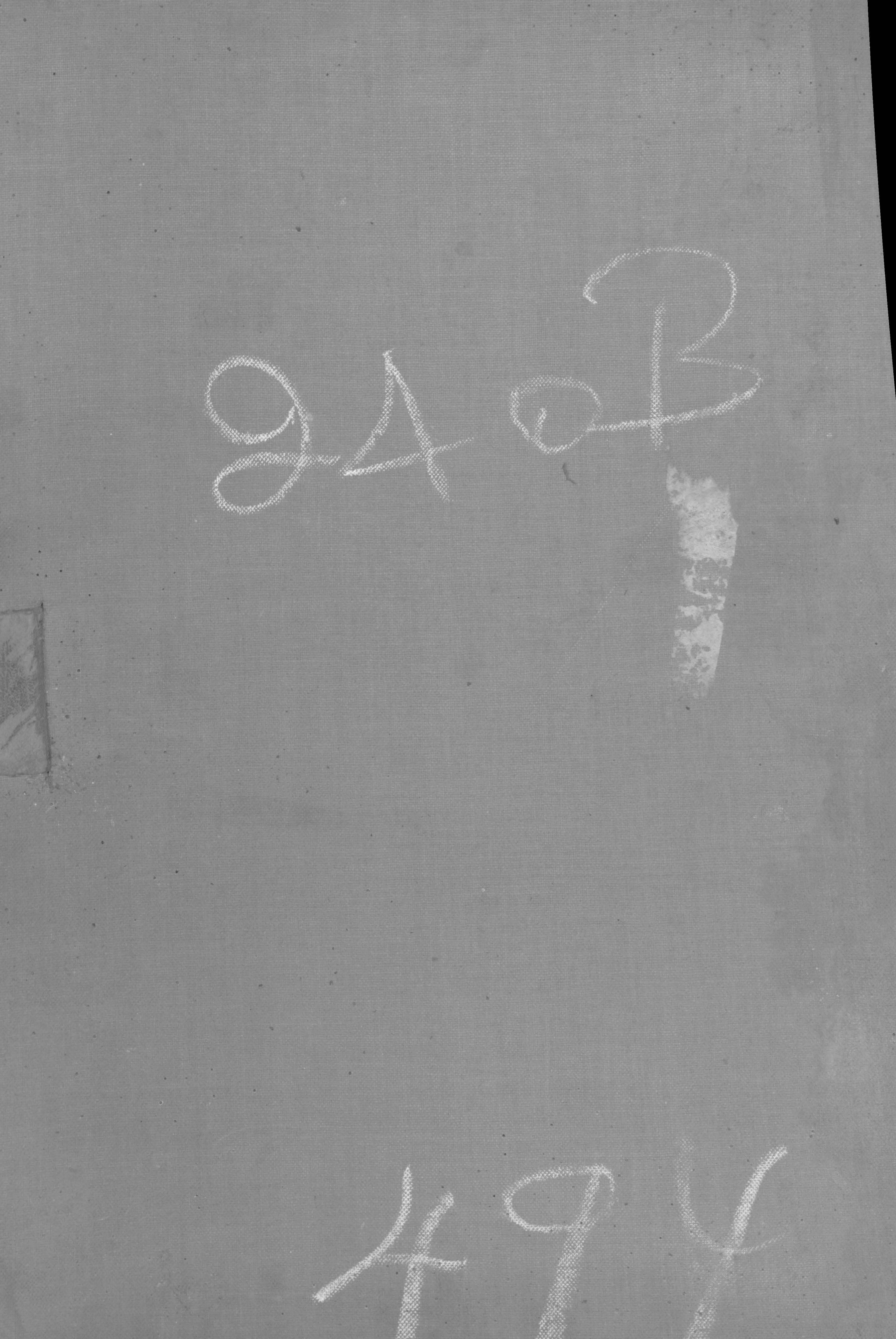

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A Monsieur

Monsieur Mottet.

President du Conseil

Sir,

I am sorry that I was indis=
=posed when you did me the honor to call
on me on Wednesday last - Capitain Blair
laid before me the papers you had left o=
with him for that purpose in consequence of
a resolution of the Council. I know not =
scarcely how to find words to express my =
astonishment at the conduct adopted by M.
Caillaud, for whom I sent, that I might in
/strong terms express to him my disapproba=
=tion, and assure him that if I was not =
informed by you that he had made such
an apology for the past, and such promises
for his future conduct, that I should think
it my duty to write to Madras, stating my

reasons

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reasons why I thought he should be dis=
=missed from his Employ - he some how
mistook me, and supposed that I was to see
you on the same day, in consequence of of
which notion he addressed a Letter to me of
which I send you a Copy enclosed, as also
of my answer - by this Sir you will see
plainly what are my sentiments on the
occasion, and may communicate them
to the Gentlemen of the Council, as it had
been resolved in Council that I should be
made acquainted with the conduct of Mr.
Cailland. -

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

Pondicherry
June 24th 1798. -

(Signed) John Brathwaite

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Aid de Camp

To -

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To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

I have received the decree of passed in yesterday's Council which you sent me, as well as the two papers annexed thereto.

I cannot, Sir, bring myself publicly to avow a Crime of which I do not feel myself guilty and for which my Conscience by no means reproaches me.

I have the honor to send you accompanying, a Letter addressed to his Excellency Lieutenant General Harris, which I request you to forward it to him according to your promise.

I have the honor to be with respect--

&c. --- &c.

(Signed) Caillard

Pondicherry
27th June 1798.

True Copy W. Wilson
(Signed) Aid de Camp

A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator To

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To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

The Superior Council of Pon-
=dicherry of which I am Attorney General,
held an extraordinary meeting yesterday, the
26th. to issue a Decree to the following effect -
that their President should wait on General
Brathwaite to acquaint him of their Proceed-
=ings, and that until the Commandant
should be pleased to issue his finial orders to
me, the Court should consider me as inter-
=dicted from the functions of my office. -

The motives of this interdiction,
=says the same decree, are, that the Con-
=clusions of the Attorney General in the
affair between Lieutenant LeFevre and M.
Gardelle are injurious to the Magestracy and
to the public, and that the Conclusions &

having

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having been publicly read in Court, the re-
retraction of the said Attorney General, ought
to be as public as his offence had been, and
that he could not be exacted as a reparation
to Justice. -

Major General Brathwaite
sent me this decree that I might conform my-
myself thereto, informing me at the same time
that if I did not do so, he should look upon it
as a duty incumbent on him to transmit an
Account of my Conduct to you, with his
opinion of it, and with which added the
Commandant I had already been made
acquainted. -

General Brathwaite did
indeed make me acquainted with his opinion
of the affair, in a Letter dated the 23d. and
after that Letter I had a right to expect that
the decree of the Council, if indeed they
made a decree on the Subject, would have

Been

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been rather less harsh towards me. I wrote on Monday the 25th to Mr. Mollet President that on Wednesday the 27th the next Court day I would lay this Letter before the Council, who ought, I was of opinion, to be acquainted with its Contents before they proceeded to lay their opinion of the matter before the Com=
=mandant - After this I certainly could not suppose that they would have hurried over the Business, in the manner they have done, and I intended this day to have made such a declaration to the Court as I hoped would have proved perfectly satis=
=factory to them; this without doubt was what they dreaded, and that they might give the final blow to my affairs, they hastied to draw up the decree yesterday to which they justly doubted whether I would conform myself, and that of course I should be dis=
=missed from my office; this I know from

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of this of them have been a long time desirous
of, and to gain their point have been secretly
working upon General Brathwaite; whom
they have by degrees disaffected towards me,
and in the present instance have evidently
deceived, by presenting my Conclusions to
him with reports which never had Existence
and ascribing to me intentions and ideas &
which never had a place in my mind. —
My Conclusions are not, I must confess,
what they would have been had I been in
health, or less hurried in giving them from
my own house; But tho' they were wrong
on the present occasion, still they were not
criminal, and it was this that led me to
say, that I never could bring myself publicly
to avow a Crime, of which I did not feel
myself guilty, and for which my Conscience
did — By no means reproach me. — I

declare

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declare therefore Honorable Sir, and I affirm that I never had, in giving these Conclusions, the intentions which they have ascribed to me, the idea even of which never entered my mind. —

A Conduct, that ever has been irreproachable, and which I may venture to say is not even now criminal, merited, I should think, rather more indulgence, than I have met with — Even if the Council did indeed believe that I was reprehensible, it was an affair for which I ought to have received a reprimand (in the memoriales) as the letters Patent of the 3d. February 1776 for the Discipline of the Council of Pondicherry ordain, and which ought by no means to have been carried before a Superior Authority. —

If General Braithwaite whose they have disaffected towards me ever since the forming of the new Council will have the goodness to bring to mind the many favorable Reports he formerly transmitted

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of me to the Honorable Government of Madras, who may perhaps remember them — it will be easy to suppose that he has now been led into an Error by my Enemies, as it is not probable that my Character and Conduct should have so materially changed as to make me become criminal. —

That I may not fatigue the Honorable Board with too long a State = =ment, I will not now enter into any further detail, altho I have still many things to say in my justification, with which it is of great importance to me to make them ac = =quainted. — I have however laid a very detailed account of all the circumstances before Mr. Sullivan, Attorney General, in a private letter, to which I have annexed all the necessary papers — This I have begged him to lay before the Honorable Government of Madras, and also to deliver the accom = =panying papers, if he should think it neces = =sary so to do. I venture to hope that after a full examination of this affair. The

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Honorable Board will perceive that the Conduct of the Council has been illegal towards me, and that it evidently denotes a malicious and improper desire of having me removed from my situation. —

I implore the Generosity of the Honorable Government of Madras &. and intreat them to have the Goodness, should they find sufficient reason to dismiss me from my Employ, to grant me a Subsistance

I have the honor to be,

with respect.

&c. — &c.

Pondicherry
27th. June 1798. —

(Signed) Caillard

A true Translation
(Signed) G. C. Hebble
French Translator

A Monsieur

Monsieur Mollet

President du Conseil

Sir,

I think it necessary to &.

over

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send you enclosed a Letter, which Mr. Caillaud has sent to me to forward to the Honorable the Governor in Council, because, in that Letter he asserts, that the proceeding of the Council has been illegal, upon which assertion I am not competent to make any observation, and I shall be obliged to you to submit the Letter to the perusal of the Council, and if in consequence you wish to make any observations thereon, if you will transmit them to me with Mr. Caillaud's Letter (of which I have no Copy) I will lay the whole together before the Honorable the Governor in Council, and in order that he may be the better able to determine, I request you will be pleased to order the Greffier to send to me authenticated Copies of all the pieces and proceedings in the case of Lieutenant Le Febure that I may

send

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send them also, so that nothing may be wanting to enable the Governor in Council to decide. -,

I have the honor to be,

Pondicherry
June 28th 1798. - (Signed) John Brathwaite

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True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Aid de Camp

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

We have perused the Letter which you yesterday addressed to Mr. Mallet, President of the Council, to which was annexed one from Mr. Caillaud Attorney General of the said Council to General Harris, Governor of Fort St. George, we have been the more surprised at its Contents, as we did not give our opinion

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in this affair; till invited so to do by your Letter to our President under date the 24th Instant, with which you transmitted one, which Mr. Cailland had written you the Evening before, as well yours in answer thereto. — Mr. Cailland, who seems to wish to appear ignorant of our having seen all these papers, can do so with the less truth, since they were mentioned in the decree we issued, and of which he complains so much — Who has prevented the Attorney General, subsequent to this decree and the injunction you gave him to conform himself thereto, from making the declaration he intended, as he says, to have made to the Council on the 27th —

It costs Mr. Cailland little to accuse a whole Council of secretly working on you, Sir, to remove him from his situation, but if the first case of a Judge

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is to render Justice. the Second is to preserve his dignity, and to respect himself, to wch like manner do we wish completely to justify to you our Conduct in this affair: —

"Were the Attorney General ac= =quainted with the extent of the charge he has to fulfil, he would know that he is one of the Government, and is not amenable to the Mercuriales (or Court of exhortation and remonstrance) of which he speaks had he read the Ordinances on this subject, before he cited them he would have seen that the declaration of the King respecting the — interior discipline of the Superior Council of Pondicherry under date the 3 February 1776 is expressed in the following manner — Article 10e and 11e" The Dean of the said "Superior Council shall have the Police, "and the interior Discipline of his Depart= ="ment — we order the Counsellors of the — Superior Council to prosecute in the of

Mercuriales

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"mercuriales any of their officers who may
"do any thing reprehensible, or derogatory
"to the Ordinances, we enjoin the Commandant
"General, and Intendant, or those who may
"represent them, and the Dean of the Council
"to hold the said Mercuriales - and our
"Attorney General, to follow up their Judge=
="ment in preference to the dispatch of any
"other affair." —

M. Caillaud who is placed
in so eminent a Situation, ought not then
to have cited Laws without having read
them — All Charges brought against an
Attorney General ought to be carried before
a Supreme Authority, who may, if they
think proper, pronounce according to
circumstances. —

We have not tried the
Attorney General, we have given our
opinion by means of a declaration, and
that because it was required of us, and
we could not do otherwise. — It

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It is difficult for us to con-
-ceive how a Magistrate, charged with
the defence of the public Interests and the
support of the Laws can refuse to repair a
fault which he may have committed.—
We continually tremble at the sight of a
Burthen, under which we confess our
weakness often droops, and we think that
the Ambition of every Magistrate and Man
of Property ought to lead them to repair any
fault they may have committed the more
elevated they are in dignity, the more
solemn ought to be their recantation.—

We have the honor to send
you accompanying Copies in form of all
the papers you required.—

We are, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Beaufort. Gerard
S. St Paul. Collin.
Mollet

Pondicherry
29th June 1798.—

The Council being
assembled in the Hotel
of the President.—

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
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A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

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A. Monsieur

Monsieur Cailland

Procureur Gener.l

Sir,

In consequence of your having addressed to me a Letter under date 23d. instant I thought it necessary to reply to it, and as by this means it had become necessary to commit my sentiments to writing, I judged it best to address a Letter to M. Mottet, President of the Council, and to convey to him Copies of your Letter to me, and of my answer; and I now enclose to you a copy of my Letter to M. Mottet, and also a copy of a resolution of the Council in consequence of these communications. →

Matters being thus circumstanced, I trust you will see the propriety of complying with this resolution of the Council, as, if you do not, I shall think it my indispensible duty to report to the Honorable the Governor in Council at

Madras

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Madras your Conduct, with my opinion-
-with which you are already acquainted.

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

Pondicherry
June 26th 1798.-

(Signed) John Braithwaite

True Copy
(Signed) W. Wilson
Aid de Camp

This and the following Letter received by General Braithwaite since closing his despatch of the 9th July, and delivered by him to Mr. Webbe on his arrival at Madras.-

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

Permit me to make a few observations to you on the strange affair which the Council have so lately raised up against me, and which at present is before the Honorable Government of Madras, as I am as anxious to fully justify my

Conduct

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conduct to you, as I am to justify it to them -

It was with much pleasure

I saw by your letter of the 23d. that, not=

=withstanding the displeasure you felt at

my Conduct, you still were more inclined

to mercy than to effect my ruin - Since you

say in it, that every thing shall be forgotten

and put an End to, upon my fully satisfying

the Council. -

After the receipt of this letter

I wrote on Monday the 25th. to Mr Mottet,

saying that I had received a letter from you,

which I thought the Council ought to see

before they delivered in their opinion of my

Conduct to you - and I informed him that I

should on Wednesday the 27th. the next Court day,

acquaint them of the Contents

My Intention was indeed to

conform myself to your Letter, by informing

them in writing as well as verbally that they

must ascribe my Conclusions to haste and

illness - that I had no idea or intention in

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the slightest degree to insult either the Council, the Commandant, or the Govern=ment of Madras, or to overthrow, or ridicule any Authority whatsoever.

After this you may conceive, Sir, that I had room to be surprised at receiving on Tuesday the 26th in the Evening the last ante of the Court, who without the least necessity had extraordinarily assembled to draw it up. Your Letter of Sunday the 24th to Mr Mollet, did not require so much dispatch, and they might have waited till Wednesday the 27th to see whether conformably to your Letter of the 23d, I was inclined to make a satisfactory apology. Your Intention could not be thus interpreted in your letter to Mr Mollet of the 24th. for altho' you appear surprised at my Conduct after the Letter you addressed to me at 4 oClock on the 23d. it is impossible that you could have supposed that I had been allowed sufficient

time

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time to conform or not to conform myself thereto. — this however, was absolutely necessary to authorize the Courts assembling extraordinarily to judge me without hearing what I had to say in my defence, or indeed whether it was my Intention to conform myself to your letter of the 23d. or not, of which you had informed Mr. Mollet; but it appears they were apprehensive that I should conform myself to it, by which a final Stop would be put to their proceedings, as indeed would have been the case. —

From hence it follows, Sir, that it is impossible but that you must have been convinced of the Illwill the Council bore me — and of their eager desire to have me dismissed as soon as possible from my Situation — They indeed manifested their views towards me as early as Wednesday the 20th. by their first Order — Had the —

Members

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members of the Council shewn me the in-
-dulgence which was due to a Brother &
Member, seeing that my Conclusions were
irregular, they would not have ordered
them to be publickly read, they would have
returned them to me to alter / since they
chose to look upon the affair as urgent,
when / in fact it was not / or they would have
waited till next Court day to see whether
I would alter them or not - this I most &
assuredly should not have refused to do,
as they might have perceived by the con-
-fession I made of the irregularity of these
Conclusions, on Saturday the 23d when I
assured them that I never had, in giving
them, the intentions which you have &
ascribed to me. &

Such, Sir, are the observa-
-tions, which I thought it my duty to &
make to you, in justification of my &

conduct

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conduct, that you may see, that althó I may have committed a fault, it was not in=
=tentionally, and that I am not even now un=
=worthy of the Esteem and protection you were
formerly so Kind as to shew me. —

As this affair seems at present at a stand, and as it is of importance to the public Interests that there should be an Attorney General in office I intreat you, Sir. to have the Goodness to permit me to visit Madras, that I may be enabled to solicit of the Honorable Government their decision in this Case, and at the same time a subsistence for myself — As my presence here is at present unnecessary whilst my Interdiction remaines in force, I venture to hope you will have the goodness to accede to my request. —

I have the honor to be, with respect, —

&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) Caillard

Pondicherry
7th July 1798. —

A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

To

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To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

Still more and more desirous of justifying my Conduct to you, I take the liberty of replying to the answer which you had the goodness to make to my letter of Saturday the 7th. —

You observe to me, Sir, that in that Letter I flatly contradicted the one which I addressed to you on the 27th. ultimo. in which I informed you that I could not conform myself to the last Arrete of the Court under date the 26th. or bring myself publicly to avow a Crime of which I did not feel myself guilty and for which my Conscience did not in the least reproach me — in that of Saturday, I mention to you my intention of conforming myself to your Letter of the 23d. and of a declaration which I had

proposed

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proposed to make in consequence, on Wednesday the 27th to the Members of Council in their Chamber of Deliberation / your Letter did not enjoin me to make them a public apology / but to make an apology in this Chamber of Delibera= =tion / and to make a public Recantation, are two things widely different; In consenting to make the former and refusing to make the latter, I did not think I could have been accused of Contradiction. —

I venture to hope, Sir, that you will see this difference, and at the same time perceive that the Council have exceeded the bounds you intended. —

I have the honor to be, —

with respect, — &c.a — — &c.a

Pondicherry
9th July 1798. —

(Signed) Caillard

A True Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

Ordered

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The foregoing Letter from Major General Braithwaite ordered to lie on the Table.-

Ordered to lie on the Table.-

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter.-

The Commander in Chief thinks it only justice to Colonel David Smith to submit the following Letter to the Board.-

To His Excellency Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief &c. &c. &c.

From Colonel Smith on the subject of the Charges which he understands have been preferred against him by Major General Gails.-

Sir,

I do myself the honor to address your Excellency, in consequence of my having understood, that Major General Gails has a few days ago, forwarded to you charges against me, tending to impeach my public principles on points of the highest consideration, both as to their consequences to Society at large, and to my own Character as an Individual.-

I therefore humbly crave the indulgence of being furnished with a Copy, of the accusations, and Crimes alledged against me, as conscious of the purity and

integrity

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integrity of my own Conduct, during the
whole course of my public Life, I should
with alacrity meet the discussion of them,
before any Tribunal however elevated. —

I have only to lament that
Major General Gells should not have
arraigned me at a Season, when his own
situation was less equivocal, and could have
been no impediment to his proceeding; and
I beg to have the honor of soliciting, that
your Excellency will be pleased to waive any
Barrier, that such situation may be to the
progress of the Intentions on the part of
Major General Gells, should my request be
compatible with the important attention
due to the public Service. —

Secure in the approbation
of my own breast, I have no apprehensions
to induce me to shrink from the probe of the
deepest investigation, but must say, I feel

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a solicitude to have the just privilege of defending myself, against artful insinuations, which I fear not to prove equally, subtile, and malevolent. —

I have the honor to remain,

Mount
28th. June 1798. —

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(Signed) David Smith
Lieut Colonel Artillery

Minute of the Board thereon. —

The Commander in Chief is requested to inform Colonel Smith that the Board have already resolved against any further enquiry into the mutiny at the Mount, and that they see no reason for changing that determination from the charges produced by Major General Gells, if he was even in a situation to substantiate them. —

Read the following letter from Mr John Talbot. —

To

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To the Honble Lieutenant General George Harris
President in Council

Honble Sir,

From the Attorney to Dr. William Duffin - applying for payment of the Gratuity granted his Constituent by the Court of Directors --

Having been given to under= stand that the Honorable the Court of Directors have been pleased to direct that a Sum of Money be paid from the Treasury of Government to the Agents of Mr. William Duffin for his account I have the honor to lay before you an Extract of his letter of Instructions to his Agents at this place upon which Instructions I have hitherto acted in collecting and remitting the property of Mr. Duffin to England - and hope your Honor will deem it sufficient authority for my receiving and granting receipt for such sum as may have been directed to be paid for his Account, by the Honorable Court of Directors. -

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

Fort St. George
9th. July 1798. -

(Signed) J Tullock

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Extract of a Letter of Instructions from Mr. William Duffin to his Attorneys in India dated Fort St. George 8th March 1792.

To Messrs John Tulloh Henry Sewell & Nath.l E Kindersley

Gentlemen,

I take the liberty of entrusting to you the management of my Concerns in this Country, and as it will give less trouble to have one Person only to act, I request of Mr. John Tulloh, while he is a Resident at Madras to be my Sole Agent, and in the event of his absence, that Mr. Henry Sewell will be kind enough to take charge of my affairs – I request of Mr. Kindersley to assist my Acting Attorney with his advice and to have a particular Eye to the manage=ment of John Davidson's property, as ? well as to the Recovery of the Property of the late Major Davidson's estate in the Hands of Omdut Ul Omrah and others.

In

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In every transaction respecting the Estate recourse must be had to Paupiah the acting Executor. —

A true Extract

(Signed) J. Tulloh

Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly that the Company's donation to D. Duffin be paid by a bill on Bengal for One thousand pagodas at the fixed exchange. — Read the following letters from the Prize Agents for the Captors of the Molucca Islands. —

From the Prize Agents for the Captors of the Molucca Islands enclosing their account Current with the Company and request-ing that the Balance (Ps 91,651-28-14) may be discharged in 8 ℘ Cent Bonds. —

To The Honble Lieutenant General George Harris
Governor in Council &c. — &c. — &c.

Honble Sir,

Inclosed, we have the honor to transmit, accompanied by abstracts N.1 to 4, Copy of an Account Current between the Honorable Company, and the Prize Agents for Amboina, Banda, and their dependencies; balance due to the Prize Fund, Star Pagodas 91,651-28-14 — of which Sum, we request your Honor, will be pleased to direct the issue to us, in 8 ℘ Cent Company's Bonds. —

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

Madras
9th July 1798. —

(Signed) John Brouncker
Chase, Sewell & Chase
Prize Agents

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D^o^ The Honble East India Company in

1798

May -- 17th To Balance of their Accounts for Cash and Stores delivered from the Prize Property at Amboina and Banda, vide Extract from Letter of Government dated this day R. Pd^s 1,64,511.29½ at 4 R. Pd^s ℔ 3 Spanish Dollars is Spanish Dollars 1,23,383.45½ which at 15½ Sp. Dollars ℔ 10 Pagodas as ℔ Government's Letter of 4th July 1798 S. P^s 79,602.16.10

To Interest on the undermentioned Sums to this day at 8 ℔ Cent ℔ annum.

On Cash issued on their Account from the Prize Treasury at Amboina as ℔ Accompanying Abstract N° 1 R. Pd^s 10,898.14.7

On Amount of Stores issued d^o from the Prize Property at d^o as ℔ Accompanying Abstract N° 2 2716.19.10

On Cash issued d^o from the Prize Treasury at Banda as ℔ Accompanying Abstract N° 3 9120.44.6

On Account of Stores issued d^o from the Prize Property at d^o as ℔ accompanying abstract N° 4 6391.31.13

R. Pd^s 29,127.14.4

at 4 R. Pd^s ℔ 3 Sp. D^s is Sp. D^s 21,845.23. at 15½ ℔ 10 Pagodas 14,093.35.67

S. Pagodas 93,696.9.77

Madras 9th Decr

(Signed) Jno Chas. Pris

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Account Current with the Prize Agents for Amboina & Banda Cr.

1798
May — 17th By Interest on R Dr. 30,455.21.
received from them on the 22d. —
August 1796 to this day at 8 ℔ Cent
℔ Annum is R. Dr. 4225.21-2.4
R. Dr. ℔ 3 Spanish Dollars is Sp. Dr.
3169-1-7-2. 15/12 ℔ 10 Pagodas — 2044.23.63
By Balance — — — — — — — 91,651.28.14

S. Pagodas — 93,696.9.77

July 1798.
Excepted
Broumcker
Jervell & Chase
Agents

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered that Copies of the foregoing Account Current be transmitted to the Accountant General, the Military Auditor General, and the Clerk of the Treasury, and that the Balance due to the Captors being S. Pagodas 91,651.28.14 - be discharged by 8 per Cent Bonds bearing date 7th May 1798 in favor of the prize Agents.

Read the following letter from Major General Floyd.

Lieutenant Colonel Close

Adjutant General

Sir,

From Major General Floyd - pointing out the refractory and improper Conduct of Subadar Lochman of the pension List.

Please to report to the Commander in Chief the refractory, and disrespectful behaviour of Lohman, a pensioned Subadar.

About six weeks ago Lieutenant Colonel Orr sent repeatedly to this Person to desire he would attend, to give Evidence at a Court Martial as often as the Colonel sent

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sent, being at that time Senior officer in Gar-
-rison, Subadar Lokman refused to go altho'
spoken to by the Fort. Adjutant. —

This Person has shewn a refractory
and disrespectfull disposition before, on dif-
-ferent occasions. —

He was about three years, as he
says, with the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, in
the Rank of Subadar, sent by His Highness
during the War with Tippoo, but without doing
any more Duty, because he could not ride. —

At the end of the War he was pensioned. —

He is possessed, however, of no Pensioner's
Certificate — He says he served His Highness
the Nabob twenty years. —

His behaviour appears to me —
such as to render him very unworthy of any in-
-dulgence from Government, and it is in-
-cumbent on me thus to represent it. —

I have the Honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

J. Lloyd M. G.

Fritchinopoly
July 3d. 1798. —

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Commander in Chiefs recommendation on the foregoing Letter.—

I recommend that this Man be struck off the pension List.—

(Signed) G. H.
Gov.r & Comm.r in Chief

Subedar Lochman struck off the pension List.—

Ordered accordingly that Subahdar Lochman be struck off the Pension list.—

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.—

Memorandum

Commander in Chiefs Minute recommending that Rangah Naigue formerly Jemidar in Captain Wheeler's Light Infy. Company be admitted on the new effective List—

Rangah Naigue, Jemidar of the Light Infantry, or Captain Wheeler's Battalion was reduced in January 1795 along with the rest of the Corps.—

On account of the hardship of the case of the Native Officers of that Corps who had almost all raised Men for their Companies, most of them have been readmitted into the Service — It appears from the accompanying Letter from Lieutenant Butler who was Adjutant of the Light Infantry, that Rangah Naigue

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Naigue has been particularly unfortunate in not regaining the Service — Both Captain Wheeler & and Lieutenant Butler bear testimony to the merit of Rangah Naigue which added to the Circumstance of his having received three severe wounds while in the Company's Service, and his being from every information the only surviving Native officer of the late Light Infantry Corps unprovided for — inclines the Governor to recommend that this old Soldier should be placed on the Pension List — His age and debility rendering him unfit for any further Service. —

Captain Malcolm

Town Major of

Fort St. George,

Sir,

Rangah Naick, late Jemedar of the Light Infantry Battalion Raised Men for his Commission agreeably to the Orders of Government, for raising that Corps in 1780;

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and served with Credit in the Field during all that trying War with Hyder - the Corps being raised upon the Plains of Pallamcottah, and remained in the Field from that period, until orders arrived for its Reduction after the War in January 1785 - he was also wounded in actual Service. -

After the War Colonel Fullarton, sent a strong Representation to the Government in favour of this Corps, and its Officers; but Lord Macartney paid no attention to it - but ordered it to be Broke, and Drafted, with many others - but with this Exception to the Light Infantry; that no Provision was made for the Native Officers - On my arrival at Madras in February 1785, both Captain Wheeler and myself (as I was at the Raising of the Corps) represented the hardship, the Native Officers suffered, who had raised Men, in short the Corps, at their own Expence, for their Commissions, without any Charge of Bounty

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to the Company, therefore ought to be con-
-sidered as having purchased their Commiss-
-sions, as Men were not to be got at that
period by Recruiting Parties — the General
observed that it was very true, and that he
would readmit them as vacancies occurred,
but that Lord Macartney would not hear
of their being retained in the Service, till
then vacancies happened; as he could not
pay those already retained in the Service.
The Corps, when reduced, was from 16, to 18
Months in arrears — Most of them are
now in the Service — but Rangah Naik —
Jemidar, having no Friends at Madras to
speak to the different Generals, who have
Commanded the Army since, has been
neglected — I can take on me safely to say
for him, that he is a deserving Man, and
good Soldier. —

I have the honor to remain,

&c &c

Tanjour
16th June 1798. —

(Signed) J. Butler
Late Adjutant of the Light
Infantry Battn

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Rangah Naick admitted on the non effective List-

For the reasons given by the Commander in Chief Resolved that Rangah Naik be admitted on the effective List.-

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.-

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

Report of the Auditor General on additional Estimates sent by the Military Paymaster General.-

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 14th Instant, enclosing an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month, amounting to Five thousand, Nine hundred and Twenty One Pagodas, and four Fanams (Pagodas 5,921. 4..-) I have the honor to report that this Sum may be issued from the General Treasury, being required for the following purposes Viz.t.-

Pagodas

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2 Pagodas 4000 to the Garrison Storekeeper, and Pagodas 500 to Colonel Gent of the Engineers, agreeably to the Orders communicated to me in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 11th Instant.—

3 The remainder of this additional Estimate is to discharge the Bills of the Agent of Supply for Articles furnished for the use of the Gun powder Manufactory and for repairing 500 Muskets, which Bills have been audited and passed in this Office under the Authority of Government and upon the Vouchers prescribed by the Regulations of the Service.—

I have the honor to &c,

with great Respect.—

&c &c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. General

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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Ordered

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Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury on the above Account

Ordered that the Sum of five thousand nine hundred and twenty one Pagodas and four Fanams (Pagodas 5921-4-) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 14th Instant. —

Bills for the Freight of extra Articles shipped on the generous Friends for Amboyna laid before the Board by the Secretary and ordered to be paid. —

The Secretary lays before the Board three Bills for Freight due to Messrs Roebuck, Abbott and Co. for account of Clothing Medicines &c. shipped for Amboyna on the Generous Friends, amounting to Pagodas 614-22-

The above Bills being duly countersigned by the Secretary to the Military Board, ordered that the Amount due to Messrs Roebuck, Abbott and Co. be discharged from the Treasury by a Bill on Bengal at the Exchange of 385 Arc. ₹100 Pagodas and carried to the Debit of the Military Paymaster General. —

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Resident at Tanjour.-

To the Honble Major General Harris

President and Governor in Council and Com=
=mander in Chief. &c

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Fort St. George.

Honble Sir,

On the 28th ultimo in the forenoon I had the honor to receive your order of the 25th through Mr. Secretary Webbe with letters and Papers enclosed directing the deposition of Rajah Ameer Sing from the Raje of Tanjore and the restoration of Serfoge Rajah to the Musnud.- I went immediately to the Fort and consulted with Colonel Aston on the plan to be adopted, and it was determined to assemble the Troops at 4 o'Clock in the afternoon as it is not unusual for them to Parade at that Hour on Regimental Duties - Colonel Aston under-

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From the Resident at Tanjore detailing his proceedings in the execution of the Board's orders for the Removal of Ameer Sing and the Instatement of Serfoge on the Musnud of Tanjore.

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understook to summon Major Allan of His Majesty's 12th Regiment and Major Innes of the Honorable Company's 36th Battalion as the Officers next in rank to himself, to meet us at the Commanding officer's Quarters -- We proceeded from thence followed by His Majesty's 12th Regi-=ment to the Palace, Captain Butler the Fort Adjutant having first secured the Gates and lesser avenues -- I judged it expedient to send for a Person named Dottajee, an old Confidential Servant of the late Rajah Tulyajee, and since of his adopted Son Serfojee, and to explain to him the orders I had received, and that it was incumbent upon him for His Master's Interest to accompany me to the Palace, to point out the places of most consequence to be first secured; -- for this purpose I kept him with me, and sent a Note, to the Reverend Mr. Jarricke to request he would wait on the Young Rajah and make His Excellency acquainted with the Service I was then to perform -- Colonel Aston -- Major Allan, &

Major

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Major Innes, and myself strictly followed your directions, and having secured the Treasury of Rajah Mahal, and Office of Records and Accounts, we affixed our Seals, and left them under the charge of European, or Sepoy Sentries, observing due regard to the importance of the Charge, and to the prejudice of the Rajah in respect to the Sanctity of the Palace — We did not, till this was finally executed to the Satisfaction of Dottajee and such other Servants as had by this time arrived from His Master announce ourselves to Ameer Sing Rajah His Excellency after a little hesitation, and our assurances of Personal Safety to himself and Family consented to receive us — On presenting the Rajah with the Letter I informed him it came from the Right Honorable the Governor General whose high authority we were both bound to respect and that I trusted to this letter to explain the violent Steps I had taken on my approach to the Palace — Having read the Earl of Mornington's

letter

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Letter to the Rajah, and convened His Excellency of the determination of the Madras Government to carry this resolution into immediate and full effect. I left it for His Excellency to shew his sense of the great Question by the Degree of respect He was to pay to the final Decision, a Decision that resulted from a solemn appeal to the most sacred Authorities in the East both on law and Religion. Authorities which His Excellency had resorted to, to favor his usurpation, but which had been partially quoted to the perversion of Justice and the legal adoption of Surfojee. —

Bijy Ameer Sing Rajah's answer you will at once form your opinion of the impress-sion this Event has made upon his mind and be relieved from all further Anxiety for the inter-pretation that will be given to it by the People of Tanjour and indeed of all India — His Excel-lency only seemed to apprehend some mistake in the opinions delivered by the Pundits of Bengal and Benares and contented himself —

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by remarking if they could be brought to assemble in Tanjour; he was sure they would decide the Question in his favor, I begged the Rajah to reflect, the decision also included the amended opinions of the Pundits at Tanjour, that in the first Decision by the Tanjour Pundits, the Quotations were partial and imperfect, and susceptible of perversion; but in this ultimate decision they were full and explicit and subject to no influence whatever, and that it was important to observe, that after all, this decision and Resolution of the Company were not formed on the mutable opinions of Men but on the indisputable Laws of the Shaster. That His Excellency would now perceive by the opinions of the Pundits of Bengal, Benares and Tanjour the Laws of the Shaster fully and more fairly expounded and could not refuse to be judged by that authority, He had himself appealed to for the Judgement of another. The Rajah then said through He did not acknowledge, he submitted to the Company's Justice and would obey their Commands that a Message from me intimating the

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orders of Government would have been sufficient to have effected his deposition for He had no intention to resist — The Steps I had taken I said were in conformity to the direction I had received, and a precaution perhaps more necessary to the Establishment of the Successor than to the Arrest of His Excellency's Person, but it was equally important to secure the principal Officers of His Durbar and to place our Seals for a time over the several Departments — The base and corrupt Government exercised by his Ministers for these 10 years well Justified these Steps without subjecting us to the imputations of unnecessary violence or implying any distrust of the Rajah. But that I was also ready to acknowledge from the tenor of the Rajah's Conduct since I have had the honor to reside at His Durbar that I believed him to be sincere in the above declaration and accepted it,

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in the name of the Honorable Company, as an Earnest of his future Submission; at the same time, it is a Justice to the Persons entrusted with the Secrecy of this measure, in conveying your Orders to me, as well as to Colonel Aston and the Gentlemen em= =ployed in carrying them into Effect, to in= =form you, that a total Ignorance prevailed throughout the Palace and the Town of Tanjore until the moment of execution, and that the arrangement was so complete that all Resistance would have been vain — The resignation manifested by Rajah Ameer Sing on receiving the Commands of the Honorable Company and during the whole of our Conference was disturbed a little when he perceived we had extended the arrest to His Ministers and the Servants of the Durbar, and it was evident to all present that the Rajah shewed less

reluctance

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reluctance in parting with the Musnud, than with the officers that surrounded him – and it was some time before he listened to our assurances that no further violence would be offered to their Person than their confinement at their respective Houses and under the Company's sole authority, this appeased Ameer Sing Rajah and His Excellency retired to the Inner apartments – after visiting the Guards we had posted, we left the whole in charge of Captain Wheatly of His Majesty's 12th. Regiment – We then repaired to the Residence of Surfogee Rajah and found His Excellency with the Reverend Mr. Jarrike waiting the moment that was to confirm to him the happy and important Event: –

His Excellency received the Right Honorable the Governor General's Letter with all due respect, and having heard its contents, he expressed himself in terms

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suitable to his admiration and Gratitude for this illustrious Act of our National Justice. That he would be ever mindful of the admonition of his Friends the Honorable Company, that he should ever look up to his Benefactors for Protection and support— His Excellency was then informed that I had a few points to submit to his consideration, in which he would find his Interest and his Honor equally concerned with those of the Company — The six Stipulations were accordingly extracted from your Letter and as the Rajah understands the English in some degree they were read in that Lan= =guage and afterwards interpreted by Mr. Jarricke — Yet as it was late in the Evening, and these were points of importance and required consideration I proposed to have them translated into Malabar and left for his perusal — Colonel Aston and myself

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promised to wait on His Excellency the next morning, to receive his Answer, and to know his pleasure in regard to the Ceremony of His Installment.

On the following Day, The Rajah met us with the Papers in his hand, and on my asking if he understood and approved of the Contents - He replied you will see I have signed both the English and Malabars, my Signature also expresses my approval - With regard to the Ceremony of placing His Excellency on the Musnud, we found it was his wish to have it performed in State and according to the customs and usages at Tanjour. To prepare for this, required a Day's delay, I made no objection of course, but expressed my readiness to be governed both in Time and Form upon this occasion by such arrangements as the Rajah should prescribe - It was thought advisable however, to make some declaration to the Public in the mean while, a short

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Proclamation was accordingly issued by beat of Tom Tom, and announcing the Installment, on the following Day - We found the Public Durbar where the Ceremoney was to be per= formed encumbered with Stores, and that most of the Regalia and Trappings of State were under our Seals in the different apartments of the Palace - as we had been induced to affix our Seals on all these places by the Direction and over Zeal of Dottajee the young Rajah's Servant, neither Colonel Aston or myself thought proper to refuse His application for their removal, because the rooms in question appertained to the Circar, and were only secured by us, on that account and on the part of the Successor - They were opened in the presence of Captains Wheatly and Butler &c. officers of the Guard - On the following Mor= =ning we were again called upon for other articles, Sending our time would be wholly

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employed on these trifling applications we gave up this part of our charge, to the Rajahs people jointly with the officer on Guard at the Palace, desiring him to use his Seal and allow our People to take an account of every Article that was removed - it was only at the Raja Mahl where the Ornaments of State were deposited that we thought it necessary to call in the two next Senior officers to replace their Seals. —

The Treasury and Accountants office will remain untouched under our four Seals until I am honored with your Com=mands, while these preparations were going on, Colonel Aston and Captain Butler ac=companied me to the Rajah Ameer Sing - In consideration of this Rajahs perfect submission and apprehending no Evil from his remaining in the Palace, and where he had resided unseen for near 40 years of

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his Life before his Elevation to the Musnud, We desired to render every accommodation to him that was admissable, and to know wherein we could meet his wishes in regard to the apartments in the Palace he could be the best reconciled to retire to - and at the particular desire of the young Rajah, we were to give him his choice of any, that did not interfere with those His Excellency was to occupy - We were also charged by the Rajah Serfogee to demand from the Rajah Ameer Sing, the Seal, the Sirpooe and other Jewells and Insignia which he could not but have in his private apart=ments, and which were known to belong to the deceased Rajah Tulyajee. - I am sorry to say we failed altogether in this application, Rajah Ameer Sing declared he did not succeed to some of them, and that others had been mortgaged by him some years ago and sold by the Mortgagee for the Payment of the Debt, this reply

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is by no means credited by the Rajah Serfojee, and he desires me to inform you that he hopes some means may be devised to obtain these Articles — tho' it is as repugnant to his own Sentiments as it is to your recommendations to shew any violence or personal disrespect to Rajah Ameer Sing still he hopes a little time and your further application will cause them to be surrendered — After visiting all the apartments, we returned to the Rajah Ameer Sing and from the liberality of the young Rajah in leaving to our discretion this Arrangement, we had the gratification to hear Ameer Sing Rajah, mention two Suites of Apartments and to be able to allot to him that which he preferred.

With regard to other little matters of accommodation Captain Wheatly had conducted himself with so much consideriate and kind attention that "It is Excellency had nothing to object to or require. —

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— I will not take up your time with a long account of the Procession and other Ceremonies of Serfojee Rajah's Elevation to the Musnud — Colonel Aston had left no thing undone that could give Effect and consequence to the occasion — The Rajah's People had been most active in their decoration, at 4 o'Clock the Gentlemen and all the principal Inhabitants assembled at the Rajah's House, and at Five, we proceeded to the Durbar, where we had the honor to replace His Excellency on the Musnud — — In the presence of his People I put the Seal of State upon the fourth finger of his right hand, and delivered the Sword to Colonel Aston to be presented by him — While we were paying the usual Honors the cannon and musquetry from the Palace yard, and the Walls of the Fort, proclaimed to His People and to the Public at large the Installment and restoration of Serfojee Mahah Rajah to the Musnud of Tanjour — The

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Proclamations were then read both in English and Malabar by the Reverend Mr. Jarricke and His People testified their Happiness and approbation by repeated Shouts and acclamations — As soon as these tumults of Joy subsided I congratulated His Excellency on being restored by Virtue of the Honorable Company's Power and Justice, to the Government of His Kingdom and to all the original Rights that appertain to the Musnud of Tanjour. I then presented His Excellency with the existing Treaty between the Honorable Company and the Rajah of Tanjour under date the 1792 and required His Public Assent to it and to such other Arrangement as may be mutually agreed upon in future for the Honor and Interest of the two Parties. — His Excellency then returned the Treaty and declared His Assent — I

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concluded by lamenting that the mal-ad-
-ministration of His Country for these 10 or
years past, had reduced it to the devided and
distracted State in which it was now restored
to him, but that the Honorable Company
hoped from the wisdom of His Govern-
-ment to see it soon recover its original
prosperity — The Rajah immediately re-
adverted to His Youth and inexperience to
the difficulties he should have to encounter
and expressed a wish for assistance, for a
time, from the Honorable Company. I
replied the Government of Madras would
think it their Duty to afford the Rajah re-
every assistance in their power, but as he was
now in full possession of His lawful author-
-ity it was for him to express the nature and
Extent of that assistance, as no Interference
could take place, but what was formally and

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explicitly specified by himself that I would postpone the Subject for a few Days, as the Company would wish this application to spring from his full conviction of the Benefit to be derived from it — The usual Presents were then made of Breast Jewells to Colonel Aston and myself, and of Dresses Shawls and Gold Cloths to the rest of the Gentlemen — His Excellency desired a few thousand Rupees to be distributed among the Soldiers and Sepoys, for their Services, and orderly behaviour on the occasion — We accompanied the Rajah to the Pagoda in the Palace, where he returned thanks to His God, for this great Event, thence to his adoptive Mother the Dowager Queen where he made his Obeisance, and afterwards we accompanied His Excellency through all the principal Streets in the Town attended by the Troops of the Garrison and by all the

Servants

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Servants of the Durbar — After this Account it is hardly necessary for me to express the assistance I have received from the Com-manding Officer. If the satisfaction & already expressed by the Rajah upon this occasion should also be honored with your approbation I shall ever have to acknow-ledge myself highly indebted to Colonel Aston — to his unremitted and liberal Sup-port I must attribute our success, to his perseverence and resource the removal of every difficulty, and as far as we have gone, the prevention of any Complaint — We went hand in hand throughout and left nothing to be done by others that we could accomplish ourselves. What little Interpre-tation was necessary we transacted through the Reverend Mr Jarricke in whose service and attachment, the Rajah has a perfect confidence. Mr Jarricke is the Successor

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of the deceased Mr Swarts — The Rajah more than once lamented that His most Excellent Guardian and Friend had been called away before he had Witnessed this Event — Major Allan and Major Innes underwent a most troublesome Service with us in scaling and securing the various apartments of the Palace, and Captain Butler the Fort Adjutant, so faithfully and actively executed the part allotted to him, that the Ministers and officers of the Durbar, who were not apprehended in the Palace, were all secured by him in the course of the Evening — and I should not deserve the ready assistance I have received; if I did not acknowledge myself obliged to the officers and Soldiers in general, for their willing services and uncommonly good behaviour. —

I cannot conclude this letter without expressing my sincere thanks for

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the confidence reposed in me, and without declaring that I am unconscious of any omission, or the smallest deviation from the Honorable Path your ample Instructions have prescribed for my Conduct.

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

Tanjour
2d July 1798.

(Signed) Bery. Torin
Resident

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From the Resident at Tanjore - communicating his - soge's voluntary offer to place his Country under the Company's Management for one or two years.

I had the honor to address you on the 2d Instant and to inform you, that Maha Rajah Surfogee at the time of his Elevation to the Musnud of Tanjour, expressed a wish for the assistance of the Honorable Company in the Management of

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His Country. - and that I acquainted His
Excellency in the presence of his People -
His restoration to all the Rights and
Authorities of His Kingdom precluded
all interference. but what he should here-
after formally and Expressly require. -

I then proposed to postpone
the Subject a few days, recommending to
him, to consult with his Relations, his
Friends, and the principal Land Holders
of his Country on such a serious and im-
portant Question. - On the second day
after his Elevation to the Musnud His
Excellency sent me notice of his intentions,
on an English Letter written by himself,
and calling for this assistance, this
Letter I had the honor to transmit to you
through Mr. Cushington, to mark the
progress of my negociation. at the same
time I acquainted the Rajah that all
public Documents should be made in

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his Native Language — His Excellency readily assented to this, and yesterday morning he took the occasion of his public Visit to the Resident to deliver to me the enclosed Mahratta Letter — also written in his own Hand — The Rajah declines using any Seal till Amer Sing the late Rajah shall restore to him the Seal of His Ancestors — I congratulate you Honorable Sir on this full and unequivocal proof of the Rajahs entire confidence in the Friendship and Honor of the Honorable Company; a confidence highly flattering to your Government, and the more because I believe it, upon my word, to be the genuine and unbiassed dictates of his mind after maturely considering the points set forth in your Letter to me of the 25th ultimo — I confess, when I first perused your instructions to me on this

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delicate Subject that I doubted very much the Success of the undertaking, and with the utmost diffidence I proceeded to restore the Rajah to His Musnud, and at the same time to open to him a conviction of His Inability to govern his Country. —

I foresaw it would be next to impossible to effect these two Points in so short a time without creating the doubts & and suspicions you apprehend, in the Opinion of the Public unacquainted with the peculiar State of the Tanjore Country and the Evil effects of the last 10 years misrule — and I perceived, altho' the Disorder actually existing in his Country should appear insurmountable to His Excellency, and he was satisfied from his local Knowledge, that only the Company's Civil and Military Authority could reduce it to subordination, still, that the love of & Power inseperable from the mind of Man and the great benefits to be withheld from the

Rajah's

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Rajah's Friends and adherents for a time by this Surrender could not fail to weigh in his reflections, and occasionally to predominate — I expressed all these Sentiments to Colonel Aston, and we regretted that the State of the Country and the Season of the year for the encouragement of the Cultivation, made it ne= cessary for the second measure to follow so soon upon the Steps of the first — I could only hope that the Fair Intentions of the Hono= rable Company might be duly estimated by the Public at large, while I resolved that they should not be misunderstood by the Rajah himself, nor by His Friends and Advisers — and I saw the Rajah seated upon the Musnud before I allowed myself to con= verse with him upon the Subject — it is now six days since that event, and it would be doing an injustice to the Confidence His Excellency reposes in the Company, and to his

Candor

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Candor and good Sense, If I were not to
declare that he has been more forward to give,
than I have been to receive - both Colonel
Aston and myself have jointly and separately
arrested his Judgement, and required him to
pause and to deliberate on the Steps he was
about to take and to guard against the repentance,
and even reproach he might subject himself
to from His own Conscience, from the Queen
Dowager, and from all His Relations, if
his final resolution, was not formed upon the
fullest conviction. —

From the 30th. to the 6th Instant,
we described his Situation to him in every
possible way; and we found, he was always
clear and Decided in giving over the Country
to the Management of the Company for two
years, and only questioned the mode of af-
-sistance; this arose from his desire to perfect
himself in the knowledge of his Country and

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his People, and in the manner of Governing them with wisdom and moderation, that he might be able hereafter to resume His authorities, and found His Government upon experience — when he turned his attention towards the sequestered Soubahs and took a view of the System followed by the Company's Servants in regard to those Revenues &c. &c. as it related to the Rajah's Situation, or to the reform of the existing evils among his People, he could not perceive by what means the Ends proposed either by himself or the Company were to be accomplished. —

He saw that the Jealousy subsisting between the late Rajah and the Company's Collectors cut off all communication, and that if the same System was now to take place in the other remaining Soubahs that he would unavoidably be precluded from the principal object, he proposed to himself

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himself by the Surrender of his Authority —
It is also impossible that His Excellency should
not see from the Secession of the Inhabitants
of Manargoody and the recent march of a
party of Troops to over-awe the refractory and
licentious habits of the People at Mayaveram,
how ineffectual the Company's authority has
yet proved in restoring order and Subjection
among his People — His Excellency was
therefore solicitous to know, if the entire
management of His Country by the Com=
=pany, went to a continuation of the present
System, and it is this, His Excellency al=
=ludes to in his letter, when he desires that
he may not be Kept at a distance, but
permitted to see Business transacted and
enabled to govern his People and his
Country.

The Rajah means to inspect,
but not to Controul, and when I observe that

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the course of his Education under the
Guidance of the Reverend Mr Swartz has
impressed his mind with Honorable Prin=
=ciples and given it an assiduous turn, and
that His natural disposition is not quick
and lively to a Sense of Pleasure, but sedate
and attentive to Business, as the Support
of his Future Dignity — I must beg you
will consider His Character as nothing
similar to the Generality of Indian Princes,
but entitled to your highest Consideration —

I could not therefore but
assure His Excellency that he might rely
upon the most Honorable interpretation of
his Letter by the Company, and upon
such Arrangements, as would secure him
the knowledge he aspires to — I was
aware when I said this, of the opening it
left for Counteraction and embarrassment on
the part of the Rajah, if he should not at

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a future period approve the measures
adopted in the Management of the Country
for I had seen the Evil effects of it in the
Nabob's Countries during the assignment
when we were obliged to suppress every
shadow of Authority, before the Company's
could have effect — and I should not have
hesitated to have drawn the Line as decidedly
with the Rajah, if I had not believed his
Disposition would at least allow him to
forbear from interference even, if his good
Sense did not prompt him to enforce what-
=ever the Company should determine to
execute, but I think I can venture to pledge
myself for his cooperation. —

The Queen Dowager's influence
in the Country, and Her extreme Care of the
Rajah, made me deem it highly proper to
know her Sentiments upon the occasion, for
I repeatedly assured his Excellency it was not

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the wish of the Company to interfere till every Person in his Country from the Queen to the Ryot were sensible it was equally conformable to His wishes and his real Interests.—. The Rajah has promised me to assemble his People and to declare to them his pleasure— and the Queen expressed herself convinced of the necessity, and reconciled the Step to her feelings with this Remark that the Hons=rable Company by their Proclamation had made the Rajah their Son, and she was satisfied they would be tender of His Honor and Welfare.—

The faithful Servant Dottaja assures me the Rajah is sincere in his wish for the Company's assistance. The Reverend Mr. Jarricke tells me that it is beyond all doubt His Excellency's desire, and that throughout the Negociation he betrayed no scruples but what I have now stated: he relies

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relies wholly on your promises that the exclusive Management of the whole Country shall be restored to him at the expiration of two years from his accession, and sooner if His vigorous and unremitted Support of your Authority shall have reduced it earlier to a practicable State of Subordination. —

I am sure you will approve of the strongest assurances on the part of the Company to this Stipulation, and conform them to the Rajah. —

Having given you this faithful Account of all that passed with the Rajah in regard to his Countries, I shall hope the Public will not be long in doubt as to the Honorable and Disinterested Proceedings of the Company in placing His Excellency upon the Musnud. —

The mode of granting assistance to the Rajah and the System to be

followed

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followed both in ascertaining His Revenues and in collecting them, are Subjects of great importance and require most serious consi=deration. — As the Board of Revenue are in poſſeſſion of much information from these Districts, it is unneceſsary for me to take up your time in detailing the relative Rights and Privileges of the Rajah and the Inha=bitants, together with their Innovations - and the encroachments of the Polygars and Cowlcaras

——— I cannot easily give an Idea of the degree of Contumacy to which all Ranks of People have risen, during the late weak and corrupt Administration. —

The Reports of your Collectors will exhibit much of this insubordination, and I can assure you my short experience of the evil was confirmed to me by a Declaration from Rajah Amer Sing only 3 Days before

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His Deposition — He acknowledged His in-
-ability to controul His Subjects, without the
Company's Authority. The Cultivators are
also in a State of independence, bordering on
resistance, by their Collusion with the
Polygars. —

In projecting a System for
their Reform I humbly conceive all extremes
ought to be avoided, and that the peculiar
nature of the Tanjore Country, and the pre-
-judices of the People, should be considered,
as differing materially from every other
Country under your protection — The People
will know from the Rajah's public decla-
-ration that our Management is but tem-
-porary, and as this Idea will operate
with them in their acquiescence so it ought
to weigh with us, in our Regulations — and
as the Country is to revert again to the
Rajah in two years, it may be most
prudent, to effect the Reform by a General

Controul

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Controul of the present System rather than by the Introduction of a new one — while we strengthen the hands of the Rajah we must be cautious not to expose the Cultivators to the Merciless Exactions of the Circar &. Servants and lay them open to future &. Extortion by the very Instrument which the English / under a different System / &. introduced for their Security. —

I have the honor to be,

Do. — — — Do.

Tanjour
7th July 1798. —

(Signed) Benjamin Torin
Resident

Translation of a Letter from Maharaj Rajaree Sirfojee Rajah to Benjamin Torin Esqr. &.
Resident at Tanjour. —

As I have not yet attained years of maturity, as the Country is to a great degree in a State of derangement, and as it will therefore be a work of much difficulty to reduce it to order. — I entreat you will re = present to the Government that I pray that the Company will favor me and take upon

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themselves the burthen of managing my Country for one or at farthest for two years. — In order to give the Honorable Company pleasure, to provide that my ryots may live in the enjoy-ment of plenty; and to make myself fit to con-duct the government, — I also request that orders may be given that I may be present and inspect the transaction of public business. Tanjore the 2d. July 1798. —

(Signed) Serfojee

True translation

(Signed) J. Webbe. M.S.

The Board postpone the consideration of the foregoing letter till next Consultation. —

The Consideration of the two foregoing Letters from the Resident at Tanjore deferred. —

Messrs. John Turing, Nathan. Pitchy Smith, and John Henry Peile, Assistants — under the Secretary in the Military Political and Secret Departments, attending the Board, the usual Oath of Secrecy is administered to them by the President. —

Messrs. Turing, Smith, & Peile, Assistants under the Secretary in the Military and Political & Secret Departments take the oath of Secrecy —

" Gle. Harris

" E.W. Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

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Diary

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in MD Nos. 87-88-89-90-91-92.

From the Collector at Ganjam

From Mr. Snodgrass explaining the circumstances leading to the confinement of the Carpenter Maistry and enclosing Copy of his Correspondence with Captain Johnston on the subject

From the Officer Commdg. the Northern Division

From Major General Bridges enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Leighton pointing out the inconvenience resulting from there being no fixed Station established as the Head Quarters of the Ganjam District

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 5400.

From the Officer Commdg. on Ceylon

From Brigadier General De Meuron enclosing Lieutenant Keer's Security Bond, with the Collateral Bonds of Dr. Briggs and Mr. Greenhill.

From the Resident at Tanjore

From Mr. Torin (written on the 1st. July) advising of his having received 2500 Pagodas from Mr. Grant on account of an advance required by Serfoge and his having drawn a Bill on Government for the Amount.

From

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From Lieutenant Roper of the Bombay Marine

From Lieutenant Roper - requesting Copies of his late Correspondence with the Board and that they will refer his case to the decision of the Bengal Government

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Received the following Letters

To the Honorable

Lieutenant General George Harris

Governor in Council at Fort St George

Honorable Sir

From Bombay - requesting that the Men of that Establishment serving as Marines on board the Bombay Frigate may be sent round & that they may be replaced for the present by Men belonging to the Madras Presidency

The Superintendent of our Marine having reported to us, his having been advised by the Commanding Officer of the Bombay Frigate, that several of the Soldiers, serving on board of her as Marines had objected to doing further duty, on plea of their term of Service being expired, and as an exact Return of the Individuals that come under this description cannot be immediately obtained here, We request you will be pleased to send those who refuse to serve any longer round to this Presidency as Passengers on the Frigate or by such other suitable opportunity as may offer; trusting, also to your assistance for supplying the Vessel with such an additional Force, as she might otherwise

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It otherwise remain deficient in of her Complement

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Jonn Duncan

" J. Stuart

" John Revett

" William Page

To the Honorable Lieutenant Genl Harris

Governor in Council

Bombay Castle

the 29th June 1798

Hon'ble Sir

Captain Forrest the Senior Engineer at Columbo, having addressed me some Questions respecting the situation of an Engineer in charge of a Fort. I take the liberty of submitting them to your consideration, that I may be honored with your Instructions on the subject for his guidance.

I am most respectfully

&c &c

(Signed) Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer M.G.

From the Chief Engineer submitting for the determination of Government certain Queries made by Capt.n Forrest respecting the duties and authority of the Engineer of a Fortress.

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To Major General Ross
Chief Engineer
Fort St George

Sir

I take the liberty of making a few questions respecting the situation of an Engineer in charge of a Fort, which, when answered, will enable me to know how to act as occasion requires.

1st. Has the Engineer so far the charge of the Works Esplanade &c that no persons of any Description can be put on them to work but by his Orders?

2d. Has the Engineer a Right to object to any persons being sent into the Ditch to fish it, without his being previously acquainted with it?

3d. Are the Roads within the Gates and the Out Works, considered as part of the Works, and in the charge of the Engineer?

4th. Can Ground be broken within 50 yards of the Wall without the consent of the Engineer, or within the range of the Guns are Pioneers if employed on such Work under the orders of the Engineer?

5th. Are Pioneers when employed on any Works in charge of the Engineer to receive their orders from

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15th from the Engineer 2

6th Has the Engineer a right to order the removal of any Huts &c that are on the Esplanade to keep it clear 2

Columbo
24th June 1798

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Arthur Forrest
Captn Engineers

A true Copy
(Signed) Patrick Ross

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council

Hble Sir

From the Chief Engineer respecting compensation due to Captn Forbes for buildings on the Island destroyed to make room for the present Stabling of the Body Guard.

I have the honor to enclose a Letter from Mejor Tulloh and Brodie the Agents of Captain Nathaniel Forbes, claiming the Sum of Two hundred Star Pagodas for removing a range of private Stables from the Island that was his property, and which were valued at that Sum by the Chief Engineer, in his letter to Government dated the 24th October 1796, to which I beg to refer you, and also to Mr Secretary Jackson's answer to that letter dated the 26th of the same Month, at the same time I beg to report to you that

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No 18 that the whole of the private Stabling is removed from the Island.

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I have the honor to be very respectfully
&c &c
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.P.

Major General Ross
Chief Engineer
Madras

Sir

The removal of Captain Nathaniel Forbes's Stabling Materials having been made agreeable to an order of Government of which the enclosed is Copy We now beg to be favored with your Report of the circumstance to enable us to receive on account of Captain Forbes, the two hundred Pagodas for the property of the Ground.

Captain Forbes's absence from the Presidency has been the sole cause of delay in the removal of the Materials and

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3d July 1798

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Tulloh Brodie & Co
attys to Captn N. Forbes

A true Copy
(Signed) Patrick Ross
Josiah

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary &c &c

Sir

From the Commanding Officer at Tutacorin - reporting the exorbitant price of rice there - the means resorted to, to prevent the Troops from suffering distress and the circumstances that lead to this Scarcity

I request you to be pleased to report to the Honorable the Governor in Council, that a great scarcity of grain prevailing here, in consequence of the usual Supplies from the Tanjore Country having failed by the Pass at Caumbans having been closed for Grain in the last Northern Monsoon, and of a general prohibition of the Importation of other Grain than that of the Ramnad District at this port that I have found it necessary from the Complaints of the Sepoys, and the Clamours of the Inhabitants to place a Guard over the only Magazine of Grain now here, which belong to a rich Lobby at Ramnad a purchaser of a considerable Quantity of the Grain of that District from the Collector there - I have adopted this measure, as well as for the protection of the said Magazine, which had been once forced before my Return from leave of absence to the Presidency, as in order to regulate the Price of it which the Servants of this Lobby have already

advanced

advanced upwards of 15 p.c. Cent, by selling at 5 M.
measures for the Fanam what before sold being
about the average Price of this Bazar at 6 measures
the Fanam of this Country, and they being further
desirous of advancing the Price 10 p.c. Cent, by selling
at 4½ Measures the Fanam, which would nearly
operate a Famine on the lower, and more indigent
Inhabitants, and press very severely on the Sepoys
at this Place, I have thought it proper, to fix the
Price at one fanam for the 5 measures, as a material
abatement and Relief to the general Distress, and
as perfectly equitable indeed more than so, to the
owner of the Grain, which it should be observed
is Paddy - I venture to hope for the approbation of
Government in this measure, from the Singularity
of the circumstances, and as no other immediate
means of Relief offer, as the necessary charges of
Bullock hire &c on the Circar Paddy, if brought from
the interior, would make the Price equally high
and the weight of these charges, together with the
means frequently taken by the Circar Servants, for
enhancing the Price, by creating an artificial
Scarcity, has been the reason that this Port, and
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the greater Part of this Coast has been supplied from the Tanjore Country - a natural Relief then to this Place, can only take place at about the end of August, when the Strong S W.ly Winds abating, and the Northerly Currents Slackening the Boats begin to be able to make way to the Southward, and Boats are accordingly expected at that time - many of the native Merchants, however who formerly traded in Grain, have relinquished that Commerce which from this one Instance of the closing the Pass, they fear stands on uncertain Grounds and they doubt may possibly involve to them the same heavy losses, that they incurred last Year, by being obliged to sell again, the Grain, on the spot, at which, they had bought it with all the Expences attendant on the Speculation - The Grain belonging to the Lobby may be calculated at about two months Consumption for this place, beyond which there is not, I am informed a Candy in the Place.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) J W Davison
Capt.n Comm.g at Tutecoryn

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

Honorable Sir

From the Military Board recommending advances of Cash to be made to the Agent of Supply on account of the quarterly provision of Stores - also payment of a Bill for a Cook Room and necessary for the 25th Dragoons - and advances on account of the repair of the European Hospital at Ganjam - and work ordered to be executed under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Colgrave.

Having, in conformity to the Regulations, authorized an indent upon the Agent of Supply for Articles required for the Service of the Arsenal of Fort St George during the ensuing Quarter ending the 31st of October, the Amount whereof is Estimated at about Pagodas 6978..40..71.. We accordingly recommend that an advance on that account of Pagodas 2326..13..50.. be made to Mr William Webb on the 1st day of August next, and the like Sum on the 1st of September following.

2d Application having been made to us by Captain Johnstone of Engineers, for an advance of Cash on account of the Repair of the European Hospital at Ganjam, We recommend that the Sum of eighty (80) Pagodas be accordingly advanced to him for that purpose.

3d The enclosed Bill of Lieutenant Colgrave amounting to Pagodas 67..59..63 for building a Cookroom and necessary at Arcot for His Majesty's 25th Dragoons having been transmitted to us, accompanied

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18 accompanied by the requisite Voucher in support thereof, We recommend that the Bill be accordingly passed for payment: And in consequence of an application from that Officer, We also recommend that an advance of eighty (80) Pagodas be made to him, being one third of the Estimates of Work ordered to be performed under his Superintendence.

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Patrick Ross
" M Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" Bj Close

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Dispatched the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos 93-94-95-96-97-98-99.-

To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon — To Brigadier General De Meuron — enclosing Copy of a letter with its Enclosures from the Secretary to the Government in Bengal and desiring him to take such steps as may appear best — to calculated to remove the objections still urged to the further issue of promissory notes.

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham - desiring him to authorize the advances of Cash to the Collector

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18th Contractor for Lascar Clothing according to the Statement transmitted in his letter of the 5th Instant also a further advance of 4000 Pagodas to the Garrison Storekeeper enclosing Bills for freight of Sundry extra Articles shipped on the Generous Friends notifying the orders given by the Bengal Government respecting Captain Mackenzie's pay and allowances and enclosing a Statement of account between the Company and the Captors of the Molucca Islands the Balance of which has lately been discharged in 8 ⅌ Cent Bonds.

To the Fort Acquitant at Vizagapatam

To Lieutenant Peter Creswell authorizing him to make up new Slops for the French Prisoners under his charge on the same terms on which they were provided last Year.

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditors' Report on the additional Estimate which accompanied his letter of the 14th Instant, and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 5,921.4 will be advanced to him on that account from the General Treasury.

To the Officer Commanding the Troops in the Vizagapatam District

To Lieutenant Colonel Munat returning the Bills enclosed in his letter of the 5th Instant

countersigned

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18th Countersigned for payment

To the Secretary at Bengal — To Mr Barlow enclosing Copy of a Paper of Intelligence from the French Islands — transmitted hither by the Resident at the Cape of Good Hope, and Copy of intelligence just received from Major Doveton.

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Lyon Lam referring Mr Roebuck's additional Estimate for 5400 Pagodas.

19th Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 100 101 102 103 104.

From the Chief Engineer — From Major General Ross enclosing an estimate of the expence of making a necessary &c in the long shed at the General Hospital.

From Military Paymaster General — From Mr Roebuck enclosing an estimate of 19000 Pagodas required by the Garrison Storekeeper to answer demands on his Department for the Current Month.

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Lyon Lam referring the above Estimate for examination

To the Military Board — To the Military Board authorizing the purchase of a supply of Tobacco for Vellore, but — desiring that the old now in store may not be sold off 'till the new is laid in: referring for their — Opinion

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Opinion Captain Lennon's tender of his House at Ryacotta for Sale to the Company

To the Secretary at Bombay Residents at Poonah & Hyderabad.

To Messrs Rickards Kirkpatrick & Palmer forwarding Mysore Intelligence received from Major Doveton.

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieut.n General Harris Governor - President

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday 20th July

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.

Read again Letters from the Resident at Tanjore as entered in last Consultation

The President delivers in the following Minute.

President's

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President's Minute July 20th 1798

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute - expressing his entire approbation of Mr Torin's conduct in effecting the late revolution at Tanjore - stating the grounds on which he considers it ineligible for the Company to assume the Management of the Tanjore Country as proposed by Serfogee recommending the Gentlemen to constitute the Commission and proposing a limitation of their enquiries till the pleasure of the Supreme Government respecting the assignment of the Country shall be known.

I have much pleasure in anticipating the Boards expression of their entire approbation of the manner in which the Resident Mr Torin and the Commanding Officer at Tanjore Colonel Braithwaite have acquitted themselves of the very delicate and important Commission with which they were entrusted. The personal Address of Mr Torin in executing our Instructions respecting the assignment of the Country to the Company's management for one or two Years is equally satisfactory; and the result is at once an unquestionable proof of the peculiar qualifications of Mr Torin for the responsible office which he holds, of the Rajah Serfogee's unbounded confidence in the Company's Justice and good faith and of his desire radically to reform the disorders of the Country.

When our instructions were transmitted to Mr Torin I concurred entirely in the opinion of the Supreme Government, that this important object would be most effectually accomplished by the Assignment

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Assignment of the remaining Soubahs to the Management of the Company's Servants for a period of one or two Years, but the information I have since obtained, and a fuller Consideration of the Subject have materially changed that opinion.

The height at which the disorders of the Country have arrived, owing to the weakness of Ameer Sing and the profligacy of his Ministers are sufficiently known to the Board: and the example seems fast approaching to maturity in the Soubahs under the Company's Management: for in Manargoody the Majority of the Inhabitants lately deserted and many still hold themselves from their Villages in contumacious resistance to the Collector, with a view to compell him to acquiesce in their unjust demands; whilst in Mayaveràm the people are restrained from the same course solely by the passive and Conciliatory conduct of the Collector, (who has recommended the remissions they demanded) aided by a Military force to keep the Polygars in order.— These circumstances are not imputable to any want of Energy in the Gentlemen Employed but

but to the acknowledged licentiousness of the people and the inefficiency of our system in the execution of Criminal Justice.

To this defect must be traced the temporising conduct which the Company's Servants have been invariably compelled to pursue, in their Endeavours to counteract the influence of the Pattuckdars; to have attempted its Subversion, under such circumscribed powers, they foresaw would be ineffectual, and therefore did not hazard the distraction of the Country and the sacrifice of the Revenue.

Now, when the disorders of the Country have reached a height unexampled in former times when the influence of the Pattuckdars is not only to be entirely Subverted, but when a thorough reform of the Polygar and Circar Inhabitants is also become absolutely necessary, I do not see any ground for expectation that the temporary authority of the Company's Servants could accomplish it

Particularly when it is remembered that even this authority will appear to the people to

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to be exercised by three distinct powers, that immediately
over them, the Collectors in the Zoukahs; the Commission
and the Rajah; for although the Commission is to
act independant of, though in Communication with
him, His authority will be looked up to, while the
Supremacy of the Commission cannot fail to weaken
the Collectors influence in the Country on whom
the execution of the regulations devolves and the
certainty that another transition of Government
must ensue in the short period of two Years, may
it is feared, induce resistance and Combination
that will baffle their united endeavours to
accomplish this important reformation

The people knowing their power to
be only temporary it would be difficult to persuade
them that the Innovations introduced under such
an authority were to be permanent, and having
already experienced that the changes attempted
by the Company's Servants, when the Country has
before been under their charge, have upon the
restoration

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restoration of the Districts been immediately
abolished they could not be taught to expect a
different issue from the present transfer of authority
and would therefore, as they have before done, either
resist or counteract Innovation, as their means
might admit.

In the present case however the natural aversion which the people of this Country feel towards every change would be raised to the most open resistance, because the principal objects in contemplation the measurement of the Lands, and the ascertainment of the Circar's Rights, would affect what the Inhabitants have long considered the most valuable of their privileges.

To effect these objects, I must repeat the temporary exertion of the Company's Government, I should fear, would prove inadequate; and that nothing but the most rigid controul and the most prompt execution of Justice, while the Enquiry is going on such as the Rajah alone can exercise under the advice and assistance of the Commission could accomplish.

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Upon these grounds therefore alone, and a recollection of the Evils inseparable from such frequent transitions of authority I should hesitate to repeat my opinion of the propriety of taking charge of the Country; but when I reflect upon the impression which may be received of the Company's conduct in consequence of such a transfer, and upon the Circumstances which have been displayed since the transmission of our instructions to the Resident I have no longer any doubt upon the Subject.

Though the Stipulations under which the Supreme Government have authorised us to accept the transfer are unquestionably just and honorable, I should fear that even the Native Princes in Alliance with the Company from being so much accustomed in their own conduct to confound the possession of power with the abuse of it, would with difficulty be brought to believe that the proposed extension of the Company's authority in the Country had taken place from any other suggestions than those of benefit to themselves whilst those powers disaffected towards the

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Company would strive to tarnish the Lustre of this signal instance of the Company's Justice and moderation by representing the transfer to have been the Secret Condition of Serfogee's Elevation.

His Excellency on the occasion of deposing Ameer Sing and of his own Elevation, has displayed a moderation which augurs most favorably of his future Conduct, and the substantial proof he has since given of his just estimation of the Company's good faith, as well as his own situation manifest his disposition to fix his Government upon a permanent basis by a radical Reform of the disorders of the Country.

The Resident on the same occasion has confirmed the opinion which was entertained of his Judgement and ability when he was appointed to the Station and has therefore proved himself peculiarly qualified to direct the good intentions of the Rajah in accomplishing the intended reformation

Under these Circumstances I am

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of opinion that the enquiry, which the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors, and the Supreme Government have directed to be made, will be better accomplished, by permitting the Country to remain under the Rajah's management aided by the advice of the Commission and thereafter of the Resident, than under the temporary Government of the Company; and that the Act of declining the Assignments of the Tanjore Country will remove every shadow of a doubt of the Company's Justice and Moderation.

To effect radical reform either the Company's power should be permanent and paramount, or Serfoge should be restored to the Country entirely, and his power and authority made as perfect as we can make it by our advice and assistance.

If to be retained under the temporary Management of the Company to revert again to the Rajah in two Years, I have reason to be of opinion it may be most prudent to effect the reform by a General Controul of the present

System

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System rather than by an Introduction of a new one and by instituting such an establishment for the Administration of Justice under the Rajah as may seem best adapted to the usages and prejudices of the people.

Being fully aware of the importance of selecting those Servants of the Company best qualified to discharge, and who can be spared for, the important trust to be reposed in the Commission which the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors and the Governor General in Council have ordered to be appointed, I beg to recommend that the Commission consist of the following Gentlemen.

Mr Benjamin Torin - President

Mr Charles Harris - 2d Member

Mr George Stratton - Junior Member and Secretary and that

Mr W. R Irwin be appointed as Assistant under the Commission. -

For the present it will be sufficient to direct the attention of the Commission to the actual state of the Country and the other points mentioned

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mentioned in the letter from the Supreme Government and when the decision of the Governor General in Council has been received, further instructions may be transmitted by which time the Commission will have obtained such information as will enable them to act with Efficiency

As the duty of the Resident will call Mr Benyamin Torin into the Country, I recommend that Mr C. B Torin be appointed an assistant unto the Resident

(Signed) Geo: Harris

The Board record their concurrence in the Sentiments of the President

The Board concur in the Sentiments of the President

The following letters ordered to be dispatched

Resolved in consequence that the following letters be dispatched to the Governor General in Council, to the Resident at Tanjore and to Rajah Serfogee.

To

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To the Right Honble
The Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General in Council
Fort William

My Lord

To Bengal enclosing Copies of Mr. Torins reports on the late revolution at Tanjore Copy of Lieutenant General Harris's Minute on the inexpediency of the Company's assuming the temporary Management of the Country referred for their consideration requesting to be furnished either with Copies of the English Translations or transcripts in the Balbund Character of the questions and answers of the Bengal Pundits - the originals lately received being written in a character not understood by the Brahmins of the Carnatic

Para 1 We have already had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's instructions of the 31st. May for carrying into effect the orders of the Court of Directors for the deposition of Ameer Sing and the installation of the legal heir Serfogee Rajah, on the throne of Tanjore: and we now have the satisfaction of congratulating you upon the successfull accomplishment of all the objects pointed out in your letter.

2. In executing this delicate and important Commission we thought ourselves fortunate in having upon the spot two Gentlemen of such known character and integrity as the Resident Mr. Torin and Colonel Aston the Commandg. Officer; and we have no doubt that the enclosed detailed reports will impress your Lordship as they

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they have impressed us with a high sense of their consuct.

3 We are no less satisfied with the personal address of Mr. Torin in conveying to Rajah Serfogee so joint an estimation of the Company's justice and faith as well as of the Situation and circumstances in which he himself is now placed, as to satisfy him of the expediency and good policy of requesting the assistance of this Government in the Management of his Country for a period of one or two Years. This testimony which the Young prince has given of his reliance on the honor and faith of the Company as well as of his disposition to fix his Government upon a permanent basis by a radical reform of its former abuses we regard as the best Omen of retaining prosperity and wealth to that once flourishing Country.

4 Having however considerable doubt as to the advantage on the part of the Company in bringing the whole of the Tanjore country under their temporary Management we have only consented to receive this trust untill your Lordship's determination shall be received. Our reasons for doubting the expediency of this measure are contained

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contained in a Minute of our President, Copy of which we beg leave to submit to your consideration and to request your ultimate instructions on this important points

5 Untill we may receive your Orders we have directed the Resident Mr Torin to take such measures as he may judge necessary for conducting the affairs of the districts not already under the Companys Management, and to continue to communicate his proceeding to Serfogee.

6 We have appointed a Commission for the purposes pointed out by your Lordship in Council and the Secret Committee, consisting of Messrs. Benjamin Torin, Charles Harris and George Stratton and shall hereafter do ourselves the Honor of submitting to your consideration the detailed instructions with which it is our intention to furnish them.

7 The proclamation transmitted with your letter of the 31st May has been translated into the different languages and published at Tanjour; but in respect to the answers of the Bengal Pundits, we are sorry to acquaint you that they

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are written in a Character not known to any Bramens of this Presidency. If however you should still be desirous of having them published at Tanjour we request that your Lordship in Council will cause them to be transcribed into the Balbaund character, or furnish us with Copies of the English translation.

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To prevent as much as possible any misconception among the native powers of the principles upon which Rajah Ameer Sing has been deposed and Rajah Serfoge called to the throne of his Ancestors we have thought it adviseable to furnish the Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad Copy of the proclamation and of your Lordship's letter to Ameer Sing: it was also our intention to have furnished them with Copies of the questions and Answers; but being prevented from this we have substituted a Copy of the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council under date the 30th December 1796 which contain an Abstract of the whole. These documents have been sent not with any view to an immediate communication to those Courts but that Col. Palmer and Captain Kirkpatrick might

be

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be prepared to answer any Questions, which might be put to them upon the appearance of these Proceedings.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo: Harris
&c Council

To Benjamin Torin Esqr:
Resident at Tanjour

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 2d and 7th Instant and to inform you that the measures adopted by you, in concert with Colonel Aston for carrying into effect the instruction contained in my letter of 25th Ultimo. have answered the fullest expectations of the Governor in Council. he feels himself happy that this delicate and important affair should have been brought forward at a period when he had the means of employing two Gentlemen of your Character and integrity in exhibiting to the world this signal instance of

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To the Resident at Tanjore
his own conduct and the conduct of Colonel Aston in effecting the late revolution at Tanjore entirely approved - directing him to take the necessary steps for conducting the affairs of the districts not already under the Company's Management and to explain to Serfoge the limitations under which the temporary Management is governed.

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of national Moderation and justice; and accordingly directs me to convey to you his warmest acknowlegements for the manner in which you have jointly acquitted yourselves of this duty

The Governor in Council is no less sensible of the merit of your personal address, and of the essential service you have rendered as well to Rajah Serfogee as to the Company by impressing him with a just sense of his present Situation and circumstances. The voluntary application which he has made for the assistance of the Company in managing his Country is a proof no less of his just confidence in their Honor, than of his good sense in establishing his own administration upon a radical reform of the abuses which have heretofore prevailed in Tanjour: the Governor in Council therfore accepts the trust which Rajah Serfogee is willing to repose in this Government by receiving temporary charge of his Country untill the determination of the Governor General in Council shall be received - a communication has in consequence been made to him on the Subject. -

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Mean while you will assure the Rajah that as the whole of the present transaction is an unquestionable proof of the most disinterested justice on the part of the Company, so he can have no reason to doubt the most scrupulous adherence to the engagements which may be made for securing upon a permanent basis the honor of his Government and the prosperity and happiness of his people.

You will immediately take such measures as you may judge necessary for conducting the affairs of the districts not already under the Company's Management, which you will continue to communicate to Sherfogee to whom the enclosed letter (of which a Copy is transmitted for your information) will explain the limitation under which his proposal has been accepted.

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Jos: Webbe Secy to Govt

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To

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To His Excellency Rajah Serfogee

To Serfogee Rajah congratulating him on his accession to the Musnud and acquainting him that the Board have consented to undertake the temporary Management of the unassumed Doubahs until the pleasure of the Bengal Government shall be known.

I have received from Mr Torin the intelligence of your succession to the throne of your Ancestors, and of your restoration to your legal hereditary rights, and I congratulate you upon an event which at the same time calls you to the possession of your Rights, and manifests to the world a most signal mark of disinterested Justice on the part of the Honorable Company

This proof of their religious adherence to the principles of justice entitles them to your most unreserved confidence; and I have observed with great satisfaction the reliance you have placed on their faith and honor by your voluntary offer of placing the whole of your country under their Management.

The diffidence which you have expressed of your own qualifications to Govern, is extremely becoming your Youth and inexperience; and I regard it as the best omen of your disposition to place your Government upon a permanent

basis

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basis by a radical reform of its former abuses: but whether your offer ought or ought not to be accepted depends upon a more enlarged consideration of the question I have therefore stated the whole subject for the consideration of the Governor General, who is fully acquainted with the Sentiments of the Court of Directors; and shall hereafter communicate the result to you.

Untill the decision of the Governor General shall be received, I have given instructions to Mr. Forin to take such measures as may be necessary for the management of those districts not already under the Superintendance of the Company's Servants and to communicate to you his proceedings from time to time: this you will observe is an arrangement, which can be but of short duration; and I recommend that untill a permanent system can be established you will give your entire confidence and cooperation to Mr. Forin for the promotion of your own as well as of the Company's interests.

What can I say more?

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Ordered

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The Secretary ordered to draw out the Instructions for the Tanjore Commission

Ordered that the Secretary do draw out instructions for the Committee according to the suggestion on the Presidents Minute.

" Geo: Dacres

" Edw Saunders

" A Wallace

Comp
J Strachey.

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Diary

21st Received and sent the undermen-
-tioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 105 106 107

From Mr. Roebuck — submitting
From the Military Paymaster General — an Application from Mr. T. S. Jackson Paymaster
on the Baramaul for leave to visit the Presidency

From Ditto enclosing his general
From Ditto Ditto — Estimate of Cash required in the Month of August.

To Major General Sydenham
To — the Military Auditor General — referring the abovementioned Estimate for Examination.

Received also the following —

Letters —

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

Honble Sir,

We have the honor to enclose for
From the Malabar Commissioners — enclosing a paper of Information collected, from a Portuguese Man, who had himself enlisted for Tippoo's Service at the Mauritius, respecting the Numbers and description of people lately
1 your information, Copies of two papers of intelligence recently received here, respecting the People landed at Mangalore from the French frigate Prenuse, in April last — Copies have been transmitted to the Right Honble the Governor General in Council,

and

lately landed at Mangalore from the Prenuse Frigate

to 21st And the Government of Bombay.—

2 Means have been taken to endeavor to collect farther information on the subject in Question; and to detect the person at Make engaged in the correspondence alluded to in the enclosed papers.— We have the honor to be with the greatest respect,— &c.ª &c.ª

Calicut
7th July 1798.—

(Signed) J Spencer
Ja Hartley
J Whitehoff
J Smee

Understanding a Person was— Arrived here, who had just made his escape from the french Camp at Seringapatam, I considered it probable that some useful information to Government might be obtained from him, and with that view, I called him before me, and as he spoke pretty good English, took down the following relation in nearly his own words.—

Andrew Deos Romedias— Native of Bombay, where his Wife, Children, and parents are now known to be by several people here, says, that

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21st. that he embarked on board the Ship Anna as a Servant to Captain Mc. Intosh, who Commanded her, she being the Property of Mr. Tate of that Port, from which She sailed for China nearly two Years ago— that on the Voyage, they fell in with a french Frigate off Pedro Branc, by whom they were captured, and sent to the Mauritius, where they were kept in confinement one Month, after which they were sent to Bourbon, where they were allowed more range, and to go about as they chose— That some time after, on the arrival of two Ambassadors from Tippoo, all the Portuguese Prisoners and also some Portuguese Settlers on the Island, were recalled to the Mauritius, and on their Arrival were confined in what had formerly been a Church but was then used as a Prison or Barrack occasion-ally— they were then told to prepare to embark on Board the Prineuse, on which they were going to be sent to the Service of Tippoo, and a Month's pay as such was immediately issued of (10) Ten Potacks (equal as he says to Rs. 20) to each man, and some days after they were put on Board that

Vessel

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21st Vessel in March last, and she sailed the day following their embarkation— That they met no vessel on the Passage, until they fell in with one belonging to the Beeby of Cannanore to the South=ward of the Maldive Islands, from the Nockoda of which they got intelligence of the Indiaman being in Tellichery, &c.a after which, they allowed her (at the Ambassador's desire) to pass unmolested —The Frigate immediately stood for Tellicherry, and next Morning was in sight of it at day light—

At a considerable distance from Shore, a Toney came along side with three Mopilla's, having Plantains, Coconuts, &c.a for Sale— the Mopillas were taken on Board, and questioned and a letter was wrote to a person in Make, and sent by one of the Mopillahs, accompanied by a Clashy of Tippoo's, in the same Toney, with the promise of reward, if an answer was brought, and the release of the other two Mopillas, who were kept as hostages— during the absence of the Toney, the frigate stood up and down the Coast, and on her return about 12 O'Clock—

with

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21st with an Answer to the letter, the Captain came on deck, and informed the People that the Vessel in the roads was only a Company's Ship, on— which they immediately stood in for her, in doing which they met a heavy Squall of rain, thunder, and lightning, which striking one of the yards, it came down, killed one Man, and went thro' the Deck, and so much did they apprehend the Vessel to be on fire, that the engines were play'd on the place.—

The next relates the Circumstan-ces of the Capture— the Release of Prisoners &c.a which being known, it is needless to insert only, that our shot did not hurt, and that the twenty Sepoys they detained were sent to work the Prizes.—

After the Despatch of the Raymond and Woodcote on the 22.d April, and the Frigate had repaired the damage done by the squall, she stood up the Coast for Mangalore, to the Southward of which she Captured a Portuguese Vessel under English Colours, and sent her to the Isle of France.

On their Arrival at Mangalore, the

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23d. the Ambassadors landed under a Salute of four guns— after which, the Troops were landed, of whom the informant gives the following detail.—

2— Governors or Commandants— De-buick and a Monsr. Feirah—

1— Captain of a Ship— by Name Duchmein, who Speaks good English, was formerly in our Country (Sea) Service, has a family at Pegue, and the informant has often seen him at Bombay.—

6. Other Subordinate Officers of Marine

2. Cavalry Officers in proper uniforms.

2. Artillery Officers.—

10 Infantry Officers of Different Ranks.—

2. Ship Carpenters—

20. Seamen.

12. Artillery Men— and the remainder were— Infantry, amongst which were about 50 Natives Madagascar Men, and the Native Portuguese— prisoners before mentioned, the informant making one of the Number— also a Drum and fife— the whole inclusive being four hundred Men— the frigate having above 700 when she left the Mauritius, and returned with less than 300 Men at which place, when they sailed, there was a

large

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21st large body of Troops ready for the same destination,
and four Ships to embark them on after our Monsoon

Besides the Troops, the Frigate
landed Twenty large guns that were fired by locks
and Mounted on Ship Carriages — and four Coconades

While they remained at —
Mangalore, Monsr. De Buick wrote again
to Make by a Toney, in which was put a few
bags of Rice, and it returned in four days with
an Answer. —

After being at Mangalore about
Eight days, a Number of Palanquins Arrived from
Seringapatam for the Officers — Elephants for the —
guns — Camels — Horses, and Bullocks, for the —
baggage, when the whole Marched for that place,
the baggage being guarded by about 50 Sepoys
from Mangalore. —

In fifteen days they reached —
Seringapatam, and were quartered in what was —
called Lally's Camp, which consisted of about 1000
Europeans and Natives of all descriptions and was
situated from what I can understand (by the —
informant's description) under the Carriaghaut hill —

That

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That one day, shortly after their Arrival, Tippoo came out to Review them, and was received with presented Arms — He gave to each Man two Sultan Pagodas, a piece of Cloth, and a dinner — and in the front told the Officers "that he was their Brother, and they were his." — He then took them to a place in which he said a Brother of his own was confined, and the Son of a Rajah — both of whom he was prevailed upon, by the request of De-bric &c. to remove to a more Agreeable place and to allow more liberty to them hitherto. —

That a few days previous to the informant's making his escape — Monsr. De-Bric, Ferriah — Captain Drishmein, and the two Cavalry Officers dined in the Fort with Tippoo — when it was settled, in a Conversation during dinner, that immediately on the Arrival of the other Troops — from the Mauritius after the Rains, the whole should be joined with Lally's Corps, and a Corps of Toppasses in the Service of Tippoo, in Number about 4000 — that this body should force their way thro' the Corga Country, and descend by

that

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21st that Ghaut into the Malabar Province against the English possessions— that during this Conversation,— Tippoo sat on one Side of the Table, and the — French Man Opposite, and that all their Swords were drawn, and laid across each other in the middle of the Table— these Circumstances the Informant learnd from Monsr. De Bruc's Servant, who is a Malabar and was present attending his Master.—

He further adds, that about this time a large Body of Tippoo's Troops marched,— from Puttan in a direction which, by his description, would Answer to be towards the Tamberchurry, or some of the Southern passes— he Says the force was given out to be 38,000 Men— and that Between this place, or rather Cavai, there are Strong Chokies Viz.t at Munchesoor, Coomblah— Baker— Dackel, and Nedesoor— having, as he thinks, from two to three thousand Men in each—

He could not discover the Name of the French Correspondent at Mahé, but from enquiries he made when in the Frigate of the Clashey that carried both letters, he understood that

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that the person was rather of a Corpulent appearance, with thin or short hair, and that he sold Liquors and some other Merchandize.—

I have made light to the informant of all his relation, and have given directions to subsist him while he stays here; at the same time, tho' I hardly can suspect him, I have taken some Means to watch his Conduct: he is known to several Bombay people here, and I remember him Myself a Servant there.—

(Signed) James Douglas
Lt. Bt. C. Regt.—

Cannanore
Saturday June 30th 1798.— a true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy.—

Extract of a Letter— dated Cannanore 4th July 1798—

In consequence of your letter I— sent again for the Portuguese, Named Andrew Deas Romedeous, and put to him, in conformity to the Generals' wish, the following Questions.—

Quest... 1st... Do you know on what terms you and the other Portuguese Men were made over to Tippoo's Service as Soldiers— did they

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they go of their own inclination, or were they compelled.—

Answer— The Sea Cunnies of the Anna, the Cook, and Myself, were asked if we would go to Tippoos Country, which all of us declined, saying we only knew Ship duties, and begged to be put on Board a Danish Vessel but this was not Attended to, and we were Obliged as well as the Inhabitants, to embark, a large Vessel without Masts lies at Anchor, on Board of which, all the Creols &c.a who were obstinate in refusing to go to India, are kept under a Guard of French.—

Quest: 2nd Do you know whether the French Troops that came when you did, were forced, or did they come voluntarily.?—

Answer— They appeared from every thing that could be observed to have come from inclination.—

Quest: 3rd Had any Proclamation been made before you left the Isle of France, holding forth encouragement to the people to enter into

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into the Service of Tippoo.?

Answer. The people belonging to the Police went about daily with a drum and some thing like a Tom-Tom- inviting the people to enter into Tippoo's Service, and promising great pay and good treatment and that some of the Ambassadors Men always accompanied those parties- that two Months pay was given in advance on entry, which was taken by all the Europeans, Soldiers and others but not by many of the Natives.

Quest: 4th What kind of Troops were those you have formerly said to be in readiness to come to India after the rains- and had any Arrived from France for this purpose before you left the Mauritius.?

Answer. The Troops at the Mauritius are composed of Horsemen, Artillery Men, and Infantry, inlisted as before mentioned, that no Troops had Arrived from France -but that a few days after the Arrival of the Ambassadors- La Sybille, a large frigate

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21st. Frigate, was despatched to Europe with Letters from
Tippoo, and that she was as full as she
could hold of Soldiers and Seamen, as he
understood, to the Number of 900 Men—
that another frigate sailed at the same
time for Batavia, with a Number of Troops—

Quest: 5th How long do you think it is since the
Ambassadors arrived at the Isle of France
and on what Vessel did they come.?—

Answer. It was some time before last Christmas
they arrived, and on a small two Masted—
Vessel fitted out at Mangalore by five
Frenchmen, who had belonged to a small
Vessel that was taken by the Swift.—

Quest: 6th You have said formerly that these
Ambassadors were on board the Berceuse
how happened it that none of our Officers
saw them there.?—

Answer... That when they fell in with the Beeby's
Vessel the Ambassadors objected greatly—
against the Frigate going to Tellicherry,
but wish to proceed direct for Mangalore—
That whilst our Officers remained on
Board

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21st Board, the Ambassadors &c.a kept Close in their Cabin and when they found the Indiaman were going to be sent to the Mauritius, they requested to have them taken to Mangalore, saying the Nabob would pay well for them — but the Captain of the F. said he could not do it. —

Quest.n 7 After your Arrival at Seringapatam, did you hear of any other body of French Troops having reached that place.

Answer. No other that he knew of — But he heard them say they expected four large Ships from the Isle of France with the rest of the Troops, and also the Frigate with those from Batavia. —

Quest.n 8.th How did you make your escape, and did any one Accompany you.? —

Answer — I came off at Night — having previously cut my hair Short, and tore up a Shirt which I tied about my middle — no one came with me, but I proposed to the Cook of the Anna to do so, who was afraid to venture — his

Name

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Name is Josiah de Aguil, the Son of one of our Soldiers by a Native Woman— his family are also in Bombay.—

Quest. 9th What were the Names of the principal places you passed on your way to— Cananore, particularly those where Troops are.— 3

Answer. I do not know the Name of any but Jemaul— Abad near Mangalore, and the places I mentioned before betwixt that and Cavai— I was afraid to go near any of them.— The Account given of the time of the Vakeel's Arrival Corresponds very well with an information which I received from Mangalore, and Communicated through Colonel Dow to Mr. Duncan— and General Stuart when at Tellicherry, respecting the fitting out of the small Vessel from that port.—

a true Copy

(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy.

To

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To the Honorable Lieut.t General Harris

President in Council

&c.a &c.a &c.a

Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron Lieutenant Colonel Croker and Captain Moller set out for the Presidency Mr. Van Haeftens claims Subsistance and an Indemnification for the Losses he has sustained by the detention of the Susanna Amelia

I have the Honor to inform you that in consequence of your Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 23.d May last, Lieutenant Colonel Croker proceeded to Madras with Captain Moller to identify the papers of the Susannah Amelia, transmitted by him to the Presidency — I farther beg leave to State that there was on Board the Susannah Amelia a Passenger of the Name of Ivan Haeftens, who addressed me several Petitions Copies of which I have the Honor to Enclose together with the Substance of their Contents — Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4 — Deeming that his request for Subsistence was not admissible I took no Notice of it, but his Applications becoming very frequent and conceiving that his presence could be of no Service towards the Condemnation of the

Susannah

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21st

Susannah Amelia, I directed Lieutenant Colonel Croker to permit him to proceed where he thought proper Mr. Van Haeftenzz accordingly left Galle, and on his arrival here, presented me the accompanying Petition, when I informed him that it should be submitted to the Honble the President in Council No. 5.~

I have the Honor to remain

&c.a &c.a

Columbo
10th July 1798.~

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

To Brig.r General Pierre Frederick de Meuron
Commandant of the Island of
Ceylon

General

Johannes van Haeften went with the Danish Ship Susanna Amelia as Passanger from the Mauritius in order to go to Tranquebar, but scarcity of Water and Provisions obliged the Captain of the said Vessel Niels Moller to touch at Galle.~

Arriving at Galle, the Vessell was Arrested the day before its departure so that Van

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21st. Van Haeften was obliged to wait (to his very great prejudice) for another opportunity to get to the Danish Establishment; For which reason he Protested against the Captain as having received his Passage Money, and in due time he will recover from him his Loss. That some days ago an Opportunity offered to get to Tranquebar with the Danish Company's Ship Schwenhedar but that having agreed with the Captain for the Passage, he applied on the 24th Instant in the Morning to Colonel Croker Commandant of Galle for a Pass to go with the said Ship which was to depart the 26th Instant to which he got for Answer that he could not grant this Permission, without directions: so that the said Vessel went away without that Van Haeften could go with her.

The loss which Van Haeften sustained by remaining at Galle has caused that he has no more means left to maintain himself and Servants, and the unjust treatment of the said Colonel to him and other Inhabitants whom he frequented on the mere and unproved assertion of two infamous Deserters

of

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2d. of the said, has caused that he Van Haeften has lost the Confidence of the Inhabitants. —

He finds himself therefore under the Neceſsity (if he does not want to die for Hunger) or to be reduced to beg his Bread) to demand from the said Colonel Croker. or he who has prevented his — proceeding on his "Voyage) a Subsistence Suitable to his Rank of quondam Officer in the Service of the Dutch State. — and as he wishes to make this request to you personally but cannot obtain leave to go from hence, therefore he begs that you will issue the neceſsary directions that he may at least be permitted to go to the Capital of this Island —

Which doing &c.a

Galle the 28th Febr. 1798. (Signd) Johannes Van Haeften Jr.

To General De Meuron

Commanding on the Island of Ceylon

Columbo

Sir,

I did myself the honor of addreſs-ing to you a Petition, concerning my detention in the Ship Susannah Amelia, Commanded by Captain

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Captain Moller I paid for the passage of myself and Servant alone the Sum of 500 Piasters. it is now near five Months that we have been at Galle, from whence I did myself the honor of writing to you; thus, Sir, have I expended all my Money, besides the Sum of 300 Piasters, which I owe for my daily Expences; I entreat you to have the goodness to order me a moderate allowance for the mere necessaries of life; the same day the detention of the Ship took place, I gave a * to Mr. Moller the Commander of the said Ship, concerning my Passage, as I had paid my Passage, if I was at any further expence, that expence ought to be defray'd by the Captain; he returned me for Answer, that he was about to enter a procès verbal concerning his Passengers, in the mean time I endeavoured to procure a Passage for Tranquebar, but the Colonel would not permit me, I informed him that I had no longer the means of Subsistence, as indeed my whole property was expended, he told me in

* This word totally unintelligible on the Original.

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N°. in Answer that I ought to write to you for those means; As it is a Melancholy thing for a person of good family to find himself reduced to extreme distress, I am led to hope that you will have the goodness to comply with my request.—

I am

Yo.ur Yo.ur

(Signed) Johannes van Hasselaar

Galle Island of Ceylon
11.th April 1798.—

(A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Kebble
French Translator

To Lieutenant Colonel Croker

Sir,

You must be well acquainted that the Undersigned Arrived at this place more than six Months ago as passenger in the Danish Ship Susanna Amelia, Commanded by Captain Mulder and having been arrested at the same time the Ship was taken possession of, he has several times beseeched you to permit him to depart for Trinconarah and from thence to Columbo in order to have it in his power to Speak with the Brigadier General

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21st General Meuron But to this request he was always received for Answer that it could not be permitted without the Orders of the forementioned General, but that he should draw up a petition, and send it to you to Columba. And after some Months he sent one written in the French Language to the Brigadier General, but never has any Answer come to hand.

And as in consequence He, as well as well as those who have Served him, have suffered great Losses, as well as lost a great deal of time, by which means his plans have been frustrated, and as he has also been obliged to contract heavy debts which it is impossible for him to pay, it appears to him nothing more than reasonable, that wherever any one is in this manner Arrested, he ought to have a proper Subsistence; the more so as he who makes this request has paid in full his Passage as Passenger to the Captain, and as he has also caused a protest to be carried against him / the

Captain

25th Captain) for all losses which might happen to him.

And as the bad Monsoon is near approaching ~
when few Ships will come to the roads, He, the ~
Suppliant prays he may have a proper Subsistence
or be indemnified for his past losses, and then he may
go wherever he pleases. ~

By doing which &c.

(Signed) J. Van Haeften

Point de Galle
13th May 1798. ~

Mr. Johannes van Haeften sr.
in his Petition of the 28th February 1798 States that
he was a Passenger on Board the Danish Vessel ~
Susannah Amelia Bound from Mauritius to Trangu
bar; that in consequence of the detention of this ~
Vessel at Point de Galle he agreed for his Passage
from thence to Tranquebar with the Captain of the
Danish Company's Ship Schwenhuden (then at Galle)
and Applied on the 24th February to Colonel Croker
for permission to proceed on his Journey with the
said Indiaman which was to sail on the 26th. ~
That Colonel Croker having refused to grant him
leave without having Brigadier General de Meuron's
permission

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21st Permission — Mr. Van Haeftenszr lost that opportunity of reaching his destination. —

Mr. Van Haeftenszr farther States that his being so detained will occasion great loss to him and that he is deprived of the means of maintaining himself & his Servants — Mr. Van — Haeftenszr here adverts to the unpleasant treatment he says he experienced from Colonel Croker in consequence of the false representations of two deserters from the Ship Susannah Amelia — He therefore finds himself under the necessity of requiring a subsistence, from Colonel Croker or those under whose Authority he has detained him suitable to his Rank as an Officer heretofore in the Dutch Service. —

Mr. Van Haeftenszr in his — Petition of the 14th. April represents that he paid 500 Dollars for his Passage, that he has been five Months at Galle during which time he has not only spent all his ready Money but that he has contracted debts to the Amount of 300 Dollars,

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and he begs to be allowed a Moderate Subsistence from the day of his being detained at Galle. He States that he has protested against every expence he may be at to reach Tranquebar as he has already paid the full passage Money — and he farther States that the Captain of the Susannah Amelia has likewise protested on Account of the detention of the Passengers. — Mr. Van Haeftens repeats the Circumstance of his having lost the opportunity of going to Tranquebar with the Schoenheeden —

Mr. Van Haeftens also in his Petition to Colonel Croker of the 13th. May repeats most of the above Circumstances and requests to be allowed some thing towards his Maintenance or to be permitted to go where he shall think proper —

To Brigadier General P. F. de Meuron
Commanding the Island of
Ceylon

Sir,

I take the liberty to represent to you that I came as a Passenger from the Mauritius with

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with the Danish Ship the Susanna Amelia, in order to go to Tranquebar, and that having paid my Passage Money and the freights for the Goods I had brought with me to dispose of, I consequently had nothing further to do with the Vessell but withall that, I was arrested at Galle by order of Colonel Croker during the space of eight Months, and was not even permitted to write any letters to the Government at Columbo without having shewn them previously to Colonel Croker, In this manner I sent four Petitions to you but do not know whether you ever received them, as Colonel Croker assured me that he had not received from you any Answer with respect to me. —

Colonel Croker's behaviour towards me went even so far that two drunken Sailors who came to my house and demanded some Money and whom I was obliged to turn out of the doors, complained to Colonel Croker, who had me and another passenger taken out of the house by

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21st. a Patrol and carried to the Main Guard where we remained for about quarter of an hour.

By my having been detained in this manner eight Months at Galle I have not been able to dispose of my Goods, so that I have been obliged to Mortgage my Goods in Order to pay the debts I had Contracted during my stay there, and now do not know how I will make good the Expences in Travelling to Tranquebar

I have the Honor to be with Respect

Columbo the 26th June 1798. &c. &c.

(Signed) Johannes Van Haeften

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Letter from Major Kenny to Mr. MacDonald Paymaster at Columbo under date the 19th Ultimo with one from the same Officer & Papers referred to therein addressed to your Honble Board, in consequence

From the Military Auditor General enclosing an appeal to Government from Major Kenny and the Officers of the 35th Battalion Native Infantry respecting the Board's refusal to grant them tent allowance Bill for the carriage of Gram

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Gram, from the Store at Warriore, to the Lines of the 25th Dragoons on Trichinopoly plain referred for decision — orders requested as to the exchange at which the value of Brood Mares furnished from Bengal is to be brought to account. —

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2 As Government were in possession of every Information on this Subject at the time they decided on the Compensation to be granted to those Officers, it is unnecessary for me to say any thing further than that the Returns in the Military Board Office will shew whether they could have been supplied or not with Tents from the Stores, altho' this appears to be of no consequence, as Major Kenny observes in the enclosed Letter to Mr. Mac Donell, that Camp Equipage could neither have been conveyed or used in many parts of the Country thro' which the Battalion marched — It may be proper to add, that Tent Allowance has been drawn by Major Kenny, & 1 of his Officers as also by Lieutenant Storey of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry for

1805 Fort St. George July 1798.—

21st for the Month of March, the latest period at which Accounts have been received from Columbo including the Advances for April, & consequently the Sum to be refunded will be considerable.— It is therefore to be lamented, that they have not kept Accounts of their Expenditure on Account of temporary accommodation while employed on Service, to have entitled them to the compensation allowed by Government upon the Afferonation prescribed for all Contingent Charges on the Island of Ceylon.—

3 At the desire of Captain Blaquiere Agent for Cavalry Supplies to His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons, I have the honor to submit to the consideration of your Honble Board, a Charge which he has made for the hire of 17 Bullocks for the Carriage of Gram for the use of the Regiment from the 6th January to the 28th February— last, while it was encamped on Trichinopoly Plain, distant, it is stated, about 5 miles from the Gram Store at Warriore— altho' this Charge amounting to Pagodas 45.. 37.. 64.. was

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Supported by the prescribed Indents & Certificates for the Bullocks so employed, & the Bills countersigned by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, I did not consider myself warranted in passing it without the Sanction of Government, not having received any official intimation of the Regiment being ordered to encamp, & concluding that the Supplies of Grain while it was so situated, might have been carried from the Stores by the Housekeepers attached to the several Troops. — In reply to this objection it has been stated by Lieutenant Colonel Cotton, as well as by the Agent, that as 3 dismounted Troops had been sent to do Duty at Tanjore by Order of Government, none of the Housekeepers could possibly be spared for that purpose, & that the charge of Bullocks became therefore unavoidable. —

4 Having received from the Military Paymaster General, on account of 10 Mares sent by the Bengal Government

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21st. in the Month of July 1796, and delivered to Lieutenant Evans for the Stud in the Ittchapore District, charged to this Presidency at Sicca Rupees 5000. I wish to be informed at what rate the Rupees are to be converted into Pagodas, & included in the valuation of the Stud on the 30th April 1798.— The Bengal Government have directed that when the Troops of that Establishment shall serve on the Coast, they shall be paid at the rate of 330 Sonaut Rupees p.c for Pagodas, which is the Exchange fixed by the Honble Court of Directors in framing the new Tables of pay for the Army, but altho' this Exchange has been established for the advantage of the Troops, it does not appear to follow that it is to obtain in all cases, as the Sonaut Rupee is calculated at 2s. 6d. which is considerably above its intrinsic value, & as it has been always the practice when Stores or Provisions have been charged from Bengal to this Presidency in Sicca Rupees, to convert them into Arcots at the established difference of 8 p.c Cent, and the latter

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into Pagodas at 350 ℳ Pagodas, I presume, that the same equitable Exchange should be continued on all Sums charged to this Presidency from Bengal, except in the payments of the Troops, & that the Exchange of 320 Sonaut Rupees ℳ Pagodas, should only be known in the latter case, which appears to have been the intention of the Governor General in Council, otherwise their Orders would have made the last mentioned exchange general, instead of expressly confining it to such Payments.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

Mil.y Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 17th July 1798.—

&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Gen.l

To J. C. McDouall Esq.r
Paymaster on Ceylon &c.a—

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 13th covering the Retrenchments, and an Extract of Mr. Secretary Webbs letter to Brigadier General De Meuron &.

Bart

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21st But, as I have every reason to suppose, that Government were unacquainted, with many Circumstances relative to our Claims, at the time the business came before them, I have to request you will forward the accompanying letters, and this, to the Honble the President in Council through the Channel of the Auditor General, and I hope after so clear a Statement, of real facts, the objections of the Honble the President in Council will be removed, I have been more full, than I otherwise should have been in my Letter, from my feelings being so severely wounded, in an Idea that even, a supposed neglect on my part, with regard to not indenting for Camp Equipage should deprive the Gentlemen under my Command, of what I conceived their due, and know them so deserving of — Had there been any room for censure in that particular, they, Nevertheless must have been innocent, as I was the person, who should have been more cautious, and not

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let individuals suffer, from too Ardent a wish of doing what I conceived my Duty. —

Had the Auditor General perfectly known the critical Situation of Affairs at the time of my being Ordered out. — the State of the Country — & the hardships Attendant on such Service — As an Officer of experience, and long Standing, I should have hoped, He would have taken the trouble, of stating it, in its proper Colours, to the Honble the President in Council. & have done me the justice, to suppose, I would not have been wantonly, or wilfully, neglectful of Attention to the Regulations of Government — particularly, where my own Interest — and that of my Officers, was so, deeply Concerned. —

I will further add, that throughout many parts of the Country we were employed in, Camp Equipage could neither be conveyed, or used; as We found it difficult to pass with our Arms only, through immense Jungles — over Hills, and in Night Marches of twenty & thirty Miles, frequently

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21st frequently crossing Nullas, from twenty to eighty Yards broad— and often fifty feet deep, on single Sticks, (in breadth) Contenued in succession from Bank, to bank, the bridges having been destroyed by the rioters.—

These Circumstances trifling in themselves, may convey an Idea, of our sufferings, and exertions, to settle the Country— and ease the Company of Expence.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Kenny Major
35th Batt.n &c.a

Columbo
the 19th June 1798.—

List of Papers enclosed to J. Mc.Dowall Esq.r

Letter to the Honble the President in Council

Do. from part of the Officers of the Detachment to Major Kenny.—

Note from Lieut.t Baker to Major Kenny.

A true Copy

(Signed) P. Bruce
Mj.r M. Aj.t

To the Honble the President in Council
&c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

I had the Honor of forwarding thrught
General

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To
21. General De Meurons to you, an Address from the
Officers, of my Detachment, in consequence of an
intimation, from the Paymaster, that the Auditor
General had retrenched our Field Allowances, since
which we have been informed by the General and
Paymaster, that Government had declined giving
the usual Allowances under that head; but on
account of the Services rendered by the Detachment
a recompence adequate to the extra expences
incurred by the Officers while on that duty,
would be allowed, on their declaring upon
honor how much it really Amounted to.—

We are sensible of the Attention
and liberality of Government, and gratified
much by their Approbation of our Services, but
as a denial of the accustomed Allowances, to
Troops, actually on field Service, was totally
unexpected, and believed unexampled; consequently
no Arrangement made by any Officer, in our
unsettled State, for keeping a regular Account,

and

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21st and as the Honor of a Soldier, is I conceive, too
sacred to be pledged, but on the most particular
occasions, I beg leave to decline the acceptance
of Government's Offer, under such restrictions —
But in justice to myself, and those I had the
Honor to Command, have to solicit leave in
the most respectfull manner, to state a few
circumstances, that might not have occured when
the business in question, came before the Honble
Board for their decision. —
First, That the State of the Service, and hasty
manner in which it was necessary for the —
Detachment to proceed; did not admit of my
going through the form, of making a regular
Application, for Camp Equipage — Nor even
if I had, could the Commissary comply with
my indents — It was therefore only left
for me, to consider, whether the Service, was
to suffer, by my waiting to make out indents
for form's sake; and ineffectual Applications,
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for what I knew could not be supplied and permit the Enemy, to encrease their force, and strengthen themselves, by additional Works— or push on, trusting to my own exertions; and that of my Officers, for covering the Men— and to Government, for a Recompence— I must not however omit to say, that I recollect, on receiving Orders for the Detachments, marching, at Nine o'Clock P.M. my mentioning the Indents, for Camp Equipage, to the Adjutant General; who informed me the Service, was such, as to require immediate dispatch; after which, I then conceived, as a Soldier, I would really have merited Censure— had I started any Objection whatever—

I believe the Officers, will readily declare upon Honor, if required, that had I not been fortunately, on the footing, I was, with some of the Head Men; and the very conciliatory line of Conduct, we invariably observed, towards them, it would have been impossible to obtain Materials, sufficient for one Company

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21st much less, so considerable a Detachment, in a Country where most of the Inhabitants, had burned their Houses; to deprive us of every means of Shelter; well knowing, the fatal effects our being exposed, to the weather, would have on the Troops, against them — And had I endeavored to procure them by the Destruction of Plantations, in a Country, already disgusted, and discontented; the Consequence, is too obvious, to require detail. — But obtaining on any terms, at the Numerous places, where the Nature of the Service required my halting, materials, Sufficient for covering so many Hundred Men, independant of Officers, — and Artillery Men's Quarters — must, I am, confident after being, so fairly Stated — Strike Government with — Surprise, — as well as my not having — hitherto, made any Charge on that head — For the Carriage of Sick, and wounded Men,

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Repair of the Malays Arms, and Pioneers tools with many other Contingent Charges, well known to be Attendant on so many Months, continued Marching — and Arduous Service. —

May I now presume, to say (though I regret much, being obliged to Start any object, in which I have been myself an Actor) That the Country, I had to pass through — and the People against whom I was detached — was far more difficult and far more numerous, than those against whom Colonel Maxwell, was Ordered with so respectable a force, as one Battalion of Europeans, a Regiment of Cavalry, four Batts. of Sepoys, five Brigades of Guns — and I believe two P. Bounders, with a proposition of Artillery, and Lascars — The whole as well Appointed, as troops could possibly be for any Service. —

The Difference of Expence, of the Detachments, and the extent of Country; both lead to being

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21st into Order, I forbear, to enter further on— But Major Agnew, to whom these circumstances, are well known, from the official part, he held in both situations, as Adjutant General; being— actually employed, on the Spot, with one— and his knowledge of the Country, We had to act in; can give a more accurate Idea, to Government, on that head, than delicacy permits me to attempt—

Before I conclude, allow me to draw, the Honble. Board's attention, to the expence incurred by the Men in Huting— independent of the immense range of Barracks, erected by me in proof of which, I have the Honor to enclose, you, a Note from Lieutenant Baker, who— Commanded, a Detachment of Bombay Grend.rs, under my Orders; which clearly evinces, the expence, his Men were at, in huting at Burlas -gina, and Cottam; distant from each other, — about four Miles— And as many similar — Marches, were indispensably necessary, their expence, naturally encreased— though not so severely felt by them; as the Bengal Artillery,

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and Coast Troops; their Officers, drawing Foot Allowance, and purchase Money, at all times, — while the Men, have, on all Situations, at Stated periods, a fixed Sum for Cooking.—

I hope, it may not be deemed — improper, at this time, my adding, that the State of Public Buildings, in Columbo and deficiency of Barracks, has twice obliged me to erect Sheds for each Company, and an Hospital for the Corps: the last, sufficient for the whole of my Sick; as well as the Men Cooking themselves, neither of which could be done without expence and trouble.—

I think I may say, from my own experience, that if it should be found requisite, at any future period, to take the field, on this side Ceylon the Necessity for a liberal Allowance, for covering the Troops will be clearly pointed out, as tents in many Situations, can neither be conveyed, or used.—

With many Apologies, for so long

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21st long an Intrusion,—

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Kenny Major
35th Batt.n

Columbo
June y.e 18th 1798.—

To Major William Kenny &c.a &c.a

Sir,

We the undersigned Officers who had served under you in the late Detachment, having been favoured with a perusal of your letter to Government on the subject of Tents Allowance,— beg leave thro' you to convey these our Sentiments on the occasion.—

In reference to the Offer made to us by the Honble Board of a compensation for extra Expences while actually in the Field to be delivered in upon Honor, in Lieu of the Tent allowance— drawn by us, but now ordered to be refunded, We have to observe, that the Refund being totally unexpected, and consequently no account of such extra expences having been kept, we cannot attach our honours to a demand of this Nature.—

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We offer you our thanks for the trouble you have been at in this second Statement of our Claims, and perfectly coincide with you in Opinion in such parts of your letter to the Honble Board as concern Us. We earnestly hope that upon a second investigation, and a consideration of what you have urged in your letter, the Objections of Government may be done away.— We feel much flattered by the Approbation the Honble Board is pleased to express of our Services, and hope they may always prove as fortunate as on the late occasion.— We have to regret the absence of Captain Godfrey and Lieutenant Storey of 1st B. 9th N. R. and of Lieutenants Mc Gregor and Duncan of 1st B. of 7th N. R. and that the necessary delay incident to writing to them has precluded their Signatures appearing to this Letter, which we have every reason to suppose would otherwise be the case.— We are— &c.a &c.a

Columbo
June 18th 1798.—

(Signd) { Edw.d H. Collins Lt. 35th Batt.
Arthur Molesworth Lieut. 35 B. N.I.
W. Winbolt Lt. Bengal artillery
Tho.s Owen— Asst. Surgeon 35 B. N.I.
Major

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Major Kenny
Commanding 35th Battalion

My Dear Sir,

In reply to your Note of Yesterday I have to inform you, that I do not know the exact Sum expended in huting our People at Burlasgome and Cataver, but I always understood it cost for each man 3/2 Rupee or thereabouts.—

My Dear Sir,
&c.a—
Signed Edward Baker

19th June 1798.—

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

Hble Sir

1st

From the Military Board—suggest the expediency of postponing the repair of the Stabling of the 19th Dragoons the repair of the European Barrack at Trichinopoly recommended—a Bill of the Gun Carriage &c. Contracts—ors recommended for Payment and an Indemnification proposed to be made to the Master Attendant at Viragapilam for damage

Having attentively considered the Letter, and Enclosures, from Major General Floyd, which were referred to us with Governments' Letter of the 5th Instant, We beg leave to State that, although it is our Opinion that the Stabling of His Majesty's 19th Dragoons require a thorough repair—yet, under present circumstances, We submit whether such a measure should not be postponed; And, with respect to—

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damage, done to his Boat while employed on the public Service.

to the European Barrack in the Fort of Tritchinopoly. We recommend that the repair thereof, according to the Estimate No. 5, submitted for the purpose by Lieutenant De Haviland and amounting to Pagodas 105.9:28. be immediately authorized.—

2nd.

We do ourselves the honor to enclose a Bill of the Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors, amounting to Pagodas 1117..32..75. for Articles delivered by them into the Arsenal, and approved upon Survey as being in every respect fit for the public Service, and recommend that the Bill be passed for payment accordingly.—

3d.

It having been represented to us that, upon a late occasion of transporting Military Stores from Vizagapatam to Calingapatam for the Service of a Detachement assembling under Lieutenant Colonel Muat for Field Service, an Anchor Boat, the private property of Mr. Mein, Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, which he chearfully lent on that Service, was so much damaged by the falling of a Gun Carriage as to render it nearly unserviceable

and

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21st and an Estimate of the Repairs, required, having been transmitted to Us, accompanied by the Certificate of Lieutenant Colonel Fotheringham that such repairs are indispensably necessary, and charged at the actual Rates of the Station, We are induced from this circumstance, and from the concurrent testimony of Lieutenant Colonels Muat, and Fotheringham, to the active, and Zealous, exertion of Mr. Stein in conducting the Service on which his Boat was employed, to recommend that such Repairs be accordingly authorized.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
21.st July 1798.—

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

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council Copy of a letter from the Acting Resident at Hyderabad

From Major General Bridges—advising of his having detached an Officer, with a sufficient guard, to Condapilly to receive charge of the two deserters

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deserter Subadars — expected from Hydera-bad? —

Hyderabad, with my reply thereto, and further to say that I have ordered a party to Condapilly — under the Command of an European Officer to guard the Prisoners down to this Garrison. —

I have the honor to be

Masulipatam
16th July 1798. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Tho.s Bridges

Major General Bridges
Or Officer Commanding at
Masulipatam

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that two Subidars Named Madar Khan and Imam Khan, Deserters from the Company's Service, have been delivered up to me by this Court, and that they will proceed to the Company's Territories this — Night, under the Charge of an Officer and Company of Sepoys from the Hyderabad Detachment. I have to request you will send a Sufficient Guard to Condapilly for the purpose of relieving the Party that proceeds from hence in Charge of these Prisoners.

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad
12th July 1798. —

&c. &c. &c.

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

(Signed) Montague Cooby
a. D.C. J

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J. A. Kirkpatrick Esqr.

Acting Resident

Hyderabad

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th Instant reached me last Night, and the Contents gave me much pleasure, I have in consequence ordered a party from hence to Condapilly to receive from the Officer Commanding the Hydrabad detachment the Two Prisoners, Viz. Subedars Madar Khan and Emam Khan, and escort them down to this Garrison.— I have the honor to be

Masulipatam
16th July 1798.—

&c. &c.
(Signed) Tho. Bridges

Josias Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

By desire of Colonel Champagné I have the honor to forward to you the accompanying Survey, for the information of Government.

And I have the honor to be

&c. &c.
(Signed) T. Norris
Capt Engineers
Fort

From the Engineer at Trincomalee enclosing Copy of the Proceedings of a Committee of Survey, of which Rear Admiral Rainier was President, on the Works of Fort Ostenburg—

Trincomallee
July 6th 1798.—

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Fort Ostenburg July 3d 1798.-

At a Committee of Survey

Present

Admiral Rainier, Rear Admiral of the Blue

Colonel Josias Champagné

Lieut.t Colonel Ramsay Commanding Fort St. George

Capt.n J. Norris. Engineer

The Committee proceed to examine the State of the Hill fort Ostenburg and observe, that on the side of the Hill facing Nicholson's Cove, and Elephant Hill the Hill requires to be scarped at the accessible places, the Bushes and Jungle to a considerable distance round the Fort, & as far as the heights on the ridges to be cleared the Pallisades which appear for the most part to be very rotten to be repaired, the whole of the Pallisades that are planted as a Security to the Garrison both on the hill and at the bottom of the Hill should be put into repair. -

To compleat which we propose as the most Economical mode to recommend a party of Pioneers be employed to assist the artificers

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in the Engineer Department both in scarping the hill where wanted and go into the distant Jungle to cut down the proper Wood required for the pallisades. and to clear away the bushes.—

The pallisade Wood can be brought over by Water in Boats or on Cattamarans under the Master Attendant if the public Service will Admit of it, by which means no extra expence can be entailed on the work we now recommend to be done.— Should it be inconvenient to spare the Pioneers now at Columbo or from the Coast, The Engineer informs the Committee that there can be supplied from the wood Cutters in the Jungle and other Coolies to the Number of about 200 Men who will require 3 fanams or 3½ fanams P day Cooley hire — Should this expence not exceed the expences attending a Corps of Pioneers / including Men reported Sick, / which will not be the case with the Country People as those only are paid who Work. — We consider this mode also eligible and recommend it to your consideration.—

Peter Rainier

J. Champagné Colonel

W. Ramsay Lt. Colonel

J. Norris Capt. Engineer

Received

Trincomallee

July 3d 1798.—

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23d

Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M.B. Nos. 108.– 109.– 110.– 111.– 112.–

From the Resident at Nagore.–

From Mr. Torriano advising of the Providence Schooner having sailed with Dispatches from the Admiral on the Evening of the 19th Instant.–

From the Officer commanding the Cavalry Cantonment at Arcot.–

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater with a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Cotton represent-ing the want of a Standard Guard Room and a Conjie House to the Barrack occupied by the 25th Regiment Light Dragoons.–

From the Military Paymaster at Fort St. George.–

From the Honble Basil Cochrane representing the long Services of Condapah lately Store Conicopoly at Tripassore who has been discharged in consequence of the introduction of the new regulations & recommending him as an Object worthy of being pensioned.–

From the Resident at Nagore.–

From Mr. Torriano representing the defenceless State of Nagore, and requesting a reinforcement either of effective or Invalid Troops

From the Collector at Guntoor.–

From Mr. Ram representing that there is no Paddy for exportation in the districts under his Management.–

Received

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23d Received also the following Letters.—

From Colonel Champagné enclosing a petition from Sancralinguim Pillah representing the wretchedness of his situation and praying to be released from his present confinement.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.re
Secretary to Government

Sir, At the repeated solicitation of one of the most miserable dejected Creatures I ever beheld I have at length consented thro' motives of humanity to accept of the enclosed petition which I have the honor to send to you for the consideration of Govern-ment. whether his Sufferings & long Confinement has atoned for the Crimes he may have been guilty of is not for me to determine but submitted to the superior judgement of the Honble the President in Council. — I have the honor to be

Hble &c.a
(Signed) J. Champagné
Colonel

Trincomallie
July 14th 1798.—

To Colonel Champagné
Commanding — Trincomallie &c.a &c.a &c.a

The Humble Petition of Sankandinga-Pilly, a Poor old Prisoner in the Garrison of Trincomallie.—

Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioner having been now three

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23. Three hundred & thirty one days confind, during — which time he has laboured much under the pressure of old age & Infirmities being now Seventy two Years of Age and Attach'd with a bad fever Hold which has reduced him to a very low Ebb. —

That your Petitioner humbly begs leave to inform your Honor, that the Vanian of Sevagury has taken the Advantage of his Confinement & has twice plundered his Estate of Cattle, furniture &c.ª besides Imprisoning one of his Sons, — a Son in law, & Nephew, — Your Petitioners Nephew has lost his life thro' this means, his Son & Son in law was released about two Months ago but his Son in law is since dead owing to the harsh — treatment he experienced during his long Confine- =ment in Irons / from the Vanian. —

That your Petitioner humbly — begs leave to state his real Deplorable Situation to your Honor by informing you that from his own Bodily Infirmities & the various distresses in his — family thro' the Cruel & Inhuman usage from the Vanian of Sevagury that he is now unable to rise from his bed — hoping your Honor will be

pleased

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23rd pleased to take his truely Miserable State into your kind & humane Consideration & cause him to be relieved out of his miserable State.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound

Will Ever pray

Trincomallie
12th July 1798.

Your Petitioner humbly hopes that after your Honor has perused the foregoing & taken it into your humane Consideration, that you would be pleased to Represent the Case of your Humble Petitioner to Government & he humbly hopes that from his long Confinement & his Age & Infirmities will be a very great Inducement for them to Give him his Enlargement & he hopes that his future Conduct will shew that he is thoroughly Sensible of the humane Act shewn towards him.

Signed / In the Malabar Language

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that in compliance with the orders under date 16th March last communicated through Brigadier General

From the acting Storekeeper at Columbo requesting permission to purchase an addition to

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23rd General De Meuron, a supply of Arrack sufficient for the use of the Troops till the 1st. of August next was laid in, but that Quantity being now nearly expended, I have to request your Permission to purchase a supply sufficient for such period as you may deem necessary.—

to the present Stock of Arrack, which is calculated only to last till the 1st. August—

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signd) John Mc. Dowall
Act. Commissary
Grain & Provisions—

Columbo
10th. July 1798.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
Governor President—

Tuesday
24th. July.— Edward Saunders— and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and Approved.—

Read the following Letters

from Hyderabad.—

Josiah

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

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Honorable Board Extract from my Address of yesterday's date to the Right Honorable the Governor General.

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad the actual Surrender of the two Subadar Deserters delayed under the hope of obtaining a promise of Pardon which he of course refuses to give.

I am
&c. &c. &c.

Hyderabad
11th. July 1798.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Right Honble the Governor General, dated 10th. July 1798.

5th. Upon receiving notice from Meer Allum that the two Subedars, Deserters from the Company's Service, were ready to be delivered up to me, I lost no time in sending a Party from the Resident's Escort into Town in order to receive charge of them. But though the Party has been at Meer Allum's house ever since yesterday

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Yesterday for the purpose in question, a performance of promise, in the true Asiatic Style of procrastination, has been evaded under one pretext or another, with a view of extorting from me an assurance which I can on no account think of giving, that the lives of these heinous offenders, (one of whom is the Exciter of the Conspiracy at Ongole, and the other of an open Meeting in Guntoor) shall be spared. — I have little doubt however that I shall finally obtain possession of them, when the Minister or rather Mr. Piron's Native Agent Moheput Ram, shall be convinced that it is in vain to expect any such assurance from me.—

a true Extract—
(Signed) T. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract Translate of Moonshee Azeez Oollahs Report of a Conversation with Meer Allum, during a visit to him on the 9th July 1798.—

"The next point which I brought on the Carpet was that of the Sepoy Deserters, and Reminded Meer Allum, that it was high time, that the two Subedars Secreted by Mr. Baptiste, and whose

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whose surrender according to his (Mr. A's) declaration
to you at his visit of the 28th. Ultimo; Arim ul
Omrah had at length prevailed upon Mr. Piron to
agree to, should be forthcoming. This point, he replied,
he had the pleasure to inform me was at length—
finally adjusted; not however without great trouble
and difficulty, the Minister having been obliged to
send for Mr. Piron and tell him, that if he persisted
any longer in withholding these Men he should
consider it not only as an unequivocal manifesta-
tion of his disregard of his Commands but as a
proof also, of his inclination to create dissension
between his Highness and the Honble Company—
Meer Allum then told me, that these two
Subadars were now in Confinement at Mohepet
Ram's House in Town, and ready to be delivered
up to you upon your sending a Guard of
Sepoys to take charge of them; "but as these
Men are Mussulmans (added Mr. A.) "and
"have moreover Numerous Families to support,

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"the Minister trusts that their lives at least will be
"Spared. —

To this last proposition I confined
myself to replying, that I would report the —
Ministers' wish to you, but could give no Assurance
whatever of your complying with it, it being
indeed, I believed, entirely out of your Power to
do so." —

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

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

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. the Deserter Subadars Madar Khan and Emaum Khan are at length delivered over to his Custody, & will set out under a Strong escort for Condapilly on the Evening of the 12th. Instant. —

I have the pleasure to acquaint you for the information of Government, that the two Subedars Madar Khan, and Emaum Khan — Deserters from the 8th. and 9th. Regiments of Cast Native Infantry, have this day been delivered up to me by this Court, and that they will proceed to Night, under a Strong Guard to Condapilly

Hyderabad I am
12th. July 1798. — &c.a &c.a
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of my address of this date to the Right Honorable the Governor General.—

I am
&c. &c.

From the Asistant Resident at Hydrabad with Extracts of his Letter to the Governor General — detailing the circumstances connected with his Negociation for the Surrender of the Subadar Deserters.—

Hyderabad
13th July 1798.—

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
asistant

The Right Honble Earl of Mornington K.P.
Governor General
Fort William

My Lord

1st. Finding that there was a great demur in delivering up to me the two Subadars, Deserters from the Company's Service, notwithstanding they had been brought under a Guard to the City for the purpose, I sent the Resident's Moonshee on the evening of the 11th. Instant to Meer Allum with Instructions to urge their speedy

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Speedy Surrender, and to expostulate if necessary, on the unseasonable delay which had already occurred in this business.— I have now the honor to transmit for your Lordship's Notice Translate of the Moonshee's Report of what passed between him and Meer Allum, the substance of which, as far as relates to the unmoveable firmness displayed by Azim ul Omrah on this occasion, your Lordship will find sufficiently corroborated in the enclosed Report of the Secret Intelligence of Major Kirkpatrick residing in the French Lines.—

2.d I am happy to acquaint your Lordship, that the two Subedars were delivered up to me by Meer Allum Yesterday forenoon, and that they were sent off last Night to the Company's Territories under a strong Guard from the Bengal Detachment.—

3.d Mr. Piron finding that neither his insolent Messages to the Minister, nor his Clumsy Manœuvre of abruptly abandoning his

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his Station, had the effect he no doubt looked for—
from them, has just, passed by the Presidency House
on his way back to his Lines, uttering (as I am—
confidently assured, and as is very consistent—
indeed with the brutality of his Character) low—
personal invectives against me, and — impotent
threats (as I trust they will prove) against the—
Government I have the honor to represent.—

4th Notwithstanding the very forward
and conspicuous part this Frenchman has acted on
the present occasion, I am still by no means clear
that he is any thing more than a mere puppet set
in motion by that artful man Baptiste, who in
hopes of either preventing the actual surrender of
two Men whose ruin he would be eternally reproach
-ed with, or of benefiting himself at all events by
a breach between his present Chief, and the Ministers
stirred up (as I strongly suspect) the inflammable
temper of the former to the pitch, necessary for
the accomplishment of his own insidious purposes.

5th I am strongly inclined to

hope

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I hope, my Lord, that the successful issue of my endeavors in this Affair of the Native Officers Deserters from our Service, will be Attended in more respects than one with the most beneficial consequences. The Fate that probably awaits these heinous Offenders will of itself be a powerful determent to others, and strengthened, as such an example will be, by the consideration that his Highness's Service affords no Secure refuge from the punishment awaiting Military Crimes of such a Nature, it will be no easy task I trust for the French Party here to continue with any degree of success the practice they have followed for many Years past of seducing our Native Soldiery from their duty by dint of Specious promises.— The Private Sepoys from our Service incorporated in the French Regiments, incensed and alarmed as they cannot but be at the Surrender of their Leaders into my hands, will soon probably be impelled by dint of fear and indignation to seek some safer Shelter from my

pursuit

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pursuit, than they can now well consider their present one to be; while the falsehood, insolence, and contumacy displayed throughts this Affair— both by Mr. Piron and his Officers, will not I apprehend be soon forgot or forgiven by Azim ul Omrah.—

6th In Addition to the detail entered into by Meer Allum in the enclosed Translate of the grievance which he affirms the Shias to labour under at Masulipatam, it can only be necessary for me to state for your Lordships' information, that no such practice as that of carrying in procession the flag of Omar during the Mohurrem, exists at this Capital, or as far as my experience enables me to speak to the point; in any City of the Dekhan.— Though I am fully aware that in a political point of view, references of any kind from Inhabitants of the Company's Territories to any foreign Power are by no means fit subjects of encouragement, yet your Lordship may perhaps be of opinion

that

that in the present instance, a ready compliance with the Ministers wishes in behalf of his brother Sectaries at Masulipatam, can be attended with no inconvenience.— as the grievance however which is set forth by them in their Mehzer — which I have had the perusal of) is one that cannot recur before the next Mohurrum, I shall of course abstain from addressing the Government of Fort St. George on the subject, until honored with your Lordship's Instructions. —

7th The Six French Regiments, ordered for the late intended Expedition, are — expected to move out of their Cantonments tomorrow or next day, and their Encampment is already marked out a few Miles to the westward of the City.— Tej Uddeen Khan's Party marched for Dharore two days since, though he is — himself still in the City. —

I have the honor to be,
Do: Do:

Hyderabad
13th July 98. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

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

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Translate of Moonshee Azeez Oollah's—
Report of Principal heads of a Conversation with
Meer Allum, during a visit to him on the—
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Agreeably to your (Captain K's)
Commands I waited upon Meer Allum, but before
I could unfold the purport of my visit to him he
anticipated it by relating to me as follows what
had passed recently between the Minister and
Mr. Piron on the subject of the two Subedars,
Deserters from the Honorable Company's Service.—
Meer Allum I" Upon my sendeing yesterday
a Message to Moheput Ram to deliver up to
me agreeably to the Ministers Commands the—
two Prisoners in his Charge he waited upon me
himself and employd every argument that
occurred to him to prevail upon me not to
give up these two Mufsulman Subadars to
Captain Kirkpatrick.— He told me Amongst
other things that these two Men declared that
there was not the least chance of their lives—
being

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being spared if they once fell into Capt.n K—'s—
hands, and that sooner than submit to being—
delivered up to him, they would make away
with themselves.— Mohepat Rao laid a great
Stress also upon their having large Families, and
endeavored in short to work upon my feelings
by every means in his power. Finding however,
that I was not to be moved from my purpose,
he told me that being without remedy, he would
send the Prisoners to Akul Ud Dawlah's* who
might dispose of them as he thought proper.
I accordingly ordered a Servant of mine to
shew him the way to Akul Ud Dawlah's—
House. On his road thither however, he was—
overtaken (it seems) by a messenger from Rajah
Ragotim Rao, so that instead of proceeding to
Akul Ud Dowlah's he went straight to the Rajah's
and during the remainder of the day I heard
nothing about him: and finding in short that
there would be no end to this trifling, I waited

last

*Bauker ali Khan the Durbar agent of the Detachment

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last night upon the Minister, and made him—
acquainted with the whole of Mr. Piron's and
his Native Agents' Conduct, since they had—
received his positive orders for the two Subedars
being delivered up to me."—

"Upon finding himself so trifled
with, the Minister became extremely incensed
against Mr. Piron, and sent a Chobedar on
Horseback off to him immediately with a—
message to the following purport.—That he
(Azim ul Omrah) was heartily tired with
the conduct held by him (Mr. Piron) in this
business of the Deserters; that after having
repeatedly taken the most solemn Oaths that
he had no such Men in his Service, how came it
that they should be actually produced.? That—
after he (the Minister) had actually brought
Mahepait Ram to acknowledge that such Men
were in being, to Agree to give them up, and to
send for them to the City for the purpose of—
doing so, what was the meaning of the present
unreasonable

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unreasonable reluctance.[2] That he (Azim ul Omrah) had upon the Strength of Mokeput Ram's final Assurance pledged himself to the British Resident that the two Subedars should be delivered up to him, and that it was in vain therefore to expect that he would allow himself to be exposed to Capt.n K—'s reproaches by not fulfilling his promise, and that it was therefore his positive Command that Mr. Piron should without further hesitation Agree to deliver up the Subedars.—

"Upon receiving this message Mr. Piron (I am told) called a Consultation of his Officers and the result was, that the Chobedar was desired to go back and tell the Minister that if he persisted in forcing his present Commands they (the French) would quit his Service to a man. upon the Chobedars returning with this Answer to Azim Ul Omrah he was directed by him to go back instantly and let Mr. Piron know, that he was at perfect

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perfect liberty to quit the Service that very moment with the whole of his Countrymen, taking care only to deliver up charge of what Arms and Military Stores, he had in his possession belonging to the Sirkar."—

"Upon this definitive resolution of the Ministers being made known to Mr. Piron, Nowsheerwan was deputed either on his part, or on that of the French Officers in the Lines to make his, or their Submissions to Azim ul Omrah, and to request that some Person of rank might be sent to them with assurances of their not having lost his favour. This request the Minister was at first disinclined to comply with, but was at length pleased to send Munsoor Ud Dowlah (who happened to be sitting with him at the time) to them with the requisite assurances— I have not yet heard what the result of this Mission is."—

Meer Allum having made an end of his discourse, I said every thing that was befitting the occasion in praise of the firmness

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firmness and consistency of the Ministers Conduct in this business, and then proceeded to inform Meer Allum that as a Guard from the Residency Escort which had been sent to him by his own desire for the purpose of receiving Charge of the two Subadars had now been with him near two days, and as you had been moreover given to understand that Mr. Piron continued to make great Objections to the delivery of these Prisoners, you had directed me to wait upon him (M. A.) in order to express your Confidence that the Minister would on no Account suffer himself to be moved from his Original purpose, especially, as in your last dispatch to the Governor General, you had given his Lordship strong reason to expect that the two Subedars would beyond a doubt be in a short time in your possession.—

Meer Allum assured me he had every reason to think that such expectations would not be disappointed, as the Minister appeared determined on carrying his point, let what would be

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the consequance.—

I was upon the point of taking my leave when Meer Alleum requested of me to attend (for your information) to something he had to say on the subject of certain Religious feuds existing at Masulipatam between the Sheâhs and Soonies.—

The case (he said) was briefly this.—

That last year at the Fast of Mohurrum the Soonies from pure hatred and Opposition to the Sheâhs, had brought out and Carried in procession during the Ushrah the Standard of Omar, the consequence of which was a Scuffle between the two Sects, in which some persons were killed and wounded. That this year again the Soonies having had the Address to persuade Mr. Oakes that the carrying the Standard of Omar in procession during the Ushrah was no more than what was the practice at Hyderabad, and in all parts in short of Hindoostan and the Deckkan, the Sheâhs were in consequence prevented from performing their

usual

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usual Religious Ceremonies during that Sacred period, the conditions that were previously required from them (by way of guarding against the Repetition of the bloody scene that had been acted the Year before) being more than they could safely pledge themselves to.—That some of the principal Shiáh Families at Masulipatam, had in consequence stated at large in a Mehzur addressed to himself (M. A:) and the Minister, the hardships they laboured under, and had requested at the same time the interposition of Azim Ul Omrah's good Offices with the Resident for its removal; and as it was a Matter of notoriety (Meer Allum added) that the Flag of Omar neither is, or ever was carried in procession at Hydrabad or in any part of the Dekkan during the Ushrah, Azim Ul Omrah was hopeful that Captain Kirkpatrick would take the necessary Measures for the effectual remedy of so serious and unjust an innovation. That if Captain Kirkpatrick thought that an address, on the subject from the Minister or even from his Highness himself, though

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though a Soonie— to Lord Mornington was requisite,
it should be prepared accordingly.—

In reply to this Representation I
contented myself with telling Meer Alleem that
I should make a faithful report of it to you.—

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

Report of Captain Kirkpatrick's Secret
Intelligencers in the French Lines— Received
the 12th July 1798.—

The Minister some days ago
took Mr. Piron severely to task regarding the
two Subedars who deserted from the Company's
Army— "It is not long since (said the Minister)
"you assured me that the assertion of these Men
"being in your Service was false— as you had no
"such persons belonging to you, how happens it
"then that these identical Subedars should be forth-
"coming?— At all events (Ameen ul Omrah
observed)

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"Observed, it is fit they should be given up to the
"British Resident, — nor are such Men of any use,
"since they most assuredly would not hesitate on
"the first occasion that suited their convenience or
"purpose, to desert you — besides they are Sirdars,
and in thus quitting the Service of their Employers,
have been guilty of great ingratitude. —
Piron replied — That these two Subedars had been
entertained by Mr. Raymond, but since it was not
his (the Ministers) pleasure that they should be
continued in his Service, he would give them their
dismission. —
Azim Ul Omrah, rejoined, that that would not
now do — that they must be delivered up to those
they had offended. — To this Piron answered, "as
"you did not think fit to make this exaction, —
"from Mr. Raymond, my Compliance will have the
"effect of destroying all my respectability and —
"Consideration in my Corps, and therefore if this point
be insisted upon, I must beg leave to resign —
your Service" — The Minister said he was at
liberty

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liberty to do so, whenever he pleased — Accordingly
Piron on his return home called Baptiste, Schmidt,
and some other of his Officers together, and having
communicated to them what had passed between
himself and the Minister, he declared with great
vehemence that he was resolved immediately to
quit the Service — and invited every man to
follow his example who was not disposed to
submit to the disgrace imposed on the Corps at
large by the Surrender of these two Subedars, —
who had been received into it by their late —
Chief. — Baptiste and the other Officers present
expostulated with him on the precipitancy of
such a Step, and begged him to consider that
it was the will of his Master, and that he
ought to submit. — that at all events, he
should not think of adopting the very serious
measure he had threatened — Their remonstrance
however, was attended with no effect; for Piron
exclaimed, "If I submit to be played with in

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this manner, on the present occasion; I suppose the next thing they will do, will be to deliver me into the hands of the English, saying which, he set off from the French Lines, accompanied by about four hundred of his own Regiment who however all left their Arms and Accoutrements behind them, — And the remainder of his Regiment have since in like manner joined him in his Encampment a little to the Westward of the City. It is said indeed, that he threatened to punish all those who should fail to join him, by cutting off their ears and Noses. —

This French Commander still affects to be in high dudgeon, and flatters himself that the Minister will court him to overlook what has happened and beg of him to resume his Command. —

(True Copy)

(Signed) T. H. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Minute on the three foregoing Letters from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad. —

Resolved to express to Captain Kirkpatrick the satisfaction, which the Board have

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have felt at his success in obtaining the delivery of the two deserter Subedars: this event which the Board attribute entirely to his persevering exertions cannot but be attended with very beneficial consequences to the Company's Interests under this Government.—

Read the following letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To The Honble Lieutt. General Harris
President in Council
&c. &c. &c.
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 20th Ultimo, informing me that His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Honorable Frederic North to be His Governor in Ceylon; agreeable to your Orders I shall have the honor of giving over Charge to him on his Arrival.—

From Brigadier General De Meuron requesting Specific Instructions for the Guidance of his Conduct on the Arrival of the Honorable Mr. North in Ceylon.—

Permit

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Permit me to solicit your full and explicit instructions as to the line of Conduct I am to follow on the Arrival of the Governor, in the Situations of President of the Committee, and Commander of the Forces; as also with respect to my meeting the Candian Ministers, in conformity to the Orders with which you were lately pleased to Honor me.—

I have the Honor to remain.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) P. T. de Meuron
B. G

Columbo
9th July 1798.—

Resolved to acquaint Brigadier General De Meuron that the Board having yet received no instructions from the Court of Directors upon the subject of Mr. North's appointment to the government of Ceylon are unable to give him any particular instructions for his guidance.—

Minute thereon.—

Under existing circumstances however they think it adviseable that Brigadier De Meuron should avoid the expected conference with the Candian Ambassador, and observe that no authority

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Authority derived from this Government can have force after Mr. North shall have taken upon himself the Government of the Island.—

Read the following letter from

Messrs. Roebuck and Co.—

To the Honorable Lieut.t General Harris

Governor in Council

Honorable Sir, Since We understand from Publick Report that Government conceived it incumbent on them to place Serfoge in the Throne of Tanjore We take leave to lay before you a claim which we have on the late Rajah Omar Sing the means of his Agents Contracted with us for a Cargo of Timber deliverable at Nagore payable in Cash on delivery. We in consequence sent our Ship the Catherine now the Princess Royal to Pegue for a Cargo of Timber of particular assortments for the Completion of a Palace he was then building and our Ship arrived at Nagore in 1795

From Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. respecting their claim on the late Rajah of Tanjore Omar Sing, for Timber delivered to him in the year 1794 for which they hope provision will be made by his Successor Serfoge.—

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1795 we found while We were landing the Cargo that the Rajah as Agreed could not pay us Ready Cash and we demurred respecting the delivery but as our Ship was then wanted for the Publick Service to aid the Expedition then going against Trincomalé and which we will venture to say could not at that moment have been proceeded on without her aid; in Compliance with the wishes of the Right Honble the Governor, who was anxious for the immediate arrival of the Ship at Madras We resolved to make no delay in unloadeing the Timber at Nagore where it could be expeditiously landed, the Board were pleased to give Orders to Mr. Torriano the Resident to furnish every Aid in landing the Timber and we resolved to take an Engagement at a future day for the Payment of the Cargo, we therefore took a Bond of his Agents Bava and Nagaya Row dated 18th. July 1795 payable in 4 Months with Interest at 12 ₹ Cent for the amount

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Amount for the Cargo. — No part of which we have as yet received either from those Agents or the Rajah, and as we suppose the Rajah will not now have the ability to pay us, and as the Palace is a Building which we presume is the Appendage of Royalty; We trust we shall stand excused in preferring our Claim on his Successor who inherits the Palace partly built by our Property and that you will be pleased to recommend him to make a suitable provision for the discharge of our Debt, with the Interest due on it; We deem it unnecessary to say more on the Subject, because we are fully convinced many of the Circumstances we have stated must be in the recollection of the Members of your Honorable Board and that the Transaction was a fair Mercantile one on our part in which we have suffered by having had our property withheld so long from use. —

We have the honor to be with respects
&c. &c.
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

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Resolved

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We have the honor to be with respects
&c. &c.
(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott
Resolved

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17th July 1798. —

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Resolved that Copy of the foregoing letter be referred to the Resident at Tanjore with Orders to ascertain from Rajah Amer Sing the circumstances relative to this transaction.—

Minute thereon.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

Honble Sir,

In Obedience to the Orders contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th March last, I have the honor to enclose a Statement Shewing the expence incurred in the Military Department under this Presidency, in subduing and maintaining the Island of Ceylon, from the commencement of the Expedition in July 1795, untill the 31st January 1798 inclusive, compiled from the Disbursements of the several Paymasters and Commissaries of Grain and Provisions & from the Returns transmitted to my Office by heads of Departments, and in, order to render this

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing a Statement of the Expence incurred in subduing and maintaining the Island of Ceylon from the commencement of the Expedition in July 1795 to the 31st January 1798 — also an estimate of the Monthly Military disbursements —

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This Statement as perspicuous as possible, I have arranged the Expence under particular heads so as to exhibit in a clear point of view, the Sums disbursed on account of each.—

As the Subsistence and other fixed Allowances of the Troops serving on Ceylon, with the exception of the Malay Battalion, have not been entered on the Books of this Presidency, under the head "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements" I have not included the Amount in the body of the Statement, but have annexed it thereto, in such a manner that it may be added to the Total, or not, as your Honble Board may think proper: under this head is of course included the fixed Allowance of Half Batta to the European Commissioned Officers from the 1st June 1796, the period at which the New Arrangements for the pay and formation of the Army took place.—

I have also the honor to enclose an Estimate of the Monthly Military Disbursements on Ceylon, computed on an Average of the actual expenditure on the Island for Six Months, Viz.t from 1st July to 31st December 1797/8.—

I have the honor to be with great respect &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

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Statement

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Statement of the Expence incurred in the Military and maintaining the Island of Ceylon from the Commence to the 31st January 1798.

Field allowances to the Troops
General Staff
Brigade Staff
Garrison Staff
Military Offices and their Establishments
Victualling the Troops
Hospital Charges
Military Stores supplied from the Arsenal at Fort St. George and purchased on the Spot
Buildings and Repairs
Working money to the Army and Navy at the Sieges of Trincomale and Columbo
Barrack Department
Contingent Charges
Secret Service Money
Allowances granted by the 3rd & 4th Articles of the Capitulation of Columbo for living up the Acco. of the Dutch Govt.
Hire of Transports & Boats
Master Attendants & their Establishments at Ports
Pay and All other Allowances to the Swiss Regiment De Meuron
Dutch Prisoners
Bengal Presidency
Bombay Presidency
Provisions and Military Stores purchased from the Captors on Ceylon

Total

Subsistence, half Batta and other fixed Allowances to the Troops

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Department under the Presidency of Fort St. George in subduing
ment of the Expedition against that Settlement in July 1795

Remarks

Pags.	Fans.	Cash
33	46	22. 52.
67	210	3. 11.
153	30	8. 37.
186	86	9. 17.
90	169	9. 65.
348	459	24. 63.
275	74	10. 19.
104	377	2. 20.
120	79	5. —
63	26	37. 50.
79	62	33. 38.
79	13	6. 12.
104	59	20. 110.
88	54	30. —
638	23	1. 55.
60	16	36. 60.
992	18	27. 66.
187	420	31. 4.
56	458	. 31.
13	376	5. 65.
338	44	36. 20.
15	190	22. 27. 8.
70	434	35. 26.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Milty. Audr. Genl.

Estimate

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Estimate of the Monthly Military Disbursements on the Island of Ceylon computed on the Actual Expenditure of Six Months Vizt from 1st July to 31st December 1797/8.

	Pagodas	Fanns	Cash
Charges Military	26538	24	56
Expedition against the Dutch Settlements	29971	40	51
Dutch Prisoners who reside & are paid on the Island of Ceylon	15586	38	11
Total	58097	19	38

The above states the Pay and other Allowances to His Majesty's & the Honble Company's Troops including the Bengal & Bombay Detachments serving on Ceylon, the Expence of victualling the Troops, and all other incidental Charges disbursed upon the Island.

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
Milty Audr Genl

Ordered

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Ordered to lie on the table.

The foregoing Letter and Statements ordered to lie on the Table.

Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General.

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

Hble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of this day's date accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month Amounting to Four Thousand Six hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas, Fifteen fanams, and one Cash (Pagodas 4666. 15. 1.) which is unobjectionable, and may be issued from the General Treasury being required to discharge a Bill of the Agent of Supply for sundry Articles of Military Stores furnished on extraordinary Indents between the 31st August 1797 & the 28th February last, which Bill was Audited and passed for payment under the Authority of Government, and the vouchers

Reports of the Military Auditor General on the two additional Cash Estimates lately sent in by the Military Paymaster General.

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Vouchers prescribed by the Regulations.

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

Military Auditor Genl's Office
Fort St. George 17th July 1798. (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. and Yr.

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

Honble Sir,

In reply to Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to report that the Amount of the additional Estimate enclosed therein, Viz.t Pagodas Five thousand four hundred (Pagodas 5400) is admissible & may be advanced from the Treasury, being required for the purpose of discharging the Second advance of Cash due to the Contractor for supplying His Majesty's 19th Regiment Light Dragoons & 3 Regiment Native Cavalry with Grain agreeably to the Terms of his Contract, and under the Authority of Government communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of of the 23rd March last.

I have the honor to be with great respect &c. &c.

Mily. Auditor Genrals Office
Fort St. George 19th July 1798. (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. and Genl.

ordered

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Ordered that the Sum of Ten thousand Six hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas, fifteen Fanams and one Cash (Pagodas 10,666..15..1) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 16.th and 17.th Instant.—

Cash ordered to be issued from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster Genural on the above Account.—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel Brown.—

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

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to lay before you my* letter to the Right Honble the President in Council under date the 12.th day of August 1796 with the—

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown requesting that Government will reconsider his Claim to reimbursement of the loss he actually sustained by the expences attendant on his Situation as Governor of Malacca.

8 Answer of Mr. Deputy Secretary Ince, and to request you may be pleased to take into Consideration the following Additional Circumstances relative to my Situation at Malacca, which I was induced to omit in my first letter to Government; from a wish to intrude as little as possible, upon his Lordships time; from an extreme unwillingness to be the recording—

* entered M.B. No. 129 in Diary to Consult 23.d August 1796 } Instrument
8 " ..... D.o No. 10. ..... 2 Sept.r 1796 }

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Instrument of my own Actions, and from a reasonable hope they might have been in the recollection of Government, as they had but recently occurred, and it had become my public Duty to report them to his Lordship in Council during progress of the Expedition against Malacca, with the direction of which I had been honored by Government.—

On the 20th of July 1795 having set sail from Fort St. George, with the Troops destined for the Expedition, on His Majesty's Ship the Resistance Captain Pakenham, the Ewer Transport, and His Majesty's Ship the Suffolk's Tender Captain Collier, the last Vessel, on which were the whole of the European Artillery (consisting of two Commissioned Officers, and a proportionate Detail of Non Commissioned & Privates) and the whole of the Gun powder (consisting of 500 Barrels) intended for the Service, having parted Company in the Night of the 31st of that Month, for this accident which threatened total failure of the Expedition I sought a remedy at Prince of Wales's Island, off which the

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Resistance and Ever Transport dropt Anchor between five and Six O'Clock in the Evening of the 5.th of August, and having obtained from Mr. Mannington the Resident 130 Barrels of Powder, 1 Lieutenant of Artillery 8 European Artillery Men and 32 Gun Lascars, with this very small supply, and accompanied by His Majesty's Ship Orpheus, Commodore Newcome, and a Second Transport We set sail for the point of Service early in the Morning of the 7.th and were in possession of Malacca on the 17.th of August being 12 days previous to appearance of the Suffolks' Tender, which did not join until the 29.th — Circumstances which are mentioned to show that every possible Exertion was made without the loss of a Moment to effect the Service under my direction; the difficulty in Atchieving which must have been greatly increased if left at all practicable by the small force with me, had We for our Artillery and Powder waited the Junction of the Suffolks' Tender, and thereby have given time to the Dutch to have completed the Works on which We found them busily employed.—

Here

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Here it may not be improper to observe that by thus speedily effecting the object a considerable Expence that must otherwise have been incurred on the score of Freight and Demurrage of 2 Transports was saved to Government; and would it not exceed the limits of this Address, it could also be made to appear that a very considerable saving was made by my strict and rigid Audit of public Expenditure, with which I had been charged in my Instructions from Government.

In appointing me to Command the Troops upon the Expedition Government were pleased to Annex to my Situation as Commandant the Monthly allowance of 200 Pagodas under the head of "Table Allowance" and which with my Pay and Batta, as Mayor proved to be so inadequate to defray the Expences of a very moderate Establishment in which neither Horse, Carriage Palanheen nor Equipage of any sort was included, that, on Soliciting Government to be relieved from my charge at Malacca, I stated to his Lordship the Inadequacy of

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of the Allowance to the unavoidable Expence of the Situation which had then been extended by my accession to the second Seat in Council at Malacca, for which no provision had been made, and I was induced so to State in discharge of a duty I felt to Government and to the person who might be appointed to succeed me, for rather than obtrude so small a personal Concern upon the Notice of Government I would silently have submitted to the Loss, had it not been very considerably increased by a second change in my Original Situation as Commandant for which no provision had been made.—

This arose out of a resolution of the Right Honble the President in Council to set aside and annul the Dutch Government of Malacca, the execution of which was committed to Admiral Rainier, to whom power was delegated to appoint me Governor of Malacca; which accordingly took place by proclamation in the usual form, and with much additional trouble and responsibility unavoidably caused my Expences so much to

exceed

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exceed the Allowance which had been originally made to apply only to the Situation of Commandant of the Troops, as to occasion the loss Stated in my first letter to Government. ~

Thus it appears that, with not more than a fourth part of the efficient Strength of the original Detail of Artillery, and with very little more than a fifth part of the original quantity of powder, the Object of the Expedition was accomplished without delay, which must have put it to great risk and have incurred a very heavy public Expence; and that I was appointed Governor of Malacca, involving a serious Expence without any Salary to defray it, or to compensate the trouble and responsibility annexed. ~

Under Consideration of which circumstances, which might perhaps afford opening to hope of reward, I trust that Government may, in its Justice, be pleased to order me to be reimbursed in the loss I have thereby sustained. ~

I have the honor to be with perfect respect

Dindigul
18th July 1798. ~

&c.a &c.a
(Signed) A. Brown

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Minute thereon

The Board are concerned that the claim which Lieutenant Colonel Brown has revived cannot be admitted; but being willing to shew their sense of his meritorious Services Resolved that his Representation be submitted to the Court of Directors that they may determine whether the expences incurred by him in consequence of his appointment to be Governor of Malacca ought to be Compensated.

Read the following letter from Captain Capper.

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

From Captain Capper requesting permission to resign the appointment of Barrack Master in the Center Division.

Honble Sir

I request the favor of your permission to resign my Appointment of Barrack Master of the Center Division.

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

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(Signed) T. Capper Barrack Master Center Division

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The President recommends that

Captain Capper's resignation accepted Lieutenant T. A. Fraser appointed to succeed him Captain Capper to officiate till relieved by Lieutenant Fraser.

Captain Capper's resignation be accepted, that Lieutenant Thomas Augustus Fraser be appointed to succeed him, and that Captain Capper be ordered to do the duty of Barrack Master untill he shall be relieved by Lieutenant Fraser.

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly.

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Recommendations.

Exchange Allowed between Lieutenant R. Barclay Commanding the Revenue Battalion in the Vizeanagrum Zemindary and Captain Preston the Adjutant of the Black Town.

Lieutenant Robert Barclay Command-ing the Revenue Battalion in the Vizeanagrum and Zemindaries to be removed from that Appointed Adjutant of the Black Town of Madras.

Lieutenant Preston Adjutant of the Black Town of Madras to be removed from that Station, and Appointed to the Command of the Revenue Corps in the Vizeanagrum and Zemindaries.

Captain Kennedy to officiate for Captain Monteath as Gram Agent of the 19th Dragoons.

Captain Monteath as Gram agent to the 19th Dragoons till further Orders.

Corporal

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Corporal John Green and Matross James Mc. Manners of Invalid Artillery to be Sub Conductors to complete the Establishment at the Arsenal of Fort St. George.

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly.

Corporal John Green and Matross James Mc. Manners appointed Sub Conductors.

Minute of the Board thereon.

The Commander in Chief informs the Board that Lawrence and Connor have applied for permission to embark on his Majesty's Ship La Sybelle, these Men, he remends the Board were condemned to death by a Sentence of the Court martial for the part they acted in the late Mutiny at the Mount; but were pardoned; and have since been kept in confinement for an Opportunity of sending them from India agreeably to the determination at the time they were reprieved.

Commander in Chief submits to the Board the Propriety of giving the Prisoners Lawrence and Conner of Artillery their discharges and embarking them on the Sybelle Frigate.

As it is impossible that these Men can again be admitted into the Service and as this affords as good an Opportunity of removing them from this establishment as any that can be expected. The Commander in Chief submits to the consideration of the Board the propriety of granting discharges to Lawrence and Conner that they may embark on the Sybelle

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Sybille.— In consideration of the foregoing circumstances Resolved that Lawrence and Conner be discharged from the Company's Service and the President is requested to give Orders to see that they do actually embark on the Sybille.—

Mr. George Lys, attending the Board, with his Securities, executes his Contract for Clothing the Army for the Year 1798/99.—

The Contract with Mr. Lys for providing the Army Clothing for the Year 1798/99 executed.—

" Geo Harris

Edw Saunders

"

W Tattlefield

"

Comp
G Strachey

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Diary

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.—

Received a Letter from the Nabob entered in C: C: № 108 requesting that Orders &
may be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Murray to
pay a fair price for the Palmira Trees he may
Cut down for the purpose of erecting the Stabling
at Conatoor.—

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters
entered in M: B: №. 113.. 114.. 115.. 116.. 117.—

To Captain Johnston - disapproving

To Captain G. Johnston of the Engineers at Ganjam

of his interference in the Civil Authority of the
Collector with respect to the Confinement of
the Bricklayer's Mastery; and censuring the
intemperate Style of his public Correspondence
with Mr. Snodgrass.—

To Mr. Snodgrass - enclosing Copy of
the abovementioned Letter.—

To the Collector at Ganjam.—

To Military Paymaster General.—

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copies
of the Auditor's Reports on the Additional Estimates
which

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which accompanied his Letters of the 16th and 17th Instant, and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 10,666 .. 15 .. 1 will be advanced to him from the General Treasury:-

To the Secretary at Bombay Residents at Poona and Hyderabad.-

To Messrs. Ruthard Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence.-

To Mr. Barlow enclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun in Reply to the Governor Generals address of the 14th Ultimo; and Copies of Letters from Major Doveton containing the latest Intelligence from the Mysore Country.-

To the Secretary at Bengal

26th Received the following Letters.-

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Adjutant Genl recommending promotions to fill Vacancies occasioned by the Death of Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson.-

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request that you will signify his Recommendation that the following Promotions may be ordered to take place.-

Major

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Major John Halliburton to
be Lieutenant Colonel vice M.c Pherson deceased
date of Rank 24th July 1798.

Captain James Brunton to be
Major vice Halliburton promoted date of
rank 24th July 1798.

Captain Lieutenant Alexander
Orr to be Captain of a Company vice Brunton
promoted - Date of Rank 24th July 1798. -

Brevet Captain David Ogilby
to be Captain Lieutenant vice Orr promoted
date of Rank 24th July 1798

Ensign Mathew Hutchins to be
Lieutenant vice Ogilby promoted - date of
rank 24th July 1798. -

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25th July 1798. -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) B.J. Close
Adjt Genl. of the Army
&c

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To

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir

From the Commanding Officer at Amboor some Men lately observed & looking near that Fort supposed to belong to the party headed by the Chingal Poligar.—

I beg leave to inclose for the
information of the Honorable the Governor
in Council a ------* communication from
the Byrpitty Gour in consequence of a desire
expressed by Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson
that he would keep a look out towards
Chargull &c environs — The Circumstance
recorded of four peons being sent to reconnoitre
the hill fort derives considerable credibility
from the Report of the Officer on duty on the
hill during the Nights of the 18th Instant —
that a little before day break on the 19th three
Men in Cumleys were seen by the Centries on
the Congoondy or Western face of the fort +

and

* mislaid

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and having been repeatedly challenged & without Reply were fired on by the two nearest centries - The Jungle on that face affording a safe cover these Men were not perceived until within a few Yards of the bottom of the Wall - The bascars of the Garrison & and a working party of Sepoys have since been employed in Cutting down Trees and clearing away the brush wood, in such places as approached too nearly to the Wall, & and such other precautions have been & taken, as will I trust ensure the safety of the place. -

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Philips
Captain

Amboor
24th July 1798

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad acknowledging receipt of the papers concerning the late Revolutions at Tanjore—

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 4th Instant, with its interesting and important Inclosures, in my eventual use of which at this Court, I shall of course be strictly governed by the View which led to the transmission of them to me.—

Hyderabad 13th July 1798

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

The Honble Lieutenant Genl Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Auditor Generals Report on the Estimate of the Garrison Store Keeper for 19,000 Pags.

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of yesterdays

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yesterdays date accompanying an Additional Estimate of the Garrison Storekeeper amounting to Nineteen Thousand Pagodas /19,000/ and concluding that he must have received Instructions to provide 6000 Draft and Carriage Bullocks for the public Service, in addition to those before ordered, the Sum required for that Purpose viz.t Pagodas 14,000 does not appear objectionable.—

With Respect to the Remaining Sum of Pagodas 5000 for furnishing 10,000 Northern Bullock Gunnies and for Repairing Arrack Carts, I am of opinion, that according to the Current price of Northern Gunnies, and the probable Expense of Repairing 67 Arrack Carts/ the Number in Store,/ 4000 Pagodas will be sufficient, and therefore Recommend the issue of the latter Sum, which in addition to that required for the Draft and Carriage Cattle will occasion an Advance from the General

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General Treasury of Eighteen Thousand Pagodas / 18000 /

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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I have the honor to be with great respect. &c. &c.
/ Signed / Wm. Wyndham

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

Honorable Sir,

Auditors Report on the additional estimate last referred to his examination.

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of this days date, Accompanying an Additional Estimate of Cash Required by the Military Paymaster General, Amounting to Five Thousand and Eighty Pagodas & Nineteen fanams and Sixty Cash &c (Pagodas 5080.. 19.. 60) I have the honor to Report, That this Sum may be issued from the General Treasury Agreeably to the orders

contained

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contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of
the 18th Instant directing an Advance of
Four Thousand Pagodas (Pagodas 4000..—..—)
to the Garrison Storekeeper on Account of
Provision Stores for the Molucca Islands
and of Pagodas 1,080.. 19.. 60 to the Contractor
for Lascar Cloathing.—

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect.—
&c.a &c.a
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
26th July 1798.—

The following Order of Council
having been sent in Circulation and approved,
was accordingly sent to the Treasury.—

Order of Council

Military Department
26 July 1798.

Ordered that the undermentioned
Cash be made from the
Treasury

Further issues of Cash ordered to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General in consequence of the foregoing Reports of the Auditor.—

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Treasury to the Military Paymaster General

On Account of the Provision of Gunnies and Repairs of Arrack Carts in the department of the Garrison Storekeeper as p Auditor Generals Letter 21st Inst.	P. F. C.	4000.—.—.—
On Account of the Additional Estimate sent in by the Military Paymaster General on the 25th Instant. —		5080.19.60
	Pagodas	9,080.19.60

Sent the following Letters

To Captain I. A. Kirkpatrick

Asistant at

Hyderabad

Sir,

To the Asistant Resident at Hyderabad — expressive of the Boards acknowledgements for his able and active Exertions in procuring the Surrender of the three Subadar Deserters. —

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters dated 11th 12th and 13th Instant with their enclosures, and to express to you the very great satisfaction which the Governor in Council has felt at your success in

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in obtaining the delivery of the two deserters.
Subadars: This event, which he attributes
entirely to your persevering cautions, cannot
but be attended with the most beneficial
consequences to the Company's interests
under this Government. —

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
26th July 1798. — (Signed) Josiah Webbe
Secy to Govt. —

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the Troops on Ceylon
at Columbo

Sir,

To Brigadier General de Meuron in reply to his application for explicit Instructions for his conduct on the arrival of the Honorable Mr. North on Ceylon. —

In Answer to your letter of the
9th Instant I am directed to acquaint you
that the Governor in Council having yet
Received no instructions from the Honorable
Court of Directors upon the Subject of the
Honorable Mr. North's Appointment to
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the Government of Ceylon is unable to give you any particular directions for your guidance. —

Under existing circumstances & however he thinks it advisiable that you should avoid the conference with the & Candian Ambassador; and if Mr. North should arrive at Columbo before you receive any farther Communication from hence, the Governor in Council has no doubt that you will conform yourself to his Wishes and the Orders with which he may be charged & from his Majesty; it is therefore only & necessary to point out to your Notice that no Authority derived from this Government can have force after Mr. North shall have taken upon him the Government of the Island. —

Fort St. George
26th. July 1798.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Josiah Webbe,
Secry to Govt.

To

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To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjour.

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore directing him to make enquiry into the Nature of the Claim advanced by Messrs. Roebuck Abbott & Co. on account of the Timber sold to Ameer Sing.—

I am directed by the Honorable & the Governor in Council to enclose for your information Copy of a letter from Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott upon the Subject of certain timber purchased by them to Rajah Ameer Sing for the erection of a palace at Tanjour and to desire that you will endeavour to ascertain from Ameer Sing the circumstances relative to this transaction.—

Fort St. George
26th July 1798.—

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

To Edward Saunders Esqr.
President &c. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I inclose Copy of a Letter received from

To the Board of Revenue—enquiry to be made into the Circumstances stated by the Commandant at Tutacorin respecting the Interruption of the Navigation through the Paumbam Pass—Their opinion required on the propriety of releasing Sanuasi Tingum Pulley from his Confinement on his providing adequate Security for his future good Conduct.—

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from the Commanding Officer at Tutacoryn,
and desire you will enquire into the circumstances
therein Stated. If the Pass of Pambam should
not have already been opened in consequence of
the late dispensation upon the Monopoly and
embargo established by the Collector at Ramnad
we desire that immediate orders for that purpose
may be issued.—

We enclose also Copy of a Petition
we have Receives thro' the Commanding Officer of
Trincomale, from Canevalinguom Pillah who was
transported to that place in consequence of your
Recommendation, in September last, where he
has been since Kept in the most rigorous &
Confinement.—

We desire you will report your opinion
whether his Sufferings have been adequate to
his Offence, and whether he might be permitted
to return to his Family, at the expiration
of one years Banishment, on his giving
such security, as you may think
sufficient

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Sufficient for his future good Conduct.—

We are,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Geo: Harris

&c. Council.

Fort St. George
25th July 1798.—

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N: 118. 119. 120. 121. 122 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129.

From the Collector at Masulipatam—

From M. Oakes—stating that 1000 Garce of Paddy may be collected for exportation at Masulipatam—and requesting specific information as to the quantity, and time when the grain may be required by Government at the Presidency.—

From Major General Floyd—enclosing an application from Major Paton for leave to resign the Command of Vellum on the March of the 12th Regement.—

From the Offic. Commanding Southern Division at Trichinopoly.—

From Captain Forbes—stating that while the Nabob's troops continue assembled in the Neighbourhood of Bellore in a dissatisfied state he

From the Commandant at Bellore.—

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state he considers it inadvisable, to remove the Guards of Company's Troops placed over the Magazines and Stores.-

From Military Pay-master General.- From Mr. Roebuck inclosing an Additional estimate for Pagodas 5080..19..60 for Examination.-

To the Military Auditor General.- To Major General Oakham referring the above estimate

To Bombay To Bombay stating that previous to the Receipt of their Letter, the Men of their Presidency, acting as Marines on board the Bombay Frigate had been relieved by a party of Coast Troops; and that the former will be sent to Bombay by the earliest opportunity - inclosing Statements of Cash advanced on Account of the Bombay, and Swift for which their Presidency has been debited.-

To the Military Board. To the Military Board. The Repair of the Stabling of the 19th Dragoons to be postponed and that Required to the European Barrack at Trichinopoly immediately executed - Mr. Mein to be reimbursed for the damage sustained by his Boat. a new one to be made at the

Presidency

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Presidency General Hospital - and a standard Guard room, nursery and Convex House erected for the 25th Dragoons at Arcot - Copy of Mr Lyes Contract for Clothing the Army for the Year 1798/99 enclosed. —

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General. —

informing him that the Board, on reconsidering the peculiar Situation of the Officers of the 35th Battalion Native Infantry have consented to admit their Claim to tent-Allowance while employed on Field Service desiring that the Charge for carrying Grain for the 25th Dragoons may be passed and the value of the Bengal Mares may be brought to account at the exchange at which Stores are valued - directing him also to authorize the following advances and payment - Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractor for Pagodas 147. 32. 75 - and Bill of Lieutenant Colgrave for

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for Pagodas 67. 59. 63 an advance of 80 Pagodas to Captain Johnston on Account of the Repair of the European Hospital at Ganjam - an advance of the same Sum to Lieutenant Colgrave for works executed under his Superintendence - an advance to Mr. Webb on the 1st August of Pag.s 2326.. 13.. 50, and a like Sum on the 1st September following, on Account of Articles indented for the use of the Arsenal. - Copy of Mr. Lys's Contract for providing Army Clothing for 1798/9 enclosed with directions to lay before the Board a Statement of the Advances to be made by the Contractor. -

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown informing him that the Board are not at liberty to admit the Claim he has revived: but that they will readily refer it to the consideration of the Court of Directors

To Lieutenant Colonel Brown. -

To Major General Sydenham &

To the Military Auditor General. -

desiring that the Sum of Pagodas 200 may be paid to the Attorneys of Captain N. Forbes on Account of Compensation for his Stabling ordered to be removed from the Island. -

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To Mr. Roebuck - informing him that Government having resolved to limit the Provision of draft and Carriage Bullocks at the Presidency it becomes unnecessary to issue any part of 14,000 Pags. indented for by the Garrison Storekeeper on this Account - that 4000 Pagodas will be advanced on Account of the provision of Northern Gunnies and Repair of Arrack Carts, and that the whole of his additional estimate Viz. (Pagodas 5080. 19. 60) will also be advanced to him from the General Treasury. -

To the Military Paymaster General. -

To Mr. Mc Dowal authorizing him to purchase Arrack sufficient for the consumption of two Months. -

To the acting Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Columbo

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant Genl Harris
Edward Saunders.— and Ernst Wm Fallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday 27th July 1798

Minutes of last Consultation Read and Approved.—

Mr Saunders enters the following Minute.—

Mr Saunders's Minute in Consultation the 27th July 1798.—

Mr Saunders's Minute explaining the extent of & his concurrence in the grounds of objection, lately stated to the Bengal Government, to the Assumption of the Tanjore Country for two years.—

Upon a further perusal of the President's Minute, and the Resolution of the Board in Consultation the 20th Instant I feel it incumbent upon me to explain the extent of my concurrence in the Reference, which has been made to the Supreme Government. My Reasons for thinking the Assumption of the Tanjore Country for a period of two years only, ineligible, are

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are entirely confined to financial considerations,
and the loss which we are likely to suffer in
our immediate Receipts from that Country; for
I am satisfied, as well from the effects of the
former Government as from the experience &
we have gained in the two Soubahs, already &
under our own Management, that we shall not &
realize the Amount of Revenue at which the &
several districts are estimated in the Treaty of
1792.—

In Regard to the means which a
temporary possession of two years may establish
for working a thorough Reform of the Government
of Tanjour and in respect to the political &
Considerations which may rise from our acceptance
of Sir Jogues offer. I conceive that both these subjects
have been fully investigated, as well by the Court of
Directors as the Governor General in Council, and
as they have both been pleased, after a deliberate
discussion to Authorize us to Receive the Country &
upon the terms of Sheriogue's proposal, I conceive
that

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That the Question has been Considered upon a More enlarged Scale by those who are most competent to Judge of its importance, and therefore limit my concurrence to the financial part of the Subject.—

I Regret that I did not explain my Sentiments on the 20th Instant but having given my Assent entirely upon the reasons I have now stated, I confess it did not occur to me that this explanation was necessary until I perused, a second time, the Letter to Bengal, in which I observe that the Boards reasons for doubting the expediency of assuming the Temporary Managements of the Country are extended as well to the Political as the financial consideration of the question in our Presidents Minute.—

(Signed) Edw: Saunders

Read the following Letter from the Military Paymaster General.—

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government, Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an Additional Estimate of Cash Required to Answer Demands on my Office in the Current Month Pags. 36,000.-.-.- which will encrease the Statements already sent in by me in the Advances at the Presidency in that Sum.- I am Sir &c. &c.

/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck
M.P.G

From the Military Paymaster General requesting for 36,000 Pags to enable him to comply with the Lake orders of Government.-

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27th July 1798.-

Additional Estimate of Cash Required by the Military Paymaster General to Answer Demands on his Office for the Current Month July 1798.-

Paymaster Nellore

To Amount ordered to be advanced him as per W. Webbe's letter to me of the 23d Instant ---- 10,000.-.-.-

To ditto --- dt. 25th dt. ---- 20,000.-.-.- 30,000.-.-

Agents of Gram Supplies

To Amount ordered to be advanced to the several Gram Agents as per Secretary Webbe's letter of the 24th Instant ---- 6000.-.-

Total Pagodas 36,000.-.-

Military Paymaster
Generals Office
Fort St. George
27th July 1798.-

Errors Excepted
/Signed/ Benjn Roebuck
M.P.G.

Audited

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Ordered that the Sum of Thirty Six Thousand Pagodas (36,000) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General for the purposes above stated.—

The above Sum is ordered to be issued from the Treasury—

" Geo. Harris

" Edw.d Saunders

" C.H. Talbot

Comp.d
G. Strachey

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Diary

Despatched the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 130-131-132-133-

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck - informing him that the Sum of 36,000 Pagodas will be advanced on his application at the general Treasury --

To Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - notifying the above advance and the purposes for which it is made. --

To the Collector at Masulipatam

To Mr. Oakes - desiring that he will not make any interruption in his Collections or any Change in his Management on account of the late communication made to him on the Subject of Grain - apprizing him at the same time that no demand will be in any event made till after the Monsoon. --

To the Acting Barrack Master Centre Division. --

To Captain Capper - desiring that the European Barracks at Ennore may be fitted up for the reception of a Regiment

of

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27th of Europeans. —

From Lieutenant Kenny —

Received a Letter from Lieutenant Kenny entered in M.B. No. 134 — requesting he may be allowed to draw House Rent, while detained at the presidency in expectation of procuring a passage to England —

28th Received the following Letter from the Military Auditor General —

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing a Computation of the Off Reckoning Fund for the year 1797 — observation respecting Stoppages calculated for the Store and Fort Lascars —

I have the honor to lay before you a Computation of the Off reckoning Fund for the year 1797, amounting in the whole to One Lack, Twenty thousand, four hundred, and fifty three Pagodas, thirty

three

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three Fanams, and Fifty Cash (1,20,453.33.50)
of which a copy has been furnished the
Military Paymaster General, conformably
to the General Orders of the 21st July 1798.

2. The 6th Article of the Regula-
-tions for Store and Tent Lascars published in
General Orders under date the 6th June 1797,
having directed their Clothing to be provided
by Contract, and the off Reckonings to be
disposed of as Government may deem proper,
I have therefore included in the enclosed
computation, the usual Stoppages formerly
made from the full pay of this description
of Lascars on account of Clothing Viz.t

		F.	C.
Syrangs		6.	
Tirstor Second Tindals	4.	40	} P.r month
Lascars	3.	40	

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
28th July 1798.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud.r Genl

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Offreckoning Fund for the year 1797

Computation 28th of Stoppages for the year 1797, calculated from the General Return furnished by the Adjutant General of the Effective Strength of of the European Corps and fixed Establishment of the Native Corps at the end of the year 1797, including the authorized Supernumeraries for whom Clothing is to be provided.

	Stoppage from one of each Rank for a Complete year	Total of each Rank
Artillery		
68 Serjeants	19.10.40	1309..
58 Corporals	16.1.60	930.17.40
35 Drummers and Fifers	5.26.20	196.36.60
108 Gunners	12.35..	1386..
719 Matrosses	9.26.20	6920.15.60
31 Syrangs	2.36..	88.24..
60 1st Tindals	2.35.20	170.15..
60 2d Tindals	2.12.60	138.9..
49 Bhesties	1.24..	77.. ..
1962 Lascars	2.12..	4484.24..
European Infantry		
151 Serjeants	16.1.60	2422.12.20
109 Colporals	13.9.50	1441.4.10
77 Drummers and Fifers	13.9.50	1018.27.10
1800 Privates	8.. ..	14437.21..
69 Puckallymen	1.24..	108.18..
164 Puckallymen - Kings Troops	1.24..	257.30..
Native Infantry		
61 Serjeants	16.1.60	978.22.60
254 Subidars	12.. ..	3048.. ..
257 Jemidars	6.. ..	1542.. ..
1202 Havildars	3.. ..	3606.. ..
1201 Naigues	2.. ..	2402.. ..
480 Drummers and Fifers	6.. ..	2880.. ..
	Carried forward	49844.20.20

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	Brought forward	49844.20.20
246	Puckallymen	1-24- 386.24-
2400	Privates	1-24- 37,720.24-
24	Native Doctors	1-24- 37.30-
	Native Cavalry	
16	Serjeants	24- - 384- -
32	Subidars	15- - 480- -
87	Jemidars	9- - 783- -
118	Havildars	6- - 708- -
115	Naigues	4-12- 492.36-
26	Farriers	2-36- 74.12-
25	Trumpeters	2-36- 71.18-
27	Puckallymen	1-24- 42.18-
1688	Privates	2-36- 4822.36-
4	Native Doctors	2-36- 11.18-
		95859.26.20
	35th Battalion Nat. Inf.y	
		16-1-60 48 5-20
3	Serjeants	12- - 96- -
8	Subidars	6- - 48- -
8	Jemidars	3- - 96- -
32	Havildars	2- - 64- -
32	Naigues	6- - 66- -
11	Drummers	1-24- 12-24-
8	Puckallymen	1-24- 1-24-
1	Native Doctor	1-24- 1106.12-
704	Sepoys	1538.23.20
	36th Battalion N. I.	
	The same as the 35th	1538.23.20
		1538.23.20
	Carried forward	98936.30.60

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Brought forward — — — — — — 98936.30.60

Pioneer Corps

5	Serjeants		16.1.60	30.8.60
6	Tomidars		2.36.-	17.6.-
22	Havildars		2.35 20	62.19.40
22	Naiques		2.12.60	50.28.40
9	Pushallymen		1.24.-	14.6.-
842	Privates		2.12.-	1924.24.-
				2119.8.60

Madras Battalion

2	Serjeants		16.1.60	32.3.40
10	Subidars		12.-	120.-
10	Tomidars		6.-	60.-
40	Havildars		3.-	120.-
40	Naiques		2.-	80.-
12	Drummers		6.-	72.-
10	Pushallymen		1.24	15.30.-
680	Sepoys		1.24.-	1063.24.-
1	Native Doctor		1.24.-	1.24.-
				1569.39.30

Malay Corps

		Pr.	Pr.	Per year	
10	Captains	D.	2	24.-	240.-
9	Lieutenants		1.24	18.-	162.-
10	Ensigns		1.12	15.-	150.-
47	Serjeants		30	7.24.-	352.24.-
49	Corporals		30	7.24.-	367.24.-
13	Drummers		30	7.24.-	97.24.-
547	Privates		30	7.24.-	4102.24.-
				Total Rix Dollars	5472.-
				Star Pag.d 130 Rivers	1459.9.-
			Pr.		
3	European Serjeants			16.1.60 48.5.20	1507.14.20

European Invalids

61	Serjeants		19.10.40	981.31.40
14	Corporals	Artillery	16.1.60	224.24.40
59	Gunners		12.85.-	757.7.-
87	Matrosses		9.26.20	837.15.60
3	Drummers		5.26.20	16.36.60

Carried forward — — — — 2817.31.40.104163 | 9.10

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	Brought forward		28 17 31 40 10 4 163 9 10
102 Serjeants	Infantry	16 1 60	1636 10 40
23 Corporals		13 9 50	304 11 30
22 Drummers and Fifers		13 9 50	291 1 60
139 Privates		8 - 70	1114 37 50 — 6164 3 60
	Native Invalids		
579 Subidars		12 " "	2148 " "
105 Jemidars		6 " "	630 " "
448 Havildars		3 " "	1344 " "
192 Naigues		2 " "	384 " "
35 Drummers and Fifers		6 " "	210 " "
11 Putrally men		1 24	17 12 "
1251 Privates		1 24 "	19653 6 "
8 Syrangs		2 36 "	22 36 "
12 1st Tindals		2 35 20	34 3 "
17 2d Tindals		2 12 60	39 6 60
89 Lascars		2 12 "	203 18 " — 699 27 60
	Store and Sent Lascars		
52 Syrangs		1 30 "	89 6 "
156 Tindals		1 12 "	200 24 "
2838 Lascars		1 " "	2838 " " — 3127 30 "

Total off Reckonings for 1797 Pagodas — 120433 33 50

Military Auditor
Generals office
28a July 1798. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. Genl

Recieved

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31st Received the undermentioned

Letters entered in MB. Nos 135-136.

From the Medical Board — From the Medical Board - en= =closing Bills in duplicate for Medicines sup= =plied to the Bombay Frigate and Swift Cruizer, amounting to Pagodas 175-24-38- in order to their being carried to their debit of the Bom= =bay Presidency. —

From the Kings Deputy Paymaster General. — From Captain Young - enclos= =ing his accounts of Subsistence to the Kings Regiments on the Coast from 25th April to 25th July 1798. —

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor - President

Edward Saunders ---

and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday 31st July 1798.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. —

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.-

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad - Six of Pions Regiments in camp preparatory to their march towards Poona where an Army of 20000 Men is to be assembled at the requisition of the Peshwah - Medina shed Sipoys Vacated applies for leave to return to Serangapatam - Substance of a Conference between the Residency Moonshy and the Ministers relative to the Intentions of the English in consequence of the dissemblation of French Troops at Mangalore -

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of my Address of this date to the Right Honorable the Governor General, together with Extract from the Translated Conversation therein referred to.-

I am, &c. &c.

Hyderabad
15th July 1798.- (Signed) J. A Kirkpatrick
Assistant

The Right Honble Earl of Mornington K. P.
Governor General
Fort William

My Lord,

I have Mer. Allum having intimated

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intimated to me by Note a wish to see the Resident's Moonshee for the purpose of communicating something to him, Azeez Oollah waited upon him at the Minister's House on the 13th. in the Evening, and I have now the honor to submit to your Lordship's notice, Translate of his Report of what passed at their meeting, and which, though containing matter sufficiently interesting, calls for few, or no remarks in the way of comment, or illustration on my part. —

2d. Six of Mons.r Perron's Regiments with their usual complement of Field Pieces (being twelve in number) marched out of Cantonments yesterday morning and encamped at the Spot previously marked out for them, a few miles to the Westward of the City, where six of Pieces of brass ordnance of a large Caliber have since joined them — This Detach-

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Detachment is not as I at first supposed to be headed by Piron, but by his third or fourth in Command, a Frenchman of German Origin of the Name of Schmidt.

3. No particular time is as yet fixed for the final departure of the remaining Troops intended to reinforce the Party already at Dharore to the requisite complement of twenty thousand Men, though the day cannot now I imagine be a remote one - Certain preparations in the City, seem to indicate that the Minister has by no means relinquished his original intention of taking the field in person, and he cer= =tainly still holds that Language publicly, even to the giving out that his march is fixed for the 30th Instant at the latest - I am not quite clear however, that he is as yet fully determined on this Step, or that events may not yet occur before its execution

to

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to induce him to forego it - at the same time I have little doubt, but the Army assembling will (as the Minister himself intimates in the 9th Paragraph of the enclosed Translate) proceed at least to his Highness's Frontier, and that it will subsequently act as circumstances may render expedient; for though Azim ul Omrah is, I believe, well enough inclined in favor of the Peshwah, it is nevertheless pretty evident that he wishes to temporize sometime longer, and that he will at all events set a higher price on his Masters eventual Support of a Cause of such doubtful issue as that of Bauzy Row than what the latter had bid for it in the Treaty drawn up by Shesanday Pundit, the inadequate Compensation held out in which is sufficiently exposed in the 12th Paragraph of the Resident at Poonah's Address to your Lordship of the 7th Instant - Presuming

that

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that Colonel Palmer has been disappointed
in his expectations of procuring a Draft of
the Treaty in question, I now do myself the
honor of enclosing it for your
Lordship's information. —

4th. I have just received notice
from two of Major Kirkpatrick's Secret Intel-
-ligencers (well known in the Despatches
from this Residency under the feigned names
Tyge Tullul Khan) that Medena Saheb Tip-
-poo Sultaun's Vackeel at this Court sent in an
Arzee on the 12th Instant to the Minister
requesting his Congé for Seringapatam in the
moreover to the resolution of setting out at all
events in the course of a certain number of
days, unless detained by downright com-
-pulsion which is by no means likely to be
resorted to on such an occasion — This Vackeel
is described as waiting impatiently for an

answer

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that

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that Colonel Palmer has been disappointed
in his expectations of procuring a Draft of
the Treaty in question, I now do myself the
honor of enclosing it in Translate for your
Lordship's information. —

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from two of Major Kirkpatrick's Secret Intel-
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from this Residency, under the feigned names
Tyge Tullub Khan) that Medina Saheb Tip-
-poo Sultaun's Vackeel at this Court sent in an
Arzee on the 12th Instant to the Minister
requesting his Congé for Seringapatam in the
most pressing terms, and that he has come
moreover to the resolution of setting out at all
events in the course of a certain number of
days, unless detained by downright com-
-pulsion which is by no means likely to be
resorted to on such an occasion — This Vackeel
is described as waiting impatiently for an

answer

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answer to his Argee being extremely desirous of repairing as speedily as possible to Seringa-patam in hopes of retrieving by personal explanations the favour and confidence he once (there is reason to think) enjoyed with his Master, but which he has been gra-dually withdrawing from him, ever since the return of Azeem ul Omrah hither, put an end to his intrigues, and with them to the Sultaun's expectations from this quarter.

I have the honor to be,

Hyderabad
15th July 1798. &c. (Signed) J. B. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signed) J. B. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract Translate of a Conversation between Moonshee Azeez Oollah, and Azeem ul Omrah, during a visit to the latter on the 13th July 1798.

After presenting your respects

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respects to the Minister I made him (agreeably to your directions) your acknow-ledgements for his satisfactory discharge of promise with respect to the Subadars, en-spite of the Vehement opposition he had met with from Monsieur Piron, and his Party. To this address the Minister replied, that it was at all times the first wish of his heart to act in all things conformably to the Treaties and Friend-ship subsisting with the English Govern-ment, and that if he occasionally appeared to deviate from this rule of Conduct, he trusted to your Candour for ascribing it to the true cause — Namely, the necessity which sometimes compelled him, much against his inclination, to wink at the irregularities of the French Party —

Azim ul Omrah after this produced and shewed me a Letter from

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Syeed ud Doulah at Madras, the Substance of which is as follows: —

That he (Syeed ud Doulah) having lately waited upon General Harris in order to present him with a Khellut from Meer Allum, on occasion of his Son (Meer Dawran's) late marriage, the General after graciously accepting of the same, withdrew with him into a private apartment attended by Captain Malcolm — There General Harris (through the interpretation of Captain Malcolm) began by asking him some questions respecting the Numbers, equipment, and discipline of the French Party here, which he (Syeed ud Doulah) not thinking himself authorized to give satisfactory answers to, got rid of by saying, that he had passed so little of his time at Hydrabad for many years

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back, that he knew little, if any thing respecting the French Party save that such a Corps rises in His Highness's Pay. —? That General Harris after this informed him of undoubted accounts having been received of a small Party of French Troops having landed at Mangalore and that as Troops of that Nation wherever or what= =ever situation they might be still con= =sidered themselves as French Troops and as such would act in concert together & wherever the opportunity served he (General Harris) thought it right to state these circumstances to him (? Syed ul Dowlah) for the informa= =tion of his Master the Nizam whom the Company justly considered as one of their Staunchest friends and allies) in order that his Highness might be duly on his guard against the eventual treachery of his French servants.

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That the Company's Armies were in the highest State of discipline and prepa=ration and that a formidable body of Troops could be collected and set in motion at a very short notice, in the event of its being the determination of the Supreme Government to resent the unjustifiable con=duct of Tippoo Sultaun in admitting French Troops into his Dominions. That General Harris concluded by desiring him to com=municate in writing to Azim ul Omrah and Meer Allum what he had just im=parted to him, and that he had observed in reply, that it would be proper also, that Captain Kirkpatrick should be made ac=quainted with the same. Upon which the General gave him to understand, that Captain Kirkpatrick was already fully ap=prized of the whole of the above circum=stances". -

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"Twenty thousand Men, required by the
"Peishwa and reserve the rest of the Nizam's
"Army for a Mysore expedition, which I shall
"head in person, for I will not conceal from
"you, that I consider these Maratta Des=
=patches as objects of a very secondary con=
="sideration, when brought in comparison
with a War against Tippoo - If it is the
present troubles existing in the Mahrattah
"Empire, that prevent an immediate attack
"upon the Sultaun, why do not the Company
"take a decided part in putting an end to
"them" or if the Company are apprehensive
"of exciting the jealousy of the Poonah Govern=
="ment by leaving them out, in the event of
renewed "Hostilities against the Mysorean
"they have only to promise them a Sixth,
"Eighth, or even Tenth of the Countries that
"may be conquered, and I will answer for
their remaining perfectly satisfied, or for

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"their taking no measures at least that may
"in any degree impede the progress of the
Company's and the Nizam's Arms".-

"Azim ul Omrah lastly spoke
to me of the unprecedented grievances (as he
termed them) which the Sheâhs described
themselves as laboring under at Masulipatam;
and after repeating all that Meer Allum had
said on this subject at my last visit, con=
=cluded by expressing his hope, that you
would for his sake take measures for the
remedy of this evil. -

I told him in reply (agreeably
to your directions) that there could not be a
doubt but the Company's Servants at Masu=
=lipatam would of their own accord be care=
=ful in preventing (as far as was compatible
with the tolerating Spirit of the Company's
Government) any Religious innovations or
infringements on the peculiar rights of any
particular

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particular Seat, that you had nevertheless in deference to his (Azim ul Omrah's) wishes, already submitted the Case to the Governor General -- The Minister upon hearing this, desired me to return your his best acknowledgements for your ready attention to his wishes on this occasion -- after which I took my leave and withdrew --

A true Extract

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing Copy of the Mahazer addressed to Meer Alum by the Seyds at Masulipatam respecting the use of umbrellas Toys by the People of the Country last during the Mohurrum Fest.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy and Translate of the Mhezer from the Syed Families of Masulipatam, spoken of in the 6th Paragraph of my address of the 13th Instant, to the Right Honorable the Governor General, Copy of which I have already forwarded you.

I am, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Translate

Hyderabad
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Translate of a Mhezur from the Sheah Families at Masulipatam to Meer Alleum Bchader. —

God is Beneficient.

A full account of the Riots which happened last year during the Mohur- -rum between the two Sects of Mahometans (occasioned by the soonies carrying abroad the Standard of Omar) wherein several noble Septs were Killed and wounded, will have reached your honors ear. —

Having a perfect recollection of these unhappy Circumstances, a number of Sheeas and followers of the twelve holy Standards, this year, on the 5th of Mohurrum, com- -plained to Mr. Oakes the Collector, that if the detestable Standards of Omar were permitted this year, the same as in the last, to mix in their processions with the twelve Standards it would be the cause of disturbance. — Mr. Oakes

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As the European Gentlemen, however are unacquainted with the proofs of the Religion of the twelve holy Imaums; and with the exposures of the errours of the dangerous belief of the Soonies, the parading of our Standards was prohibited until information should be received from the presence of his most powerful Highness; to whom may God grant perpetual health and success, for the sake of the descendants of Mahummud) and a proclamation issued that neither our Standards or Biers should be carried abroad this year, though the heretic Soonies were permitted to carry abroad their Standards within the Fort, while a party of Armed Soldiers Kept guard the whole night with directions to fire on any person who should oppose their orders.-

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of being thus debarred our usual Religious procession through the City, and the impossibility (at the same time) of any despute arising this year such as had happened last if the bounds of each Sect being duly defined and kept sufficiently asunder, a party of the Company's Troops were so stationed, as to prevent their falling in with each other —

We represented moreover, that the disturbances which had happened last year, were owing to the innovation introduced by the Soonies, though on our part nothing contrary to Custom had been attempted; that the accursed Soonies would at this rate perform their rights, and that it was (surely) improper (therefore) that the Sheeâs should be prevented from mourning the decease of the Imaum Hussein, on whom be peace. —

Mr. Oakes in reply said, that he would comply with our request if any respectable Man of the Sheeah Sect would give it under his handwriting, that if any person

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was wounded, he could pay a fine of two
thousand Pagodas to the Company, or that if
any one was Killed, his own life should pay
the forfeit! — How is it possible in a case
like the present, that one Man should take
upon himself to answer for the whole especially
in a Town like this, where not the least
harmony exists. or by what means could he
make any Arrangement on such a night
when the expanse of the earth is narrowed by
the crowds that cover it! —

For these reasons considering
that any disturbance which might arise
would be injurious to the reputation of our Sect,
we resolved not to carry abroad the twelve
Standards, although this is the first time in
a period of four hundred years that the
Sacred Custom has been interrupted. —

We still however keep the holy
Standard (that of Nufseer and Hoopein) as
well as the others attached to their Staves; and
look

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look to you, the Promoter of the enlightened &
Religion and excellent Institutes of the twelve
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-ing the following verse. —

"What danger can the Wall of the true
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Governor of Madras for order to Mr. Oakes &

Collector

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A Petition has also been sent to his Highness the Nabob Aristoo Jah Bahadur, which no doubt will be presented to his enlightened mind. —

To say more would exceed the bounds of respect. —

Petition of the Body of Syeds Followers of the twelve Standards of the twelve Imaums. —

A true Copy and Translate

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NB - The Arzee to Azim ul Omrah alluded to above, verbatim the same as this, mutatis mutandis. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Read the following Letter from Messrs. Colt, Baker, Day and Co.
To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President &c. in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

The late changes, which have taken place at Tanjore, render it a duty towards those with whom we are connected and for whom we act, to request that you will be pleased to transmit to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Copies* of the Letter addressed to your Honorable Board by Mr. Frank Day in the Month of January last with its enclosures, and which was forwarded to the Honorable the Court of Directors by the Dispatch

From Messrs. Colt, Baker Day and Co. requesting that the papers connected with Mr. Frank Day's claim on the Tanjore Country may be forwarded to the Governor General in Council with a view to provision being made for its Liquidation.

* The originals entered in Consult 16th. February. —

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Despatch which took place in the following Month, in order that his Lordship on whose justice we have the fullest confidence may be informed of that just and acknowledged Claim on the Country of Tanjore and be thereby enabled to make a provision for its Liquidation in his final arrangement for that Kingdom — the Debt having arisen, as therein explained by Payments made into the Company's Treasury on account of the late Rajah, who could not otherwise have fulfilled his engagements with them. —

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

Fort St. George
27th July 1798. —

(Signed) Colt, Baker, Day &c.

Minute thereon.

Having already submitted Mr. Frank Day's Claim on the Tanjore Country, to the Consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors, the Board deem it unnecessary to make any reference of the subject to the Governor General in Council. —

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Read the following Letter from the Attorney to Mr. John Balfour -.

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

Honble Sir,

From the Attorney to Mr. John Balfour - applying for Copies of certain official Papers to enable his Constituent to maintain a Claim he has on the Company which has been disputed by the Court of Directors.

I have received a Letter from Mr. John Balfour, dated in London the 29th. November last, wherein he acquaints me, that the Court of Directors have made a Demand upon him for the Sum of £4298-16- upon the principle of his not being entitled to a Commission allowed him by this Government in the year 1788. in reward for his Services as a Commissioner of Accounts. -

In order to establish his Right to the allowance, which was paid to him 10 years ago, Mr. Balfour has requested of me, as his Attorney in this Country, to obtain Copies of some official papers relating to the Subject, and I accordingly beg your Per-

mission

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Permission to receive Copies of them from the Secretary's office, agreeably to the Memorandum enclosed.—

As it has been stated in regard to Mr Balfour's Claims to Recompence that their similarity to Mr Jackson's were the Grounds on which they were to be established, it becomes necessary to lay before the Court of Directors all that passed relative to Mr Jackson's appointment of Auditor of Accounts, South of the Coleroon.—

I enclose Copy of Mr Secretary Ramsay's last Letter to Mr Balfour on the Subject, and have the honor to be, with respect—

Fort St George
26th July 1798.—

&c &c &c
(Signed) John Charnier
Attorney to J Balfour Esqr

John Balfour Esqr

Sir.

The Court of Directors of the East

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East India Company have taken into con-
-sideration your Letter requesting payment
of the Amount of the Commission due to you
as a Member of the Board of Trade at
Madras, and urging reasons why the Com-
-pany's Claim made upon you, in my Letter
of the 10th April last, is not well founded -

And I am ordered to acquaint
you, that, after a full review of the Subject,
the Court are decidedly of opinion, that
you was not entitled to the Commission
allowed you on the 22d February 1788, upon
the foundation then claimed by you, and
allowed by the Madras Government, and
therefore they have directed me to ac-
-quaint you that they have resolved, that
your Commission as Member of the Board
of Trade, should not only be stopped, but
also to call upon you to repay to the Com-
-pany, the difference between such Com-
-mission, and that allowed you on
February 1788. I am therefore ordered to
desire you will forthwith pay into the

Company's

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Company's Treasury here, the Sum of £ 4298.16 being the Amount of the said difference. —

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

East India House (Signed) W. Ramsay
16th November 1797. — Secretary

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Chamier

List of Papers referred in Mr Chamier's Letter.

Copy of the Resolution of Council for the ap=
=pointment of Mr Jackson to superintend the
Grain Accounts of the Army in 1782 or 1783.

Correspondence between him, and Government
relative thereto, and Account of Sums on which
he drew Commission. —

Correspondence in respect to the duties of
Mr Jackson's appointment as Auditor of
Accounts, South of the Coleroon, with the
Account of Sums on which he was allowed
Commission in that Department. —

(Signed) J. Chamier

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved to acquaint Mr. Chamier that, as the Court of Directors have the means (should they be disposed so to do) of furnishing Mr. Balfour with the whole of the documents he has applied for, the Board deem it unexpedient to comply with his request. →

Read the following Letter from the Collector in the Saghire. →

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Collector in the Saghere requesting permission to dig trenches and raise Walls round some of the principal Villages in the Saghere for the protection of the Inhabitants and their property. —

In consequence of the Preparations going on at Walajahbaad, which seem to indicate approaching Hostilities, I beg leave to suggest, whether it may not be prudent to take some Steps for the Security of the Inhabitants of the Saghere, against the irruption of irregular Horse — The bound Hedges, which I have been at considerable pains to plant round the Villages,

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are in many places in a very thriving State, particularly at Madrantacum, Carangooly, & Salvauk, Conjeveram, and Trivatoor, but not yet of a sufficient age to be alone a protection — If, however, a Ditch were dug round them, and with the Earth excavated therefrom, a Mud Wall raised, of moderate height, the Inhabitants would derive sufficient confidence, aided by Sibbendy Peons, to defend themselves, if not attacked by any very formidable body, and even in this case, till they could retreat to some more safe place: This precaution will enable them to carry on their cultivation, and prevent their resorting in large Numbers to the Presidency, where they would be an inconvenient burthen — As all the places I have named, contain a considerable quantity of Grain either belong=ing to the public or to the Inhabitants, which cannot be conveyed away for a length of time to come, particularly Carangooly and Ma=drantacum, where I am filling the Granaries, that have been built, as fast as my means will

will enable me, it appears to me that their Security is a matter of some importance — My own Cutcheree also, and the valuable Records it contains, may not be deemed unworthy of preservation — Some Expence, will of course be incurred, in forming the defences which I have mentioned, but I should think that, a couple of thousand Pagodas, would put the above places, and the Pettah of Chingleput, populous and rich, into a respectable State of defence; and may possibly obviate serious inconvenience. —

With regard to myself also, as my remaining in my present situation may inspire the Inhabitants with confidence, this would conduce towards my doing so, and with such assistance as Government may find it convenient to give me, I should be able to afford them essential protection. —

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I request you will communi=
=cate the subject of this letter to the Honble
Governor and Council, and acquaint me
with his orders upon it, that if the idea is
approved, I may commence the proposed
Works early.—

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

Carangooly
27th July 1798.—

(Signed) Lio: Place
Collector

Minute thereon.

Resolved to authorize Mr.
Place to expend the Sum of two thousand ₹
Pagodas in deepening the Ditches round the
Villages he has mentioned.—

Read the following Letters
from the Military Board.—

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

From the Military Board—recommend=
=ing that the Powder
Magazine at
Gangam be immed=
=diately repaired
and that a charge
be allowed for the
rent of a Godown for
containing Grain
of the 25th Dragoons.—

Honble Sir.

1st The Officer Commanding at
Gangam having represented to us that an
immediate

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immediate repair of the Magazine at that Station is indispensably necessary to the preservation of the Gunpowder lodged therein, "We beg leave in consequance to recommend that our Board be authorized to direct the requisite repairs being made to that Building without loss of time. --

2.-- We do ourselves the honor to report to Government that the Agent for Cavalry Supplies to His Majesty's 25th Regiment Light Dragoons has been under the necessity of hiring at Arcot, at the monthly rent of ten (10) Pagodas, a Building for the purpose of lodging therein a quantity of Gram delivered, according to agreement, by the Contractor beyond what the Regimental Storehouse will contain, which Rent, is certified by the Officer Commanding the Cantonment to be the lowest at which such Building could be obtained, and accordingly recommend that payment thereof be

authorized

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authorized whilst such necessity exists.—

We have the Honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Fort St. George
24th July 1798.—

(signed) Patrick Ross
H. Tydenham
J. Richardson
By Close

Minute thereon.. Resolved to authorize the imme=diate execution of the repairs required to the Magazine at Ganjam.—

Resolved also to authorize the payment of the expence incurred by the Gram Agent of His Majesty's 25th Regiment of Light Dragoons, on account of Godown Rent, but, at the same time, to direct the Military Board to obviate a similar charge in future..

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

From the Military Board - reporting the Deficiency of Copper Hoops on powder Barrels shipped on the Henry Dundas - Bill for erecting

Honble Sir,

It appearing by Communications from

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erecting an Air Furnace and casting a Metallic Bed for the Cylinder Mill at the Gun powder Manufactory recommended for payment.

From Masulipatam, and Innecondah, to our Board that, of the Copper Hoops belonging to Barrels of Gun Powder lately sent from the Arsenal of Fort St. George to those Stations on the Honorable Company's Ship Henry Dundas, there is a deficiency of sixty eight (68) in the number landed at the former, and of eighty six (86) at the latter, place; and it having been ascertained by us that all the Barrels were sent on board compleate with Hoops, We in consequence deem it our duty to make the circumstance known to Government, in order that, with their approbation, the same may be stated to Bengal, and the Commander of the Ship called upon to account for such deficiency.

2nd. Two metallic Beds having been cast from an unserviceable Brass 13 inch Mortar for the Cylinder Mills at the

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Gun Powder Manufactory, in order to render them fit for use, and as being indispensably necessary to prevent similar accidents to those which formerly happened, We beg leave to recommend that the enclosed Bill for the same, (including also the expence of erecting the Air Furnace) amounting to Pagodas 418.14.68 - be passed for payment, and that our Board be authorized to direct the fixing of such Beds for the purpose of commencing the manufacture of Gun powder wherever it may be found necessary. —

We have the honor to be.

L^s . . . L^s

Fort St. George
28th. July 1798. —

(Signed) Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
J. Richardson
Byclose

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the circumstances above stated, relative to the defficiency of Copper Hoops on the Powder Barrels shipped on the Henry Dundas, be presented out to the notice of the Supreme Government.

Resolved that the Bill for the Air Furnace and Metallic Beds for the Cylinder Mills be passed for payment, and that the Military Board be authorized to have the latter fixed without delay.

Read the following Letter from the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

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

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal respecting Articles issued from the Company's Stores to the Kings Regiments.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 4th of April last, and its Enclosures having been referred to the Commander in Chief, I am directed

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directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Copy of the Commander in Chief's Minute on the Subject, with a Copy of the Resolution passed thereon by His Lordship in Council, and to request you will lay the same before the Honorable the President in Council. —

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

Fort William
the 9th of July 1798. — (Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

Minute by the Commander in Chief

The Papers before us do not contain, nor can I procure sufficient Information to enable me to determine with accuracy upon the different points which the Governor in Council at Fort St George has at the desire of the Military Board of that Presidency referred to our decision. — But as the

number

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number of Kings Regiments now serving in India, to whom occasional issues of Arms, Accoutrements, and Stores of various Kinds are made from the different Magazines, renders it an object of Consideration to the East India Company, to ascertain by whom the Expence of these Stores is to be borne; it appears advisable that the Military Boards at the three Presidencies should keep separate Accounts of the issues made to each Regiment, and transmit Copies of them annually to the Court of Directors, who by a Communication with the proper offices in London would be able to learn what part of the Stores, if any, is to be carried to the debit of the Crown, what part should be paid for by the Colonels of the Regiments, and what should be furnished at the Expence of the Company. —

[Signed] Alured Clarke

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The Governor General in

Resolution 9th July 1798. — Council resolves, that the Suggestion of the Commander in Chief, contained in the foregoing Minute, be adopted, at this Presidency, and directs that the necessary Orders in consequence be given to the Military Board. —

His Lordship in Council further resolves, that the adoption of the same Rule be recommended to the Presidencies of Fort St. George and Bombay. —

True Copies

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

Minute thereon — Resolved that a copy of the Commander in Chiefs Minute, with the Resolutions of the Governor General in Council, be transmitted to the Military Board, and that they be directed to lay before Government the Statements ordered to be sent home annually to the Court of Directors. —

Read

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Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General --

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

Honble Sir,

Reports of the Military Auditor General on the Arrears of unexcaused Subsistence due to the different King's Regiments on this Establishment ex=cepting those serving on Ceylon. →

In conformity to the Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters, under date the 20th. ultimo and 11th. Instant, referring for my examination and report Ac=counts of Arrears of Subsistence to His Ma=jesty's Regiments serving under this Pre=sidency from the 25th. May 1797, the date of His Majesty's warrant, to the 28th. February 1798 - I have the honor to report, that the Balance due to the several Corps is as follows, after making the Deductions as detailed in the enclosed Statements marked No. 1-2-3-4-5-and 6. →

19th. Regiment

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19th Regiment Light Dragoons Pag.	3970.18.4½
12th Regiment Foot ... --- ---	4863.25.21¼
36th Ditto ... d°. --- -- ---	6755.7.27
73d Ditto ... d°. -- ---	9868.39.23½
74th Ditto ... d°. -- ---	3503.27.28
Swiss Regiment de Meuron ---	9543.10.67½
Total Pagodas ...	38,504.2.11

The Account of Arrears stated to be due to the 25th Regiment Light Dragoons having been returned for the purpose of being made out in a more convenient form for examination, I have thought it proper not to delay my report on the accounts of the Corps above mentioned, as the other can follow seperately after it has been received and undergone the necessary investigation.—

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

W. Sydenham.
Military Audr. General

Military Auditor
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Fort St George
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(Signed)

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The Honble Lieutenant General G. Harris

President and Governor in Council

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Honble Sir,

Agreeably to my Letter under date the 19th. instant, I have now the honor to enclose the Statement of arrears due His Majesty's 25th. Regiment Light Dragoons on account of the encreased rates of Subsistence from the 25th. May 1797 to the 28th. February 1798, as returned by the Paymaster of that Corps, and to report that the Balance due thereon after making the Deduction detailed in the enclosed account will be Pagodas

3435. 0. 12½.—

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

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. General

As

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Minute of the Board on the forgoing subject

As the payment of the whole of the Arrears due to the Kings Troops (viz.t 41,940. 2. 23½ P. F. 6) would in the present State of the Finances, expose government to very serious embarrasment, and, as a Supply of money may be shortly expected from Bengal, it is resolved to discharge the above Sum by two equal monthly payments.—

Ordered, accordingly that one Moiety of the Arrears of Subsistence due to His Majesty's Troops, Viz.t twenty thousand nine hundred and seventy pagodas, one Fanam and eleven and three quarters Cash (Pags.das 20,970. 1. 11¾) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General.—

Resolved that the above determination be notified to the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops, and that he be authorized to acquaint Commanding Officers

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Officers of Corps, that the remaining half of the Arrears will be discharged with the pay falling due in the Month of September. —

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President and Governor in Council.
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Honble Sir.

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing a distribution of the Profits on the Arrack Agency for 1797/8. —

1st I. In consequence of the Directions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 31st May last, I have the honor to lay before you the Distribution of the Profits arising from the Arrack Agency in the year 1797/8. amounting to S. Pa. 288024.28, and to report that it is correctly stated, on a Return furnished by the Adjutant General of Effective Europeans and Natives at the different Stations in the course of the year. —

2 When you are pleased to order the Distribution of the above Sum, it will no doubt occur, that the Commanding Officers ought to receive their Shares in Madras Fanams, or in the same Coin converted into the Currency of the different Stations at the Exchange of the day on which they are paid. —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. General

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Distribution

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Distribution of Star Pagodas 6261.18.28. Making Fanams 238024.28 Cash Among the Commanding Officers of the respective Garrisons and Cantonments being the Profit arising from the Attack Agency from the 1st May 1796 to 30th April 1797 to be paid by the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at the respective Stations. —

Stations	Officers Commanding	Period of Commanding	Fan. C.	Fan. C.	Total Fan. C.
Mount	Major General Gails	from 1st May 1796 to 30th April 1797			24357.57
Poonamallee	Colonel Trent	from 1st May 1796 to 12th June 1796	1414.15		
	Brigr. Genl. de Meuron	from 13 June 1796 to 31st Jany. 1797	1793.69		
	Colonel Trent	from 1st Febr.y to 16 Febr.y 1797	368.22		
Tripsore	Major Wallace	from 17 Febr.y to 30 April 1797	1386.70	5394.15	
	Colonel Shawe	from 1st May 1796 to 30th April 1797		9832.7	
	Lieut. Col. A. Campbell	from 1st May 1796 to 13 Oct. 1796	2603.75		
Chingleput	Lieut. Col. J. Pater	from 14th Oct. 1796 to 30 April 1797	14894.69	17498.64	
Wallajahbad	Col. D. Baird	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797			14715.28
	Major Genl. C. Nixon	from 1st May 1796 to 3 Dec. 1796	1104.77		
Arney	Lieut. Col. Younge	from 4 Dec. 1796 to 18 Dec. 1796	951.9		
	Lieut. Col. John Murray	from 19th Dec. 1796 to 29 Dec. 1796	697.39		
Arcott	Lieut. Col. Younge	from 30 Dec. 1796 to 30 April 1797	6784.8	19473.53	
	Lieut. Col. John Murray	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		24641.63	
	Major Genl. Colles	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		5141.60	
Vellore	Lieut. Col. Alex.r Macpherson	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797	590.3		
Arnbore	Capt.n W. Hammond	from 1st May 1796 to 18 March 1797	83.51	673.54	
	Lieut. Sober	from 19 March 1797 to 30 April 1797	6836.70		
Nagore	Honble Major W. Monson	from 1st May 1796 to 18 Sept.r 1796	1720.48		
	Lieut. Sober	from 19th Sept.r 1796 to 28 Febr.y 1797	3254.53	11812.11	
Negapatam	Col. H. Macdowall	from 1st March 1797 to 30 April 1797	2347.35		
	Col. David Baird	from 1st May 1796 to 31st May 1796	2365.35		
	Major D. Campbell	from 1st June 1796 to 30 June 1796	5003.17		
Tanjore	Coll. D. Baird	from 1st July 1796 to 31 Aug. 1796	2197.36		
	Major D. Campbell	from 1st Sept.r 1796 to 30 Sept.r 1796	14442.—	26345.43	
	Honble Major W. Monson	from 1st Oct.r 1796 to 30 April 1797	472.18		
	Lieut.t Col. Dalrymple	from 1st May 1796 to 31 May 1796	1005.73		
	Lieut. Lewis Moore	from 1st June 1796 to 4 Aug.t 1796	447.43		
Vellure	Lieut. Col. Dalrymple	from 5 Aug.t 1796 to 31 Aug.t 1796	3132.64	5108.38	
	Major Henry Coman	from 1st Sept.r 1796 to 30 April 1797		46994.48	
	Major Genl. J. Floyd	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797			
	Major Genl. J. Floyd	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797	5430.57		
Trichinopoly	Major Genl. J. Floyd	from 1st May 1796 to 11 Dec.r 1796	873.72		
Worriore	Major Genl. J. Floyd	from 12 Dec.r 1796 to 31 Jan.y 1797	2000.76	8305.45	
Cavalry Line	Lieut. Col. J. Gurshage	from 1st Febr.y 1797 to 30 April 1797		5570.33	
	Lieut. Col. Sandes Oliver	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		23120.72	
Dindigul	Lieut. Col. Brown	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		2997.31	
	Lieut. Col. Gowdie	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		7832.39	
Madura	Col. Belleville	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		5201.4	
Masulipatam	Lieut. Col. John Durand	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797		2584.8	
Ellore	Lt. Col. G. Fatheringham	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797			
Vizagapatam	Captain Webber	from 1st May 1796 to 30 April 1797	265.54		
Ganjam	Captain Thomas Poole	from 1st May 1796 to 30 Sept.r 1796	148.38		
Ahkah	Capt.n Worrall	from 1st Oct.r 1796 to 30 Nov.r 1796	468.—	882.12	
	Lieut. John Spence	from 1st Dec.r 1796 to 30 April 1797			
Barrampore	Lieut. R. Fletcher				

Total Fanams 2880242

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Agent for Spirituous Liquors

Resolved

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The foregoing distribution to be published in General orders. →

Resolved that the foregoing distribution of the proffits on the arrack Agency for 1797/8 be published in general orders. →

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

Honble Sir,

Auditor's report on the Military Paymaster Generals Cash Estimate for August. →

Having examined the Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Month of August 1798, I have the honor to report. that the Sum of Two Lacks, Sixty five thousand, three hundred and Sixty Seven Pagodas, Fourteen Fanams and Sixty four Cash (Pagodas 2,65,367..14.64) is required for the payment of such Military Charges, as become due upon the first of the ensuing Month 2d inst.

	P.	F.	C.
From the General Treasury	1,78,556	8	77
By Bills on the Military Paymaster General	86,811	5	67
Pagodas	2,65,367	14	64

This Sum does not include the amount of the Estimates received from the Paymasters

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Paymasters of Columbo and Trincomalee, &c
altho' comprehended in the gross Total of the
Military Paymaster General's Estimate, &c
because the Balance of Cash stated in their
Estimates are considerably more than what
is required for the payment of the Troops
within their range for the Month ensuing,
and consequently they cannot be in want of
Cash or under the necessity of drawing Bills
on account of such payments. —

3 In Mr. Paymaster Hughe's
Estimate I find that the Sums included on
account of Pay &c. for next Month to 5 Com=
=panies of the 1st Battalion of the 3d Regiment
Native Infantry at Palamcotah, and to an
at Madura, exceeds what I conceive will
be requisite for the payment of that Batta=
=lion by one thousand Star Pagodas (Pagodas
1000) which I have therefore deducted from that
Estimate as no particular Cause has been assigned
for the Difference. —

Mr

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4 On the same principle I have deducted 600 Pagodas from the Sum estimated for the 1st Battalion of the 2d Regiment Native Infantry Stationed at Dindigul, and included in the same Estimate.—

I have the honor to be,
with great respect
&c &c &c

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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Ordered that the Sum of One Lack, seventy eight thousand, five hundred and fifty six Pagodas, eight fanams and seventy seven Cash (Pags das 178556-8-77) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of his Disbursements for the ensuing Month.—

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

The President proposes that the following Salaries be allowed the Gentlemen appointed on the Tanjore Commission.—

Salaries fixed for the Gentlemen lately appointed on the Tanjore Commission.

Mr. Torin, in addition to his allowances as Resident 250 Pagodas pr Month

Mr

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Mr Harris and Mr Stratton — } 250 Pagodas P. Month each

Mr W. R. Irvine — Assistant to the Commis=
=sion 50 Pagodas P. Month

Mr C. B. Torin Assistant to the Residency
60 Pagodas P. Month

Approved and Ordered accordingly.

The Commander in Chief lays
before the Board the following Memorandum respecting
Conductor Britton. —

The Commander in Chief is con=
=cerned to be under the necessity of adverting to
the Conduct of Mr Conductor Britton who has
been returned absent without Leave from the
Arsenal since the 28th of last April by the
Commissary of Stores at the Presidency, who has
at the same time reported him, from the irre=
=gularities he has committed since his ap=
=pointment, totally unfit for the Duties of the
Arsenal and unworthy of the Station of Conductor

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Commander in Chief's communi=
=cation to the Board respecting the Con=
=duct of Conductor R. T. Britton — re=
=commends his being dismissed the Service —

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of Ordnance. |—

Mr Britton obtained leave of
absence to Ganjam for two Months from the 14th
of February last - but nevertheless remained at
the Presidency until the 29th of March, when
he departed for Ganjam, notwithstanding he
could not possibly return to his Station within
the term of his leave. —

With a view of giving him an
opportunity of reforming, he was acquainted, by
a letter of the 2d of June, that however improper
his past conduct, he would be allowed till the
15th of the present Month to return to his duty
at the Arsenal - but that in failure thereof the
Commander in Chief would recommend his
being Struck off the Strength of the Army. —

Mr Britton having in a letter
of the 12th June acknowledged the receipt of
the intimation from Head Quarters above
alluded to; and, instead of returning to his
duty within the limited period, made use
only

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only of trifling evasions, the Commander in Chief thinks it proper to recommend that he be deprived of his appointment of Conductor of Ordnance of which Station he has shewn himself so highly undeserving. —

Conductor R. S. Britton dismissed the Service. —

Resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that Conductor R. S. Britton be dismissed the Service for repeated instances of inattention to his duty and disobedience of orders. —

The Commander in Chief also delivers in the following Minute respecting Captain Peter Moore. —

Minute of the Commander in Chief respecting the former services and good Conduct of Captain Peter Moore who has lately been cashiered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial proposes that he be allowed a pension of 30 Pagodas pr. Month.

The Commander in Chief takes occasion to acquaint the Board that Captain Peter Moore has been lately cashiered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial for having frequently appeared on the Parade of the Corps to which he belonged, in a State of intoxication, and for having used Sepoys as Coolies, by causing

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causing them, on some occasions to carry his Baggage.

Although Lieutenant General Harris is sensible that Mr. Moore has deservedly lost his Commission of Captain, from having fallen into habits of inebriety, which disqualified him for the duties of the Military Profession, and also from having acted in violation of the standing orders of the Service, in a matter of much importance, yet as Mr. Moore has served the Honorable Company, as an Officer, for upwards of Eighteen years, and a great part of that period in the Field:- and as he had the honor of being particularly distinguished by the late Sir. Eyre Coote, at whose recommendation he was promoted from the Rank of Ensign to that of Lieutenant over several Officers, on account of his good Conduct, under Captain Flint, during the defence of Wandewash against Hyder Ally, in the year 1781.

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the Commander in Chief, from such consi-
-derations, and from the Circumstance of the
Courts having called the attention of Head
Quarters to Mr. Moore's case, recommends that
he be pensioned on 30 Pagodas P Month,
so as to leave him the means of Subsistence—

Resolved in conside-

Mr. P. Moore allowed a pension of 30 Pagodas P Month.—

-ration of Mr. Moore's Claims upon
Government for his meritorious conduct
during the Seige of Wandewash in the
year 1791 that he be pensioned upon
thirty Pagodas P Month.—

Death of Lieute-nant Colonel Mac-pherson of the Infantry.—

The Secretary reports to
the Board the Death of Lieutenant
Colonel Alexander Macpherson of the
1st Battalion 6th Regiment Native Infantry
at

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at Arcot on the 23d Instant.—

Mr. Thomas Daniel an Assistant under the Secretary on the Milit-
-ary, Political and Secret Departments,—
attending the Board, the usual Oath of
Secrecy is administered to him by the
President.—

Mr. Thomas Daniel an assistant under the Secretary in the Military Political and Secret Departments, takes the usual oath of Secrecy.—

" Geo. Bacon

" Eon Saunders

" Ch Tallofield

Comps
G Strachey