the Court, an alternative, which my experience of its selfish ungenerous Spirit convinced me would be the most likely of any to produce the effect which I required from it.

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As the definitive offer made by Mr. Piron's Native Agent of turning all Deserters out of his Camp in the presence of my Harkarrahs, appeared to me to be made, in the hope of my declining it, and of that Frenchman being thereby furnish-ed with a pretext for withholding all further Satisfaction, I determined to disappoint him, by an acceptance of it, and by desiring that an early day might be fixed for its fulfillment. This-test proved incontestibly the insincerity of Mr. Piron, who upon my acquiescence being communicated to him, assured the Minister with the most-solemn Asseverations, that none of the Sepoy Deser-ters from the Company's Service, were as yet in his Lines, they being all (by his account) in the Corps Stationed in Khummum and which is not expected here in less than a fortnight. Acquainted as I so fully am with the utter-falsehood of this assertion, I did not fail to expose it as it deserved to Azim ul Omrah, by reminding him of my having some time since ascertain-ed (as he well knew) beyond all manner of

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doubt, that the Majority of the Deserters claimed by me, were in the Corps of M.r. Baptiste that arrived here from Ranguempaint on the 24.th April last, adding that it was very unlikely, they should have subsequently been sent to Khummum. – upon the arrival of the Corps expected from thence, I am prepared for M.r. Piron's asserting, with the same effrontery, that has invariably distinguished him, that the Deserters have made their escape on the way, upon hearing of the Fate which awaited them here. – I have good information of his having sent off a Subidar, two Jemidars, together with most of the Non Commissioned Officers Deserters from the Company's Service to a small Jaghier M.r. Baptiste still holds in the District of Maidurk; and where some of the English Deserters from the artillery of the Detachment, are at this moment I understand under a kind of restraint. – Having long foreseen the likelihood of Azim ul Omrah in the course of the discussions respecting these Deserters coming forward with some such question as the one actually put by

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by him to the Residents Moonshee, I instructed the latter to Answer it in the terms given in the last Paragraph of the enclosed Translate.~

5.th In elucidation of the subject of Meer Allums Reiterated Complaints of the want of Assistance experienced by the Nizam's Agent at Masulipatam, in the prosecution of his~ Highness's Claims on the Creditors of the late Runchore Doss, I beg leave to make a respect-ful reference to the 5.th Paragraph of my~ Address of the 27.th January to the late Governor General Sir John Shore, to my Letter of the 3.d February last to the Collector at Masulipatam, and to the 9.th Paragraph of the Commands of the acting Governor General of the 2.d April, approving of the Steps I had taken in the business:— The subsequent delay on the part of Mr. Oakes who very readily promised his Assistance in the prosecution of it, I can only account for by supposing that, that~

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Gentleman has actually made some reference on this subject to the Government of Fort St. George, which has not yet perhaps been decided upon."—

A true Extract
(Signd) T. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

Extract Translate of Report of a Conversation between Moonshee Azeez Oollah, Arim ul Omrah and Meer Allum during a visit of the former to them on the 13th June 1798.—

After this, conformably to your directions, I complained to Meer Allum, of the utter inattention evinced by the Durbar to your demands, as well as disregard of their own promises as recently instanced in the case of the Deserter from the Company's Service who had assumed the false Name of Murray, and who, notwithstanding he (M. A.) had solemnly pledged himself for the delivery of, after repeated applications from you for the purpose, was nevertheless suffered after all to make his escape with the Connivance

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most probably of Rajah Ragotim Rao, who in spite of all your remonstrances, had thought proper to give him the Command of a Battalion. Meer Allum seemed to be heartily ashamed of the conduct of the Rajah on this occasion, adding, that every measure as you (Captain K.) will know, had been immediately taken by the Minister to apprehend the fugitive. I told him I was sorry to say that past experience did not lead you to put much confidence in the effect of these circular Orders of the Ministers' to Talookdars, as not a single Deserter from the Artillery in Camp had as yet been apprehended in consequence of them: That in the present case, it was certainly in Rajah Ragotim Rao's power to have obviated your Complaints, by preventing the flight of the Deserter you had claimed, but there was a subject (I proceeded to observe to Meer Allum agreeably to your directions) of still more importance than the one I had just treated, and respecting

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respecting which you had experienced also the most unfriendly evasions on the part of this — Court.— This was that of the Sepoy Deserters — from the Company's Service, who had been — entertained by Mr. Raymond; and I was now (I told him) instructed by you to say, that if some Satisfaction were not soon given you on this point, you should reluctantly be — under the disagreeable necessity of declining Compliance on your part with all applications from this Court.— Meer Allum hereupon assured me, that he had by no means been idle in this business of the Sepoy Deserters, and that he — expected Moheput Ram every instant with a definitive Answer on this Subject from Mr. Piron.—

Meer Allum after this, began to Complain on his part, that little or no Attention was paid by the Company's Servants at Masulipatam to Meer Goolaumy Sahib's repeated applications for an enquiry into, and Settlement of

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of, His Highness's Claims on the Creditors of the late Runchore Doss. That it was true, you (Capt.n K.) had kindly used your exertions with Mr. Oakes to promote an enquiry into this business, but, to judge from the result, with little, or no effect, as notwithstanding that Gentleman's kind promises in the outset of aid and advice to Meer Goolaumy Saheb in prosecution of his Highness's Claims, yet had the business for some Months past been at an entire Stand, Mr. Oakes saying, that he could do nothing further in it, without orders from Madras. "In short (added Mr. O.) "as we "have waited for three Years, and upwards "without experiencing any effectual assistance "from the Company's Servants at Masulipatam "in the recovery of his Highness's just claims, "the Minister has serious thoughts of addressing "a Letter on the subject of them to the Governor "General." — To all this, I replied, that the

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business in question was as he (Mr. A:) well knew a private concern, and as Ranchore Doss had thought proper to lend out his Highness Monies to Individuals, the only way to recover them was by a course of law, and that Mr. Oakes had been so good as to promise his assistance and advice to Golaumy Saheb in the prosecution of the business, though owing to that Gentleman's reference to Madras, or to some other preventive cause, the matter would no doubt seem to have been at a stand for some time past;— here the Minister made his appearance, which put an end to our Conversation.

"Mohiput Ram making his appearance at this time, Meer Allum observed to the Minister that he had sent for him on the subject of the Sepoy Deserters.— Azim ul Omrah upon this directed him to approach nearer him, when the following conversation passed between him and me on the above subject.—

Mohiput Ram began by observing

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observing to me, that the Maxim which Mr Piron wished to lay down was, that there should be no retrospect to any thing that had passed in the life time of Mr Raymond, and that he would on such condition, answer for doing nothing — himself to the prejudice of the English. To this I replied that such an agreement would no doubt be a very convenient one to Mr Piron, but that the Engagements subsisting between his — Highness and the Company, had no reference to particular times and circumstances. — That your (Captn Ks) business was with his Highness and not with his Servants, and that it was from this State that you looked therefore for — satisfaction on the score of the Sepoy Deserters. — Mohiput Ram upon this, asked it as a — particular favor on the part, and in the Name indeed of Mr Piron, that you would for this once overlook this business of the Deserters, and that if you would Agree to do so, he should be

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ever grateful for the favor, and hoped you would at least obtain their pardon, if you should get possession of them. In Answer to this I said, that as the matter in question was a public affair of great importance, I had no conception that you would Agree to listen to any such interference on the subject, on the part of Mr. Piron.— after a good deal of such kind of Conversation between Moheput Ram and myself, it ended in his telling me that though Mr. Piron would never (he thought) Agree to deliver up as Prisoners, Men, who had taken service with him, yet if you would send your Kirkarrahs to his Camp the whole of them should be turned out of it, before their Eyes; and you were then at liberty to take such measures as you might think proper to secure their persons.— This I told Moheput Ram was coming to the point, and I had little doubt but such an Arrangement would be sufficiently satisfactory to you.—

Our conversation at an end

Azim ul Omrah/ who had listened Attentively

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to the whole of it) asked me if a Native, or Inhabi-
-tant of the Company's Territories was to take Service
in this State, in what light it would be viewed
by the Company's Government.— To this I replied
that if he were a person who had fled from thence
as a public Criminal, or public defaulter, or held
in short any civil, or Military Employ under
Government, they would certainly expect such
Persons to be delivered up upon their claiming
them but in the case of a mere Native or
Inhabitant of the Company's Territories, who
without being a public criminal, or public defaul-
-ter, came hither in quest of Service, no such
claim I apprehended would be made on his account."

A true Extract
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
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Read the following Letter from Bombay.

To The Honble Major General George Harris
President & Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

From Bombay - with a Letter from their President to Tippoo Sultaun inviting him to depute an Embassador,

We have been favored with your
letter of the 16.th Ultimo; and as the Commissioners of
Malabar

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Embassador, with full Powers to settle, with Mr. Spencer, the President of the Malabar Commission, the disputes relative to Wynaad, Kaut-mungul and Kolour-bachy.—

Malabar have advised us of their having imparted to your Government, Captain Mahony's letter to Sheer Khan, of the 25th of April last, and also, the letter, and enclosures, from that Gentleman, of the 27th of the same Month, with their Answer, of the 3d of May; it will, thence, and from the preceding Correspondence of the Commissioners, have appeared, that the two Places of Kantamungalum, and Kolour Bachy, claimed by Tippoo, are situated, nearly in the centre of the Soolea district; the Circumstances, respecting which, your Government will, already have been fully advised of, by the Copy, some time since communicated, of our Address to the Supreme Government, of the 5th Ultimo, which shews how evidently unadvisable, and derogatory, to the Company's Credit in India, must prove, our suffering the Sultaun, to take forcible possession of that tract of Country, which, for more than four years past, he has allowed to remain unmolested, in the Coorg's Occupancy,— at the same time that, to evince on our part, a sincere disposition to promote an Amicable Adjustment of this, & all the other boundary disputes, subsisting

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subsisting between our Province of Malabar, and the Sultaun's Western line of Boundary; We now transmit a letter from our President to his Highness, with an English Copy, requesting, that you will be pleased to forward it, with all possible expedition, in the usual Channel of your, and the Supreme Government's Intercourse, with that Prince, who is said to have, however, unprecedentedly, declined, to open a direct Correspondence with the Commissioners in Malabar, or from this side of India; which the present measure, will, however, more fully ascertain.

We have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Jon. Duncan
J. Stuart
Jams. Rivett

Bombay Castle
the 5th June 1798.

To Tippoo Sultaun

General Harris, the Governor of Madras, having Advised me of an Application your Highness has made, relative to the Coorg Rajas possession of Kantamangalum, and Kolloor Bachy in the Soolia district; and at the same time, informed me of his having referred your Highness to the Government of Bombay

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Bombay; of which I am, at present, at the head.—
because whatever concerns the Coorg, or Malabar districts
depends on this Presidency; which, perhaps, your
Highness's Ministers may not have been fully—
informed of; I lose, therefore, no time in embracing
the Opportunity of assuring your Highness how sincerely
I feel disposed as well as my Colleagues, the Members
of the Council of this Government to Cultivate, and
improve, by every means, in our power, that harmony
so happily established, between the Honble Company's
& your Highness's States, and dependencies, by the—
treaty of Peace; wherein by the 7.th Article, it is
provided, that boundary disputes shall be adjusted
with the Knowledge, and approbation of both Parties,
in view to which, it was that, several Months
ago, — Mr. John Spencer, who is the principal
delegate of this Government, and of the English
Nation, in their province of Malabar, was instruc
-ted to propose to your Highness to adjust, on this
footing, the right to Wynaad as constituting an
Original part of the Ceded district of Cotiote; to the
end that no Subject of disagreeable discussion
might—

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might lie open between your Highness's State,
and this Government; and although I am yet
unaware of the ultimate issue of this overture;
yet, lest your Highness may have entertained
any doubts, as to the full power and authority
under which Mr. Spencer had written, and
with which he stands still invested, as President
of the Commission at Calicut, for terminating,
in the fairest manner, not only whatever
difference of Opinion may exist respecting
Wynaad, which I understand to be known
by your Highness's Officers, under the Name of
Chuckloor; but also, whatsoever may relate
to other boundary disputes, inclusive, of course,
of your Highness's present Claims to the two
places above named in the district of Soolia-

I have great pleasure in transmitting the
present declaration of the full authority thus
delegated to the aforesaid Gentleman, as President
of the said Commission, which I doubt not

your

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Your Highness will readily proceed upon; to the end, that all cause of disquietude, on either part, being thereby removed, it may be put out of the power of the ill intentioned among the Subjects on either side of the Boundary to create ill-founded Apprehensions or have it in their power to prove in the prosecution of their own interested purposes, the Motives of dissension, to the mutual disadvantage of both States; whose good, and permanent welfare must, on the Contrary, at all times, consist in the suppression of evil doers and the Corroboration of the bonds of Amity, which, on this Side, your Highness may rely on nothing being wanting to confirm and Cement in a manner the most durable in testimony of which I shall not fail to be attentive (as will I flatter myself be equally observed on the part of your Highness's) to the progress of the proposed enquiries on the borders; so as to ensure their being Conducted according to those principles of good faith and

Amity

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Amity that will I trust continue to be the rule of guidance between the English and your Highness in all time to come.—

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub. Secy.

Bombay
5th June 1798.—

The Letter for Tippoo Sultaun enclosed in the above, was forwarded, immediately on its receipt, on the 20th Ultimo, to Major Doveton.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter just received from the Secretary at Bengal.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to the Government
at
Fort St. George

From the Secretary at Bengal with a letter from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultan inviting him to enter into an Amicable Negociation for the Settlement of the disputed Claims to the Wynaad and Soolia Districts and calling upon him to withdraw the Troops Stationed on the Borders of the Coorga Country.—

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to request that the accompanying letter to Tippoo Sultaun may be forwarded to him with all dispatch.—

A Persian Copy of the letter, with a translate of it, are transmitted for the information of the Governor in Council.—

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

Fort William
the 13th June 1798.—

To

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To Tippoo Sultan

Written the 14th June 1798.—

Immediately on my arrival in Bengal, Sir Alured Clarke communicated to me your friendly letter to him stating that some people of the Coorgah Country having descended from the Woods and Mountains, had fixed their residence in the Villages of Kantamungle and Goloorbajee, &c.a

(Recapitulate the Contents of the letter)

Sir Alured Clarke has also communicated to me your Answer to the letter from the late Governor General Sir John Shore, respecting the claims of the Company and of your Highness to the Districts of Wynaad, bordering on Tamberchery.— Being anxious to afford you every proof in my power of my sincere desire to maintain the good understanding which has long subsisted between your Highness and the Company, I made it one of the first objects of my attention to examine all the papers existing on the Company's Records, as well respecting Wynaad as the District of Soudeah, in which it appears that Kantamungle,

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and Goloorbajee are situated.—

From these Papers I find that not only the right to the districts of Wynaad and Soulcah has remained in doubt, but also to the district of Amerah and Cravarasseery, and to some other inconsiderable Territories on the side of Malabar.—

Your Highness is well aware that it is a maxim among States who are sincerely disposed to maintain the relations of Amity and Peace to bring all contested points of this nature to a speedy determination.—

A Seasonable and temperate discussion of those differences of Opinion which must occasionally arise between powers of the most pacific disposition tends to prevent quarrels between their subordinate Officers, and to obviate the misrepresentations which each party is apt in such cases to make to the respective Governments.— This is the most friendly as well as the most precedent course and will always defeat the views of interested and design-ing persons who may wish to foment jealousy and

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and to disturb the blessings of peace.—

For this object Lord Cornwallis, the Nawaub Niziam ally Khawn and the Peishwah Pundit Perdhaun wisely provided in the Treaty of peace concluded with your Highness at Seringapatam, by establishing a regular mode of bringing to an amicable Adjustment with the knowledge and approbation of all parties any questions which might hereafter arise between your Highness and any of the allies respecting the boundaries of your adjacent Territories.— I am persuaded that it is your Highness's disposition to maintain faithfully your public engagements with the Company. On my part you will always meet with a religious adherence to every Article of the Treaties subsisting between us. on this occasion therfore it is my intention to depute a respectable and discrete person to meet upon your frontier such of your officers as your Highness may please to name for the purpose of conferring together, of discussing the grounds of the respective claims, and of satisfying each other on all

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points respecting which any doubts may be entertained on either side.— It would not be consistent with your Highness's high Representation for justice and good faith to refuse to enter into this candid investiga-tion.— I therefore entertain no doubt that as soon you shall have fully understood the Nature of this Representation you will afford every Facility to the Conduct of the Necessary enquiries, and will use your endeavours to bring them to a Speedy termination, and for this purpose that you will without delay direct your Officers at Korial Bunder or Mangalore to enter into Conferences with those deputed by the Managers of the Honorable Company's Affairs on the Coast of Malabar.— The result of the conferences will be communicated to me by the Government of Bombay with all practicable dispatch; and you may rely upon it, that after a regular discussion shall have taken place according to the established law of Nations, and to the practice uniformly observed on every occasion of disputed boundary which has

arisen

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Arisen between your Highness and the Allies since the conclusion of the Treaty of Seringapatam, I will not suspend for one Moment, the full acknowledgement of whatever shall appear to be your just right.— In the mean time, as the districts of Amrut and Soulah have been in the possession of the Coorgah Rajah for several years, your Highness will no doubt see the propriety and justice of recalling the Troops sent into the Neighbourhood of Soulah; your Highness must be sensible, that until I have been satisfied of your Claims in a regular and Amicable manner, I will never suffer any of the Company's Allies or Dependants, whose Country and Interests I consider to be in every respect the same as those of the Company, to be forcibly deprived of Territories of which they have so long held possession: with the most cordial disposition to maintain the intercourse of friendship with your Highness, I trust that I shall always meet an equal return on your part.

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and therefore I cannot but lament, that your Highness, did not immediately resort to the establish-ed Channel of peaceable Negociation in place of Stationing a Military force upon the frontiers of the Territory possessed by an ally of the Company.

Confident however, that your Highness upon a full review of all the circumstances of the case, will be equally inclined with my-self to conform to the dictates of justice, I am satisfied that after our respective Officers shall have conferred together and explained to each other all matters that remain in doubt, we shall have no difficulty in terminating these long depending questions to our mutual satisfaction.—

A true Copy
(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Govt.

Ordered that the Letter for Tippoo Sultaun be immediately forwarded to Major Doveton.

Minute thereon—

Read the following Letters—

from Major General Floyd.—

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To The Honble The Governor in Council

Sir,

I beg leave to state that the European Officer of the Honorable Company's 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry, stationed at Pettoor, have represented to me, that they are entirely unprovided with Quarters, except such as have been condemned two years ago— I request you will be pleased to grant such allowance as you see fit, to enable them to make these Quarters habitable— They also state that they left at Chemundlum good Houses, built at their expence, for which they have received no compensation. — These circumstances being within my knowledge, I request your favorable attention to their respectful application for such assistance towards providing themselves as you judge fit.

From Major General Floyd referring an application from the Officers of the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry at Pettoor for an allowance to provide themselves with proper quarters.—

I have the Honor to lay before you Lieutenant Colonel Orr's own application regarding his Quarters, which are as He describes them. —

I have the honor to be

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(Signed) J. Floyd

M.G.

Mysor

Fritchinopoly

June 16th 1798.—

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Major General Floyd

&c.a &c.a

Sir,

I have the honor of forwarding an application from the + Officers of the 3.rd Regiment Native Cavalry requesting an allowance to repair their Quarters.— And I request you will be pleased to state that the Commanding Officer's Quarter at Puttoor is about three times the Size of the Generality of the Quarters here, and that it has also been condimned and will require some thing more to cover it in and to make the place Waterproof. I therefore hope that Government will be pleased to make me an Allowance in proportion to the extent of the Building to enable me to make the Necessary Repairs.—

I have the honor to be—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) T. Orr

Lt.Col.

Trichinopoly

15.th June 1798.—

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The Honble The President in Council

Sir,

From Major General Floyd— recommending that a new Drain be immediately made in the Artillery Park at Trichinopoly.—

Not having been favoured with your—

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Your Commands, on the subject of an Estimate forward-
-ed in October, I do myself the honor to forward
a Copy, and beg leave to observe that the water
drain therein mentioned is much wanted.—

I have the Honour to be

Sir &c. &c.

Tritchinopoly
19th June 1798.—

(Signed) T. Floyd
M.G.

Estimate for making a new Water Drain to the Gun-Shed in the Park at Tritchinopoly— made at the Current prices of this Station.—

			Prices		
Brick and Chunam	600 bricks fact.	2	1 Cubic ft.	28	24 —
Arch Work	1105 Do.	3	9 Cubic Do.	30	45
Digging Mud	90 Yards	5	50 per Yd.	12	2 20
			Pagodas	70	26 65

Tritchinopoly
6th October 1798.—

(Signed) Elisha Trapaud
Major Engr & Sr Dr
Lieut. Col:

a true Copy

(Signed) T. F. De Havilland
Lieut. Asst. Engr Sr Dr

Tritchinopoly June 19th 1798.

A true Copy of the original
sent to the Mily Board
(Signed) George Parry
Sub. Secy.

To
The Honble
The Govenor in Council

Sir,

From Major General Floyd— advising of his having, on a Second, and very urgent

Mr. Collector Grant, having apply'd

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urgent application of Mr. Grant, the Collector, detached three Companies of Sepoys to Mayaveram.

to me again, by Express, Him a more urgent manner than before, for a respectable Force at Mayaveram, — I have judged it necessary to comply without delay — & have accordingly ordered Captain Grant, with the three Company's 1st Battn 7th Regiment to proceed immediately, to Mayaveram & to comply with such requisitions as the Collector may find it expedient to make. —

I trust this will meet your Approbation — & in the event of your directing this detachment to remain there — I beg leave to suggest the propriety of some Corps being sent here to replace them, for the obvious purpose of having together, at this principal Station, a respectable Force, that may afford Aid in any directions. —

I have the Honour to be

&c &c &c

(Signed) J. Floyd
M. G.

I have the honour to enclose Mr. Collector Grant's Letter, for your information. —

(Signed) J. Floyd
M. G. —
Major

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Major General Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division of the
Army

Sir,

An occurrence which happened last night at this place, suggests the necessity of my repeating the Requisition for the immediate March of the Detachment mentioned in my Letter to you of the 10th. Instant. It is the following — at 11 O'Clock last night, and about an hour after I had quitted the Cutcherry and retired to rest, a Band of Ruffians, hired no doubt for the purpose, suddenly entered this Town, seized upon the Person of Soyemboolinga Moodaly, one of the Principal Inhabitants in the Soubah, as he was returning to His House, and after murdering him in the most Inhuman manner, effected their escape — Who these Villains belong to: by whom they have been Instigated to perpetrate this horrid Deed: — Whence they came or whither they have retired, is not yet ascertained; but the Presence of a respectable Force being indispensable to dissipate the Alarms of the Inhabitants, and to ensure the future — Tranquillity of this Soubah, I therefore beg leave to

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press your immediate Compliance with this application—

I have the honor to be

Mayaveram
22.nd June 1798
10 O Clock A. M.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Fra.s Alex. Grant
Coll.r

To
The Honble The Governor in Council

Sir

From Major General Floyd recommending the repair of the European Barracks in the Fort of Trichinopoly, and of the Stabling of the 19.th Dragoons.—

The European Barracks in this—
Fort, now occupied by the 2.d Battalion 3.d Regiment
Native Infantry admit torrents of Rain Water thro
the Roof, & have suffered other dilapidations.—
I have therefore directed Lieutenant de Havilland
of Engineers to survey, & estimate the Repairs—
absolutely necessary, & have the Honour to enclose
the cost, at the current prices of the place—No.5.
The Stables of the 19.th Dragoons
are in such a state of decay, from White Ants
destroying the thatch, & the weather driving against
the substantial Pillars that support the roofs,
that they would be useless in the approaching
Monsoon, & would probably be totally destroyed
I therefore directed Lieutenant
de Havilland

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Dr Haviland to survey & estimate what was wanting

His Letter A. is so clear, as well as his Plan of the Stables— & the four Estimates, that could no way so well explain, as by inclosing his own Papers; from which you will be enabled to determine on the mode of Repair to be adopted.— No 1. seems to be, clearly, the best.— but other considerations may interfere that belong to you alone to decide upon.—

I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

Trichinopoly June 26th 1798.— (Signed) J. Floyd

To

The Honble the President in Council

From Major General Floyd— submitting an application from Major Smart Commanding at Palamcotah for three Months leave of absence from his Station.—

Sir,

Major Smart Commanding at Palamcottah, having applied for three Months leave of absence, on business of consequence to the Presidency, I beg leave to recommend his request to your favourable consideration; and to add, that in the event of your granting leave to Major Smart, Captain Gibbings will be Senior Officer at Palamcottah, Captain Bannerman being on leave of absence.—

I have

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I have the Honour to be &c. &c.
(Signd) J. Floyd M.G.

Trichinopoly
26th June 1798.—

Minutes on the five foregoing Letters from Major General Floyd.—

The Board Consider the allowance of House Rent drawn by the Officers of the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry at Puttoor adequate to the expences they may incur in repairing the condemned Quarters they now occupy: with respect to Lieutenant Colonel Orr's application it is resolved either to continue to him the allowance of House Rent, which he draws at present, or to grant him, in lieu thereof a reasonable Sum to be expended in the repair of his Quarter.—

Resolved that the water drain required in the Artillery Park be immediately completed, and that the repairs represented to be necessary to the European Barracks at Trichinopoly and the Stabling of the 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons be referred to the consideration of the Military Board.—

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The Board approve Major General Floyds Compliance with Mr. Grants second application for the Troops, & consent to Major Smarts visiting the Presidency on three Months leave.—

Read the following Letter from the Commanding Officer on Ceylon.—

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

Honble Sir

From Brigadier General De Meuron submitting Applications made to him by sundry Dutch Subjects to be allowed a Monthly Subsistence.—

On the 22nd of December last I had the Honor to address Government on the Subject of some Persons who not receiving any Subsistence are reduced to the most distressed circumstances.— As I have not received the Commands of Government on that Subject, it has not been in my power to give the different Petitioners an Answer and many of them having again addressed me through Mr. Van Angelbeck the late Governor I take the liberty to transmit you a translation of his ÷ address to me and of its enclosures— to these I also Join a Petition I received from the Inhabitants

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Inhabitants of Madras.~

I have the honor to remain with~

great Respect.~

Columbo
14th June 1798.~

&c &c &c
(Signed) P. F. de Meuron
B. G.

N.B. These Papers being voluminous and all tending to the same purport are lodged in the Office.~

Minute thereon.

Resolved to leave the decision on the Claims preferred on the foregoing Letter to the Honble Mr North.~

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.~

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General suggesting a mode of indemnifying the Company in some degree for the expence they have already incurred on Account of Supernumerary Saddles in charge of the Commandants of Regiments of Native Cavalry, for what they have drawn the established Monthly allowance since the reduction of Major Dallas's temporary Corps.~

1 The Distribution which took place of the Saddles & Horse accoutrements upon the reduction of the late Temporary Corps of Cavalry under Major Dallas, having given to each of the Native Regiments a Number exceeding the Establishment of 501 Sets including Supernumeraries which were directed in Government Orders of the 4th October 1796 to be kept up, & consequently subjects the Company to~

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to unnecessary Expense, it therefore appears to be expedient to regulate the Number of Saddles & Horse Accoutrements to be kept up with each Native Regiment in future, allowing for authorized Supernumeraries, & that the surplus setts should be received by the Officers Commanding the Regiments at a fair valuation & the Amount be paid to the Company, which I am perswaded they will consider an equitable arrangement, in consideration that they have been permitted to draw the established Monthly allowance of 2½ Fanams for keeping each Sett in repair from the reduction of the Temporary Corps to the present time, not only for the Number actually in use, but also for the Supernumerary Setts in Store, I have therefore taken the liberty to submit the inclosed Draft of a General Order for the purpose of effecting the above object.

2 A practice having crept into the Service of drawing for a part of the Drummers and Fifers of Battalions of Native Infantry the former pay of Europeans, & occasionally to allow them Bounty, upon the plea of their being the Sons of Europeans, I consider it to be my duty to bring this subject to the

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the Notice of your Honble Board, & to suggest the accompanying General Order for abolishing this practice & rendering the pay of the whole of the Drummers & Fifers of Native Corps equal, at the same time that I have proposed an increase of the Staff pay of the Drum & Fife Major the same as allowed to those of the European Infantry / who besides receive an encrease rate of Subsistence according to late Regulations founded on His Majesty's Warrant of the 5th July 1797 / in order to provide for the Sons of Europeans now drawn for in the several Battalions, & by this encouragement to ensure that the Drummers & Fifers will be properly instructed in their Duty, which I have no doubt Your Honble Board will consider to be an object of some importance.

3 It should however I presume be considered as an invariable rule, that no Drummer or Fifer even of an European Corps whose parents are not both Europeans, shall be entitled to receive Bounty, which is an allowance that implies an option in the party of returning to Europe at the expiration of his contracted time, a situation which cannot possibly

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possibly apply to a Man born in this Country whose Mother is a Native of India.

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c. &c. &c.

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Fort St. George 19th June 1798. (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

G.O. by Government

The Distribution of the Saddles & Horse Accoutrements belonging to the late Temporary Corps of Cavalry under Major Dallas, having given to the Native Regiments a Number exceeding the Establishment of 501 Sets which were directed in Government Orders of the 4th October 1796 to be kept up with each Corps, allowing for authorised Supernumeraries, The Honble the President in Council has been pleased to resolve, that from & after the 30th of the present Month, the Saddles & Horse Accoutrements to be kept up with each Native Regiment of Cavalry shall be limited till further Orders to the Number last mentioned, including the detail from each Corps doing duty at the Presidency, as well as Supernumeraries, and in consideration that the established Monthly

allowance

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Allowance of 25 Fanams for keeping each Sett in repair, has been continued to the Officers in Command of those Regiments from the Reduction of the Temporary Corps to the present time, not only for the Number actually in use, but also for the Supernumerary Setts in Store it is further regulated that the Saddles & Horse Accoutrements with each Regiment surplus to the Complement of 501, shall be received by the respective Commanding Officers at a valuation of 2/3rds of the Sum allowed for a New Sett viz.n 4½ Pagodas, by which the Company will be paid 3 Pagodas for each surplus Sett, & the Amount thereof is accordingly to be delivered to the Paymaster of the Station, who is hereby directed to grant Receipts in Duplicate for the same, one of which is to be forwarded to the Military Auditor General, & the Amount to be Credited by the Paymaster under the proper head.—

It will of course be understood that the allowance for the Saddles & Horse Accoutrements with the Detachments doing duty at the Presidency, is to be drawn as heretofore by the Officer appointed to the Command, who is responsible for their—

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their being always in a complete State of repair.—

Altho' a Pattern Sett of Horse

Accoutrements has been fixed for the Native Cavalry

Regiments, under the Authority of Government, it

is still to be understood, that this pattern need not

be adopted while those at present in use, con-

tinue in all respects fit for Service.—

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

19th June 1798.—

The Board approve the Arrange-

ment suggested by the Military Auditor General

in regard to the Saddles & accoutrements with the

different Regiments of Cavalry, exceeding the

number of Sets Authorized to be drawn for in the

general Order of the 4th October 1796, but as the

limitation of the Number of Setts, to 505, in each

Regiment, has not been repealed by any specific

regulation, they deem it unnecessary to publish

the Arrangement in general Orders.—

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Resolved therefore that the

Auditor General be directed to make the necessary

communications to Paymasters of Stations and

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To the Commandants of Corps, for carrying into effect the Arrangement proposed:—

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General relative to the orders formerly transmitted to the Paymasters on Ceylon with regard to rendering an account of Amount of the different sorts of Coins received by them and issued in Payments to the Troops to which attention has not been paid by Mr. Mc. Donall a General Order suggested respecting full Batta payable to Officers on foreign Stations proceeding to the Coast:—

1. The Paymasters on Ceylon having been directed by Government in a letter from Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 6th August 1797, to transmit to this Office a Monthly Statement of the different sorts of Specie, & the proportion of each issued in payment of the several Abstracts of Corps & Departments for each Month, shewing also the Sum for which Bills of Exchange may have been drawn upon the Military Paymaster General in part of each Abstract, and to furnish a Statement of the same kind for the Six Months preceding, I considered it to be my duty to call upon Mr. Mac Donall Paymaster at Columbo (the Paymaster at Trincomalie only having furnished the Statements required) to explain

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explain the cause of his not having forwarded the same as directed by Government, I have in consequence received a letter from him dated the 5th May last (Copy whereof is enclosed) in which he states that the Order of the 6th August before alluded to, has been done away by subsequent Instructions to Brigadier General De Meuron and himself on the subject.

2. Should this be the case, I apprehend it will become equally expedient to discontinue the Statements which have been transmitted to me from the Pay Office at Trincomalee, & to direct their being made in future, as well as those at Columbo to Brigadier General De Meuron, but on the contrary if it should be the pleasure of Government that the Paymasters on Ceylon shall send such Statements to this Office as at first ordered, I would beg leave to observe that in their present form they do not seem calculated to answer the purpose, which I presume was intended, Viz., of ascertaining that the same proportions of the different

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different Coins have been paid to the Troops, as were received by the Paymasters, & therefore submit as the most effectual Mode of accomplishing this object, that Officers & Heads of Departments on Ceylon should be required to note on each separate Bill or Abstract the proportion of Coins in which they have been paid the rate of Exchange, & the proportion paid by Bills on the Military Paymaster General, & that the Paymasters should be directed to enter in their Accounts Current, & Abstracts of Receipts & Disbursements, the Amount of the different Coins which they receive, & from whom, as well as the Amount of Bills drawn by them on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Individuals, & to accompany the Monthly Statements ordered the 6th. August 1797 with a Certificate from the Collector or Commercial Resident, shewing the Amount of the several Coins advanced by them respectively, with the rate of Exchange together with a List of Bills drawn by the Paymasters on the Military Paymaster General, which documents being compared with the Abstracts of the different

Corps

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Corps and Departments, will at once exhibit in the clearest & most satisfactory Manner, the Mode in which the Troops are paid, & the Total amount Corresponding with the Sums stated by the Paymas-ters in their Accounts Current, and Abstracts of Receipts & Disbursements. —

3 Having found considerable — difficulty in Auditing the Accounts of the Paymas-ters on Ceylon, as they concern the Officers who have had leave of absence to come to the Coast on Account of Sickness, or on their private busi-ness, from a want of such leave & the period of their return being regularly communicated to this Office, to enable me to check their allowance of Full Batta agreeably to the Instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 12th July 1797, I have with a view of preventing such difficulties in future, taken the liberty to submit the enclosed Draft of a General Order on the Subject. —

4 I have great pleasure in stating that the Commands of your Honble Board signified

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Signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 6th Instant, with respect to Instructions to be given to Lieutenant Matthews Paymaster & Garrison Storekeeper at the Moluccas, for facilitating the transmission of his accounts, were anticipated by my having furnished him immediately on his Appointment, with the necessary information for his guidance, in addition to the Instructions sent from time to time to his predecessor, & which he will of course receive on his Arrival at Amboyna. ~

I have the honor to be with great respect. ~

&c. ~ &c. ~

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

Mily. Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 21st June 1793. ~

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of 20th April calling upon me for a Monthly Statement of the proportion

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proportion of Specie issued to the Troops & the Sums drawn for on the Military Paymaster General in the Payments of Abstracts & my reason for not having forwarded the same.—

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the Orders of the 6th of August alluded to in your Letter were done away by a subsequent one of the 25th October notifying to me that particular instructions had been sent to Brigadier General De Meuron upon the Subject & directing me to pay the most implicit attention to his Orders.

Brigadier General De Meuron having furnished me with an Extract of the Letter from Government, directed that I should deliver to him the Monthly report therein required, which has been regularly Complied with, & I believe by him transmitted to Government.—

I have only further to add that Lord Hobart when here expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the replies to these Letters forwarded by General De Meuron, & that the whole would be

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be withdrawn.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Columbo
5.th May 1798.—

(Signed) John Mc. Donall
Payr.

a true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Mjr. M.a.Gl.

Memorandum
G.O. By Government

The Honble the Governor in

Council having on the 12.th July 1797 deemed it expedient to regulate the allowances to be drawn by Officers attached to Corps or Military Departments on the Island of Ceylon or to the Eastward, by directing that all Officers who may be compelled by Sickness to repair to the Coast shall drawn their Full Batta up to the day of their Arrival on the Coast and from the day of their embarkation to rejoin their Corps, and that in regard to Officers who may be absent on Account of private business their

Full

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Full, Batta shall cease from the day of quitting their Station and not to recommence until the day of their joining, it is hereby further regulated, that Officers leaving Ceylon or the Eastward on account of ill health, shall on returning to join their Corps furnish themselves with a Certificate from the Town Major of Fort St. George / or from the Commanding Officer of the Station at which they may land, should they not find it necessary to come to the Presidency / stating the day of their Arrival at and departure from such Station, which Certificate alone shall be the Paymaster's Voucher for paying the difference between Full and Half Batta for the periods before expressed— The Adjutant General on Ceylon and the public Staff Officers at Malacca and Amboyna are to transmit to the Military Auditor General as often as opportunities may occur a Monthly List of Officers on leave— distinguishing those who may have obtained such leave on Account of Sickness from those who

may

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may come to the Coast on their private business.
and also expressing the day of their departure ~
from and return to join their Corps. ~

21st June 1798. ~ (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. and Genl.

As the Board do not consider
the Arrangement suggested in the foregoing Letters
Minute thereon to be inconsistent with the instructions transmitted to
Brigadier General De Meuron on the 21st October
last, it is resolved to send directions to the ~
Brigadier to see it carried into effect. ~

Resolved that the regulation ~
proposed in the foregoing Letter, for ascertaining
the period for which Officers proceeding to the Coast
from foreign Stations are entitled to full Batta,
be published in general Orders. ~

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

Honble Sir,

Opinion of the ~ Military Auditor General respecting the Exchange at which

Having been directed in Mr. ~
Secretary Webbe's letter of the 20th Instant, to report
my

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which the Rix Dollars should be brought into Madras Currency in adjusting the Moluccca accounts.

my Opinion upon the rate of Exchange at which the Rix Dollar should be brought into the currency of this Presidency in the adjustment of the Molucca Accounts, I have the honor to state that according to the best information I have been able to obtain on the subject, four Rix Dollars at the Molluccas are considered to be equal to three Spanish Dollars or as 48 Stivers the Rix Dollar is to 64 Stivers the value of the Spanish Dollar, & that the rate of Exchange established by His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier for Bills drawn there on this Presidency, is 15½ Spanish Dollars P 10 Star Pagodas,— I find that at Batavia the relative value between the Rix & Spanish Dollar, is as 5 to 4, & that two Rix Dollars are considered by Merchants to be equivalent to one Star Pagoda; as therefore an adjustment upon this last principle would not be so favorable to the Company as the rate of Exchange hitherto observed at the Moluccas Viz.ᵗ 4 Rix equal to 3 Spanish Dollars, & the latter converted into Star Pagodas at the rate of

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5 3/2 for every 10 Pagodas, I would recommend that this last mode be adopted in adjusting the Accounts with the Prize Agents.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

&c. &c. &c.

Mil.y Auditor Generals Office (Signed) W Sydenham
Fort St. George 26.th June 1798.— Mily. Audr Genl.

Minute thereon

Resolved that the exchange proposed by the Auditor General be adopted in the Settlement of the Molucca Accounts and that the Boards' determination be accordingly notified to Agents for the Captors.—

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

Hble Sir

From the Military Auditor General explanatory of the cause of Delay in delivering into the Accountant General the Books of his Office for the Year 1796/7.—

1 I have the honor to report that a Copy of the Books of my Office for the Year 1796/7 has this day been furnished to the Accountant General, agreeably to the 36.th paragraph of the Regulations of the 3.rd April 1792.—

2 In order to account for the delay which

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which has taken place in closing the Books of this Department for the above Year, it becomes my duty to State that such delay has been occasioned by the change of System in the Store Department, which was ordered to take effect on the 1st May 1797, and in consequence thereof the Books of the late Military Storekeeper at the Presidency & of Paymasters acting in that capacity at Outstations, as also Returns of all the Provisions remaining in Store at the several Stations on the 30th April 1797, were directed to be sent to the Military Board Office when completed, an operation which took up a considerable Space of time after the introduction of the new System, and which, together with the formation of an entire new Table of Rates applicable to every description of Military Stores, has unavoidably prevented my being furnished by the Secretary of that Board,— with a Statement of the Valuation of such Stores & Provisions (for the purpose of being entered as— directed by the late Regulations on the Military Books) before the 15th of last Month.— But for these

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these circumstances, the Books of my Office would have been closed in the Month of October 1797. and I beg leave to add, that every exertion shall be made in closing the Books of the Year 1797/8. which I can venture to say will be accomplished on or before the 31st of August next, provided I am furnished in due time with the Statements required from the other Departments for that purpose. —

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

&c. &c. &c.

Mil.y Auditor Generals' Office (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Fort St. George 30th June 1798. —

The Board are satisfied with the explanation afforded by the Auditor General of the cause of delay in closing the Books of his Office for the Year 1796/7, and they have no doubt that his Books will, in future, be closed as early as possible after the conclusion of the Official Year. —

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The Honble Lieutt. General George Harris

President & Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General— Submitting a recandit on sundry Charges retrenched in Mr. E. Garrow's Accounts paid on Bills &c. Signed by Colonel D. Smith.—

Agreeably to the Orders of Govern-
-ment communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's
Letter of the 11th January 1798, with Copy of a
Letter from Colonel David Smith on the Subject
of Retrenchments standing against him in the
Accounts of Mr. Edward Garrow late Paymaster
at Trichinopoly & upon which I am directed to
report— I have the honor to lay before you the
accompanying Statement containing the Retrench-
-ments, & replies of Colonel Smith, together with
my Remarks thereon; and altho' these Retrench-
-ments were formerly referred to Government by
the late Military Auditor General, at the sole
Requisition it appears of Mr. Garrow previous
to his Departure for Europe, and the Amount
refunded by him in Consequence of the Decision
passed thereon; yet as Colonel Smith represents
that he was ignorant of this circumstance, and
consequently

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consequently had not an Opportunity of Stating his reasons at large to each Article of the Retrenchments when they were refered to Government, this Plea will probably be admitted as a Reason for revising the Audit that had before taken place on this Subject. at the same time it must be obvious that such Revisions tend greatly to weaken the efficiency of Check & Controul, and should therefore I apprehend be resisted in every Case that has not some very peculiar Claim to reconsideration—

I have further to observe, that— Should Government be pleased in Consequence of my remarks on the several Charges to admit— any part thereof, the Amount must necessarily be paid to the Agent of Mr. Garrow by Bills drawn in his favor on the Honble Court of Directors, as that Paymaster refunded the whole of the— Retrenchments that were outstanding against him previous to his departure from India, in which those made from the Abstracts or Bills Signed by Colonel Smith were included.—

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y A.G.l

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Ordered

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Ordered that the reaudit of Charges retrenched from the Accounts of Mr. Edward Garron be returned to the Military Auditor General, with the resolutions now passed on each Charge annexed; and that he be directed to furnish a Statement of the Sum for which Bills are, in consequence, to be drawn in Mr. Garron's favor, on the Honble Court of Directors.

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

Hble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General on the subject of expences incurred on account of Men belonging to his Majesty's Regiments drafted and sent home the Corps not serving under this Presidency.

1

Having received from Captain Young acting Deputy Adjutant General of the Kings Troops a Letter under date the 27th Ultimo (of which the enclosed is a Copy) written in consequence of an application from the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital at the Presidency, requesting to be informed in what manner he is to be reimbursed for Expences incurred on account of the Interment of Soldiers who have died in the

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the Hospital, & who belong to His Majesty's Regiments Drafted, & removed from India, as also for those whose Corps are not Serving on this Establishment,— I beg leave to State that the two Men Noticed in the Application abovementioned belonged to the 52d. Regiment, & were left in the General Hospital at the time the Officers & Staff embarked for Europe,— and as Subsistence was drawn in advance for them, as well as the other Men, by the Paymaster of the Regiment up to the 24th. June 1798, he ought to have lodged it with some Person at Madras to defray their Hospital Expences &c.a, which he does not appear to have done; on the other hand it is but just that Mr. Thackery the Surgeon of the General Hospital, should be Reimbursed the Money which he has advanced, & I would therefore Recommend that he be paid by the Company as well for their Interments, as Hospital Charges, but that Notice of the Circumstance should be given to the Honble Court of Directors, with an Account of the Sums

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Sums disbursed (of which I shall furnish a correct Statement to the Secretary of Government) in order that the Agent of the 52d. Regiment in England may be called upon to make good the Amount, which ought to have been discharged either by the Paymaster of the Regiment, or by the Captain of the Company to which the deceased Men belonged. — With respect to Soldiers who may die in the General Hospital whose Corps are serving under a different Presidency, I apprehend that the Expences of their Funeral should be paid by the Military Paymaster of Fort St. George on Account of the Presidency to which the Men belonged, & as intimation of the same will be sent from this Office to that of the Military Auditor General of Bengal & Bombay; the necessary steps will no doubt be taken to recover the Sums so paid, from the Corps.—

2 The Order of Government

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of the 20th. Ultimo, which grants Horse allowance from the 1st. Instant to Adjutants of Battalions meant, I presume, to include the Adjutants of European Regiments, but as it cannot be understood to apply to the Adjutant of the Corps of Engineers unless authorized by your Honble Board, I request to be favord with your Instructions on the Subject. — It may be proper also to observe, that on the same principle the Adjutants of Regiments of Cavalry will claim the Horse allowance granted to Adjutants in general; unless Government should be of Opinion, that they are already sufficiently provided with the means of performing their Duty, by being in receipt of an allowance of 24 Pagodas P.r Month for 2 Horses in common with all Subalterns of that Corps. —

I have the honor to be with great respect. —

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W.m Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Mily. Auditor Generals Office
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Mayor

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Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to refer to your the enclosed Letter from Mr. Thackery the Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital, requesting to know in what Manner he is to be reimbursed for expences incurred in the interment of Soldiers Deceased under his Charge, belonging to Regiments that have been drafted and removed from India, and of those who may die in Hospital here whose Corps do not belong to this Establishment, and I request you will enable me to give Mr. Thackery the necessary information.—

I have the honor to be

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27th June 1798.—

&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) Keith Young
Adt. Dy. Ar. Gl.

a true Copy
(Signd) T. Brunton
Depy. M. Bd.

The Board approve the Auditor's suggestions relative to the mode of adjusting the expences

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Expences incurred on Account of Men belonging to His Majestys Regiments drafted and Removed from India and to Corps not serving on this Establishment.—

Read, and passed the annexed Resolutions on the following Proceedings of the Medical Board.—

Resolutions by Government in Council 3.d July 1798.

Medical Board 25.th June 1798.—

From the Medical Board—propose that Mr. McGowan be appointed a Sub-Asistant Surgeon and attached to the 2.nd Battalion of Artillery—that Sub Asistant Barrett be Stationed under the Head Surgeon at Columbo—that Mr. Mc. Arthur take charge of invalid &c.a Details at Royacottah—till Mr. Bulman be Appointed to the 2.d Battalion 5.th Regiment and Mr. McKenzie temporarily with the 1.st Battalion 1.st Regiment Native Infantry—Death of Asistant Surgeon Alexander Noble Brown.—

Approved—

We Recommend that Michael McGowan be Appointed a Sub-Asistant Surgeon, in the Room of Francis Xavier pensioned, and directed to do duty with the 2.nd Battalion of Artillery.—

Approved—

We recommend that Daniel Barett, Sub-Asistant Surgeon, be directed to do duty under Mr. Head Surgeon Briggs.

Approved—

We recommend that Mr. John Mc. Arthur, Surgeon,

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Surgeon, be directed to take charge of the Invalids &c.a in the Garrison of Ryacottah.

We recommend that Mr. William Robert Bulman — Assistant — Surgeon, be appointed to do duty with the 1st. Battalion 5th. Regiment Native Infantry / vice Abernithie promotid. /—

We have just had an Official Account of the Death of Mr. Alexander Noble Brown, Assistant Surgeon at Pondicherry on the 22d. Instant.—

We recommend that Mr. Surgeon McRevie be directed to take charge of the 1st. Battalion 1st. Regiment Native Infantry (in his room) until further orders.—

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.
(Signed) W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

Approved...

Approved and the whole of the above — Arrangements published in General Orders.—

By Order of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council
(Signed) George Parry — Sub. Secy.
Read

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Read the following Letter from the Deputy Accountant General.—

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Deputy Accountant General desiring to know to what Head the expences incurred on account of the Suffolks Tender are to be carried in the General Books

I have the honor to acknowledge Receipt of your Letter dated 21st Instant Containing Orders to adjust in the General Books the Accounts of the Suffolks Tender; to enable me to comply therewith, I beg to be informed whether the Suffolks Tender was considered as a Company's Ship lent to the Navy or as purchased on account of the Navy.— The Amount of the prime Cost, and the Sums since disbursed, have been carried to the debit of "His Majesty's Squadron"; but should the Vessel be considered as lent by the Company, I conceive it should be written back to the head of "Suffolks Tender" to be raised for that purpose in the General Books.—

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a &c.a
(Signed) Cecil Smith
Depy. Acc.t Gl.

Fort St. George
Accountant General's Office
23rd June 1798.—

as

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As the Suffolks' Tender was purcha-
sed on the Company's Account, and sent to the Admiral
principally with a view to enable him to convey Intelli-
gence to Government, it is resolved that the whole
of the Expences incurred on this Account be carried
in the general Books to the head of "Suffolks' Tender."

Minute thereon.

Read the following Letter from
His Highness the Nabob entered also in C.C.

No. 101.

Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the
Carnatic &c.a &c.a &c.a
To the Honble General Harris
Governor of
Fort St. George

Dated ..... 20th June 1798.
Received .. 21st Do. Do.

From the Nabob representing the Encroachments making by the Chargull Poligar a Subject of the Hydare Sirkar on the Amboor Taloob.

Enclosed is translation of a Letter
which I have received from the Amil of Sautgud
stating that the Poligar of Charkull depending
upon Mysore had established a Village contiguous
to

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to the limits of the Sirkar near to Amboor, in which he has placed refractory Peons—It is highly expedient to put a stop to this Poligar's improper Conduct—You will therefore be pleased either to address The Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun, desiring him to cause the said Poligar to renounce the idea of making a Village and of employing Peons near the Sirkars' limits, or point out to me, what measures I am to take for putting a Stop to the irregularities of this Poligar.—

What should I write more?

a true translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

P.e Tr.r to Gov.t

Translation of a Letter from Ram Row The Aumil of Satgud &c.a— dated 28.th Zelhire 1212 Hegery answering to 14.th June 1798—

I have heretofore represented that the Pollam of Charkul depending upon Mysore was in the vicinity of Amboor—you desired that

that the Poligar of that place had erected a new Village near the Circars limits, which he was populating and that he had placed refractory Peons therein, that this would occasion troubles in this quarter that the Colonel at Amboor-gud had sent some guards of the Company's Sepoys to the Frontiers, for its Security untill orders should be issued by the Circar & that I should act in conformity to such orders as I might receive on the Subject — I have not got yet received an Answer to my representation — Now Mahomed Hussein the Company's Commandant has written me a Letter, stating that the Poligar of Charkull had not yet laid aside his evil Intentions and desiring me to take speedy measures to put a Stop to them, otherwise the Company's Guards will be withdrawn — I send his Letter enclosed which will shew the Matter in its proper light and I shall act agreably to such

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Orders as I shall receive— What shall I present more.?—

Translation of a Letter from Mahomed Hussein Commandant to Ram Row dated 27th Zelhege 1212 Hegery answering to— 13th June 1798.—

Now said the Business of Charkull was not yet settled— he is trouble-some— besides he is making disturbances in the Limits of the District of Batoor— It is improper for you to neglect the business of Charkull— If you have brought an Enayetnamah on the subject of giving up the limits of the said District, inform me of it that I may recall the guards— on— sight of this Letter come yourself to this place with the utmost expedition.—

What shall I write more.?

Minute thereon. The President is requested to inform the Nabob of the representation already made

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made to Tippoo Sultaun on the Subject of the encroachments of the Chargeil Poligar on the Amboor Talook.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

From the Military Paymaster General desiring Instructions respecting the mode of bringing to Account the Amount of Premium allowed in discharging by Bills on Bengal the Bills drawn on him by Paymasters at Foreign Stations &c.—

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

Sir,

I have to inform you that on the 13th Instant I addressed the Accountant General for permission to open on my Books a head of Discount as also of Interest— Government having Ordered the Bills of the Paymasters on Foreign Service to be discharged by Bills on Bengal at the discount of the day and also having Ordered 8 P Cent Interest to be allowed upon the Bills of the Agents for Captured Property &c.a having carried the several Sums allowed to Account on the Books of my Office to the respective heads

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heads — Who in reply informs me that the —
Discount Interest and Premium will be —
Adjusted with the General Treasury without a
retrospect to the Books of my Department. —
I have therefore to request the Honble the —
Governor in Councils' instructions on this head —
that the necessary adjustments may take place

I am
Fort St. George
19th June 1798.

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Benjn. Roebuck
M. P. G.

The Board are of Opinion that
the Amount only of the Bills on which a
Premium is allowed; should be brought to —
Minute thereon Account under the head of Military Charges,
and that the Amount of the Premium allowed
should be carried to a distinct head — Resolved
therefore that this determination be notified to
the Military Paymaster General, with direc-
-tions to make such adjustments in his Books
as may be occasioned by a retrospective —
operation of this principle. —

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Military Board.—

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

Honorable Sir,

1st We have had the honor of receiving Government's Letter of the 13th Instant, with enclosures, and have caused the necessary instructions to be given in consequence.—

From the Military Board recommend that an Advance of Cash be made to the presidency Barrack Master on Account of cleansing the necessary of the Kings Barrack that Bills presented by the Tent Contractor be paid, & that certain repairs be made to the Works of Tanjore and Trichinopoly.—

2nd Government having been pleased to direct the acceptance of the terms proposed by the Scavengers for the expurgation of the necessary to the Kings Barrack, We recommend that an Advance of One hundred and eighteen (118) Pagodas be immediately made to the Barrack Master of Fort St. George on that account.—

3rd A Number of new Tents lately delivered into the Arsenal by Mr. Contractor Bonvie having been found upon Survey by a Committee of our Board in every respect fit for the public Service, We accordingly forward the

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the enclosed bill for the same Amounting to Pagodas 310 7/.... and recommend its being passed for payment.—

4th. After an attentive consideration of the Letter, and Enclosures, from Major General Floyd, which were referred to Our Report with Government's letter under date 17th. March last, it appearing to Us that the Repairs proposed to be made to the main Ramparts, and Parapets, of the two Forts of Tanjore: as well as, the completing the Well at the Cavalry Cantonment of His Majesty's 19th. Dragoons at Tritchinopoly, are highly necessary, especially as deferring the repair of the former would occasion a considerable encrease of expence hereafter, We therefore recommend that the execution of the same be accordingly Authorized.—

5th. Being convinced likewise of the necessity of the repairs, suggested by Lieutenant Colonel Trapaud, being made to the North— to the East— and to the Sally port, Gate Bridges of the Forts of Tanjore: as also, to the Magazine on the Rock, and to the Gate way at Preston's Battery at Tritchinopoly, We recommend that the performance of

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of those repairs be authorized upon the Estimates submitted for the purpose. We have the Honor to be

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&c. &c. &c.
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
B. Close

(Signed)

Minute thereon

Resolved that the proposed Advance of Cash be made to the Barrack Master at the Presidency, and that Mr. Bowies Bill be passed for Payment. Resolved also that the repairs recommended, be immediately made to the Works at Tanjore and Trichinopoly.

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Board on the Subject of Provisions supplied from the Kings Stores to Troops embarked on the Alfred Indiaman in 1796 Bill for White & Yellow washing public Buildings in the Fort recommended for Payment

1st We have to acknowledge the receipt
of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 15th Instant,
with Enclosures.
2nd We do ourselves the ~~honor~~ to
forward the enclosed Copies of a Letter from the
Agent

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Agent for victualling His Majesty's Ships in India — of Letter from Mr. Commissary Atkinson and Account of Provisions delivered at Columbo by Order of Captain Lucas of the Navy on board the Honorable Company's Ship Alfred for Detachments of His Majesty's 19th. and 74th. Regiments: also the Agents' Bill for the same, which have been laid before us by the Garrison Store Keeper of Fort St. George, and request to be favored with Government's decision thereon.—

3rd. The accompanying Bill of Colonel Gent for White and yellow washing &c.a the Public Buildings in the Fort, amounting to Pagodas 717..35..11 being supported by the necessary Vouchers, We recommend that it be accordingly discharged.—

We have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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

To

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To Mr. James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper
Fort St. George

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose you a Bill for Bread, Flour, Doll, Rice, and Sugar, delivered on Board the Honble Company's Ship Alfred for the Detachment of His Majesty's 19th and 74th Regiments, Amounting to Star Pagodas 308. 33. 20. accompanied with a Letter from Mr. Atkinson the Commissary dated Columbo 26th December 1796 to you, & am to request you will be pleased to procure an Order for payment of the same.—

The 1113 Gallons of Arrack may be replaced, by an equal Quantity being delivered from the Honble Company's Store here—but as the price of the 4 Hogsheads of Salt Beef and Pork cannot be ascertained by me, it can be adjusted by a receipt being granted for the same, to be settled for in England as has hitherto been the case.—

The above Provisions were part of a supply shipped from hence in October 1796, on the

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the Honble Company's Ships Boddam and Canton, for the use of His Majesty's Ships expected at Trincomallee from the Eastward— afterwards by directions of Captain Lucas Commanding His Majesty's Ship Arrogant were carried round to Columbo— Mr. Mackay the Purser of the Arrogant, who superintended the Receipts and deliveries of the Cargoe of the Boddam and Canton, (by the verbal direction of Captain Lucas) wanted me to make up the Accounts, and explain to the victualling Office, the cause of certain deficiencies, this I declined doing, conceiving it to be his duty, he having acted by directions of Captain Lucas— Mr. Mackay having since made up a Statement of the Receipts, and deliveries, and handed it to me to be forwarded to England, and as the order for the quantity delivered on board the Honble Company's Ship Alfred being in my Name, I judge it proper to make the above demand—

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

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Contractor for victualling
His Majesty's Ships in India

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11th June 1798.—

a true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. to Bd. of Trade

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To James Brodie Esq.re
Garrison Storekeeper

Sir,

I am directed by General Stuart to desire that you will deliver to Mr. M'kay, Purser of His Majesty's Ship Arrogant, or Mr. Cochrane, Beef, Pork &c.a as p.r accompanying List, being the quantity sent on board the Alfred by Captain Lucas, for the use of the Troops on board that Ship.

I am,
&c.a &c.a

Columbo
26.th Decem.r 1796.

(Signed) Edw.d Atkinson
Commissary of Grain and Provisions

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec.y Mil. Board

An Account of Provisions delivered on board the Honble Company's Ship Alfred for the Detachments of His Majesty's 19.th & 74.th Regiments being part of the Naval Provisions Shipped on board of and delivered from the Honble Company's Ship Canton at Trincomalee 18.th November 1796.

Bread	3290 lbs	
Beef	132	Eight Pound Pieces in 2 Hhds
Pork	110	Four lbs Pieces in 2 Hhds

Flour

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Flour ..... 553 lbs Nett ..... in 2 Hhds.
Dholl ..... 829 lbs Nett ..... in 2 Hhds.
Rice ..... 509 lbs Nett ..... in 1 Hhd.
Arrack ..... 1411 Gallons ..... in 1 Leaguer
Sugar ..... 1115 lbs Nett ..... in 1 Hhd.

(Signed) R. Lucas

(a true Copy)
(Signed) R. Turing
Actg. Secy.

(a true Copy)
(Signed) Edwd. Atkinson
Comy. of Grain & Prov.

Resolved that the Bill for Provisions supplied, from the Kings Stores, to Troops embarked on the Alfred, be returned to the Military Board with directions to add the value of the Beef and Pork, as the Board consider the Amount too trifling to be referred for Adjustment in England — the Quantity of Arrack provided may be returned from the Garrison Stores, in the mode proposed. —

Minute thereon

Ordered that Colonel Gents Bills for White and yellow washing the Publick Buildings be passed for Payment. —

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

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Board steps taken respecting the Soldiers Barracks at Trincomalee opinion on the Application of certain Officers Stationed there for Bungalow Allowance the Stock of Attrack there expended and a twelve Months Supply recommended to be sent

1st We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Governments Letter of the 20th Instant, with its Enclosures, and to report that the necessary steps have been taken in consequence.

2nd On a consideration of Colonel Champagnés Letter of the 18th Ultimo, and Enclosures, which accompanied Governments Letter under date the 6th Instant, We have desired that the Engineer of the Station may be instructed to transmit to Us without loss of time an Estimate of the Expence which will attend the making a temporary Repair to the Soldiers' Barrack at Trincomalee,

and

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and Ostenburgh: together with an Estimate of the Expence that would be incurred by erecting of temporary Bungalows for the European Soldiery — in case, on a comparative view of both Estimates, the latter should be deemed a more oeconomical Plan than making such Repairs. —

And, with respect to the — Application in regard to Bungalows for the accomodation of the Officers of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry, We beg leave to state as our opinion that, as those Officers in common with all others Serving on the Island of Ceylon — are in the constant Receipt of full Batta, — and from being Stationary are not subject to any expence on Account of moving, they should be at the cost of finding Cover for themselves: which, in a Situation like Trincomalee, abounding with proper Materials for the purpose, it is conceived may be done

at

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at a very moderate rate.

3rd Having received from the acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomalee a Report that he has in Store there only sufficient Arrack for the present Month's expenditure, We recommend that a quantity of that Article equal to twelve Months consumption for the Garrison, be accordingly forwarded thither with all possible expedition. We have the Honor to be

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27th June 1798.

Do. Do.
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
In. Richardson
Pr. Close

(Signd)

Minute thereon

Resolved to confirm the Opinion of the Military Board on the Application of the Officers of the 1st Battalion 7th Regiment of Native Infantry for Bungalow allowance.

Orders have been already issued for sending a supply of Arrack to Trincomale for the use of the Troops on the Bombay Frigate

The Commander in Chief proposes that

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Passage Money ordered to be advanced to Lieutenant Buchan 52nd Regiment & Subsistence to Lieutenant Wade of the same Corps.

that Orders be sent to the Paymaster at Nagore to advance the customary allowance of Passage Money to Lieutenant Henry Buchan of the 52nd Regiment, who is about to embark for Europe from Tranquebar; and that an Advance of four Months Subsistence be made to Lieutenant Wade of the same Corps, who has engaged his Passage on an American Ship, now in the roads destined to the Cape of Good Hope.

Approved and Ordered accordingly

Death of Lieutenant Burnet Reid of the Infantry establishment.

The Secretary reports to the Board the Death of Lieutenant Burnet Reid, Adjutant of the 35th Battalion Native Infantry at Columbo on the 2nd Ultimo.

Geo: Harris
Con Saunders
Ch Stuart Field

Comp'd
G Strachey