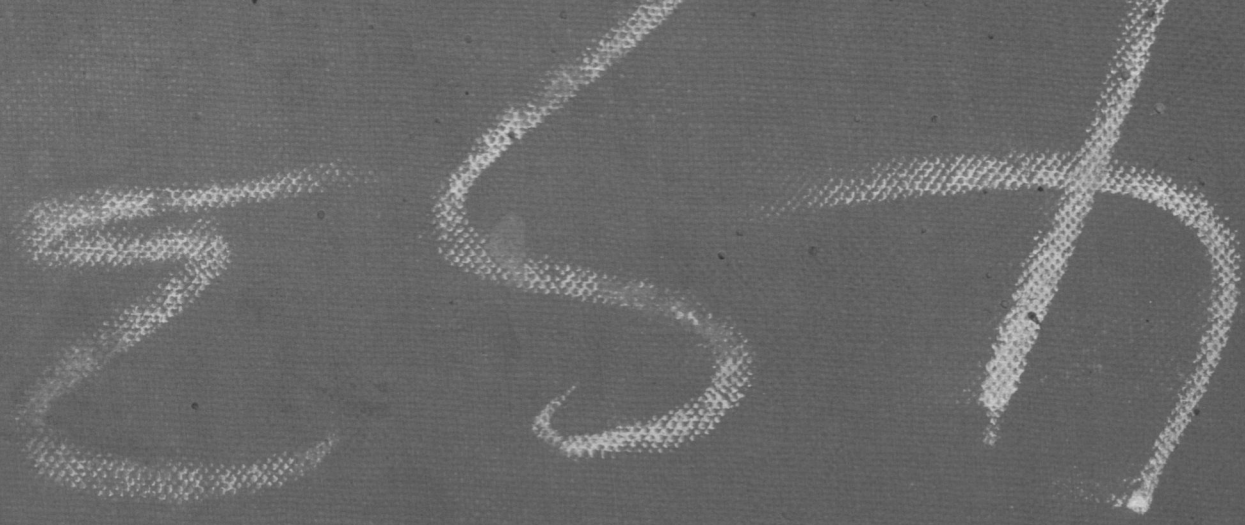


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on occasion of his proceeding to England.—

To Major General Sydenham &

To the Military Auditor General.

desiring that Lieutenant Gregson may receive the usual Allowance of Passage Money to England—and that the Same Allowance &

may be advanced to Lieutenant Henry Buchan of the 52d Regiment by the Paymaster at Nagore.—

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nos 16.. 17.. 18.. 19.

From the Commandant at Amboor.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson inclosing Batta Bills for the Party & detached to check the outrages of the Changull Poligar.—

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal—

From Mr Stracey forwarding ÷ Surveys of Lieutenant Aubrey and Blunt from Hydrabad and Calpee with a View to their being Communicated to Captain Mr Kenzie

÷ NB These Surveys did not accompany the Letter.—

From

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From Ensign O'Connell requesting

From Ensign Maurice O'Connell

in consideration of his having been ordered by

the Court to embark on a Ship bound for

Bengal his Allowance may commence

from the Date of his Arival at that Presidency

From the Secretary to the Military

From the Secretary to the Military Board

Board enclosing a Letter addressed to the

Secretary to the Military Board in Bengal.—

Sent the following Letter to Rear

Admiral Rainier.—

To His Excellency

Rear Admiral Rainier

Commander in Chief of all his

Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the

Sir, East Indies

We have the honor to inform

To Rear admiral Rainier advising him that the Board have been under the necessity of sending the Bombay Frigate to Bengal.—

your Excellency that since our letter of the

29th Ultimo circumstances have occurred which

have rendered it necessary to countermand

our

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our orders for the Bombay to proceed to Tellicherry, and that it is our intention to dispatch her to Bengal in compliance with the wishes of the Governor General in Council.—

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We are, &c. &c.

(Signed) George Harris
&c. Council

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Sent a letter to the Nabob intimating

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.—

in C. C. No. 102 enclosing Copy of a letter received from Tippoo Sultaun respecting the Changal Poligar.—

Received the following Letter from Captain Brudenell of the Invalid Establishment.—

To J. Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government

From Captain Brudenell on the subject of his claim to share in the Off-reckonings found for the year 1796

Sir,

Having observed by the late General Order respecting the distribution of the Off-reckonings

Sir,

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for the Year 1796 that my name by some accident
has been inserted, I take the liberty to enclose for
your perusal, Copys of three Letters №1. 2. & 3 the
first of these from Mr. Jackson late Secretary to
Colonel Braithwaite the second from Captain Pearce
Major of Brigade, the third from the present Adjutant
General to Major Maudsell, who at my Request
had addressed that Gentleman for information on
the Subject of the Omission.—

These Letters will fully explain to you
Sir, the occasion of my present Application and also
inform you of my Claim upon the Off Reckoning fund
has heretofore established by Order of Government in
my favor; I have therefore in consequence to Request
your good offices that an order of the Honorable Board
may be issued to the Military Auditor General for
the payment of the Share of Off Reckoning which has
been allotted to me agreeable to the former Resolution
of Government as Stated.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
/signd/ G: Brudenell

Ellore
30th June 1798.

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be of little inconvenience to Captain Brudenell if he will address the Secretary to Government requesting that an order of the Honorable Board may be issued to the Military Auditor General for praying to Capt.n Brudenell the Surplus alluded to agreeably to the 4th Resolution of Government under date 4 December 1795.-

Fort St. George
20th June 1798.-

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

A true Copy

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. N.s 20: 21. 22: 23: 24. 25. 26: 27: 28: 29

To the Agents for the Captains of the Moluccas Islands

To the Agents for the Moluccas Captains notifying the Board's Resolution respecting the mode of reducing the Pagodas into Madras Currency Viz.t 40 Pr. Dollars = 3 Spanish Dollars - and 15½ Spanish Dollars = 10 Star Pagodas.-

To Major Joannet

To Major Joannet informing him that the Board have resolved to allow him to discharge the Retrenchment standing against him by equal 4 Monthly Instalments in Six Months considering the first Instalment due on the first Instant.-

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To Captain Webber informing him that the Board Consent to his drawing the usual Allowance of House Rent from the 1st Instant as a Compensation for the expence of keeping the Commandants Quarter at Ganjam in Repair.

To the Commandant at Ganjam

To Colonel Champagne informing him that the Arrack which had been shipped on the Bombay has been Relanded and that for the immediate Supply of the Troops Besieged have been embarked on his Majesty's Ship Victorious

To the Commandant at Vizianagaram

To Major Cole informing him that it is considered the special duty of the Garrison Serjeant Major to regulate under his directions the pay Rolls of the Pensioners residing at Arnee.

To D.o at Arnee

To Major General Braithwaite desiring him to explain to Madame Joseph, that in consenting to advance her 300 Pagodas the Board considered themselves exonerated from all further Claims on Account of herself and family.

To D.o at Pondicherry

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To Colonel Champagne acquainting him that the Officers of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment being on full Batta and not liable to expence in moving must be at the expence of finding Cows for themselves.—

From D. at Trincomale

To the Secretaries at the Presidencies of Bombay Fort William Poona and Hydrabad

To Messrs Barlow Richards Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding a Mysore Intelligence.—

To Brigadier General De Meuron

To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon.—

informing them that the Board deem it expedient to refer the Claims submitted in his letter of the 11th Ultimo to the decision of the Honorable MC North and conveying further Instructions respecting Statements to be furnished by the Paymasters of their Receipts and Disbursements of Coin of different descriptions.—

To the Accomt and General

To Mr Woolf acquainting him that the whole of the Expences incurred on Accounts of the Suffolk Tender are to

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to be carried to that Head in the General

Book.—

6th Sent the following Letters.—

To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 19th 21st 26th and 30th Ultimo, and 3rd Instant.—

The President in Council approves the Arrangement you have suggested in Regard to the Saddles and Horse Accoutrements with the different Regiments of Cavalry exceeding the Number of Sets (301) Authorized to be drawn for in the General Order of the 4th October 1796, but as that limitation of the Number of Sets to be drawn for, has not been repeated by any specific Regulations, he deems it unnecessary &

to

To the Military Auditor General—Orders respecting supernumerary Saddles—his Suggestions respecting Drummers and Fifers attached to the Native Corps, Batta payable to Officers on foreign Stations coming to the Coast, and the Exchange to be established in settling the Madras Prize Accounts approved—Resolutions of Government on Readit of Charges in Mr. Cannon's Accounts supported by the Authority of Colonel Smith cause of delay in closing his Books satisfactorily—and proposed Arrangement for defraying the Expences of Men belonging to Corps not on their establishment appointed advance to be made to the Paymaster & Barrack Master—hours not allowed the Commanding Officer at Ganjam and indulgence granted to Major Scannell as to the period of paying the Balance due to him—Bills of the former of the Amount to be stopped for payment

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to publish the Arrangement in General Orders—
He desires therefore that the Board's determination
may be Notified to the Commanding Officers, &
who are to be called upon to pay for the Number
of Sets they respectively Received in consequence
of the General Order of the 17th January 1797 at
the Rate of three Pagodas for each Set, and
that the Paymasters may be informed that &
from 30th of last Month, the Allowance of &
21 Fanams is only to be drawn by the & &
Commandants of Regiments for the Number &
1501 limited in the General Order of the 5th October
1796; including the Detail from each Corps doing
duty at the Presidency; as well as supernume=
=naries: the former to be drawn for as usual
by the Officer Commanding the detachment
who is Responsible for their being always in
a complete State of Repair.—

Your suggestion relative to the &
Drummers and Fifers of Native Corps has

been

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been adopted and published in General Orders

Instructions have been sent to

Brigadier General De Meuron for enforcing

the attention of the Paymaster on Ceylon,

to the Regulations you have proposed in order

to ascertain the exact Amount of their Receipts

and Payments of every description of Coins:

and the Order you have recommended for 4 4

ascertaining the period for which officers proceeding

to the Coast from foreign Stations are entitled

to full Batta has been published.—

The President in Council approves

the Rate of exchange at which you have

proposed to bring the Rix Dollars into 4

Star Pagodas in the Account of Amboyna 4

Captors, and has Notified the same to the Prize

Agents.—

I return your audit of the Charges

retrenched from Mr. Garrow's Accounts upon

Abstracts and Bills signed by Colonel Smith

with the resolutions of the Board annexed

and

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and am directed to desire you will furnish a Statement of the Sum for which Bills are in consequence, to be drawn, in Mr. Ganon's favor, on the Honorable Court of Directors.—

The President in Council is satisfied with the explanation you have given of the cause of delay in Closing the Books of your Office for the year 1796/7; and he has no Doubt that your Books will, in future be Closed as early as possible after the conclusion of the Official year.—

The President in Council approves your suggestion relative to the mode of adjusting the expences incurred on Account of the interment and hospital Charges of Men belonging to his Majesty's Regiments drafted and removed from India, and to Corps not serving on this Establishment.—

The Horse Allowance granted to Adjutants of Battalions is meant to be extended to the Adjutants of European Infantry Regiments, but not to the Adjutants of Cavalry Regiments, who draw the Regulated Allowance for two Horses, nor

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to the Adjutant of the Corps of Engineers &
whose duty does not require his being mounted,
except when employed in the field; when he
is entitled to Horse Allowance, by the Regulations
of the Service.—

The President in Council desires &
that the Military Paymaster General may
be Authorized to advance the Sum of Pagodas
118 to the Barrack Master, on Account of
the Contract made for the expungation of
the Necessary of the King's Barracks at
the Presidency: and that the Paymaster in
the Ganjam District may be Authorized to
discharge Captain Wibben's Bills for the
usual Monthly Allowance for House Rent,
from the 1st Instant, which is granted &
as a compensation for expenses incurred
in keeping the Commandant's House at
Ganjam in a State of Repair.—

I am directed to transmit to you
the accompanying Copy of a Letter from the
Surveyor

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purser of His Majesty's Ships Annogant and
to desire that the Bills therein referred to
may be passed for payment if found correct.

At the particular request of Major
Jeannerat the President in Council has
consented to allow him to discharge the
Retrenchment standing against him on Account
of Balla overdrawn, by equal Monthly instalments
in six Months, considering the first Instal-
ment due on the 1st Instant; and he desires
Therefore that the necessary intimation
may be given to the Paymaster at Trincomalé

Fort St. George
5th July 1798.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt

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

We have received your Letters
of the 19th 22d and 27th Ultimo

We

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To the Military Board, Advances of cash recommended by them, ordered & Bills passed their examination paid, Works at Tanjore and Trichinopoly to be executed. Orders respecting salt provisions supplied to ships on board the Alfred from the King's stores. Their opinion on the claim of Officers at Trincomale to house rent, confirmed. Advances to be made at Trichinopoly. Estimates for repairing the stabling of the 6th Dragoons referred. Provisions for Officers, & medicines to be included in the Public tonnage engaged for Amboyna or the Geneva Friends.—

We have authorized the Paymaster to advance the Sum of Pagodas 118 to the Barrack Master at the Presidency, on Account of the expungation of the necessary of the King's Barrack; and have directed the payment of the Bills for Tints delivered into Store by Mr. Bowie, and for white and yellow washing the Public buildings in the Fort.—

We concur with you in opinion as to the propriety of making the repairs proposed to the Works at Tanjore and Trichinopoly, and desire that immediate orders may be given & for their execution.—

We desire that the quantity of Arrack supplied from the King's Stores to Detachments of the 19th and 74th Regiment on board the Alfred may be returned to the Contractor for Victualling, from the Company's Stores. The Quantity of Salt provisions supplied on that occasion is too trifling to be

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be referred for adjustment in England - and We therefore desire that a price may be fixed for it, and the Amount added to the Bill for the other provisions which is herewith returned for that purpose. —

We approve your reference to the Engineer at Trincomale relative to the most eligible mode of covering the Troops at Trincomale and Batticaloa, and have confirmed your opinion on the application of the Officers of the 1st Battn 7th Regiment Native Infantry for an Allowance for erecting Bungalows. —

We refer for your consideration Copy of a Letter received from Major General Floyd with Corresponding Estimate, for repairing the stabling of his Majesty's 19 Regiment of Light Dragoons. —

Major General Floyd having represented the necessity of making a New Water Drain for the Gun Shed in the Park at Trichinopoly,

we

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We desire that the work may be executed, &
Agreeably to the Accompanying Estimate.-

We enclose Copy of a letter from &
Messrs. Dring Gordon and Connell and desire
that the Articles therein specified may be &
included as a part of the Company's Tonnage &
engaged for with Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott:

We desire also that such Medicines as may
be prepared by the Medical Storekeeper may
be forwarded to Amboyna on the generous Friend

Fort St. George
5th July 1798 — S

We are &c. &c.
Signed/ G. Harris & Council

To. Major General Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division
of the Army at Trichinopoly

Sir,

To Major General Floyd
Division on the application
of the Officers of the 3d Regt
of Cavalry for Horses that they
drain at Trichinopoly ordered
to be completed and the
subject of the Stalling referred
to the Consideration of the
Military Board; this Compliance
with Mr. Grant's application
for Forage Approved

I am directed by the Honorable
the President in Council to acknowledge the &
Receipt of your Letters of the 16th. 19th. 23d. and 26th Ult.

As the Officers of the 3d Regiment
Native Cavalry are represented to be in possession
of

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of Condemned Quarters, the President in Council considers the Allowance they draw on Account of house Rent, adequate to the expence they may incur in rendering them habitable; with Respect to Lieutenant Colonel [illegible]'s Application, the President in Council is disposed to continue to him the Allowance of house Rent which he draws at present, or to grant him, in lieu thereof, a reasonable Sum to be expended in the Repair of his quarter.

Orders have been given for the execution of the Work required to the water drain, the estimate for which had not been before received, and the Military Board have been entrusted to take into consideration, and report their opinion on, the most advisable mode of repairing the Stabling of his Majesty's 19th Regiment of Light Dragoons.—

The President in Council approves your Compliance with Mr. Grant's second Application

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Application for Troops; and permits

Major Smart to visit the Presidency

on three Months leave.-

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5th July 1798.-

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

humble Servant

(signed) George Parry

Sub Secy

Received and sent the

undermentioned Letters entered on

M: B: N: 30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 35: 36:

37: 38: 39: 40.-

From the Military
Paymaster General.-

From Mr Roebuck &

enclosing An Additional Estimate

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1 Pagodas 2439: 34: 30 Required by the Paymaster.—

From Lieutenant A Kirkwood of the 77th Regiment.—

From Lieutenant Kirkwood Requesting an Advance of Pay to enable him to join his Corps at Cochin.—

From the Deputy Kings Paymaster General.—

From Captain Young enclosing his Accounts of Subsistence paid to the Kings Troops on the Coast from the 24th February to the 24th April 1798 and those of the Deputy Paymaster on Ceylon for the same period.—

From

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To:

From Major Doveton enclosing a

From Commandant at Ryacottah.— Letter from Tippoo Sultaun in reply to that lately addressed to him on the Subject of the Chargull Poligar.—

From Lieutenant Hanham & requesting that the Arrears of Pay and Allowances

From Lieutenant J. Hanham 2d. Bn. 6 Native Regiment— due to him may be advanced at the Presidency to enable him to join his Corps on Ceylon—

To Mr. Roebuck granting leave

To the Military Paymaster Genl. to Mr. Hughes to visit the presidency: desiring him to carry only the Amount of the Bills, on which a premium is allowed, to the Head of Military Charges— and the Amount of the premium to a separate Head.— desiring him also to make such Arrangements in his Books as may result from a retrospective operation of their principle

To Major General Bridges &

To the Officer Commanding Northern Division of the Army— approving the Measures reported in his Letter of the 18th Ultimo and expressing the Board's &

expectation

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explanation that a mutual disposition on the part of himself and the Collector to conform to the Spirit of the existing regulations in regard to the Sale of Arrack and Toody will obviate all further discussion on this Subject.—

To the Military Auditor General—

To Major General Systenham submitting for examination the additional estimate sent in by Mr. Roebuck and the Accounts of the Deputy Kings Paymaster noted in a former part of this Diary—

To the Commander of the Bombay Frigate.—

To Lieutenant Frost desiring him to take Charge of a Box Packet addressed to the Secretary to the Government in Bengal.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow informing him that a Box Packet has been delivered in Charge to Lieutenant Frost containing Copies of the Proceedings of this Government in the Military Political and Secret Departments

from

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From the 29th September to 29th December 1797

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To Dto enclosing a Letter from the

To the Secretary at Bengal.— Secretary to the Military Board at this

Presidency addressed to the Secretary to the

Military Board at Fort William.—

9th

Sent the following Letter to the

Resident at Poonah and Hydrabad.—

To Colonel William Palmer

Resident at

Poonah

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in

To the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad forwarding Sundry Papers relative to the Usurpation to the Musnud of Tanjore to enable them to satisfy any enquiries that may be made on this subject by their respective Courts.—

Council to acquaint you that the Honorable

Court of Directors having gone into a thorough

consideration of the relative pretensions of

Rajah Sherfojee and Rajah Amer Singh to

the Musnud of Tanjore have been pleased

to adjudge it to the former; and that their

Orders have been inconsequence carried into

execution for deposing Amer Sing, and

for instating the legal heir.—

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To
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As this measure after so
considerable a lapse of time may possibly
excite enquiry at the Court of Poonah I am
directed to enclose for your information
Copies of the Original questions put to the
Bramins of Tanjour Bengal and Benares
together with their several Answers in
Regard to the Rights of Serfogee and Amer
Sing, Copy of a proclamation which has
been published at Tanjour, and copy of
a letter from the Governor General to
Amer Sing upon this occasion. The intention
of furnishing you with these documents
is that you may be prepared to satisfy all
enquiries that may be made by explaining
the principles on which the Company have
acted; not that you should make any
appeal upon the subject of these proceedings
at Tanjour to the Court of Poonah

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

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P.S. As the questions and answers of the Pundits are in Shanscrit, I have inclosed copy of a Minute by the Supreme Government which contains a recapitulation of their purport.—

(Signed) J. W.

The same to Hydrabad.—

List of Packet to the Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad — 4th July 1798.—

No.		Dates
1	Extract from the Proceedings of the Commission at Tanjour in 1787	
2	Extract of a Letter from the Reverend W. Swartz with Six enclosures Counter declarations of the Pundits and extracts from the Shaster in Support of Serfoge's Claims. —	13 June 1796
3	Extract of M. Swartz Letter to Lord Cornwallis ——	8 April 1793
4	Extracts from the Shaster furnished by Mr. Swartz refuting the objections made to Serfoge's adoption on the plea of his being an only Son ——	26 August 1796

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5 Further Extracts from the Shaster forwarded by M. Swartz in refutation of the Objections urged against Serfoges adoption —— 20 Sept. 1796

6 Information respecting the usage at Tanjour in regard to the Age at which a Child may be adopted

7 Copy of the Resolution of the Governor General in Council in the Political Department under Date the —— 30. Dec. 1796

8 Proclamation to be published at Tanjour upon the deposition of Amer Sing and the plaing of Serfoge upon the Musnud. —

9 Copy of a Letter from the Governor General to Amer Sing Rajah

Received and read the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: No. 41.. 42.. 43.. 44.. 45.. 46.. 47.. 48.. 49.

From the officer Commanding northern Division

From Major General Boidges stating the Measures adopted by him in Consequence of an application made to him by the Collector

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Collector at Rajahmundry for Troops to
Suppress the insurgency of Vizia Gopaul Doss
Brother of the Polaveram Zemindar.—

From Mr. J. Wallace Junr. advising
of his having delivered to Lieutenant Mayo
the Packet for Admiral Painier forwarded
to Nagore on the 30th Ultimo

From the Resident and Commercial Assistant at Nagore

From Major Dallas requesting
leave to visit the Presidency.—

From the Commandant at Chandernagore

From Major Doveton &
Acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Webbe's &
Letter of the 3d Instant with the &
Khureeta enclosed for Tippoo Sultaun.—

From D.r at Ryacottah

From Major General Braithwaite
enclosing Copies of his Correspondence relative
to a Mons.r Louis who had proceeded to
Pondicherry under a Passport from the &
Governor of Tranquebar and behaved &
himself

From D.r at Pondicherry.

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himself in a very democratic and
impertinent Manner. —

From Lieutenant Colonel
Oram — reporting some Circumstances
relative to the Seizure of some wood
belonging to the Barrack Master
by the Kellidar's Son and the H
orders issued for its restoration —

From the Commandant at Madura

From Mr. Roebuck inclosing
an additional Estimate of Pagodas
880 Required by the Paymaster
at Angole. —

From the Military Paymaster General

From Major General
Oldham referring the abovementioned
Estimate for Examination. —

From Military & Auditor Genl.

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To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay Residents at Poonah and Hydrabad

To Messrs. Barlow, Richards Palmer and Kirkpatrick

forwarding Mysore Intelligence

Sent also the following

Letter to the President at Tanjour

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir,

To the President at Tanjore forwarding Malabar and Gentoo Translations of the Proclamation lately published at Tanjore and acquainting him that an application has been made to Bengal for Translations of the Opinion &c. of the Bengal and Benares Pundits. —

I am directed to forward to you the accompanying Malabar and Gentoo Translations of the Proclamation relative to Europeans

accession

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question to the Munsud of Tanjour which you will cause to be fixed up with the Marattah Translation already sent to you.—

As the Questions and Answers of the Bengal Pundits are written in a language not understood on this Coast, an Application for translations of them has been made to the Supreme Government.—

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9th July 1798.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
[Signed] Jos: Webbe Sing.to Lt.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honorable Lieutenant Gen.l Harris

Governor President

Edward Saunders — } Esq.rs

& Ernst William Fallofield }

Tuesday
10th July 1798.

Minutes of last Consultation

read and Approved —

Read the following Letters from

the Military Board —

To the Honorable Lieut General Harris

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sirs,

From the Military Board — mean to forward on the Generous Friend the remainder of Stores required at the Moluccas Islands — propose that an Advance of Cash be made on this Account to the Garrison Storekeeper and that 500 Pagodas be issued to Colonel Gent on Account of the Completion of the parapet on the Sea Face —

1st We do ourselves the honor to report to Government that, in consequence of it having been notified to us by Messieurs Robert, Abbott, and Co that the Ship H. Generous Friends was in readiness to receive on board

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board Acording to agreement, the remaining Quantity of Provision Stores ordered to be sent to the Molucca Islands, We have caused the nessary instructions to be given to the Garison Storekeper of Fort St. George for his putting such Stores without loss of time on board that Ship, and for his purchasing, on the most advantageous Terms for the Company such Articles as required for that purpose as may not be in Store.—

2nd In compliance with an application to Us from the Garrison Storekeper of Fort St. George, We Recommend that an Advance of Four thousand /4000/ Pagodas be immediately made to him on Account of Provision Stores which he has been ordered to provide for the Moluccas, and part of which, were forwarded thither by the Ship Gloucester.—

3d. Colonel Gent Superintending Engineer

at

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At the Presidency, having applied to our
Board for an Advance of five hundred /500/
Pagodas, being one third of the Estimate
for the parapet of the Sea Line, We
recommend that authority be granted for
such Advance being made to him Accordingly-

We have the Honor to be,

Fort St. George
28th June 1798.

Yr. Yr. &c.

/Signed/ „ Patrick Ross
„ Wm. Lydenham
„ Jno. Richardson
„ Roy Close

Minute thereon

Resolved that advances of
Cash be made to the Garrison Storekeeper,
and Superintending Engineer at the
Presidency agreeably to the recommendation
of the Military Board.

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

Honble Sir

From the Military Board reports that Mr. Lyes's proposals for the Clothing Contract for 1798/99 are

Having in conformity to
the

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the most advantageous for the Company - Bills for Articles provided by the Agent for Investments recommended for Payment - Certificate required from the Master Attendant for cutting Patterns for the Commissariat Stables - Authority required for having more Copies of printed of the Ordinance &c. Regulations - with to employ Captain Wood in completing the Repairs of the Arsenal Building

the instructions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 15th Ultimo examined the several Proposals for supplying Army Clothing for the Year 1797/8 Referred to us Therewith, and it appearing that the Offer of Mr. George Lyn, upon an average of the rates for the different Ranks, is the most eligible, We in consequence beg leave to state to Government as Our Opinion, that the proposal of that Gentleman is the most advantageous for the Public.

2nd We have the honor to report to Government that, in consequence of occasional Indents for Military Stores indispensably necessary for the Service, and for which a provision at the stated periods of Quarterly Indent cannot be made, We have authorized the Supply of Sundry Articles to Answer such extra Demands from the 31st of August 1797 to February 1798 inclusive

Bills

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Bills for which, Amounting to Pagodas 4774: 38: 41, are enclosed, and being supported by the necessary Vouchers, We recommend that payment of the Same may be accordingly Authorized.

3rd In consequence of an application from Lieutenant Colonel Murray Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment at Connatore for authority to procure Palmirah Trees to be used in building the Stabling at that Station, We recommend this being furnished with the necessary Instructions from His Highness the Nabob to enable him to cut down the requisite number of Trees for that purpose either in the Neighbourhood of Connatore, or Amboor, as may be deemed most convenient.—

4th Being of Opinion that for the more effectually carrying into execution the Regulations lately established for the Ordnance Stores &c. Departments, it will be expedient to furnish printed Copies of the same to the Officers

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Officers mentioned in the accompanying List We Recommend that Our Board may be authorized to obtain the Requisite Number of Copies for that purpose —

5. As the Estimates for the alteration in the Roof of the Stabling at Arnot, which have received the Sanction of Government, were prepared by Captain Lieutenant Wood, who appears therefore to be the most eligible Person for executing such alterations, We beg leave to submit whether that Officer should not be employed on the occasion —

Fort St George
4th July 1798 —

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

/Signed/ Patrick Ross
Wm Lydenham
Jno Richardson
By: Close
Lieut

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List of Officers to whom it is proposed to furnish Copies of the Regulations for the Ordnance, Store &c.a &c.a Departments.

One complete Sett to each Member of the Military Board.—

One to each Commissary, and Deputy Commissary of Stores, and each Conductor, in charge of a Magazine, with the exception of the Section under the Head of Public Buildings.

One to each Officer Commanding a Division of the Army.—

One to each Officer Commanding a District.

One to each Officer in Command of principal Stations.—

One to each Officer in Command of a Corps.—

One to the Chief Engineer, together with a dozen Copies of the Regulations for Public Buildings and Repairs for distribution.—

One to the Commandant of Artillery.—

Military Board Office 4th July 1798.

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mil Board.

Resolved

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Minutes thereon

Resolved that the Proposals of Mr. G. Lyc for supplying Army Clothing for the year 1799 & 1800 be accepted and that the Contract be accordingly drawn out by the Company's Solicitor.—

Ordered that the Bills of the Agent of Supplies Amounting to Pagodas 4774-38-41 be passed for Payment.—

The President is requested to apply to his Highness the Nabob for Dustucks, Authorizing Lieutenant Colonel Murray to Cut such Number of Palmirah Trees as are required for the Stabling ordered to be erected at Connatore.—

Resolved that the Military Board be Authorized to have as many Copies of the Ordinance and Store Regulations printed as they may find necessary.—

The Board deeming it expedient to adhere, for the present, to their resolution of

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of the 15th May, of limiting Captain Lieutenant Wood to the Single Station of Arnee, this I resolved not to employ him in the Repair of the Stables at Arcot.—

To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief, and President of the

Military Board

Fort St. George

Sir,

*. From the Military Board requesting that a deputy Secretary may be appointed to their Board.—

The Business of the Military Board Office has been so much increased by the several Regulations which have placed the Stores and Provisions, with other Public Departments, under the immediate Superintendence and Control of the Board, that, notwithstanding I have hitherto been able, though with considerable difficulty, to conduct the duties appertaining to my Situation with tolerable punctuality.—

and

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and dispatch; and have on that account
found to apply for any additional Assistance
yet as the new System has now taken
full effect, and involves great Responsibility
on my Department of Accountant to the Board,
I feel that I am no longer equal alone to
the Business which is to be performed, and
therefore take the liberty of requesting that
you will be pleased to recommend my having
a Deputy: an Appointment, which has been
allowed by the Honorable Court of Directors, as
well as, included in the Regulations for the
Board established by Government under
date the 12th April 1797: Such Assistance
being indispensably necessary at all times
under the present extended System, but
more particularly in the event of my occasional
Absence from the Board through Sickness, &
which, having already happened, has been
found

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found productive of great inconvenience as
it must unavoidably be the cause of delay
to the public Service —

I have the honor to be with
the greatest Respect — &c. &c.
(signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy & Asst. Mily Board

Fort St. George
10th July 1798. —

Resolved, at the recommendation
of the president that Lieutenant John
Maclean be appointed Deputy Secretary
to the Military Board with a Salary of
one hundred Pagodas P Month

Lieutenant John Maclean appointed Deputy Secretary to the Military Board with an Allowance of 100 Pagodas per Month —

Read the following Letter from
His Highness the Nabob, entered also in C. C.
№ 103. —

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the
Nabob of the Carnatick &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
Dated 6th July 1798
Received Do. — Do.

I have received your Letter of the
13th Instant and am obliged to the
Kindness

From the Nabob requesting that the Guards placed by the Commandant over the Sirkar Magazines at Pallaveram may be removed. —

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Kindness of the Commanding Officer at Nellore in having Employed Guards for the Security of the Sirkar's Magazines of Arms and Military Stores, in consequence of a tumult of the Sepoys at that place.—

My Friend! having come to the Knowledge of the real Circumstances of this tumult which was instigated by certain disaffected persons I have removed all the irregular Troops together with those who were the promoters of the Sedition, and by the blessing of God, the business of that place is happily settled — Do me the Kindness to write the Comanding Officer, to Replace the Sirkar's Guards over the Magazines as usual.—

What should I write more?

A true Translation

(Signed) A Falconar

P. T.

Received

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Minute thereon

Resolved that instructions be sent to Captain Forbes to remove the Guards placed over the Nabobs Magazines and Stores if he should be satisfied that it may be done with safety.—

Read the following Letter from Tippoo Sultaun entered also in C. C. No. 104

Translation of a Letter
From the Nawab Tippoo Sultaun Bahadur
To the Honorable General Harris
Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 28 June
Recvd 6th July 1798

From Tippoo Sultaun expressive of his desire that the Changal Poligar should be seized and punish for his rebellious and predatory Conduct—

I have had the pleasure to receive your friendly letter informing me of the turbulent disposition of the Poligar of Chankull in advancing pretended Claims to the land situated within the Limetories of the Carnatic—

This

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This Man pursues the same line of rebellious Conduct with regard to the Khooda dad Sirkar also; and having harrassed most of the Villages of this Sirkar, wherever he may be must be discovered punished, and his enormities prevented —

Under the divine blessing the bases of our friendship is established, and acquires daily Strength and Consolation

Continues to favor me with your Agreable Communications —

What more need be written

A true translation

(Signed) A Falconer
P.T. to Govt

Minute thereon

The President is requested to forward a Copy of the foregoing Letter to His Highness the Nabob —

Read the following Letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable Board Extract from my address to the Right Honorable the Governor General of the 21st Instant and Copy of my address of the 24th with the enclosure therein referred to.

I am, Sir, &c &c

(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad with Copies of his Correspondence with the Governor General, relative to his Communications with the Durbar in consequence of the Deputation of one of the Deserters from the Company's Service, in which is contained every accurate Account of the principal Deserters from Argot and Guntoor, proving incontrovertibly the fact of their being in the French Corps.—

Hyderabad
the 25th June 1798.

Extract of a letter from Captain J. Kirkpatrick Assistant Hydrabad to the Right Honble the Governor General, dated 21st June 1798

"I have though my Emissaries continue daily to see numbers of the Sepoy Deserters from the Company's Service in & M. Perron's Lines and its Environs, yet does that

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– The result was, that they discovered great # Numbers of the Men in question in the Ranks of this Regiment, but being at length recognized # themselves by some of them, they were obliged # to withdraw precipitately to avoid seizure if # not even some thing worse from them – On # their way back they fell in with a straggler belonging to the Corps which had just marched by, and whom they found upon a near approach to be one of the very men they were in quest of They found little difficulty as they assure me, in prevailing upon this Man to accompany # them, and I have herewith the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Notice Translate of the # Deposition which without the smallest # hesitation or Compulsion he made at my desire

2 The information obtained from this Man, as well as his own identity, being unanswerable contradiction to the late daring assertions of Mr. Pison's Native Agent on the Subject of

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the Sepoy Deserters, I thought it advisable to make one more effort to bring the Minister to acknowledge his conviction of the utter falsehood of them, and to prevail on him to take in consequence some decisive steps with Mr. Piron to bring an affair so long pending between this Durbar and me, to a final issue. I accordingly addressed a Note to Meer Allum expressing a wish to see his & Deputy Mustakeem ud Dowlah as early as it might be Convenient.-

3rd. Mustakeem ud Dowlah lost no time in Complying with my Invitation, and upon his arrival, after Making him acquainted with the Cause of my having troubled him, I produced the Deserter just Recovered from the French Party, together with the Men who had fallen in with him, and who each in their turn repeated their Story to the Durbar Agent, whom I furnished moreover with a Copy of the Deserters' Depositions.-

4th. In the Course of Mustakeem ud Dowlah's Visit / which in consequence of the present & Fast

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Tart was of short duration) I did not fail to point out to him for the Ministers particular notice, the very serious Charge which lay in this Deposition against Mons.r Baptiste of having by a clandestine Correspondence with a Military Servant of a State in close Alliance with one of which he was a Servant, incited him under a promise of reward and protection, to Mutiny and sedition against his M.r Employers; and thence drew an inference of the extreme danger to which this state was exposed by employing Frenchmen in its Service, who from the implacable enmity they bore to our Nation, would never cease their endeavors to sow the seeds of Strife between us and his Highness — I desired Mustakeem ud Dowlah to request Azeem ul Omrah in my name, to take the above stated circumstance into his most serious consideration, adding, that I was well assured the irrefragable proofs now obtained of the utter falsehood of Mohepust Ramis late

a assertion

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Assertions of the whole of the Sepoy Deserters &
from the Company's Service being with the Corps
captured from Kummum, would open Azim ul
Omrahs' Eyes to the unjustifiable conduct of
Mr. Peron, and render unnecessary the painful
alternative I had intimated of adopting, if
Satisfaction was much longer withheld from
me. In justice to Mustakeem ud Dowlah &
I must add, that he manifested the strongest
indignation at the whole tenour of that &
Frenchmans Conduct throughout this affair,
and did not even conceal his concern at the
Ministers having either suffered himself so
long to be imposed on, or wilfully shut his
Eyes, though he hoped (he added) that the &
present proofs of the falsehoods which he had
had the audacity to Maintain to his face, would
open them effectually.—

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

Hyderabad
the 2d June 1798.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

Translate

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Translate of the Deposition of Rusool Khan Sepoy, Deserter from the 1st. Battalion 7th Regiment - Hyderabad 24th. June 1798. -

I belonged to a Company of the 2nd. Battalion 7th. Regiment, stationed at Ongole. - a Peerzadah, named, Ale Sahib, was under confinement there: A great intimacy took place between him, and Muddar Khan Subadar, in consequence of a Cure performed on the Subadar's wife by the said Peerzadah. - This intimacy led Muddar Khan to devise means to favor the escape of the Peerzadah, for which purpose he entered into a plot with Hettumah Havildar, Verah Swamy Naick, Ghollam Mahommed Sepoy, Durveish Mahommed Sepoy, and some others. - The night fixed upon for the execution of their design, - Muddar Khan packed up all his Effects previous to his intended flight with the said Peerzadah, after which he, and the other Conspirators repaired to the Barracks in the Fort, and endeavored to incite the other Sepoys to assist

desert along with them, but as none of us were in the plot, we paid no attention to his instigations, and one of our number, named Faker Mahommed an Acting Naick even went and informed Colonel Vigors of what was passing in the Barracks. The Colonel hereupon, immediately Repaired to the Fort, where he ordered two Field Pieces to be loaded, and planted before the Door of his Quarters in the Fort: after which, he directed the Gates to be shut. Apprized of these transactions Maddar Khan, lost no time in effecting his escape, accompanied by Hurtenamah Havildar. Colonel Vigors on his part, repaired to the Barracks here he soon quieted the Minds of the Sepoys and sending to Maddar Khan's habitation seized his Wife, whom he put under restraint. This Woman under the impulse of fear, told the Colonel, that near half the Company was in the plot, and that she would point out the Offenders, which coming to the ears of the Men alarmed them so

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such a degree, that on the day following nine of them deserted, and on the third day Seventeen more On the forth day pay was issued, after which most of the Remainder followed their example, and myself Among others:- Meddar Khan, and Kistnamah Havildar, proceeded direct to Khummum, where they joined Monsieur & Baptiste,- The Sepoys also, soon repaired to that Rendezvous. I was one of the Number, & accompanied by my Brother in law Abdul Reza Khan. Upon my Arrival there, Mudder Khan asked me to take Service with him, but as nothing but fear had induced me to fly from Angole, I declined his offer, upon which, he threw me into Confinement, where after being Kept three days, finding I had no Chance to escape, I reluctantly agreed to enlist. Soon after, Mudder Khan Marched eighty of us & eighty of us, all Deserters from the Company's Service to Hydenabad where we joined Monsieur Raymonds Party, in which we found between

four

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four and five hundred Deserters from the Company's
Service, the Majority of whom were promoted to
Naiks and Havildars. - About a fortnight ago
Muddar Khan, and Emaum Khan (another
Subadar Deserter from the Company's Service)
disappeared from the French Lines. This gave
so much uneasiness to the Deserters in general,
that they Repaired to Monsieur Baptiste and
demanded to Know What had become of their
Leaders; upon which he told them, not to be
uneasy for that he had only invited them for a
time, in consequence of some enquiries that had
been made respecting them, and that when the
Matter blew over, they would return to their
Corps. - This Morning, the Corps I am attached to
was ordered upon Service - in this Corps there are
about two hundred Deserters from the Company's
Service. Happening to stay a little behind, your
(Captain Kirkpatrick's) Men fell in with one,
and persuaded me to go with them. -

I heard

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I heard Muddar Khan say one day that upon his first Arrival here Monsieur de Raymond refused to give him Service, but upon his proving to his satisfaction that he had Come hither at the express invitation of M. Monsieur Baptiste, who had sent him a written Road for the purpose which he could produce as a Voucher Mons.r Raymond made no further objection, and entertained him as a Subadar. — When we marched this Morning, there were still remaining between two and three hundred Deserters from the Company's Service in the French Cantonments. —

A true Translate

(signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
aft.

J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government,

From the Aft Resident at Hyderabad, enclosing a complete account current of the 2d Inst of Trichy 1206. —

Sir,

Fort St. George

I herewith transmit to you for the information of the Honorable Board, a Copy of my letter of yesterday's date to

Mr

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Mr. Secretary Barlow together with Copy of the Inclosure therein referred to being Account Current of Paishcush for the 2nd Kist of A.F. 1206

I am &c. &c.

Hyderabad
27th June 1798.

/Signed/ J. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to Government.

Fort William

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the Notice of Government Account Current of Paishcush for 2nd Kist of the Fusly year 1206 together with a Receipt in full from his Highness the Nizam Authenticated by the Minister's Seal for the whole Paishcush of that year.—

Hyderbad
26th June 1798

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

/Signed/ J. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

A True Copy

/Signed/ J. Kirkpatrick
Asst.—

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Dr. Captain James Kirkpatrick in account Current with the Honorable Company

1796 August	19	To a Bill drawn by the Resident upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council, payable fourteen Months and twelve days after date to Mr. Redmond Mallay or order conformably to the Nizam's Warrant, on account of Thirty Two Elephants		64,000	" "
1797 September	22	To Balance remaining in my hands of 1st. Kist of Paishcush for A.F 1206		11,500	" "
December	30th	To a Bill drawn by me on the Honorable the Governor the Governor General in Council payable at thirty days sight to Mr. George Uze, or order, in full of an Assignment granted by the Nizam for Elephants purchased by him		28,250	
		To a Bill drawn by me upon the Resident at Benares payable at thirty days sight to Bearer for Benares Sicca Rupees 11,500 for Value Received here of Bunwalidass Dewan Kadass 11,500			
1798 January	2nd	To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Barber and Palmer at ten days sight for Value Received here at par		4000	" "
		To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Messrs. Cockerell and Trail at Twenty days sight for Value Received here at par		2000	" "
		To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Bearer at Twenty days sight for value received here at par		1000	" "
	10th	To a Bill drawn by me on the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable at thirty days sight to Mr. Michael Fenglass or order, being in part of an Assignment, granted by the H.H. Nizam for Rs. 85,000		75,000	" "
	13th	To a Bill drawn by me on the Honorable the Governor General in Council, payable at thirty days sights to M. Michael Fenglass or Order being in full of the above Assignment for Rs. 85,000		10,000	" "
	16th	To a Bill Drawn by me upon the Resident at Benares payable to Bearer at Thirty days sight for Value Received here of Nobut Roy Munmoolol	8,000		
		Premium at 3. PC	240	8,240	" "

Carr.d over Hyderabad Rupees 2,15,950

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for the 2nd Kist of Paishcush due to His Highness the Nizam for A. F. 1206 ... Cs.

1796 August	19th	By the Resident's Bill of this date drawn upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable fourteen Months & twelve days after date to Mr. Redmond Mullaye or order, amounting to the Nizam's Warrant upon this Kist, on Account of 32 thirty two Elephants	64,000	..	..
1797 December	30th	By my Bill on the Honorable the Governor General in Council of this date, payable at thirty days Sight to Mr. George Uss or order in full discharge of an Assignment granted by the Nizam upon this Kist, for Elephants purchased by him	28,250	..	..
1798 January	10th	By my Bill of this date upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council, payable at thirty days sight to Mr. Michael Topliss or order being in part of an Assignment granted by the Nizam upon this Kist for Rupees 85,000	75,000	..	..
	13th	By my Bill of this date upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council, payable at thirty days sight to Mr. Michael Topliss or order, being in full liquidation of an Assignment granted by the Nizam on this Kist for 85,000 Rupees	10,000	..	..
	22nd	By Cash paid to Azimul Omrah the Balance of 1st Instalment of Paishcush for A. F. 1206	11,500	..	..
		By Cash paid to Azimul Omrah on Account of the 2nd Kist of Paishcush for A. F. 1206	22,500	..	..
February	5th	By my Bill of this date upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Muzzuruddeen or order being in part of an assignment granted by the Nizam upon this Kist for 50,000 Rupees for a String of Elephants purchased by him	43,000	..	..
		By my Bill of this date upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Bearer being in full liquidation of the Nizam's Assignment on this Kist for R. 50,000	20,000	..	..
May	9th	By Cash paid to Azim ul Omrah in full the 2nd Kist of Paishcush for A. F. 1206	1,00,250	..	..
		By Contingent Expences, for Bags, Shroffage &c.	37	..	..
		Carried over Hydrabad Rupees	3,61,537	..	..

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1798. Brought Over Hyderbad Rupees ..... 2,15,920. .. ..

January 16th To a Bill drawn by me upon the Resident at Benares payable to Beaver at thirty days Sight for Value Received here of Mohud Roy Munmoolal ..... 7000. .. ..

Premium at 3 Pct ..... 210. .. .. 7,210. .. ..

" 18 To a Bill Received this day from Mr. Ulthoff payable at eight days Sight and dated 12th Instant for ..... 15,000. .. ..

" 20 To a Bill Received this day from Mr. Ulthoff payable at eight days Sight and dated 15th Instant for ..... 20,000. .. ..

Febuary 5th To a Bill drawn by one on the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Nuzzur Ali Khan, being in part of an Assignment granted by the Nizam for 50,000 Rupees for a String of Elephants purchased by him ..... 48,000. .. ..

To a Bill drawn by me on the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Beaver being in full of the above Assignment for 50,000 Rupees ..... 20,000. .. ..

" 8. To a Bill drawn by me on the Collector of Moorshedabad payable to Haje Mahommed Ali Khan Bahadur, for Value received here of Haje Mahomed Isfahana ..... 25,000. .. ..

Premium at 2 Pct ..... 500. .. .. 25,500. .. ..

" 10 To a Bill Received this day from Mr. Ulthoff payable at 8 days Sight and dated the 2nd Instant ..... 20,000. .. ..

March 1st To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Colvins and Bazette at twenty days Sight ..... 4000. .. ..

Premium at 2 Pct ..... 80. .. .. 4080. .. ..

To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor General in Council payable to Cockrell and Trail at 20 days Sight ..... 2000. .. ..

Premium at 2 Pct 40. 2040

To a Bill drawn by me upon the Honorable the Governor & General in Council payable to Cockrell and Trail at 20 days sight ..... 1800. .. ..

Premium at 2 Pct 36. 1836

Total Hyderbad Rupees ..... 3,61,616 .. ..

Hyderbad the 26th

E. E.

/Signed/

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	Brought over Hydrabad Rupees	3,61,537	.. ..
1798			
June 26	By Balance in my hands	79	.. ..
	Total Hydrabad Rupees	3,61,616	.. ..

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J. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

(True Copy) J. Kirkpatrick Asst. —

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant at Residency at Hyderabad with Copy of further Correspondence with the Governor General detailing the Arguments he has employed for an immediate compliance with his application for the surrender of the Deputy Dewaun —

I have the honor to transmit you for the information of the Honorable Board, Extract from my address of the 29th Ultimo, to the Right Honble the Governor General, and to be,

Hyderabad 1st July 1798.

Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. Kirkpatrick Assistant at Hyderabad to the Right Honorable the Governor General dated 29th June 1798.—

1st

I have the honor to acquaint you that I received yesterday forenoon a visit from Meer Alleum accompanied as usual by Mustakeem Md Dowlah and now proceed to lay before your Lordship the substance of what passed between us on the occasion—

2nd

Meer Alleum began the Conversation by informing me that Mustakeem Md Dowlah had in his

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his presence reported most minutely to Azeem ul Omrah what had passed at his short visit to me on the 2d Instant, and had delivered in at the same time the written Deposition of the Deserter [Rusool Khan] from the Company's Service, which had been given to him for the purpose by Moonshe Azeez oollah. That he himself [Meer Allum] had used every Argument in his power to convince the Minister of the necessity of obliging Mons.r Piron if possible, to deliver up the Men so long demanded by me. That the Minister had in reply assured him, that no one felt more forcibly than himself, the desirableness of complying with my rightful demands for the surrender of the Deserters. That he had accordingly, as he [Meer Allum] well knew, spared no endeavor short of downright Compulsion to prevail on Mons.r Piron to obey his injunctions on this head That Surrounded as he [Azeem ul Omrah] was by Secret ill-wishers he was fain to acknowledge, that he could not go a Step farther than he had done, to meet my wishes on this occasion; That there were none of the Military Chieftains in this State

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State on whom he could place the smallest Dependance
except Mazeffer ud Moolluk, his Nephew Munshoor
ud Dowlah Jar ul Deen Khan and one or two others
- That the Forces of the two former were at too great
a distance to be of Service to him in the event of any
Sudden Call, so that were he only to threaten
even coercive Measure he should subject himself
to an imminent risk not only of being set at
Defiance but of a Combination likewise being formed
against him headed by the French and the Paigah
Parties who would not fail in Such case to
insinuate to the Nizam that his aim was to
Extirpate them for the promotion of his own
particular Views with the Assistance of the
English That he called God to witness no one
detested and dreaded the French and dreaded the French
and their new fangled Principles more than he did,
and that it was the first wish of his heart to
be enabled to expel every French Man from His
Highness's Territories - That it was this wish
Among others, which made him look with such
Anxiety for a definitive Answer to the propositions
he

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he had long since made for a Closer connexion
with the English and that this important object
once accomplished, he pledged himself in the &
most Solemn Manner, to break up completely
the French party when I was welcome to
Seize the whole of the Sepoy deserters and incorporate
as many of Mons.r Perons Sepoys as I might &
think proper into the English Party which he had
raised with view of supplanting one day or other
that of the French That though it was at present
really out of his power / as he hoped he had /
satisfactorily shewn / to give me all the satisfaction
he could wish on the Score of the Sepoy Deserters
yet he had at length extorted a promise from
Mons.r Perons Paishkar, Mohebut Ram, that &
the two Subidars said to be secreted by Mons.r
Baptiste should be delivered into my hands,
and that Mohebut Ram had accordingly &
engaged to Conduct himself such Party of
Sepoys as I might send for the purpose of
apprehending them to the Village where these
men

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Men were at present residing, and which was only
a few Cos from the City.—

3° Though I did not give implicit Credit
to the whole of these explanatory professions of
Azem ul Omrah yet aware as I am of there being but
too much truth in many parts of them, and
sensible in particular that his well known
predilection for our Nation made him at
least as obnoxious to the French as to the
Paigah party I thought it on every account
incumbent on me after due acknowledgements to
Mer Allum for the frankness and candour evinced
on this occasion by the Minister to let him
know that the Reasons now assigned by him for
not giving me full satisfaction on the Score of the
Deserters had made considerable impression upon
my mind, and that I should in consequence
refrain from troubling him further on the
Subject of them until I had received your Lordships
definitive Commands for my guidance.— I took
this opportunity also of hinting to Mer Allum
that

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that the best mode perhaps which could be adopted of strengthening the Ministers hands against the future attempts of his Numerous Secret Enemies wanto compliat and put upon as respectable a footing as possible Mons.r Finglas's party on whose fidility and attachment he could not but place a well founded Confidence - This Mess Allum assured me Azem ul Omrah was earnestly intent upon, but that unfortunately the means of pending that party truly efficient were not in his possession, namely a Supply of Arms and Field Piece -

12th By way of Shewing to your Lordship that I have long ago been acquainted with the unjustifiable practices which Mons.r Baptiste stands charged with in the Deposition of the Sepoy Rusool Khan making Inclosure of my last, I beg leave to Submit to your Notice Extract from a private Letter addressed by me in September last to the late Governor of Fort St. Geo Though it escaped me to Notice it in its proper place.

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place, I did not fail to Call particularly to
Mess Allum's Notice at his visit of yesterday.
as I had previously done to that of the
Mustakeem & Dowlah the very heavy
Charge which lay against that Frenchman
of Carrying on a Correspondence with the
Company's Military Servants, for the purpose
of Stirring up Mutiny and Sedition —

A true Extract
(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Extract of a Private Letter from Captain J. Kirkpatrick to Lord Hobart dated Hyderabad 5th September 1797.

I have just received the following
Intelligence, which I think may be relied on
and which I therefore lose no time in laying
before your Lordship —

Baptiste, who is Raymond's grand
Confident, and is generally called his Bouckahy
is raising a new Corps at Runguempaint &
(in Raymond's Jaghire of Maiduck) and the
teams

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terms held out by him to Recruits are somewhat better than the pay of Raymond's Old Corps, & being Six Rupees to each Sepoy clear of all & deductions:- It is intended that one of Baptiste Subadars shall proceed in disguise into the Company's Territories in quest of Recruits: for this purpose he is to be well supplied with Cash, which he is directed not to be over and above sparing of. This Subadar will of Course be attended by a few Sepoys

I am not without hopes, my Lord, of being able to introduce a Sepoy of Raymond's into this Recruiting Party into the Sicklas, or Carnatic, who may be the means of the whole being found out and arrested.-

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ J. A: Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Minute on the foregoing letters from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.-

Ordered that Copies of the Papers relating to the Account of Pustheush be forwarded to the Accountant General for his Information.-

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bombay.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary at
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay Relative to the doubts entertained as to the private Signals of the Woodcot having fallen into the Enemy's Hands.—

Although, it was reported to this Government by the Assistant to the Commercial Resident in Malabar, that the Private Signals of the Ships Raymond and Woodcot were destroyed on the occasion of their late Capture in the Tellicherry Roads; yet, as doubts have been since started here in Regard to the actual destruction of the Woodcot I am directed to request, on a point of so much eventual importance, that you will obtain the permission of the Governor in Council to call upon Captain Hannay, now at Madras, for a Specific declaration on this head.—

Bombay Castle
20th June 1798.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed R Richards
Secy to Govt.—

Captain

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Minute thereon

Captain Hannah having proceeded to Bengal it is resolved that the subject of the foregoing Letter be referred for enquiry to the Governor General in Council.—

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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

Hon'ble Sir,

Report of the Military Auditor General on an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Presidency Paymaster and on the Victualling Bills presented by the Purser of his Majesty's Ship Sangster

In Reply to Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 6th Instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency for the present Month, I have the honor to state that the Amount thereof, Viz.t Two Thousand four hundred and Thirty Nine Pagodas, Thirty four Fanams and Thirty Cash, (Pagodas 2439.. 34.. 30) is unobjectionable and may be issued from the General Treasury being required for the purposes expressed in the Estimate

and

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and passed at different times under the
Authority of Government.

2 Having examined the Bills
presented by the Purser of His Majesty's Ship
Arrogant (referred with Mr. Sub Secretary
Parry's letter of the 5th Instant) for Victualling
a party of the 12th Regiment and Coast Artillery
embarked on that Ship for the late projected
Expedition against Manilla, I have the
honor to report that as the Charges are
correct and supported by the prescribed Vouchers
they have been accordingly passed for
Payment - With Regard to the Bill for
Victualling a Detachment of the 2d Battalion
of Bombay European Infantry in June
1796, I beg leave to observe that as the
List Signed by the Adjutant of that Corps
does not specify the number of days the
Detachment was on board the Arrogant,
which is indispensibly necessary to
substantiate a Charge of this Nature, I

I remain

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I conceive the Bills should be transmitted by the Purser to Bombay where it will of course be discharged, if found correct and conformable to the Regulations established at that Presidency.—

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

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
M.G. Aud. Genl.

The Board deeming it unnecessary to refer to Bombay the Bill for Victualling Troops belonging to that Presidency on board the Arrogant in the Year 1796 it is resolved that it be returned to the Auditor General to be passed for Payment and debited to Bombay Presidency.—

Minute thereon.—

Read the following Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

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

From Brigadier General De Meuron relative to his reputed interview with the Candean Minister a Malignant fame prevails at Candia — and tenders home to the prime Minister.—

Honble Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of M. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 17th.

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17th Ultimo, whereby I am informed that as Mr. Andrews has obtained your permission to proceed to the Coast, you have been pleased to authorize me to meet the Candian Embassadors; Permit me, Sir, to Assure you that I feel highly flattered by this mark of your Confidence in me, and that it shall ever be my study to Merit its Continuation —

A Messenger has been dispatched to Acquaint the Prime Minister at the Court of Candy, that, in consequence of Mr. Andrews having obtained leave of Absence you have been pleased to order me to have an interview with him on the Subject of the King's Marriage he has communicated to me, and that I was Authorized to offer him Some presents, as a token of the Friendly disposition of the British Government towards the Court of Candy. — The Messenger has not yet returned —

When the Meeting takes place I shall be accompanied by Major Agnew, and the Spirit of My Lord Hobart's Letter

to

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to the King of Candy shall be the Basis of our
Conferences with the Minister; in this letter no
Mention being made of the Treaty of the 12th Feby
1795 we shall confine our discussions to the
Object of promoting that good understanding
and Confidence which is so desireable to establish.

The letter enclosed to me by Mr. a
Secretary Webbe the 31st Ultimo by your Order
for the King of Candy, shall be forwarded to you
to him according to the Custom of the Country a
under Charge of two Appoe Armies.—

I have been informed that many a
many people have died at Candy in consequence
of a Malignant Fever; Among whom are a
mentioned Several great Men of the Court, two
of the principal opponents of the Prime Minister
are said to be very ill, and it is further stated
that the King has caught the Fever.— I presume
that the Adigar will not leave Candy under
these Circumstances, which will give us time a
to

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to provide the necessary presents. — Should the King die other Ceremonies will be required, and I shall do myself the honor of Communicating to you whatever I may be informed of on this Subject and await your Orders. —

I send the Prime Minister two Horses which he has for some time past wished to possess and hope they will please him. —

Columbo
20th June 1798.

I have the honor to remain. —
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. Macleod
B.G.C.

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

Hon'ble Sir,

From Brigadier General Macleod enclosing a Bill for Secret Service.

I have the Honor to enclose you an Account of different Sums which have been paid by me on Several Occasions for Secret Service in consequence of the Orders of

Yr

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of Government Signified to me in Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 6th. September last, and I request that you will have the goodness to authorize the Payment thereof. —

Head Quarters
Columbo 21st. June 1798

I have the honor to remain
&c. &c.
(Signed) B. f. de Meuron
B. G. C.

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

Honble Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron — Causes of Major Kenny's Corps not having been provided with Camp Equipage lately sent to them by Government explained. Information & requesting package Money for Captain Howard & Lieut to Captain Smith of the Marines

I had the Honor of receiving your Commands in Mr. Secretary Webbes Letter of the 24th May on the Subject of Retrenchments made by the Military Auditor General, which have been communicated to Mr. Kenny. —

I beg leave to observe that when the 35th Battalion were ordered to enter the

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the Jungle against the Rebels, Major Kenny indented on the Stores for Camp Equipage; but owing to the emergency of the moment, they could not be supplied in time, and if they had they would have been of no use to the Detachment, on Account of the Rapidity of their movements through a thick Woody Country.—

The Order of the 8th July 1796 which was published by General Stuart, has been Republished agreeable to Your desire, and every attention shall be paid to its being strictly attended to.—

The Eleven letters enclosed in the same Packet, have been forwarded; they all came from a Mercantile House in Amsterdam and covered the Accounts Current of the persons to whom they were addressed.—

The Receipt of Captain Smith Commanding the Honorable Company's Ship Minerva for Captain Howard's Passage & Money

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Money, was transmitted some time past by
Mr. Paymaster McDonall to the Military
Auditor Generals Office.—

I remain with great respect.
&c. &c.
(Signed) S. F. de Meuron
B. G. C

Columbo
the 21st June 1798

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

Honble Sir,

From Brigadier General De Meuron — respecting the offensive conduct of Count Van Ranzow who he recommends should be removed from the Island.—

I have the Honor to State to you
a circumstance which has lately occurred here
of an unpleasant nature.—

Amongst the persons Resident
in this Colony at the time of its Capture was
a Count A. Van Ranzow — Arriving in this
Country without any appointment in the
Service of the Dutch Company he was permitted,
from Consideration to an Elder Brother high

in

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in the Service, to Reside at Columbo, where he married and entered into various branches of allowed Trade – His Residence in the Island has been marked by the violence of his temper, which seldom allowed him to hold a conversation without offering an Insault; – The Broils in which he has been engaged, are too frequent for enumeration – But General Stuart in an early period of his Command, found it necessary to bind him to preserve the Peace for 12 Months under a Penalty of 1000 Rupees for which he was obliged to find Security, in consequence of an insult offered to a Mr. Mafod who complained against him. –

This Measure checked for a time his propensity to outrage, but the violence of his Character would not admit of his long remaining quiet – every Commanding Officer here has been troubled with the Arrangement of Count Ranzow's quarrells and I was recently occupied with the investigation of two Complaints which were preferred against

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against him, when a process which he brought before the newly established Court of Equity gave rise to the present question.—

Mr. Van Angelbeck the former Governor had a Small Vessel in the Roads, which he employs between this Port and the Coast—Requiring Cables he desired Count Ranzow, who deals in Cordage, to make him two for which he would pay their Value—They were made and sent on Board; and, after the Vessel had Sailed, Count Ranzow presented a Bill to the Inhabitant, that Mr. Van Angelbeck refused to pay it offering at the same time a fair Price: Count Ranzow brought his demand before the Court of Equity, to whose Judgement (although by the Dutch Laws his Rank exempts him from it) the late Governor consented to defer the Cause— The Court after a full hearing gave a decision, which fixed the claim of Count Ranzow at some what less than half the Sum he had demanded, although it had allowed him 90 ℔ Cent profit on all his expences in making

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making the Cables; Against this Judgement he protested, and on the late Governor sending him the sum awarded by the publick Messenger of the Court, he refused to receive it returning by the Messenger an Answer, insulting to the late Governor, expressive of great contempt for the Court, and (indirectly) for the Authority under which it acted.—

The Court of Equity Complained to me and I saw the necessity, under such Circumstances of Supporting the respectability of a Court so useful to the publick, which could not continue to Act if its Members were insulted with impunity for their Official Conduct.— where so many of the Community were of principles adverse to every System of Order.—

On the 12th Instant I sent for the Count A. Van Ranzow and having Shewn him the Report by the Messenger, of what he had said,

Marked

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I asked him if he acknowledged it to be true? He took the paper read it with aloud voice and told me it was perfectly Correct — On this avowal I plaud him in a State of Arrest in Charge of the Civil Provost (to which I was farther induced by the former Complaints of his Misconduct) as a disturber of the public tranquility. —

On the 14th his Brother the Count de Ranzow, formerly of Council here accompanied by the Procureur of Count A: Van Ranzow came to entreate in his favor — and on the 16th his wife wrote to me on the Subject of his Confinement In Reply I told them that in Consideration for the Sufferings of his family I would allow Mr. Ranzow to go to his House, on his asking that permission accompanied by two persons to watch his conduct and prevent him from further Acts of Violence: — He made the Request and I granted it, informing him that he might Remain at home till an opportunity offered of

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of sending him from the Island a Measure which his impropriety of conduct rendered necessary to the Maintenance of Order in the Colony, and which it was my intention to adopt without delay.—

I have informed Mr. Ranzow that he may appoint such Agents as he pleases to Arrange his Affairs if he cannot settle the whole prior to his departure — His Removal I think will act as a strong warning to many others of the same stamp, who employ their time in the fabrication of all Manner of Reports hostile to our Government these, however absurd, fail not to have the effect of producing uneasiness and distrust & Amongst the Inhabitants of the Colony, which cannot but be prejudicial to our Interests.—

Count Ranzow's family under the former Govern= ment protected him from punishment and & he still seems to think his Rank gives him the & privelege of committing Acts of Violence with impunity — This very circumstance will render &

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the example more forcible if his Removal from the Island takes place which I request your Authority for carrying into effect so soon as the season permit.—

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) S. de Meuron
B. G. C.

Columbo
25th July 1798.

Ordered that the Bills for Secret Service be returned to Brigadier General De Meuron countersigned for Payment.—

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

The Board approve the Suggestion of Brigadier General De Meuron for removing Count Van Ranzow from Ceylon and will readily authorize him to do so whenever he may judge it expedient.—

Read the following Letters from Captain Lieutenant Wood and Lieutenant Colonel Bowser.—

To

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To Josias Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Captain Lieutenant Wood - addressing further circumstances in Exculpation of his Conduct in the Superintendance of the Building of the Arrac Granary -

Since my return here, having had access to certain Papers relative to the New Buildings at this Station, some of which I have reason to believe were never before Government, and to which it was out of my power to bring forward in exculpation of myself, whilst I was at Madras I now take the liberty to transmit them No. 1.2.3.4 and Plan No 5 for the perusal of the Honorable the President in Council, to whom, I also beg leave to Submit the following facts, the result of a Careful examination and Comparison of the Estimate, with the Plan for the Granary at this place from which I have no doubt it will appear, that the Company so far from having Sustained any loss by the alteration I made in the Section of the Buildings, have on the contrary got it for three fourths of its real Value, and also that the

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The construction of the Buildings as it
actually stands, was by far the most judicious,
all Circumstances considered, that cou'd possibly
have been adopted - They are as follow —

That the Estimate for this Building is incorrect
being drawn out upon 2 ft. 6 Inches Thickness of Walls,
or nearly so, instead of 3 feet, to which the
Section goes

That the evident tendency of this error,
must be to induce Government to expect
Building of certain substance and dimensions,
at a less price than in the Nature of things they
could possibly have it at seeing that the
Contract was not for the Job, but for a building
to be measured after it had been executed, and paid
for according to the Measurement and also
to believe, that in not having it so, they had
been deceived by the Officer in whom they
confided to see justice done to them. —

That the Estimate should have specified 93704
Cubic

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Cubic feet of Brick in Chunam, if it had been calculated upon Walls three feet in thickness (see Plan, Section No 3) instead of 78,084 which is the Calculation of 2: 6: feet Walls (see Section No 4) not including Four flights of Steps leading to the Top of the Building, four Massy Piers to the Gateway, and 2 Party Walls, which particulars, have been omitted in the Estimate. —

That the Building as it actually stands measures upwards of 9000 Cubic feet of Masonary more than was included in my Measurement of it, upon which the Bill was drawn out, owing to an error of a single figure in the Calculation of the superficial Contents of Section No 1. —

That the Construction of the Foundation as executed, is by far better adapted to a loose and uncertain Soil, than that which was planned, as in the first case the Offsets are all regularly 3 Inches Broad, in the last

last

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but 1/2 Inch - The Base of the foundation at its least spread, is 6 Inches Broader than Plan'd, and at its greatest spread, it is 1. ft. 6. In. broader - Consequently less liable to sink, or to turn in the Ground, from the action of the Arch upon its Piers - Nevertheless, as it has beyond all doubt yeilded to this impulse, It is plain, it would have fared much worse with a Foundation of less Breadth or Bearing, and in all likelihood the Building would have fallen altogether -

That the Amount of the Estimate, had it been drawn out upon 3 feet Walls would have been 9729 Pagodas, (See Estimates №3) instead of 8892 the sum only paid for the Building; and the actual Measurement of it comes to 9795 Pagodas (See Estimate №4) instead of 9262 Pagodas at which sum only I certified it, not including the Buttresses since put -

That Government have a much more capacious Granary than they would have had, had circumstances permitted

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permitted it to be constructed in precise
conformity to the Original Plan and Section, in
as much, as the vacuum Measures 24,996 Cubic
feet No 2 / a space equal to contain 144 Garce
of Grain, more than it would have done in
the latter case.-

That I had every disadvantage to labour under,
in the conduct of these Buildings, that
could arise from a total want of instructions
of any Kind, to regulate my proceedings in
regard to the contingencies that might occur
in the Course of the Work - From a bad Soil
From the most inclement weather ever Remembered
here / See Letter No 1 / and From Plans and
Estimates, apparently drawn out in great
haste, and without duly adverting to the very
essential difference between vaulted and
Common Buildings and the precautions
necessary to be observed in the Design, and
construction of the former Kind. -

It must I am sure be almost
unnecessary for me to touch upon the severe

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Wounds both my Character and feelings have
received in the course of this long and yet undetermined
discussion of a subject on which I had flattered
myself considering the Character I heretofore bore
in the Service, and the Silence of Lord Hobart the
late President in Council upon it although avowedly
the primary cause of his Suspicions of my entigrity,
all further doubt and dissatisfaction, and had long
since ceased. —

I have only to express a hope, that the
foregoing circumstances, which as I was never
called upon to give any explanation respecting
the Granary, I had not hitherto an opportunity
of bringing forward, may have the effect at least
to convince Government, that the Company have
in no instance been losers by my Conduct in
the discharge of my duty as Superintending &
Engineer — Seeing that had I not pursued the
line of conduct I did, the most ruinous accidents
would unavoidably have happened, whereas the

Granary

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Granary is now as complete a Building and as equal to the purposes for which it was intended, as any in the Company's Possessions.—

As the Honorable the President in Council has been pleased to declare his intention of preserving my conduct to the consideration of the Court of Directors, I have to entreat that this Letter, with the papers which accompany it, may be also transmitted to England.

I beg leave again to renew my request, to be permitted to remedy any defects that can in any manner be ascribed to me, in such of the New Buildings, as are defective previous to the setting in of the approaching Monsoon, which may do them essential injury. It would be a great satisfaction and relief to me, that there should in future be no cause of complaint of the Buildings here.—

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

Agree
15th June 1798.

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Gento

Chief Engineer

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the measurement of a new Granary, finished by the Contractors at this place. In order to account for the excess of Masonry in the Measurement, & beyond what is Specified in the Estimate, I herewith transmit two Profils or Sections at the opposite Angles of the Building, shewing the greatest and least depth of the Foundation by which you will perceive that there is a very considerable & difference (about 4 Fus 6 In) in the level of the Groundon which the Granary stands, and that an increase of the heights of the Walls on the lowest side, became unavoidable, in order to preserve uniformity in the appearance of the Building - With a view however to render the extraordinary expence occasioned by this inequality of the ground as small

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to Government as possible I took upon myself to
Reduce the thickness of the Walls from 3.. ft 3 in to 2.. 6 ft
and notwithstanding this diminution, I am of
convenced they are still of avery sufficient strength
and Soledity.* I have only to add that the Whole of
the building is of the best Materials and finished in
such a Manner as I have no doubt will give
entire Satisfaction.—

I have the honor to be,
&c: &c:
(Signed) J Wood
Lieut. of Engr.

* I had very reason to suppose, upon a comparison of this with the Plans of the other Buildings which were all planned but 2: 6. with the same span, form, and thickness of the Arch besides being pined with Doors and Windows at every 16.. 6 in. whereas the Granary Walls are Solid throughout, consequently much stronger, and they, therefore appeared more than sufficient to sustain the weight of the Arch. —

Arme 27th Sept. 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) J Wood

To Lieutenant Colonel Genlo
Chief Engineer

Sir,

I beg leave to acquaint you of the
damage that has been occasioned to the publick
buildings here, and at Conatore, by a most Violent
Storm of Wind and Rain which began on the
Night of the 28th and Continued almost without
intermission till the Evening of the 29th Every
Building in Arme has felt its effects — The old
Quarters, and most of the other publick Buildings
have

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have been unroofed and the Walls very much damaged
- I am sorry to add, that the New Quarters and
Store Rooms, have also suffered in this general
devastation - The Foundations of the Piers of the
Verandahs of the former although from 5 to 6 feet
in depth, having given way, owing to the Soil
being very much loosened by the great quantity of
Rain that had fallen in, and about them, one of the
Arches* fell in, and the other shewing evident
Symptoms of falling I thought it prudent to prevent
accidents, or injury to the Walls of the Rooms, to
throw it down also - The failure of this part of the
Buildings may be ascribed to many Causes the
constant Series of unfavorable Weather that
has prevailed, ever since the Commencement of this
part of the Work owing to which it has never
had time to dry throughly or acquire a proper
degree of firmness and consistency, equal to the
support of its own weight, the Piers and Arch
being as wet as the day they were built and to
the Nature of the Arches, which being the Shend
part of the Circumference of a Circle, 10 feet in
diameter

* The Contractor Revived no remunerment whatever for these Verandahs.

diameter, are rather flat, of course Incapable to support the weight above them, and press more the Piers — besides which there was much difficulty in connecting together the Arch of the Roof of the Verandah, and the Arches of the Piers — upon the whole if I might be permitted to give an Opinion I should suppose a Terraced Verandah would be found to Answer & much better; It would not be more expensive & equally durable, and much easier in the execution. The Roofs of three Store Rooms, and a Work Shed which were finished are much damaged, and in many places entirely untyled and were the Flat Tyles torn up, but as the Timber of the Roof has sustained no injury these damages may be easely Repaired.—

At Connatore, the whole of the Depoy Barracks, the Old Stables and the Offices belonging to the Officers Quarters are entirely in Ruins — the Quarters themselves with the exception of the two Field Officers, which being Terraced, have suffered much less, are dreadfully shattered the Roofs are almost entirely gone, and the Walls are

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in general so much damaged as to be past Repairing it
- Five Quarters lately Repaired have shared the fate
of the others, I believe it may be possible to Repair
one or two of these last - But from the injury the
Country in general has suffered, and the losses and
the distress of the Inhabitants, I fear it will be
a long time before any thing effectual can be done,
either in Repairing, or Rebuilding the Cantonment
- From the above Statement you will perceive that
it is impossible to Continue the Repairs Agreeable to
the Original Estimates the Condition of the Buildings
being now very different to what it was when they
were made. -

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Wood
Lieut of Engrs

Annexe
3d December 1795

(A true Copy)

(Signed) J. Wood

To Lieutenant Colonel Gent
Chief Engineer -

Sir,

I have been favored with your
Letter of the 15th instant respecting the Verandahs
of

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of the New Quarters, which Agreable to your desire shall be recommenced upon Acording to the Original Plan, although I must own I have my doubts of its ever succeeding I will not presume to say from any defect in the design, but because of the badness of the Ground which is in general false, and after heavy Rains becomes in many places a perfect quagmire - which of course yields to the pressure of any considerable weight more especially when the Action is not directly Downwards - I shall mention as an instance, the foundation of the Piers of the Verandahs that have fallen, the outer edge of the base of which, has been pressed into the Ground several Inches, by the oblique action of the Arch upon its piers - The Front Verandah of the Field Officers Quarters which is but 31 feet long and is considerably strengthned by the end Arches, which tend to bind it to the body of the Building, although it had withstood the effects of the late heavy Storm, has lately begun to Crack and the Pier to incline outward which there is Reason to apprehend will

encrease

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increase, so as to render it necessary to take it down — These untoward Accidents have not however happened to any of the Arches that are turned full semicircles,* because in them the pressure is more directly downwards upon their Piers — The Back Verandah of the Quarter just mentioned, which is a full Arch, although 3. Ft. 6 In. Wider and the pieces not so strong as those of the Front Verandah has stood perfectly well — This I should Judge to be an Argument in favor of a flat or terraced Roof, where full centered Arches cannot be Constructed, as in the Case of the Front Verandahs; more especially as what by your letter appears to be the principal Objection* to them, is in a great measure obviated from the Situation of the Quarters, within the Walls of a Fortress, where the theft of so public a Nature is not likely to be practiced with impunity

I have the honor to be
&c.a &c.a
[Signed] J. Wood Lieut. of Engs.

Home
19th January 1796

A True Copy
Signed Wood.

for

* Many of these Arches have nevertheless since Cracked which I can only attribute to the Shifting of the Ground beneath the Foundations as the Cracks are not uniformly parallel to the Walls, on the Contrary they are in general Transverse to the length of the Arch —

* The danger of the Roofs of being broken down for the sake of the Timber, in time of War, or when the Buildings may happen to be Unoccupied. —

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To Colonel Gent

Chief Engineer

Sir,

I have been favored with your Letter of the 7th Instant, inclosing the Copy of a letter from Mr. Secretary Jackson, addressed to you by order of the Right Honorable the President in Council, on the Subject of the New Granary at this Station, by which I am concerned to find, that a very erroneous Report has obtained, Respecting the real state of that Building tending exceedingly to my prejudice, as it implies either great Neglect of duty or an undue connivance on my part at improper Work, neither of which, I trust on an impartial Survey will appear to have been the case - The arch of the Roof has not by any means opened soas to admit the Water nor at all in the manner represented by the Auditor* of the Report who I have every reason to believe never examined the Building, It is true indeed, that there are some small fissures near the vertex of the Arch within, and there were several of

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* The late Mr. John Wynch, who wrote a most alarming letter to his principal Mr Commissary Shardon, upon the Expiration of an Ignorant Conceipt, I am very certain from daily observation that there has not been more than 100 or 150 Candies of Grain Damaged by the -

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the dampness of the Building, since it was used as a Granary

Cracks in the outer Coat of Plaster, which occasioned a dampness in some parts of the Roof more hurtful in appearance than in reality, but this is now effectually Remedied. None of these Cracks* appeared, at least not in any perceptible degree, till lately after the incessant heavy falls of Rain in the Month of June July and August last, upwards of ten Months after the Building was reported finished when it certainly was in sound and perfect Condition and wholly free from flaws or Cracks of any Kind - I can only attribute these Cracks which have recently happened to the Sinking of the Building, owing to the extreme badness of the Ground whereon it stands, which is of a very rotten spungy quality and is very sensibly affected by every heavy fall of Rain - Indeed throughout the whole Fort, the Soil is nearly of the same Kind, and in the rainy Season, water may always be found at a very small depth from the Surface - Of this circumstance however, I was not sufficiently aware at the Commencement of the Work as the foundation of the Granary was laid in dry weather and after a very mild Monsoon - I have only further to

* It is most probable that the Building began to settle from the time of the heavy Storm in Nov. of the preceding year, but as the Cracks which occasioned the dampness complained of, were what are termed hair Cracks, scarcely perceptible & excepting on a Minute inspection, and as we had had a succession of dry weather from that time until July and August no dampness occurred to excite the smallest suspicion of the Building being defective till then, when on examination these Cracks on the Terrace were discovered, which is increased some what during the Course of the Monsoon of 96 and thereby rendered the Repair I had made by covering them with a course of flat Tiles and new Plaster ineffectual. -

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to add, that the Materials of this Building are of the best quality to be procured and the Workmanship as good as is usually to be met with — and that although I may have taken a more active part in directing the Works carrying on here, with a view to expedite them, than was absolutely incumbent on me yet I trust his Lordship will not on that Account hold me Culpable, or conclude that I have in any Respect connived at improper practices — on the Contrary, I have no doubt but it will be found, that on most occasions more Work has been done, than the Estimate strictly & Authorized or than I have ever ventured to Certify more especially in those Buildings* now constructing & where every precaution has been taken that experience of the badness of the Ground could suggest to secure them against failure or accident. —

*Another Range of Officers Quarters consisting of 8 Double and One Field Officers Quarters and a Barrack for 1000 Europeans

Arnee
15th November 1798

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
Signed T. Ward
Lieut. of Engineers

A true Copy
Signed Ward

The

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The Dimensions of the Rooms of the New Arched Granary at Arnee built for 300 Garce

Eight Rooms Numbered as follows	Length in side		Breadth in side		Height from the floor to the crown of the Arch.		Quantity of Grain each room is Capable of containing with ease —	Cubic Contents of each Room in feet and Inches, A Garce Contains 300.000. Cubic Inches, or about 174 ℔ Cubic feet. —	
	Feet	In	Feet	In	Feet	In	Garce	Qrs	As Built	As Planed
N.1	117	"	16	"	16	6.	90	"	29.718	24.921
N.2	110	"	16	"	16	6	86	"	27940	23,430
N.3	110.	"	16.	"	16	6	86	"	27940	23,430
N.4	117	"	16	"	16	6.	90	"	29.718.	24.921.
N.5	117	"	16	"	15.	3	90.	"	25,406	24.921
N.6	110	"	16	"	15.	3.	86.	"	23,980.	23,430
N.7	110.	"	16.	"	15.	3	86	"	23980.	23,430
N.8	117	"	16	"	16	6	90.	"	29.718.	24.921.
							Total Contents. 704 Garce		218,400.	193,404

N.B The Rooms Number 1 2 3 4 & 8 are all 1 Ft. 6 In. higher than Planed; The Number 5 6, & 7 but 3 Inches higher than Planed — The Cubic Contents of the Building as executed, exceed those as it was planed by 24996 ℔ Cubic feet. —

(Signed) J. Wood
Capt.n of Engineer

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of Building a Granary with an Arched Roof at Amee as approved by Govt.

Cub. ft. In. P.			
78084	Brickwork in Chunam at 2¼ fan. ₹ foot	4183	3. "
24,752	Arch D° D° at 3½ D° D°	2062	28. "
4282	Cornice D° D° at 3½ D° D°	357.	" "
Sup. ft.			
30464	Chunaming 3 Coats over the Arch at 4 Pag. ₹ Pr. Square	1218.	23 41
15968	Wall Brick Paving one course on edge and one Course flat in Chunam, and one Course flat in Clay at 5½ Pag. ₹ Square	838.	13. 35.
	306 lbs of Iron Work, Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates and 8 Doors at 11 lbs ₹ Pag.	27.	34. 30
	Iron Stones, Lead, and Stone Cutters Work for fixing 8 Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates at 2 ₹ each	4.	" "
Sup. ft.			
	32 D° for 8 D. of Doors at 18 D° D°	13.	30. "
171	Two Pairs of Pannelled Strong Gates with Hinges and Bolts at 1½ fan. ₹ foot	57.	" "
192	8 Pairs Batten Doors with Hinges and Bolts at 11¼ ₹ ft.	51.	18. "
	8 Red Wood Frames for Trap Doors of 2: 6: Square at 2 Pagodas each	16.	" "
	8 Teak Wood Trap Doors at 2½ Pag. each	20.	" "
	124 lbs of Smith Work for Trap Door Hinges Hook Bolts &c. at 12 fan. ₹ lb.	35.	18. "
	4 lbs Copper Nails at 20 fan. ₹ lb.	1.	38. "
	8 Padlocks	6.	" "
	Pagodas	8892	38. 26

A true Copy
(Signed) J Wood
Capt 1st Engr

A true Copy
W. Lindy
(signed) D of Surv

(Signed) W. Gent
Chief Engr

A true Copy
Dant. Sowe
Dep. Surv

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. Manner in which the Estimate for the Arched Granary at Arnee should have run, had it been Calculated upon a Section with 3 feet Walls and Similar in all other Respect to Section N° 3 which was represented on the Plan that accompanied the Estimate

Cub. ft. In. P.			
93,704	Brick Work in Chunam at 2¼ Fanams P. Foot	5,019. 36	.
24,752	Arch .. D°. .... D°. .. at 3½ .. D°. .. D°.	2,062 28	..
4284	Cornice .. D°. .... D°. .. at 3½ .. D°. .. D°.	357	. ..
Sup. ft.			
30,464	Chunameing 3 Coats over the Arch at 4 Pas. P. ft. Square	1218. 23. 41	
15,968.	Wall Brick Paving one Course on edge, and one Course flat in Chunam; and one Course flat in Clay at 5¼ Pagodas P. Square	838. 13. 35.	
	306 lbs. of Iron Work Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates and 8 Doors at 11 lbs P°. Pag.	27. 34. 30	
	Iron Stones, Lead, and Stone cutter Work for fixing 8 Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates at 21 Fanams each	4.	
	32 D°. for 8 D°. of Doors at 18 .. D°. .. D°.	13. 30. ..	
Sup. ft.			
171	Two Pairs of Paunelled strong Gates with Hinges and Bolts at 14 Fan. P. Foot	57.	
102	8 Pairs Batten Doors with Hinges and Bolts at 11¼ Fan. P. ft.	51. 18. ..	
	8 Red Wood frames for Trap Doors of ft. 2 by 2 .. 6: Square at 2 Pag. each	16.	
	8 Teak Wood Trap Doors at 2½ Pag. each	20.	
	124 lbs of Brass Work for Trap Doors Hinges, Hooks Bolts &c. at 12 Fan. P. lb	35. 18. ..	
	4 lbs. Copper Nails at 20 F. P. lb	1. 38. ..	
	8 Padlocks	6.	
	Pagodas	9729. 29. 26	

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Measurement of a New Granary with an Arched Roof finished by the Contractors at Arnee as Certified on the 25th Sept. 1795

Cub. ft. Sup. ft.		
84832	Brick in Chunam foundation and Walls at 2¼ Pan. Pr. foot	4544. 24. ..
24752	Do. Arch Work in Chunam to the Roof and Coore at 3/4 Pan. Pr. Do.	2062. 28. ..
4284	Do. Cornice Work in Chunam at 3/4 Pan. per foot	357 .. ..
Sup. ft. 30464	Chunamieng three Coats over the Arch at 4 Pag. per Square	1218. 23. 41.
15968	Paving Wall Brick in Chunam flat and on edge, and one Course in Clay at 5 3/4 Pagodas per Square	838. 13. 35.
	306 lbs Iron Hooks for 2 Pair of Gates and 8 Doors at 11 lbs per Pag.	27. 34. 30.
	Blue Stones, Led and Stone Cutters Work for fixing 8 Hooks for 2 Pair of Gates at 21 Pan. each	4. .. ..
	32 Hooks for 8 Pair of Doors at 18 P. each	13. 30. .. ..
Sup. ft. 187	Two pairs of Pannelled Gates with Hinges and Bolts at 14 Pan. ams. per foot	62. 14 ..
224	8 Pair of Batten Doors with Hinges and Bolts at 11/4 P. Pr. foot	60. .. ..
	8 Teak Wood frames for Trap Doors 2 ft. 6 In. Square at 1 3/4 Pag. each	12. .. ..
	8 Teak Wood Trap Doors at 2½ Pagodas each	20. .. ..
	124 lbs Brass Hinges, Hooks, Bolts &c. for Trap Doors at 12 Pan. per lb.	35. 18. ..
	Eight Padlocks	6. .. ..
	Pagodas	9262 17. 26

A True Copy
(Signed) J Wood

(Signed) J Wood
Lieut. & Engr.

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True Measurement of the Granary

According to the Sections No. 1 and 2.

Cubic feet		Pagodas	Fanams	Pie
94782	Brick in Chunam to foundation and Walls at 2¼ fanams Per foot	5077	25	40
24752	Do Arch Work in Chunam to the Roof & and Doors at 3½ fanams Do	2062	28	-
4282	Do Cornice Do Do at 3½ fanams ℔ foot	357	-	-
Superficial feet 30,464	Chunamming 3 Coats over the Arch at 4 Pagodas Per Square	1218	23	41
15,968	Paving Wall Brick in Chunam flat and on edge, and one course in Clay at 5¼ Pagodas Per Square	838	13	35
	306 lbs of Iron Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates and 8 Doors at 11 lbs Per Pagoda	27	34	30
	Blue Stones, Lead, & Stonecutters Work for fixing 8 Hooks for 2 Pairs of Gates at 21 fanams each	4	-	-
	32 Do for 8 Do of Doors at 18 fanams each	13	30	-
Superficial feet 187	Two Pair of Pannelled Gates with Hinges and Bolts at 1½ fanam Per foot	62	14	-
224	8 Pairs of Batten Doors with Hinges at 11¼ fanams ℔ foot	60	-	-
	8 Teak Wood frames for Trap Doors 1 F. 2 I. 6 C. Square at 1¼ Pagodas each	12	-	-
	8 Do Do Trap Doors at 2½ each	20	-	-
	124 lbs Brass Hinges, Hooks, Bolts &c for Trap Doors at 12 fanams Per lb	35	18	-
	Eight Padlocks	6	-	-
		Pagodas 9795	18	66

The

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The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

&c &c &c

Honorable Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Brown on the subject of his Disbursements in repairing the Fort of Dindigul in the Year 1790.-

It will no doubt surprize you that at this distant period I am under the Necessity of troubling Government with Claims I have on my Honorable Employers for Considerable Sums of Money expended by me in Repairing the Breach made by our Army under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Stuart, in the Walls of the Fortress of Dendigul in the Months of August September October and November 1790 and other necessary Works and for purchases made of Sundry Military Stores to enable me to maintain my Post against a powerful and enterprizing Enemy; and which was at that time of so much importance to preserve from its Consequence as a place of great Strength And being the Chief Military Station of a Considerable district

It will appear to your Honorable Board by

&c

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The accompanying Original Letter addressed to me
by M.r Jackson the Military Secretary to Government,
under date 28th February 1791 that this is not the
first application I have made to Government to be
Reimbursed the expences incurred as above but that
the Principal Objection appeared at the time of my
application to be the Want of detailed particulars
which are now forwarded, I am likewise in that Letter
informed by the Secretary that no Charges Contrary
to the Book of regulations would be admitted. At the
time I executed the Works in question, I had not a
Book of regulations in my profession to Consult
and if I had left the Breaches in the Wall of my
Important post open until I could have procured
one from Madras (in time of War) I might have
lost a strong hold, that required the Ardeous &
Labour of a Siege to Reduce, 'tis fortunate for me
Honorable Sir, that you possess a perfect recollection
of Circumstances and Situations at the Genetive
in question which will enable you to judge of
the pressing necessity there was for a prompt &
execution of these Repairs which are principally

the

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The Subject of the Claims in question I may with great propriety be demanded, Why has this Claim lain so long dormant? In Answer to which, I have only to plead that Soon after the Receipt of Mr. Jackson's Letter herein Quoted I was ordered on Actual Service Amongst the Polygars where I Remained a Considerable time, and was afterwards placed in a Situation where my mind was either occupied by Attention to the Public Service, or engrossed by matters of more importance to myself at the Moment; — Thus Situated I can have no hesitation in Solemnly declaring on my Honor that I have never Received any Remuneration for the Service on which my present Claims are founded, And that I am Willing in whatever Manner your Honorable Board may be pleased to call upon me, to declare to the sums of money expended by me for Public Service I shall therefore submit implicitly to the Justice of Government on the present

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Occasion —

Fort St. George
July 6th 1798 —

Being with the greatest respect,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Thomas Beaver
Lieut Colonel Com.g Detachment

Resolved that the foregoing Letters be
referred for investigation to the Military Board

Minutes on the two foregoing Letters —

Read the following Letters from Mr.
John Baumaker late acting Agent Victualler for
their Majesty's Ships on the Molucca Station —

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

Sir.

From the Agent for the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships on the Amboyna Station — respecting Sundry Provisions furnished by them for the use of the Troops —

I beg leave to inclose you a Bill with Vouchers attached thereto for

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For Sundry Contract Provisions &
delivered on The Honorable Company's
Account from His Majesty's Stores at
Amboyna, during the time I acted as
Agent Victualler to the Squadron at the
Moluccas: and have to Request you will
be pleased to obtain an Order from the
Governor in Council for Payment of the
Same that I may be thereby enabled to
deliver the Amount to the Contractor &
here on His Majesty's Account. For the
Salt Provisions delivered as p Statement
herewith transmitted, a Certificate from
their Government setting forth the &
quantities of each Species, and of
their having been Supplied on the

Honorable

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Honorable Company's Account from
His Majesty's Stores at Amboyna
is now only Required, as those
Articles can be Settled for in
London between the Honorable
Court of Directors, and the Commissioners
for Victualling His Majesty's Navy; —
which has hitherto been the Rule
observed on such Occasions. —

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July 6th 1798

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servant,
(Signed) Jno. Brouncker

D.

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Dr { **The Honorable East India Company In Account for Sundry Provisions belonging to His Majesty delivered**

1796 Delivered as follows to the late Captain Mueck ..... £ s d

Commissary's Vouchers Marked A .....

24 Sept. / 19 Oct.

Bread 2390 lbs at £2.10.6 ₱ 112 lb ..... £ 53.17.7½
Arrack 747 Gall.s at .. 3.9. ₱ Gall.n 140.1.3
Rum 205 Gl.s at .... 3.9. ₱ Gl.n 38.8.9
Flour 270 lbs at 2.14.6 ₱ Cwt 6.11.4½
Sugar 522 lbs at 2.0.6 ..... 9.8.9
1 Half Leag.r 15 N.S. @ 17/ ..... 12.15.. 261.2.9.

£ 35 ₱ Ct. Advance on the above Contract, & Provisions in Consequence of the War with France 91 7.11½

Bengal Salt Beef 1311 lbs @ £141.6.10 ₱ 5480 lbs Original Cost 33.16.3¼ 386 6 11¼

Delivered as follows to Wm Jones Esq.r Commissary as ₱ Voucher Marked **B** .....

2 November 1 Bread 7367 lbs at 2.10.6 ₱ Cwt ..... £ 166.1.8.

2 Bread 10,276 lbs @ 2.10.6 ₱ Cwt 231.13.4½
Rice 23,211 lbs @ . 14.3 ₱ Cwt 147.13.2¼
Sugar 2515 lbs @ 2.0.6 ₱ Cwt 63.11.7½ 608.19.3¼

£ 35 ₱ Cent Advance on the above Contract & Provisions in consequence of the War with France ..... 213..2.8¾ 822.2.0

Delivered to Major McNeal as ₱ Certificate from Captain Davis of the Yarmouth Transport as ₱ Voucher Marked **C** .....

1 Basa, 2 Bags, or 232 lbs @ £ 2.10.6 ₱ Cwt £ ..... 5.4.7.

£ 35 ₱ Ct Advance on the abov Contract Provisions in Consequence of the War with France 1.16.7¼ 7.1.2¼

Total £ ..... 1215..10..2.

I do Certify that the Charges made in this Bill, are the same as are paid by His Majesty for Contract Provisions delivered to the Eastward without including Freight — at the Exchange of 8 Shillings ₱ Star Pag.a } 3038.3230 in Pagodas .....

[Signed] Basil Cochrane
Contractor for Victualling
H. M. Ships in India

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rent with the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy &c.
the Honorable Company's Account at Amboina —

A.

£ ... 1215. 10. 2.

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(Signed) Jon.a Brouncker
Acting as Agent Victualler to the Squadron at the Molucas

A True Copy of the Original sent to the Military Aud.r General

A True Copy
(Signed) George Parry
Sub Secry

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An Abstract of Sundry Europe Salt Provisions belonging to His Majesty delivered on the Honble Company's Account at Amboina

Time when Delivered	No. of the Voucher	To Whom delivered	Salt Beef Number of Pieces	Wgt.	Salt Pork Number of Pieces	Wgt.	Iron Hoops
1796							
24 Sept.		Captain Meulk Commissary	66	1. 8.	2640	22.	176
19 Oct.							

N.B. Refer to Voucher for Kings Provisions delivered Captain Meulk Marked A. N.1.

27 Major M.c Neal as p.r Certificate from Captain Dacres of the Yarmouth Transport refer to Voucher for Kings Provisions delivered Major Mc Neal Marked C. N.1.

Total Pay.t 132. 2. 16. 2760. 23. 184

For which Sals Provisions it is Requested a Receipt may be granted by the Honorable the Governor and Council of Fort St. George in Order to it being Settled in England between the Honorable Court of Directors, and the Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy, being the Mode heretofore observed for Europe Salts & Provisions belonging to His Majesty &

Saving

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having been delivered to either of the Presidencies in India.—

E. E. Fort St. George July 1798

Signed Jno. Broncker

Acting as Agent Victualler to the Squadron at the Moluccas

Resolved that the Amount of the 4 Contract Provisions furnished from His Majesty's Stores for the use of the Troops at the Moluccas Islands Viz. 3038.. 32.. 30 be discharged by Bills on Bengal and the Amount of Salt Provisions be referred home to be adjusted between the Court of Directors and the Commissioners for Victualling his Majesty's Navy.—

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Prize Agents for the Captors of the Moluccas Islands.—

I. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Prize Agents for the Captors of the Moluccas Islands claiming payment of a small balance of accounts due to them.—

We beg leave to enclose you a Bill together with Vouchers for Sundry Cloths, Cash &c. &c. &c.

signed

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issued on Account of the Honorable Company &
from the Captured Property of Bandai; &
Amount Balance due us Pdo. 949.-.11 Stw for &
which we have to request you will be pleased to
obtain an Order from the Honorable Governor
in Council in order to its being settled on the same
terms Government have already done for Our &
Previous Bills.-

Fort St. George
July 6th 1798.-

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
humble Servants.
(Signed) Jno. Brouncher
Chase Sewell & Chase
Prize Agents.-

D.

Dr. The Government of Fort St. George in Account Current with the Agents for the Captors of Banda Cr.

1796			Rds.	Stivrs.	1797		
Decr 7	To one Pestle and Mortar delivered on your Account to Mr. Thomas Pollard Surgeon of the Company's Hospital at Banda	5			March 8	By Cash Received on your Account from Mr. Matts. Waterloo, Agent to Mr. A.H. Vaugh late 2nd in Council of Banda, being for an Error in not having deducted his Pay and Rest pumt from the 9th March to 30th June 1796 at the time of his being paid his 4 Stipulated Allowance ----------	86. 1 1/2
Novr 6	To Sunday Cloths as undermentioned delivered on your Account for the use of the Compy's Slaves doing Duty at Pulo Aye being their half Yearly Allowance of Clothing due in October as p Voucher Vizt					Balance due the Agents for the Captors of Banda ----------	949. 11.
	21 Prs Blue Cloth @ 17/. 36/ to p pc	17. 36. 36.					
	7 Coast Handkerchiefs @ 2/8. 46/ to	20. 34.					
	10 Coarse Stripd Callicoe @ 3/8 p pc p 30						
		87. 22					
	Delivered on your Account as follows to Mr. Robert Farquhar Paymaster						
1797							
October 1	To Cash ----------	Rds 250					
Decr 21. 2	To Cash ----------	692. 38. 1/2					
		942 38. 1/2					
		Rds 1035. 12 1/2					1035. 12 1/2

Errors Excepted
For St. George July 6. 1798
(Signed) Jno Babuncker
Chase Sewell Hase
Prize Agents.

Rds 1035. 12 1/2

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Minute thereon.—

Ordered that the Balance due on the foregoing Account Viz.t 949 Rix Dollars and 11 Stivers be discharged in an 8 p.t Cent Bond of this Date at the exchange already established.—

Read the following Letter from Captain J. G. Scott, of Artillery.—

From Captain J. G. Scott advising of his being under the necessity of prosecuting his Voyage to England from the Cape of Good Hope.—

To

The Honble Lieut. General George Harris

Governor in Council,

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

The state of my health not admitting of my return from home and having Medical Advice to proceed to England, I am in consequence induced to avail myself of the leave of Government granted me for that purpose under date the 9th February 1798 and have the honor to be with due respect

Cape of Good Hope
30th April 1798.—

&c. &c.

Signed J. G. Scott

Capt.n Artly &c

Com.y Stores — Fort St. George

Cape

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Cape of Good Hope
May 3rd 1798.—

I do hereby Certify, it is my opinion, that the State of Captain James George Scott a Passenger on the Ship Lord Macartney / health is still such as to render his proceeding on to England absolutely necessary for the Re-establishment of it.—

/Signed/ Charles Bowden
Surgeon of the H.C. Ship
Lord Macartney.—

Major Clarke appointed Commissary of Stores at the Presidency vice Scott.—

The President proposes that Majr Ludlow Clarke be appointed Commissary of Stores at the Presidency vice Scott.—

Approved and Ordered Accordingly.—

Read the following Letters from

Major General Geils.—

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President Governor in Council
and Commander in Chief &c: &c: &c:

From Major General Geils — enclosing the Charges on which he requests that Colonel David Smith, and Conductor Clarke may be brought to trial before a Genl Court Martial.—

Honble Sir,

I had the honor to address your Honor in Council on the 10th and 11th Inst. to

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to which I beg leave to refer you; and I now humbly presume to offer Charges to your Hons in Council, which I request may be submitted to the Commander in Chief, and eventually, to the Commander in Chief in India - against Mr. Conductor late Serjeant Major Clarke of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery, and Colonel & David Smith, Commanding Officer, under Major General Sydenham of the same Corps - and to assure your Honor in Council, that I do not mean by this intrusion, to throw any obstacle or obstruction in the way of my own Trial, which I trust, in the justice of Government, nothing can hinder; but only to open to your Honor in Council so much of the Measures as have been carrying on against me, as may be consistent, at this time & with my Defence, - The blank in the Charge, I have presumed to offer against Colonel & Smith, I shall have the honor of telling

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up, the Moment Government are pleased to
publickly to announce their protection to my
Evidences, and who are at present, without a
such protection, alarmed for their own Safety

St. Thomas's Mount
20th June 1798.—

I have the honor to be with respect,
&c: &c:
(Signed) Thomas Seily

First —— I Charge William Clarke Conductor of
Stores and late Serjeant Major of the 2nd Battalion
of Artillery with having had a previous Knowledge
of the Mutiny or Sedition that took place in
the Artillery at St. Thomas's Mount on the
15th and 16th of January last, and of not
reporting the Same to Colonel Smith or
other his Commanding Officer.—

Secondly — I Charge William Clarke as above
with being aiding and Assisting in the
Mutiny or Sedition as above specified in
the first Charge — The whole being a breach
of the 4th Article of the 2d Section of the
Articles

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Articles of War for the better Government of the Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of England, & Trading to the East Indies. —

Saint Thomas's Mount
20th — June — 1798 }

/Signed/ Thomas Leith
Major Genl.

First I charge Colonel David Smith, Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Battalion of Artillery, with neglect of duty, on the 15th of January last — In that he Colonel David Smith being & Commanding Officer on the spot, at the Mount between the hours of Seven in the Evening & and twelve o'Clock at Night, publickly declared, on his first coming upon the Parade, and within hearing of several of the Men; "He thought "Some thing would happen" alluding to the & "Mutiny and staid at home for fear of it" — or words to that effect; and having from such confession — certain mysterious Meetings held at his house, with Doors and Windows

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Shut - and from his Regimental Orders of the same "
day, evidently evinced a previous Knowledge or "
Suspicion of the Mutiny or intended Mutiny or
Sedition that took place in the Artillery at the
Mount, on the 15th day of January as aforesaid,
did not Report the same to me his immediate
Commanding Officer of Artillery and of the "
Cantonments at Saint Thomas's Mount, or take
any other Steps beyond such Regimental Order,
and Remaining with his Adjutant &c.a in the
Cantonment, on the Evening of the 15th, to
prevent its manifesting itself in the Second
Battalion of Artillery, and thereby throwing
the whole, apparent Odium, of the Mutiny,
on the first Battalion, contrary to what
since appears to have been the fact.

Secondly - I charge Colonel David Smith,
as aforesaid, with neglect of duty, on the "
night of the 15th of January last - In not
availing himself, of the Means in his "
power, and more especially of the offer made

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him by Captain Tanner, of his Company ready
paraded, to quell the Mutiny or Sedetion, at
that time prevailing, with a part of the first
Battalion of Artillery at the Mount, between
the hours of eight and eleven O'Clock, on the
Evening of the 15th of January last, — and that
he might be altogether incapacitated to act
on the Occasion, desiring the Mutineers would
make him Prisoner, that he would become an
Hostage, and pasing his Word and Honor,
their grievances should be redressed and no
one punished, at a period when there were only
about Seventy or eighty of the Mutineers
under Arms, but at that time without any Guns. —
Thirdly — I charge Colonel David Smith
as aforesaid, with an extraordinary dereliction
and culpable neglect of Duty, between the
hours of ten and twelve O'Clock at Night, on
the 15th of January last, being shortly anterior
to my return and Assuming the Command at
the Mount, and of not reporting the circumstance
to

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to me That after the Mutineers, had at the instigation of some person or persons, not yet positively Known, a second time broke out, and drawn seven or eight six pounders from the Park and after this took place, & and after they had apparently become & quiet again, and were so far seemingly & disposed to return to their duty; That Some of the Non Commissioned Officers Among it whom were had proposed to them, to draw the Guns back to the Park again, and had actually taken one of them, as far as the first clump of Trees or Bridge, as it is called, to which the whole of the & Mutineers appeared to consent, and were otherwise seemingly Ready to follow the Example, by drawing the Remaining Guns away, when all Resistance, and consequently the Mutiny, would have been at an end &

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But that Colonel Smith, at that Moment
Called out, for reasons best known to himself
"There was no occasion to take the Guns
away until the Morning" – or words to that
effect, upon which the Mutineers altered their
Minds, and came down and forcibly drew
back the Gun again, to the front of the
Barracks, that had been taken from
them – Whereby he the said Colonel David
Smith, not only elicited the Guns remaining
out of the Park, during the whole of the night,
(which he did not report to me) and thereby
prolonged the Continuance of the Mutiny
until next day that seemed in so fair
way of being quelled, even before any Return
from the Commander in Chief, and the
possibility of any thing being effected by
me, as I found by experience, before next
Morning; at which time I was obliged to
concede to the Artillery Men in general, &
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what had been promised by Colonel Smith, to the Mutineers, in particular the night before - Namely a redress of their supposed grievances, and that no one should be punished - as the 2d Second Battalion, had then joined the first in the Mutiny and every thing had become Riot and outrage. -

St. Thomas's Mount
20th June 1798 - S.

(Signed) Thomas Geils

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
President and Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

From Major General Geils complaining, as an act of injustice to himself of the Order sent to the Commanding Officer of Artillery with a view to quiet the Minds of that Corps and to suppress the Clamours excited by an apprehension of a revival of the Subject of the late Mutiny

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbers Letter of the 20th instant, acquainting me that he was directed to acknowledge the Receipt of my Several Letters, dated 10th 11th and 19 Instant, and to inform me, your Honor in Council could not

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not comply with my request.—

It has just come to my Knowledge that your Honor in Council has been induced to write, through Major General Sydenham, as Commanding Officer of Artillery, to all Officers in Command of Stations and Detachments of the Corps, authorizing those Officers to discourage every attempt, to receive or procure information, tending to ascertain the Origin and Cause, of the late Meeting at the Mount— As such Order, if it should not have been particularly explained, by Major General Sydenham, to extend only in as far as it relates, to the Non Commissioned and Privates of the Artillery, will be throwing unsurmountable difficulties in my way, not only of acquitting myself before a General Court Martial, or to Government and the Honorable Court of Directors, but of following up

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up with Evidence the strong lines of a marked Conspiracy, which your Honor in Council may perceive, some slight features of in the Charges exhibited - that appear to have been carrying on against me, and out of which I am persuaded the Mutiny originated - I have therefore to request, that Government will be pleased, to call upon Major General Sydenham, for Copies of such Orders or Instructions, as he may have given under their Authority, and apply such a Remedy otherwise, as the Case may appear to require -

I have the honor to be &c.

St. Thomas's Mount
23d. June 1798.

(signed) Thomas Geils

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris
President Governor in Council and Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

From Major General Geils enclosing Copy of his application to the Commander in Chief for a Court Martial with the Reply and requesting an Alteration may be made in the Charges exhibited by him against Colonel Smith -

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for

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The information of your Honor in Council, an Address from me to the Commander in Chief of the 22d - in consequence of Mr. Secretary & Webbe's Summary Letter of the 20th Instant, & and the Commander in Chief's Reply, through his Secretary of this date which I have & the honor to request, with Copies of my & Letters of the 10th 14th and 19th Instant, & & wherein alluded to, may be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor General in & Council. —

In the first and Second Charges, which I had the honor to exhibit on the 20th Instant, against Colonel David Smith, Inquest, the word, Wilful, may be & introduced, before neglect of Duty, as more Descriptive of his Crime, than is implied, in barely, Neglect of Duty, as it stands at present. —

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

Signed/ Thomas Geils Lieutenant

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Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

Sir,

I have been honored with a letter from Mr. Webbe, Secretary to your Honor in Council, dated the 20th Instant, and delivered to me at 8 o'Clock last night - acquainting me that he is directed to acknowledge the Receipt of my several Letters, dated the 10th 11th: and 19th Instant, and to inform me, that the Honble the Governor in Council cannot comply with my request.-

It is needless to recapitulate to you Sir, as Commander in Chief, what those Letters contained, having already been before you as Governor in Council, or blind matters comparatively indifferent, with the principal & object in my Correspondence - I will only presume

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to suppose, I may have been unintentionally informal in my application to Government, to intercede with you, to Order a General Court Martial, to enquire into my Conduct, which you alone were authorized to warrant in your Capacity of Commander in Chief - Under this presumption, I have to offer my humble & submissions, for not having made the & application to yourself, Sir, and at an earlier day, and now to request, in the most earnest & submissive Manner, you will be pleased, in conformity to the Articles of War, and the Rules and Customs of the Army, to Order a General Court Martial, to investigate my Conduct, that has undergone so much undeserved Censure, on Account of the late unfortunate & Mutiny that happened in the Artillery at Saint Thomas's Mount, on the 15th and 16th of January last - Or that you will be pleased, Sir to forward my application, for a like

purpose

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Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the purpose, to His Excellency, Lieutenant & General Sir Alured Clarke, the Commander in Chief in India.—

St. Thomas's Mount 22nd June 1798.

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

(Signed)

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Commander in Chief has received your Letter to him of the 22nd Instant and that He Cannot comply with the Request it contains.—

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I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most Obedient Humble Servant,

(Signed) Jno. Gardiner Secy

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The Honble Lieutenant Genl. Harris

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

Honorable Sir,

From Major General Gillespie demanding, from Motives of attributed by himself to the refusal to grant him a Court Martial, and the apparent disinclination of Government to bring Colonel Smith and Conductor Clark to trial, & arguments in favor of his & Innocence, and the guilt of a party whom he charges with a premeditated scheme to effect his Ruin. Commenting also in terms equally vague and & Contradictory on various recent occurrences connected with the late Mutiny of the Artillery Corps.—

Permit me to suggest my apprehension Honorable Sir, from the Comparative length of time, that has elapsed, since I had the honor of exhibiting Charges, of a very serious compleaion against Mr. Conductor Clarke, and Colonel David Smith, of the 2d Battalion of Artillery, without having been honored & with any Notice to my Letter, or to those Charges— That it may be intended to avoid altogether, bringing those two Men to Trial— And as it was reported regarding me, that I would have been tried, by a & General Court Martial, if any thing like a Crime, could have been framed against & me, or there was not a Moral Certainty, of

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my being honorably acquitted, in the Event of my being brought before such a Tribunal, and on that Account, and on that account & alone it was suggested to you, Honorable Sir, and which you reluctantly gave into, to suspend me the Honorable Company's Service, until the pleasure of the Court of Directors should be Known, - and now, that there are Charges, of a determinate and very serious Nature, & exhibited by me, against Mr. Conductor Clarke and Colonel David Smith - it may be & resolved, if possible, not to bring them & forward, not only from a certainty of the & Charges being brought home to them, but from a probability, that the discoveries, those & Trials might lead to, would be tantamount to my own acquittal. - Under a full persuasion of the truth from that I have understood, of what regards myself, and the probability that

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that hereafter, the intended evasion of Mr. Conductor Clarke, and Colonel David Smith's Trial, may also appear to be the fact - I am compelled to repeat to your Honor in Council, that there cannot be a doubt, or the smallest shadow of a doubt, of the guilt, or Evidence of the guilt of Mr. Conductor Clarke as specified in the Charges against him, nor is there the most distant hesitation, in my mind, but that he reported, as he says he did, all he knew to Colonel Smith, or his Staff, which must fully acquit him, Conductor Clarke, of the first Charge, nor is there a want of strong presumptive proof, that he, and two other distinguished Characters, of the Second Battalion - Serjeants Gostellow and Barsfield, acted all along under instructions - which added to the Charges exhibited, leave little room to doubt the issue of Colonel Smith's Trial, whenever it

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It may please your Honor in Council, to bring me and them forward, and as I before observed, the Trials alone, of M. Conductor Clarke and Colonel Smith supposing them both to be acquitted - would in all probability throw such lights on my Conduct during the Mutiny on the 15th, and 16th January last - and which justice, seems urgently to demand of you, Honorable Sir, as I have been denied a Court Martial myself, and every other means refused me of vindicating my Conduct on the occasion - as must induce Government, if not to withdraw the Censure passed on me, in consequence of the Proceedings and Report of the Board of Officers, at least to acknowledge it, to have been altogether unmerited, and which I am persuaded, at this Moment, they are now inclined to believe, and, that consequently their justice, if the

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Act Duly has not put it beyond their &
power, would induce them to remove or
recommend to the Supreme Government, to
remove the Suspension. - But as Captain
Malcolm told Lieutenant Gellie, at a time
when he wished to persuade Mr. Gellie to
withdraw his Letter - a Letter which in
my Mind, did him so much honor, both
as an Officer and a Man - in reply to Mr.
Secretary Webbe's, extraordinary communication
of the 21st. of March last - "That Government
were determined to punish General Giels &c.
- and so long a period has elapsed, without
the Subject of the Charges, having been noticed
to me - I am apprehensive, Honorable Sir,
you have been prevailed upon, not to bring
either Mr. Conductor Clarke, or Colonel Smith
to Trial, under the insidious pretence, held
out to you, of a fear of alarming or agitating
the minds, of so great a body of Men, as that
of

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of the Coast Artillery, or that you would refer the Subject to Bengal, where the prejudice, & industriously propagated against me, has not yet subsided, and where in the Chapter of Accidents, Something favorable might turn turn up, to gratify the Views and wishes of the party.—

On the subject, of agitating the & minds of the Non Commissioned and privates of the Artillery—permit me, Honorable Sir, to offer to your Notice, certain observations made by some of the Artillery Men at a time when they were desired to be under no Apprehensions on Account of the late Mutiny. It arose out of a curious & packet, from Lieutenant Saxon, to Captn Isacke at Arnee, and contained a Copy of my Letter, to your Honor in Council, of the 23d ultimo respecting Clarke; when he was about to resign the Conductorship,

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with the reply of Government thereto.
These two Letters it would seem, were
sent from your Honor in Council, to General
Lydenham, stating among others, the
following most extraordinary reason, for
their being forwarded to him, and to which
I entreat your peculiar attention - That
he would see means had been taken to
stir up a discontent in the Corps of Artillery,
by referring to and bringing up the business
of the Mutiny, or words to that effect, and
which Major General Lydenham would
perceive, by the Copy of my Letter and the
Answer of Government, was a Matter they
thought unnecessary to revive, - as the
Subject had been brought to a natural
Conclusion, by the Execution of those
unfortunate Men - That the Letters were
sent to General Lydenham, that he
might transmit them, to the Officers

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of Artillery on Command and that those of
Officers might Assure their Men, the whole
business was dropt, and thereby quell the
Anxiety, that prevailed among them. This
was accompanied, by the Copy of a Letter of
from General Lyndham to Colonel Saxon,
telling him to make what use of those
Letters he pleased, by shewing them to the
Non Commissioned Officers, or words of
similar import, for I could not procure a
Copy of those Letters. I hope your Honor
in Council, will perceive the necessity, of
correcting Mr. Secretary Webbe, in that
part of his Letter, as extremely unjust
and injurious to me. And I trust it is
the only part regarding me, on your Records,
that needs such correction. Wherein He
Mr. Secretary Webbe, is pleased to say, "
means had been taken to stir up discontent
in the Corps of Artillery &c." Certain of
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the Men smiled, at the caution given them, and with an honest indignation said, "by God, there is hardly a Man in the Corps, that would "not be glad to see him" - meaning Mr. Conductor "Clarke" hung - and as for any fears regarding themselves, they had never thought of it, nor had any Man in the Company that they knew of. It might or might not be easily ascertained, yet I am ready to believe, Honorable Sir, the Idea of this Letter and communication originated with Major General Sydenham himself - and notwithstanding such an unfounded Report of Alarm, had been suggested to your Honor in Council, respecting the Non Commissioned and Privates of the Artillery, on Account of the enquiries making by me, for the fair and honest purpose, of my own justification Yet a real alarm existed elsewhere, and does exist at this Moment which the other was meant only as a cloak to; and to deprive me

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of the means of exposing, or of justifying &
myself

But Honorable Sir, I call upon
you, not only in your Station, as Governor in
Council, but as Commander in Chief and as an
Officer to say, if such wilful and apparently
premeditated neglect - that might have been
attended with all the dreadful and ordinary
consequences of a Mutiny, had it not &
fortunately been quelled by me, under every
disadvantage, and even a degree of opposition
from Certain Officers and Non Commissioned
Officers of the Corps, and out of which, the
Conviction of no less than Six, and the
Actual Execution of four deluded Men -
My own Censure and Suspension from the
Service - has arisen, - can in justice be &
overlooked - Or if the Charges exhibited, by
me, for such wilful and seemingly &
premeditated neglect, against M.r Conductor
Clarke

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Clarke and Colonel David Smith - against the Commanding Officer on the Spot and quondam Serjeant Major of a Corps - One of whom has undeservedly, I will presume to say, had the Command of the Mount confirmed on him, and the other been rewarded, with a Conductorship, for his supposed meritorious Conduct, on the 15th and 16th of January last, - can be allowed to pass unnoticed into oblivion. I declare to you, Honble Sir, in the most Respectful terms, that it is my firm belief at this Moment and that it will appear more clearly hereafter in Evidence, whenever he may be brought to trial; that, that worthless Man Clarke with all his Aiders and Abettors, have waded through blood, to what they have obtained, and have literally, loaded the Gun and erected the Gallows, where justice may yet overtake some of themselves, that hurried the four deluded Men into Eternity - and who but for such a Culpably wilful and apparently premeditated neglect, might have been alive at this

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hour, and in the honorable discharge of their Duty, to their King and Country. I will not advert to my own peculiar situation, at this solemn Moment of appeal to your justice, or do the party, the injury to suppose, however I may, as every honest Man must, abhor such proceeding, that they meant it to have gone the absolute length of a Mutiny, if my removal and Censure, and the disgrace and Removal of the 1st Battalion of Artillery, could have been effected on easier terms - But Honorable Sir, if from an illegal Act, or from a Wilful, criminal and may be premeditated neglect of duty, a Mutiny ensues - I leave it to your Honor in Council - I submit it to the Commander in Chief of the Army, to give a name to this new description of Crime - for which, with all the advantages, that may result from it, I should be loath to exchange, my own &

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Honorable, as this an unmerited, Suspension from the Servic. –

St. Thomas's Mount 2nd July 1798. –

I have the honor to be with every Sentiment of Respect. –

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/Signed/ Thomas Geils

The Board have already recorded very fully the important considerations which under them averse to the adoption of any measure that may tend to revive an enquiry into the late Mutiny at the Mount; and the situation in which Major General Geils at present stands, adds much Weight to the General Ground of Objection to a revival of this important Subject by bringing Colonel Smith and Conductor Clarke to trial on the Charges preferred & against them by Major General Geils. –

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from Major General Geils. –

The Motives of Policy which induced the Board to furnish the Senior Officer of Artillery with

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with the Instructions complained of by Major General Geils are also fully explained on the 4 Records.

The Board deem it unnecessary to record their entire approbation of the Answer sent by the Commander in Chief to Major General Geils's Letter of the 22nd Ultimo.

Having already animadverted on the very improper and incoherent Style of Major General Geils's former correspondence, the Board deem it unnecessary to enter into a detailed consideration of foregoing Letter of the 2nd Instant: but as they cannot consider it consistent either with the 4 dignity of Government or with a necessary 4 attention to their other more important avocations to waste their time on a fruitless discussion of a subject already under reference to the Honble Court of Directors, it is deemed expedient and Accordingly Resolved to acquaint Major General Geils that the Board cannot hold any farther 4

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Correspondence with him until the pleasure of the Honorable Court of Directors on the whole of his Conduct shall be known. —

Read the following Letter from the Chief Engineer —

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris Governor in Council,

Honorable Sir,

From the Chief Engineer — submitting a Letter from the Engineer at Trincomale respecting Works necessary for the better defence of Trincomale and Batticaloy. —

I have the Honor to lay before you extracts of Letters Written by Captain Norris the Engineer at Trincomalee, to Colonel Champagne the Commandant of that Garrison, respecting the State of the Fortifications, and the previous preperation necessary towards a good defence, which he understands Colonel Champagne does not consider himself authorized to Sanction, and therefore wishes me to bring the Subject to your notice. —

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He likewise Observes that the Topes and Hedges Ordered to be Cleared away by Government, have not been finished to the extent required.—

The Grounds between Harbour and Triplicane, which afforded us, during the Siege, so many advantages in point of Cover, he Wishes to see thoroughly Cleared— The small houses & removed and a Compensation, made to the Poor Inhabitants for them.—

The few Buildings without the Fort at Triplicane, occupied by the Gentlemen, are unfortunately situated between the Fort and Inner Harbour; He Regrets that these grounds are not more open as the Guns of the Fort sire Across to the Harbour, and the Communicaton to Fort Ostenburg would be more Compleatly Commanded.—

He likewise Notices Captain Hayes having Built a Bungalow of Considerable extent on what he Conceives to be the Esplanade.—

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How far it may be necessary under the present Circumstances, to go to all the Extent of Preparation for defence suggested by Captain Norris, or to Insure an expence, in compensation, to Inhabitants who may be only a short time under our protection, you will be pleased to judge. I however flatter myself you will approve Captain Norris's Zeal in endeavoring to preserve the place in Serviceable Condition and his Wishes for keeping the esplanade Clear of whatever may impede the fire of the Fort. —

I have the honor to be,

Honorable Sir,

Your most Obedient &
Humble Servant,

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M. G.

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Extracts

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Extracts of Letter from Captain Norris to Colonel Champagne – July 8th 1797

"I beg leave to represent to you that
"the Portuguese Bastion in Fort Trinomalee
"which is exposed to the N: E: Monsoon has
"suffered much by the Violence of the Sea last
"year – and from its Situation it appears
"to me to be absolutely necessary to do some thing
"to the Breach before the next Monsoon, otherwise
"a very Considerable expence may be incurred to
"Government by the falling down of the Work" –

The Expence of last year were
About 500 Pagodas, but from the difficulty
of getting large Stones which were before
near at hand, I cannot estimate less than
800 Pagodas. –

August 6th 1797

"Enclosed is a Memorandum of
"Trees Cut down in the direction to Fort Ostenburg,
the –

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"the opening has only been cut to half the
"distance between the Forts, and as far as the
"Moodeliers Tope and the Moodeliers brothers
"Tope, when you was pleased to order me to leave
off Cutting"

"I hope you will excuse my Remarking
"that these Topes ought to be cleared away as
"they afford a lodgement for a large body of Troops,
"and though partly under Cover from Trincomalee
"by a Small hill, yet being Wholly exposed to Fort
"Ostenburg it is very necessary the Topes should
"be Removed."

August 7th 1797

"I beg leave to Represent to you that
"the Gabions Faines and Picketts in my
"Department are in so decayed a state as not
"to be fit for Service."

"Permit me to observe, as this place
"is considered in a Military point of View, to

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"be a Frontier post, and so situated that the
"first intelligence of the approach of an Enemy,
"may be the appearance of the Fleet itself, it
"will be too late to think of collecting Materials
"for the defence of the place on the instant
"and in the event of a siege, many Advantages
"may be gained over an Enemy by the
"assistance of these Gabions &c. I now
"recommend - The Batteries must
"require Repair, new Batteries may
"be necessary to be erected, Traverses to be
"thrown up to save the Men and Guns
"from the shards of the Stones and prevent
"a Raking fire which considerably annoyed
"the Dutch in the late siege and
"discouraged them."

"The Green Work or Ravelin
"being a Work of Ten Guns is very im
"differently secured by a Ditch which at
present

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"present is feasable and also by a Covered
"way which has pallisades that are
"for the most part decayed and too
"low and of no use to the proper defence"

"I recommend as soon as
"cutting down Jungle and making
"openings through the Topes and
"Gardens, that the Trees be formed
"into an abbatis Round this Work and
"in such a Manner as to shut up the
"Communication from without, particularly
"as there is a salley port leading to the
"Ravelin from the Works - That an
"abbatis of the same Kind be formed in
"front of the South curtain and at other
"parts of the Hill that appear Vulnerable"

"Ostenburg also is much in
"Want of temporary defences of this Kind
in

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in many plaes — The expence of Gabions &
Faines and Picketts and a Thousand &
Baskets made of brush wood which &
I recommend to be Collected will Amount
to about 250 Pagodas —

January 3rd 1798.

When I had the honor to &
wait on you this Morning to pay my &
Respects I mentioned to you that part
of the Esplanade adjoining to Captain
Kingston's Compound was enclosing; as
the keeping it open Comes within the
line of my duty I hope the propriety
of my Representation for having the
esplanade Clear and the public ground
before the Fort from being enclosed
and built upon, will meet with &

your

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"your Support".—

N.B. No Answer to this Letter.—

/True Extracts/

/Signed/ Patrick Ross

Chief Engineer M.G.

Minute thereon

Under the expected Arrival of the Honorable Mr. North on Ceylon, the Board deem it expedient to leave to him the Consideration of the foregoing Subject.—

" Geo. Harris

" Edw.d Saunders

" C.H. Tabbotfield

Comp.s

G. Strachey.

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-

From Major Doveton - enclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to the Governor of Bombay. —

From Commandant at Ryacottah

From Lieutenant Wm. Chambers

From Lieutenant W. Chambers - declining to avail himself of the leave granted him to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope. —

From the Military Paymaster General.

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an additional estimate of Pagodas 27,232-9-9.

From Messrs. Roebuck, Abbott and Co. - requesting to be furnished with a Letter of Marque against the French, Dutch, and Spanish Nations for the Ship Generous of Friends Captain Porter. —

From Deputy King's Paymaster General. —

From Captain Young - enclosing Statements of Arrears of encreased Subsistence due to the 19th and 25th Dragoons. —

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From the Secretary at Bombay

From Mr. Richards - enclosing a Letter addressed to Rear Admiral Rainier

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay -

From Mr Grant - with another Letter for the Admiral. -

From the Military Auditor General Secretary at Bombay -

From the Military Auditor General - stating that the principal part of the Cash required in the late additional Indent for the Angole pay office should pass the examination of the Military Board. -

From the Resident at Poona -

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer - acknowledging receipt of Mr Webbe's Letter of the 15th ultimo. -

From Captain Lt. C. Lennon of the Engineers -

From Captain Lennon - offering a House built by him at Ryacottah for Sale to the Company. -

From the officer Commanding 2. Battalion 5th Regiment at Arnee

From Major Cotke - requesting that Assistant Surgeon Winn may be authorized to draw the regulated allowance for his attendance on the Sick of the 2d Battalion 5th Regiment Native Infantry from the date of Mr. Tait's quitting Arnee. -

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From the officer Commanding in the Vizagapatam District.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Muat - inclosing three contingent Bills for small repairs made to the Sepoy Barracks and for Secret Service.—

Received also the following Letters.—

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

Honble Sir,

For the Military Board - Bill for repairs at Amboor recommended for Payment - and a further advance of Cash proposed to be made to the Garrison Store-Keeper.—

1st "We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government's Letter of the 5th Instant, with enclosures - Also of Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 9th, and to report that the necessary directions have been given in consequence.—

2nd The enclosed Bill of Captain Lieutenant Wood for Repairs executed under his Superintendence to the Works &c at Amboor, amounting, after deducting 0. advances, to Pagodas 783. 2. 60 - having

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been transmitted to us, accompanied by the necessary Certificate in support thereof. We recommend that the Bill be in consequence passed for payment. —

3rd

We beg leave to recommend also that a further Advance of four Thousand Pagodas be immediately authorized to the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George on account of Provision Stores ordered to be shipped by him for the Moluccas Islands on board the Generous Friends. —

We have the Honor to be &c &c

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(Signed) Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
J. Richardson
By Close

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To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George.

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal - respecting the allowances to be drawn by Captain Mc. Kenzie with the Hydrabad Detachment -

Having laid before the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council your Letter of the 23d ultimo and Enclosures, respecting the allowances of Captain M. Kenzie of the Madras Engineers, attached to the Detachment serving with His Highness the Nizam, his Lordship has directed me to request you will inform the Honorable the President in Council, that the necessary orders have been given to the Military Auditor General, to admit on the Disbursements of the Paymaster to the Detachment, the same pay and allowances &c. for Captain M. Kenzie as he was permitted to draw, when attached to the former Hydrabad Detachment under the Command of Lieute-

nant

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts. —

Fort William
the 26th June 1798. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Auditor General - with Statement of advances of Cash to be made to Mr Lys on account of his Contract for Lascar Clothing for the year 1797. —

In compliance with the orders conveyed in Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to enclose a Statement shewing the Advances to be made to Mr Geo: Lys Contractor for Clothing the Garrison Store and Tent Lascars for the year 1797, agreeably to the terms of his Contract. —

I have the honor to remain with great respect, &c. — — — &c.
(Signed) W Sydenham
Mily Audr General

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Statement of Advances to be made to Mr Geo: Lys Contractor for Cloathing the Garrison Store and Tent Lascars for the year 1797. —

		F.	T.	C.		
52 Syrangs	—	40	20			49. 35. —
156 Tindals	at	36	20		The Contract rates	134. 27. —
2838 Lascars		29	20			1976. 19. 40
The Contract will amount to						2160. 39. 40
of which in terms of the Contract 25 ₰ Cent Advance is payable immediately						540. 9. 70
and 25 ₰ Cent more payable on the 1st August next						540. 9. 70

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Audr. General

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Despatched the undermentioned Letters entered in Mil. Br. Nos 62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72. —

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To the Commandant at Pondicherry —

To Major General Brathwaite — acquainting him that the Board are concerned that he did not throw Mr Loudo into confinement, instead of shewing him that indulgence of which he appears to have been so unworthy. —

To Mr John Abbett
J. Dobbin
A Anderson
John Dunsterville
A Malcom
Messrs Wright Hurst and Brunson

To the Gentlemen mentioned in the Margin — acquainting them that Government decline their respective proposals for furnishing the Army Clothing for the year 1798/99. —

To Mr Geo. Lys

To Mr George Lys — accepting his Proposal for furnishing the Army Clothing for the year 1798/99. —

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board — authorizing them to obtain such a number of printed Copies of the Ordnance and Store Regulations as they may require — notifying Lieutenant Malcom's appointment as Deputy Secretary to their Board — and referring for

their

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their examination and report Letters from Captain Lieutenant Wood, respecting the Arnee granary - and from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser regarding his disbursements in repairing the Fort of Dindigul in the year 1790 - the Boards resolution not to employ Captain Wood in repairing the Arcot Stabling - notified. -

To Lieutenant J. Maclean

To Lieutenant J. Maclean.

appointing him deputy Secretary to the Military Board with a Salary of one hundred Pagodas ₱ Month. -

To Mr. Woolf - enclosing

To the Accountant General.

Copy of Captain Kirkpatrick's Account Current for the 2d Kist of Peishcush due to the Nizam for the Fusly year 1206. -

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General.

- desiring that the Bill of the Purser of the Arrogant for Provisions supplied to Bombay Troops may be discharged - that

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a Bill of the Agent of Supplies amounting to Pagodas 4774.. 38. 41 - may also be paid - that 4000 Pagodas be advanced to the Garrison Storekeeper - 500 Pagodas to Lieutenant Colonel Gent, and four Months pay and allowances to Lieutenant Kerkwood of the 77th Regiment - orders respecting Ensign O'Connells allowances. -,

To Ditto - ditto - To Ditto - desiring that Lieutenant Wantons arrears of pay and allowances may be discharged - Submitting for examination Statements of Arrears of encreased Subsistence due to the 19th and 25th Dragoons and an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General. -,

To the Commandant at Chemandalem - To Major Dallas - permitting him to visit the Presidency on one Months Leave of Absence. -,

To Lieutenant N. T Showers. - To Lieutenant Showers - acquainting him that if his indisposition should

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12th should continue till an opportunity offers for proceeding to Europe, there will be no objection to granting him leave of absence on his producing the prescribed Sick Certificate. —

To the Secretary at Bombay —

To Mr Richards — inclosing a Letter from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to Governor Duncan. —

13th Sent Letter to the Nabob —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

entered in C.C. No 105 — requesting he will furnish Drusticks authorizing Lieutenant Colonel Murray to cut down such number of Palmira Trees as he may require for repairing the Conatore Stabling. —

14th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos 73-74-75. —

From the officer Commanding Southern Division of the Army. —

From Major General Floyd — forwarding an application from Colonel Aston for a months leave of Absence from his Station on a tour to the Southward. —

From Military Paymaster General.

From Mr Roebuck — enclosing an additional estimate for Pag.s 5,921.4. —

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From the Fort Adjutant at Vizagapatam.

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From Lieutenant P. Creswell - requesting leave to make use new Slops for the French prisoners under his charge on the same terms they were provided last year. -

Received also the following Letters. -

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

Honble Sir,

From the Military Board - damaged Tobacco at Vellore recommended to be sold off - Bills of the Superintending Engineer for repairing a Shed on the Esplanade and the Commandants quarter at Pon= =damalee recommended for Payment. -

1st

The Officer Commanding at Vellore having reported to us that the Tobacco in Store there is become much damaged from an Insect having got into it, We in consequence recommend that an immediate Sale by Public Auction of that Article may be authorized. -

2nd

The enclosed Bills of Colonel Gent for Repairs made under his Superintendence to two Sheds on the North Expilanade, and for repairing, and clearing the Wells, as well as, for replacing a Beam

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in the Verandah of the Commandants Quarter, at Pondamalee: that for the former amounting to Pagodas 230-31-8, and that for the latter to Pagodas 101-2-50, having been laid before our Board, with the prescribed Certificates of a due performance of the Work, We recommend that the Bills be in consequence passed for payment.

We have the Honor to be,

&c^a &c^a

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14th July 1798.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
W Sydenham
J Richardson
By Close

To Major General Harris
or the Governor of Fort St George

From the Resident at the Cape of Good Hope - enclosing Intelligence from the Mauritius, conveyed to the Cape by the return of Captain Loveds Squadron.

Hon^ble Sir,

Enclosed is a Memorandum of Intelligence obtained from Mauritius by the

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the return of Captain Losack's Squadron, which perhaps may be acceptable to you if you have not received it by any other Conveyance. —

I shall soon send you the indent of Articles required for this Colony, and mentioned to you by His Excellency the Earl of Macartney, Application having been made to the Burgher Senate here to make an estimate of what may be wanted for one years consumption. —

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) John Pringle

Cape of Good Hope
26th May 1798. —

Memorandum

The Laurel of 350 Tons
Burthen, Captain Foggs Commander, was
captured on the 19th November 1797 in
Balasore Roads by a French Privateer

called

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14th called the Apollo Commanded by Captain Rudel mounting 16 Guns after a Slight Resistance She is valued at three Lacks of Rupees.

The Apollo reached Mauritius on the 6th of January 1798 a few days before the Arrival of Tippoos Vakeels, they were publicly received at the Isle of France under a Salute of Cannon, they remained there about five Weeks and were accompanied on their return in the French Frigate La Prenesse which was to land them at Mangalore by a few French officers from Six to Ten and about Sixty Private Men discharged for the Purpose from the Prison Ship upon condition that they should not be permitted to return to the French Islands.

This was the only assistance which the Vakeels obtained in consequence of M. Malarties Proclamation.

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One of the Gentlemen who accepted the Invitation to Tippoo's Service is a General Officer, who has not served during the Revolution, the other Mons.r De Bye, who has been, or is to be appointed Master Attendant or Harbour Master at Mangalore. —

The French Frigate La Pre= =neuse left Mauritius only 24 Hours after Captain Losach's Squadron appeared off that place, they had no communication with the Shore for several Days and Commodore Losach was entirely una= =quainted with the Departure of the Frigate, until it was too late to detach any of his Ships in pursuit of her with a probability of success, they were not fortunate as to Prizes, the only vessels they took being three small ones hardly worth Notice. —

Captain

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Captain Losack having sent on Shore a flag of Truce to the Governor General on the 23d of March for any British Subjects then at the Isle of France, Mr Foggs lately arrived here, and any other Persons who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity were permitted to leave the Place. —

The Naval Force belonging to the French Islands was disposed of as follows, the Fregates La Regenerè and La Vestu had proceeded to Europe, and the Brig Le Coarcer had been condemned. —

La Seine of 44 Guns – at Mauritius
La Forte
La Prudente and
the Corvette la Brule } Sent to Batavia and daily expected Each —
Guerre
La Prevoyante sent to Mangalore.

The Military Force consisted in Regulars of about 300 Rank and File, the Remains of the three Regiments belonging to the Station, and in Militia of about

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about 4000 Men. these Troops had been formerly disciplined but that was discon=
=tinued. ⌐

Mr. Foggs represents it to have been a received opinion that the Arrival of an English Force to take possession of the Islands was much to be desired such were the State of Parties and the general Dis=
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=pectation of unwelcome orders from France/ whence they had received no Intelligence of a subsequent Date to the Revolution at the beginning of September 1797/ and especially orders for liberating the Slaves, indeed so great was the apprehension of its Consequences from reports that might reach the Slaves that on the arrival of Ships from foreign Parts the Men of Colour, Natives of America or the West India Islands were not allowed Communication with the Shore, so jealous were the European Inhabitants of any

Intercourse

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The Isle of France was well supplied with Provisions, and the want of Marine Stores was chiefly in Cordage. —

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Report of the Military Auditor General on additional estimates sent in by the Military Paymaster General. —

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 11th Instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the current Month amounting to Twenty seven thousand, two hundred and thirty two Pagodas, Nine Fanams, and Fifty Nine Cash (Pagodas 27,232. 9. 59), and to report thereon as follows. —

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Fort St. George

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2 Altho' the Amount contained in my report of the 30th. ultimo on the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate for the present Month included the Sum required to pay the Troops within the range of the Trincomalee Pay office, stated under the head of "Payable by Bills", yet as it appears that Drafts in favor of Individuals for Pagodas 10,794. 25. 5 £ have been drawn by the Paymaster of that Station for money either received on the public Account or in lieu of Pay and allowances to officers and others paid from the Military Department, I presume there can be no objection to this Sum being advanced from the Treasury to enable the Military Paymaster General to discharge the same.

3 With respect to the Indent of the Garrison Storekeeper for Pagodas 11,000 - having called upon him to know the purposes for which so large a Sum required

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requested he has informed me that he has received Directions from the Military Board to provide 2000 Draught Bullocks with an Indent from the Arsenal for seven hundred and fifty Carriage Bullocks for the public &c Service, and that he wants an immediate advance of Pagodas 8000 on account of the former to furnish the Mastrees &c with the means of collecting them. The Sum of Pagodas 2000 he states to be necessary for the hire of Carriage Bullocks as well as to answer any &c incidental expences that may occur in his Department in the course of the present &c Month. — Under these Considerations I presume that the above Sum of 10,000 Pagodas may be issued to him from the Treasury. —

4 In regard to the Sum required for Victualling viz.t Pagodas 1,000 I can only remark that as I am not acquainted with any orders for the movement of European Troops nor has the Garrison Storekeeper stated the Corps or Number of Men that are to be victualled or for what period, I apprehend it will not be

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necessary to comply with this demand. —

5 The remainder of the addi=
=tional Estimate amounting to Pagodas
5437.26 is unobjectionable being required
under the heads Estimated for. —

6 The Total Sum issuable from
the General Treasury on this additional
Estimate is Pagodas 26,232:9.59

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Generals Office
Fort St. George
13th July 1798. —

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

The following order of Council
having been sent in Circulation and ap=
=proved was accordingly transmitted to the
Clerk of the Treasury. —

Military Department
Order of Council
14th July 1798.

Ordered in conformity with
the recommendation of the Military Auditor
General

Further Issue of
Cash ordered to be
made from the
Treasury to the Military
Paymaster General
on account of additional
estimates lately sent
in. —

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14th. General, that the Sum of twenty eight
thousand, seven hundred, and eighty two
Pagodas, two Fanams, and Nine Cash (Pag.
28,782.2.9) be advanced from the Treasury
to the Military Paymaster General on ac=
=count of the additional estimates, which ac=
=companied his Letters of the 6th. 9. and 11th.
Instant. —

Despatched the undermen=
=tioned Letters entered in Lr. B. Nos. 76-77. —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck - enclosing
Copies of the Auditor's reports on his additional
estimates lately sent in; and notifying the
amount ordered to be advanced to him from
the Treasury. —

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham -
referring Mr. Roebucks additional Estimate
for Pagodas 5921. 4. —

16th Received the following Letter
from Rear Admiral Rainier. —

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

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Honble Sir,

From Rear Admiral Rainier - with extract of his Letter to the Governor General respecting the intended distribution of his Squadron - is desirous that the Bombay Frigate should join him with a view to her being despatched to Bombay.

I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 29th ultimo, covering copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Ramsay dated India House 1st November 21. 1797, addressed to the Govern-
-ment of Bombay, whose contents do not appear to require any particular attention for the present.

I am happy to observe that I had anticipated your suggestions res-
-pecting the Cruize off the Mauritius; having on the 29th ultimo despatched the Victorious with orders of recall to Captain Osborn; the misfortune since befallen to

the

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16th the Centurion has compelled me also to &c.
withdraw those Ships from a Cruize I had
projected for them against the Enemy in the
Streights of Sunda: the enclosed Extract of
my Letter to His Excellency the Governor
General will fully explain my intention res=
=pecting the future employment of His &c.
Majesty's Squadron, with a view to the &c.
several objects therein pointed out, which I
flatter myself will answer every purpose
expected from them, provided it meets the
concurrence of the Supreme Government,
and have only to add that His Majesty's
Ships Arrogant and Fox proceeded to their
Station the 10th instant. &c.

From the dis-appointment
the Bombay Government have at times
expressed in the absence of the Honorable
Company's Cruizer the Bombay, have &c.
every with she should be disposed of
as

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as they requeire; and as it is absolutely necessary to send His Majesty's Ships Conveision to Dock at that place, I hope it will be convenient for the Bombay to sail in Company with her from hence, for fear of accidents, by the outward passage, and that you will please give the Commander orders accordingly. —

I have the honor to remain,

Suffolk Trincomonale
July 11th 1798. —

&c.ª — — — — &c.ª

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Extracts of a Letter from Rear Admiral Rainier addressed to His Excellency the Earl of Mornington - Governor General in Council Fort William, dated Suffolk Trincomonale July 9th 1798. —

My Lord,

I am now to inform your Lordship of the particular plan I have marked

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16th marked out for the employment of His
Majesty's Ships under my Command for
the rest of the present and part of the ensuing
Season; which exclusive of what is here=
=after mentioned respecting the China Convoy
consists in detaching a part of them im=
=mediately to cruize in the Streight of
Malacca, keeping the remainder with
me on this Coast, as stated in the Margin,
excepting the Orpheus who is sailed to her
Station at the Spice Islands with the
Honorable Company's Cruizer Swift.

To the Streights of Malacca
Arrogant
Fox
Carnatic
Fort
For the Coast
Suffolk
Victorious
Trident
La Virginie

There is no reason at present
to apprehend any Hostile equipment being
in motion in Europe to attack the British
Settlements in this Country; And the
fears of any from the French Islands,
which so lately existed and took their rise
in the events that followed the appearance

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16th. of La Prenease French Frigate on the Malabar Coast, may from very recent intelligence received from the Mauritius be looked upon as entirely removed and therefore am of opinion there will be no occasion for the Services of His Majesty's Ships during the S.W. Monsoon on that Coast, which till November is subject to tempestuous Gales of Wind; it being as impossible to send a Man of War on every requisition, as imprudent to do it at the hazard of their Safety when no real danger threatens; altho I shall ever regard it as an object to prevent, as far as lies in my power, the Enemy's Cruizers from molesting the Trade of that Coast, and affording a confidence to their Friend Tippoo Sultan. — But conclude your Lordships will think with me that, con=

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consistent with the present Strength of
His Majesty's Squadron in India, and
the Services required of it, the movement
of that part remaining with me, or a
detachment thereof, to the Malabar Coast
towards the Month of November, will be
every way adequate to the protection and
defence of that Coast, and that of Ceylon on
the other side Point Dondra for a time
hereafter to be determined. —

The most embarrassing
circumstance which offers is founded on
the necessity of affording a detachment
of as great force as can well be spared
from hence to protect the Trade of the
Honorable Company, and Individuals
to, at, and from China against the Spanish
Naval Force at Manilla, so conveniently
situated for its annoyance, and being

moreover

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moreover nearly equal to that under my Command at present fit for Service. — Should the Commanding officer of the French Frigates be induced to act in concert with them, a circumstance not unlikely to happen, the danger to that Trade will be considerably augmented.

In order to be under an absolute certainty of reaching Macao by the direct passage His Majesty's Ships must leave Malacca between the middle and the end of next Month; and I strongly recommend the Honorable Company's Ships lately arrived at Bombay sailing with them if they can be got ready. — Most of the Country Trade are already gone and generally leave China to return to India towards the 10th of November. —

I shall therefore propose to your Lordship to dispatch His Majesty's Ships Fox and Carysfort from Malacca

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to China with such Ships as may choose to take advantage of their protection; to return with the early Country Ships, & taking an opportunity to dash out in the commencement of the N.E. Monsoon & when the Spaniards will by the tem= =pestuous state of the Weather at that & Season, and the experience of their late & disaster, be intimidated from venturing their Squadron to Sea. — It will I con= =ceive be time enough to determine on the proper Force to send to China, for the convoy of the Honorable Company's homeward bound Ships, by the information I may receive on their arrival from thence at Malacca or Prince of Wales Island.— It is highly probable the Supracargoes may be encouraged by the protection of the Two Frigates to dispatch with them

such

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Such of the Company's large Ships as they can get laden by that time, which will add to the Strength of the Convoy, and eventually promote the interest of their Honorable Employers —

Should it happen, as it did last year with four of the Honorable Company's Ships from Bombay, that any more should be on their voyage to China after the commencement of the NE Mon= =soon they may avail themselves of the pro= =tection of the second Convoy, and be there in time to sail for Europe with the Fleet; as was the case with the above Ships, althó they did not leave the Coast of Malabar till the beginning of November — By this period also the Centurion, and La Sybelle may be presumed to be in a condition for Service. —

True Extracts.
(Signed) John Valrent
Deputy Secretary

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Sent the following Letters --

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

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 11th Instant, communicating the disposition which you have made of his Majesty's Ships under your Command, for which we beg leave to offer our acknowledgements to your Excellency. —

To Rear Admiral Rainier - in reply to the foregoing Letter -

The immediate exegency of the Service has compelled us to dispatch the Bombay Cruizer to Bengal, which will render it impossible for her to go with His Majesty's Ship Centurion to the other Coast: it is however still our determination to dispatch her to Bombay upon her return to this Presidency. —

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

Fort St. George
16th July 1798. —

(Signed) Geo: Harris &c
Council &c —

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To Major General Geils

Sir,

To Major General Geils - acquainting him that Government will hold no further correspondence with him till the pleasure of the Court of Directors on his Conduct shall be known. —

I am directed to acquaint you that your several Letters of 20th - 23d 26th Ultimo. and 3d Instant have been received. —

The peculiar manner in which you have addressed yourself to the Honorable the Governor in Council in your last Letter abovementioned renders it incumbent upon him, and I have accordingly his directions to inform you that no letter will in future be received from you until the Court of Directors have decided on your situation. —

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

Fort St. George
15th July 1798. —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob —

Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in C C No 106 - acquainting him that orders

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orders have been sent to the Commanding Officer at Nellore to remove the guards placed over His Majesty's Magazines and Stores at that place - and enclosing copy of Tip= =poo Sultaun's Letter respecting the Chargul Poligar. -

Despatched the under= -mentioned Letters entered in Mil. Nos. 78 - 79-80-81-82-83-84. -

To the Agent for the Contractor for Victualling the Navy at the Moluccas. -

To Mr. Broucher - acquaint= -ing him that he will be furnished with a Certificate for the Salt Provisions issued from his Stores for the use of the Troops at the Moluccas Islands with a view to the account being adjusted in England - and that the Bill for the other provisions will be discharged. -

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - desiring that the Surplus of the off-reckon= =ing Fund for the year 1796 (Pr. 643.23.40

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may be paid to Captain Lieutenant Brudenell--

To the Com=mandant at Nellore--

To Captain Forbes - desiring that the Guards placed by him over the ? Nabobs Magazines and Stores may be ? removed; if he is satisfied it may be done with Safety. →

To the Prize Agents for the Captors of the Moluccas Islands - informing them that the Balance due on the account sent in by them on the 6th. Instant will be discharged by an 8 ℘ Cent Bond. →

To the Secretary at Bengal--

To Mr. Barlow - requesting that enquiry may be made of Captain Hannay whether or not the Woodcotts private Signals have fallen into the enemy's hands. →

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To the officer com=manding on Ceylon -

To Brigadier General De Meuron - authorizing him to remove Coud. Van Rangen from the Island; and return=ing his contingent Bills countersigned for payment. →

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To the Collectors in the Circars-

To the Collectors at Masulipatam Vizagapatam Ganjam and Guntoor Circar. - desiring them to report what quantity of Paddy can be collected at the most convenient Ports for Exportation in their respective districts upon the change of the Monsoon. -

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Received and sent the under= =mentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos 85-86-

From Military Paymaster General. From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 4666.15.1-

To the Military Auditor General. - To Major General Sydenham = referring the above estimate for Examination. -

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris Governor - President. -

Edward Saunders and Ernst William Fallofield } Esqres

Tuesday 17th July 1798. -

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved. -

Read

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Read the following Letter from the Secretary at Bengal. —

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

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal stating the legal objections still urged by the Advocate General to a further Issue of promissory Notes to the Prize Agents for the Captors of Columbo. —

By direction of the Right Honorable the Governor General, I transmit a Copy of a Letter from the Advocate General in consequence of a reference of Mr. Sub Secretary Parry's Letter of the 28th April with its enclosures and to request you will lay the same before the Governor in Council, as containing the grounds on which he finds himself under the necessity of postponing a compliance with the Agents' application for a further issue of Notes, until the objections to the issue of them as stated by the Advocate General, shall have been removed. —

Fort William
the 20th June 1798. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secy

To

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To John Stracey Esqr.
Sub Secretary Political Department

Sir:

1 I have received your Letter of the 28th of last Month, enclosing one addressed to Mr. Secretary Barlow by the Sub Secretary at Fort St. George, and communicating to me the commands of the Governor General in Council, by which my opinion is required on the following question, namely, whether there appears to be any objection to his Lordship's ordering, that eight P Cent promissory Notes, equal in value to Rix Dollars 3,21,065. the Amount of the Dutch paper cancelled in Ceylon, be issued to the Prize Agents of the Captors of Columbo.

2 For the purpose of enabling me to reply to that question, I have been under the necessity of obtaining from Mr. Secretary Barlow, the Articles of Capitulation agreed

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to on the Surrender of Columbo and the se-
veral other papers, which have been from
time to time referred to me on that Subject;
And as I cannot say, that I think the docu-
-ments which have been transmitted from
Ceylon and Fort St. George are as yet as per-
-fectly satisfactory and free from all doubt,
as they might have been, and as the Govern-
-ment of Fort St. George appears to consider
them, I shall beg leave to state the reasons
which still induce me to hesitate in re-
-commending such an issue of Eight per
Cent Notes, as the Prize Agents desire.

3 By the Sixth Article of the
Capitulation it is recited, that the Dutch
Company had been in the habit of borrow-
-ing money upon Interest from their
Servants and other Inhabitants of the Island,
and that when in want of ready Cash,
they had issued certain promissory Notes,

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or circulating paper, called Kredit Brawen, to the Amount of about five Lacks of Rix Dol= =lars (of which however says this Article, at least an half is in the Treasury) with a promise to realize the same. After this recital, and with a view to spare and protect the private property of Such persons as were proprietors of the Dutch Company's Securities, it was provided by the Article in question, that the English Government of Ceylon should take up the Dutch promissory notes, which were still in circulation, provided they did did not exceed the Sum of Fifty thousand pounds, and should issue certain Certificates, described by the Capitulation, in lieu of them, and upon the terms and conditions it specifies.

4 Subsequent to the Surrender of Columbo this Government entered into an Agreement with the Proze Agents of the forces employed in the reduction of that Fortress

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fortress, for the purchase of a large quantity of Spices and other Merchandize which was claimed as the Booty of the Captors: By this Agreement the Company were to pay for those Spices and other Articles, in eight per Cent promissory Notes, to be issued here, and as it was at least doubted, whether the produce of the captured property ought not in the first instance to be applied in payment of the paper debt, for which the Company were to be responsible by the issue of their Certificates, according to the sixth Article of the Capitulation, it was agreed, that so many of those eight per Cent Notes as should be equal in value to the Amount of the Ceylon paper debt, for which the Company were so to become responsible, should remain in deposit at this presidency, as an indemnification to the Company, until a general peace, or other public events, should determine how that debt was to be discharged.

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5 For the purpose of carrying into effect the 6th Article of the Capitulation, as well as of ascertaining the precise Amount of the 3 ₱ Cent Notes to be reserved in deposit here, it become necessary to ascertain the amount of the Dutch paper, which at the time of the Surrender of Columbo actually existed, as a subsisting debt of the Dutch Company - and as it did not appear, as clearly and fully as it might, whether that part of the Dutch paper, which was stated to be in the Treasury of Columbo, was or was not a subsisting part of the debt, it was thought advisable, when the first issue of eight ₱ Cent Notes to the Prize Agents took place, to reserve as many as were equal in value to the whole Amount of the Dutch paper then stated to be in existence, as well that part which was actually in circulation, and in the hands of private proprietors, as that which was in

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the Treasury at Columbo, or in possession of public Officers elsewhere. —

6 The reasons for reserving so much were stated at large, in a letter addressed by me to Mr Secretary Barlow, in the Month of June last, when he was first directed to obtain my opinion on the Subject, and were again repeated, in another Letter which I also addressed to Mr. Secretary Barlow, in the Month of October following. To those letters, I now beg leave to refer; and as it does not appear to me that the investigation of the Dutch Company's Books suggested by them, for the purpose of ascertaining, clearly and precisely, whether the Dutch paper found in the Treasury of Columbo, and in the hands of certain public Officers under the Dutch Government, at the time of the Capitulation, was, or was not, a subsisting part of the debt, I cannot say, that

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all objection to an order for a further issue of 8 eight per Cent Notes, equal in value to Rix Dollars 3,21,065, the Amount of the Dutch paper which has been actually cancelled in Ceylon, is in my mind done away. —

7 That the paper found in the Treasury and in the hands of publick officers, at the time of the Surrender of Columbo, was not a part of the subsisting debt is I think highly probable; It might have been issued and subsequently discharged by the Dutch Government, or it might have been prepared for the purpose of raising Money, but not have been actually issued, previous to the Surrender: But as it does not appear to have been cancelled by the Dutch before that event, and is not stated to have been issued and discharged or to have been merely pre= =pared for issuing, and as it is at least 8 possible, that it might have been held in

deposit

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deposit, for the use of private proprietors, who might have pledged it as Security for per=
=formance of contracts, or put it into the Custody of the public Officers, for various purposes and with various views, tho' their property in it still continued, I cannot but think it ad=
=visable, for the reasons stated in my former letters on the Subject, that the investigations those letters suggested, should still be made. The result may very reasonably be expected to be, that the paper which was in the Treasury and in the hands of public Officers, when the Surrender took place, will appear not to have been then any part of the subsisting debt, and consequently that it has been justly and rightfully cancelled, under the orders transmitted to Ceylon by the Government of Fort St. George -- But as the actual cancellation, which had taken place

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under those orders, neither can, or ought to be put an end to, all claims, unless the right so to cancel really exists, I still continue to think, that right ought, if possible, to be fully ascertained, before the Company parts with the only effectual security against any future demands. —

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According to your desire I return you inclosed the several papers, which accompanied your Letter on this Subject, and have only to add that

I am, &c. — &c.

Calcutta
June 4th 1798. —

(Signed) H. Burroughs
Advocate General

A true Copy
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

Minute on the foregoing Letter from Bengal. —

Ordered that copy of the foregoing letter be transmitted to Brigadier General de Meuron with directions to take such

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such Steps as appear to him best calculated to remove the objections still urged against the farther issue of promissory notes. —

To prevent the inconvenience which may be felt by the tribunals of Justice at Pondicherry during the absence of General Brathwaite, the President pro= =poses that the following Order of Council, drawn up by the Attorney General to pro= =vide for the case, be adopted and transmit= =ted to Pondicherry. —

The President submits to the Board, —

Fort St. George the Seventeenth day of July 1798. —

In Council

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Geo: Harris

President

Edward Saunders

and

Ernst William Talloficld } Esquires

The

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An Order of Council providing that the Event of Major General Brathwaite's absence from Pondicherry on Service, the Duties attached to the Commanding officer, in the Court of Revision and Tribunal of the Administrators shall devolve upon the Collector of the Pondicherry District

The Honorable the President in Council having revised the Regulations of the 30th day of May 1797 for reforming the Court of the Superior Council and the Choultry Court at Pondicherry for putting the Police of that Town under the immediate charge of the Commandant of the Garrison and for establishing a Court of Revision and demier Report for the decision of all Requetes Civiles, and Requetes en Cassation, and also for establishing a Tribunal of the Administrators for the Trial of all Civil Causes between Foreigners and the European Inhabitants of that Settlement; and finding that the said Regulations make no provision for the due execution of the several trusts thereby reposed in the Commandant, during such time, as he may be absent in the field, or on other publick Service, or during the vacancy of that Office; and seeing the necessity of remedying the said defect is pleased to order and direct that of

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during the absence of the Commandant of the Garrison of Pondicherry in the field or on other public service, and during any vacancy of that office, all and every of the Powers and authorities vested in the said Commandant by the said Regulations shall be vested in, and exercised by the Collector taking before he shall sit or act as a Judge of the said Court of Revision or of the said Tribunal of the Administrators, the oaths required by the said Regulations to be taken by the Judges of the said Courts. And the said Honorable the President in Council is further pleased to order and direct that this remedial Regulation shall be registered in the Superior Council of Pondicherry in the same manner as Ordinances and Regulations have at any time heretofore been registered therein. —

By Order of the Hon'ble the President in Council —

Ordered

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Agreed to & Ordered accordingly. —

The foregoing Order approved by the Board. —

Ordered also that the Collector Mr. Taylor be informed of the foregoing Order. —

Read the following letter from General Brathwaite. —

To Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major General Brathwaite recommending that Mr. Cailland be removed from the office of procureur General — Circum= =stances leading to this recommenda= =tion detailed. —

When the several Tribunals here were last year arranged and adjusted, I was in great hopes I should never again be obliged to divert the attention of Government from its many important occupations to the irregularities of this place, but the very extraordinary and unbecoming conduct of Mr. Cailland the Procureur General, and his obstinate per= =severance in what he acknowledges to be wrong, renders it necessary for me to request you to lay the case before Government, with my impartial opinion that he should be removed from his Employ, being well

convinced

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convinced from the malevolence and stub=
=bornness, which he has manifested upon this
occasion, that so long as he remains in the
Sovereign Council there will be a continued
scene of discussion, confusion, and imbe=
=cility, for such must be the case so long as
the Procureur General, whose duty it is to
support Government and the Laws, studies
only to render himself popular among the
discontented and seditious - -

The present case is as
follows; one Gordell an Inhabitant of this
Town, who professes to be a Watch Maker
or mender, a Man who has been notorious
for carrying as far as he could the late prin=
=ciples of insubordination founded upon false
notions of equality and the rights of Men, a
notion which he carried so far I have been
informed as to cut off the Silver Badges worn
by General Chermont's Peons on the public

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Parade a little while before we took the
place, declaring with a loud voice that they
were the marks of distinction and preemi-
-nence which no good Citizen should allow
another to assume, and for which act he was
applauded by a Majority of the good Citizens-
-this Man continually actuated by this
perverse infatuated idea of liberty has upon
many occasions since been as troublesome
as he well could be under a new Government
although in consequence of a severe chastise-
-ment given to him by General Floyd, he
has latterly behaved well, till not long since
he stepped forward as the Volunteer Advocate
of a Widow Woman, whom he seduced into
a most redicudous prosecution of Lieutenant
Colonel Marchand, whom he wished to
insult and disgrace as he was one whom he
was pleased to term an Aristocrate, and one
from whom the Woman under his persuasion

expected

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expected to recover considerable damages. It
seems a little Boy the Son of this Widow about
five years old; was accustomed to go to the
House of Lieutenant Colonel Marchand to play
with his Children, and the Lieutenant Colonel
used to give him his victuals and be very
attentive to him, but one day missing his
Stock and a Gold Buckle in it, and suspecting
this little Boy of having taken it; he interr-
-rogated him and from the contradictory
answers of the Child was more and more
confirmed in his suspicion though he flatly
denied it, and he ordered his servant to break
off a small green branch of a tree which he
held over the Child threatning him, and gave
him a stroke or two with it over the Shoulders,
upon which the Child acknowledged that he
had taken the Stock and Stock Buckle from
under the pillow of the Couch and carried it to
his Mother, and he by lifting up the Pillow
of the Couch shewed this manner in which he

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had done it, upon this Lieutenant Colonel Marchand keeping the Child sent a Peon to the Mother to demand the Buckle, the Woman flatly denied the matter, and immediately this Gardell stepped forward and abused Lieutenant Colonel Marchand in the grossest terms calling him an Aristocratic Tyrant, an oppressor of the Widow and Orphan, and I dont know what, and presented a laboured requette to the Council against him demanding justice and protection for the helpless Widow and Orphan, accusing Lieutenant Colonel Marchand of having put an innocent Infant to the Torture in order to make it confess guilt and blast the character of an honest Parent - the Council had some doubts whether they should not reject the matter altogether as evidently vexatious and frivolous, but Lieutenant Colonel Marchant against whom Gardell had poured forth the most insulting and injurious

language

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language desired that the business might be thoroughly investigated, and on this ground I was of the same opinion. In the course of this proceeding Gordell thought it necessary to throw in a very curious remonstrance objecting to the testimony of several respectable persons who had appeared as Testimonies of the general Character of Lieutenant Colonel Marchand, and to some who had spoke to the particular fact with which he had been charged, all of whom declared that the chastisement, if such it could be called, that had been given to the Child was no more than such as the most tender Parent would have given to a Child of that age supposed to be telling a lie, among others he in very strong and injurious terms objected to a Lieutenant Le Febure an assistant to the Superintendent of the Police, and a young Gentleman of excellent Morals and Temper, and of most unexceptionable character, on him he heaped every epithet that was

atrocious.

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atrocious and bad - the young Gentleman
heard of this and applied to me to punish
this Man as he deserved, I told him that
in my opinion he would do well to prosecute
the Man in the very same Court where
he had exhibited this libel, which no doubt
would grant him redress that as it was
a matter before the Court I did not wish
to interfere, but that I would consult the
the Procureur General, and that when
I knew his opinion he should hear from
me - and I immediately sent for Mr. T.
Caillaud and stated the case to him and
desired his opinion; and he gave it as
his opinion that Lieutenant Le Tebure
should complain to the Court of the in=
=jurious language used by the Prosecutor
of Lieutenant Colonel Marchand toward
him, and petition for redress - and that
the Court would undoubtedly give him
redress

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redress.—I therefore sent to Lieutenant Le Febure to act accordingly—And when the Court according to usage called upon the Procureur General for his conclusion on the case, which I send enclosed under N.2 you will observe that although he declares the language used by Gardell to be injurious to Lieutenant Le Febure he does not recommend any reparation for this declared injury, as is usual in such cases, but only that Gardell shall be directed to be more cautious in future.—The Court not thinking this sufficient, sentenced Gardell to make an apology to Lieutenant Le Febure at the Police office in presence of Witnesses, and I understand it should have been the duty of the Procureur General to enforce the execution of this Sentence, but M.r Caillaud reported himself indisposed—Gardell appeared at

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the Police Office attended by some of his Party, but by no means to submit to the Law, but on the contrary openly and publicly to declare that he would never submit to it, that he would sooner submit to be cut to pieces - Lieutenant Le Febure in conse=quence sent in to the Council a proces Ver=bal as it is called, or a report of this transaction attested by the Witnesses present - The Council took up the business and as Mr. Cailland from indisposition could not attend in his place, the Council sent the case to him, and desired his conclusion or report upon it, when to their astonishment he signified under his official signature "that the Sentence should be sent back to "Lieutenant Le Febure to carry it into exe=="cution in any manner that he thought "proper" This was so great an insult to the authority of the Tribunal, which it is his

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duty to aid and support, and so pointed a direction from his duty, and withall an opinion so contrary to Law that when given and signed by such an Authority it strikes at the very root of that Jurisprudence which you have established, and is such an opinion that if the Court had not been more attentive to their duty than he has been, and had adopted, it might have produced the most serious consequences, as it went most illegally to vest in Lieutenant Le Febure a power which no one here is so ignorant as not to know that he cannot posess, namely, to enforce by his own means the Sentence of the Sovereign Council, which if he had attempted would have been resisted by Gordell and his Party, and great tumult might have ensued, if not bloodshed - The Court thereupon decreed, as I am told is usual in these cases, to

commit

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commit Gardell to Prison, and if in eight and forty hours thereafter he did not submit to the Law, to proceed against him in the Criminal Court, and that the President should lay the proceedings before me that I might form a judgement of the conduct of the Procureur General as he is considered as the Officer of Government. — I was indisposed the day the President called with the proceedings and did not see him; but sent out word if he would leave the Papers I would consider them with attention and he should hear from me, he left the Papers and said he would call again in a day or two — having read the Papers, I sent the next day for Mr. Cadland and told him my opinion very freely, that I considered his conduct as very unbecoming his situation, and calculated to encourage and countenance resistance to

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the Laws, and consequently to subvert all authority here; that it was insulting to the Tribunal to which he was attached, to the Government of Madras which had established that Tribunal, and to me the representative of that Government here - he acknowledged his conduct to have been very improper, but insisted that he had no such bad meaning but that he was unwell and out of humour and did not well know what he did, that he thought himself ill used by the Council in being sent to for an opinion when he had re=ported himself sick - I told him I was glad to hear him acknowledge himself= wrong, and that if he made such an excuse as satisfied the Council I should not satisfied, but that if when I saw the= President I should find that this had not been done I should think it my in=

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indispensible duty to write to the Govern=
=ment of Madras and solicit his dis=
=mission, he took his leave of me saying
that this was rather an heavy Sentence
for so slight an error, and the next day or
I believe that same evening addressed
to me the Letter N.7 which induced my answer
N.8 In consequence of which he addressed
a Letter to the Honorable the Governor in
Council which he sent open to me to for=
=ward, and which I now enclose, as in this
Letter he accused the Council of illegal
procedure toward him, and as I was not
competent to give you any opinion as to the
validity or invalidity of that assertion, I
thought it necessary to transmit that Letter
to them with one from myself N.11 that
they might have an opportunity at the same
time of laying before you their remarks
upon it, which I also enclose under N.12
and I also enclose some other Nos such as
Nos 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9. ‡ 10 and 13 which I have
thought

‡ N 10 M.Cullands appeal to Govern=ment.

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thought necessary to lay before you, that you may be in possession of the fullest in= =formation that I can give you. —

With regard to my self I shall only think it necessary to say, that Mr. Cadland is right when he says that I had a good opinion of him, indeed that will appear in some former communications which I have had the honor to make to Government, but when he asserts that the Council have long endeavoured to prejudice me against him, he asserts that which is not true, for I declare solemnly that neither the President or any one of the Members has ever mentioned his name to me, and that the fact is as I have stated it in regard to the present case, namely that the Council decreed that the President should lay the proceedings before me that I might form my judgement of the con= =duct of the procureur General — there is no opinion of the Court offered, nor did I see the President or any of the Members,

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or hold any intercourse with them con=
=cerning Mr. Cailland at any time previous
to my having declared my opinion founded
merely upon the fact, since that time I have
said to the President that I wondered the
Court had not passed some severe opinion
or censure on the conduct of the Procureur
General – the President's reply was, that
it was not the practice, that he being con=
=sidered as the officer of Government, and
in a manner independent of the Court,
although attached to it for its aid and
support, it is usual if the Court has
cause to be dissatisfied with his con=
=duct simply to state the case to Govern
=ment, and leave Government to decide
as it shall think proper. From this State=
=ment I trust it will appear clear to Govern=
=ment that nothing but Mr. Caillands cons=
=ciousness of his own late improper conduct
on many occasions has led him to suppose
that the Council has been for some time
labouring to prejudice me against him, which

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is an assertion that I declare without limitation to be false, and that I have rather wondered at their silence in regard to him, as I now hear, though not from the Council, as this subject has become the Topic of conversation that he has for a long time past set him self as much as he could against their authority, and in all cases in which Men of notorious turbulent characters were concerned has leaned much to their side of the question, which the Council has attributed to timidity, for which various reasons have recently ocurred, added to the imbecility of old age, and so pernicious a regimen as is scarce sufficient to preserve the vital powers. —

I have held this matter back hoping that Mr. Cailland would upon recollection at least admit such a conduct as would enable me to recommend him for a Session, but as he continues obstinate in refusing to retract

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on record the opinion he has once recorded
I think it my duty to solicit his dismis-
-sion, as the only means in my opinion of
supporting your authority here; and of
reducing many of the turbulent characters
here to a silent submission to the Law -
at the same time that I do this I must
acknowledge that I know but one Gentle-
-man on this place at present who is
qualified to fill the department, which
is Mons.r Changie who once before filled
it, and as I am generally informed of
with credit - I understand however that
Mons.r Changie at some time before my
arrival here, fell under the displeasure
of Government, but I have reason to
believe that upon that occasion, very
much if not every thing is to be attributed
to the artful intriguing and perverse
additics of a Mons.r D'Arobin then a

Member

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Member of the Council, and I can assert that no Gentleman in this place has conducted himself with more propriety, good sense and respect for the English Government than Mons.r Changie has ever since I have been here. I trust the importance of the subject will, Sir, to Government be a sufficient apology for the length of this Letter, it is of particular importance here, where notwithstanding the liberal and parental protection they receive from the British Government, there exist many characters who are strongly inclined to resist authority, and are only watching for some relaxation of it openly to do so, the late great successes of their Country-men in Europe have led them to believe that the whole world must now receive the Law from them, and that they as French Citizens are above all law, and they are at wondrous pains, and with more success than

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than you would expect to incalcate
those ideas among the Natives - a
Party of them hitherto undiscovered con-
-trived to plant what they call the Tree
of Liberty in the center of the grand
Parade on the night preceding his
Majesty's birth day, by which no doubt
they in their folly expected to excite the
Soldiers to that sort of Liberty which is
the declared enemy to all authority, and
whoever they were they must have been
much mortified to find that it produced
a quite contrary effect. - I shall not
add more on a Subject on which I have
been forced to write so much at length,
but to say that as we are here totally
ignorant of what Mr. Cailland may have
stated to Mr. Sulivan, it is possible that
he may have misrepresented matters,
and that I trust if his statement to
Mr. Sulivan differs from that which

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I have now made, that an opportunity
will be given to me to observe upon it before
it is attended to —

I have the honor to be.
&c. — &c.

Pondicherry
July 7th 1798. — (Signed) John Brathwaite

To the Members of the Superior Council of
Pondicherry

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to inform
you that Mr. Marchand acquainted me
of a Petition which has lately been pre-
-sented to you by Mr. Gardelle in which
he excepts against me, affirming that I
was the Author and Instigator of the
flogging inflicted as he asserts by Mr.
Marchand on a child named Baptiste,
son of the Widow Benoit La Mer. —

I must confess, Gentlemen,
that I was as much astonished as enraged
at this new outrage on Social order, and

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at the scandalous attack which this libellist has dared to make on me, it is, whilst I still shudder with horror at this treacherous train of insidious and atrocious assertions, that I take up the Pen, not to justify my Conduct for that I flatter myself throughout the whole of this extraordinary affair, as requires no justification, but to invoke your justice and demand the utmost severity of the Laws to repel an infamous unfounded Calumniator. Have the goodness, Gentlemen, to examine the different petitions of Mr. Marchand with the deposition which I swore to as the truth before the Supreme Being and then judge whether they can in any way prove that I have been the Author and Instigator of the offence alledged against Mr. Marchand - I am unacquainted with the Laws it is true, but I know enough

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of them however to inform Mr. Marchand. when desirous of sending the Child to the Police, "that he was not of age to "appear before any Tribunal, and that "it was my opinion that the best plan "he could pursue, was to endeavour to "intimidate the Child by a whipping "as is usual with Children of his age, "in order to discover the Buckle" - this I could only give as my opinion, having just said that he was not of an age to appear before any Tribunal. -

Having stated this much, be pleased, Gentlemen, to take my demand into consideration, and order Mr. Goodelle to be punished to the utmost rigour of the Law - by which you will act justly. -

Pondicherry 22d May 1798. -

(Signed) Stanislas Lefebre
Pt. d'Infantrie and Deputé du Chef de Police

(Compd) Signed Guerre Greffier en Chef

A true translation
(Signed) G.G. Keble
French Transr

To

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To the Members of the Superior Council
of Pondicherry

Gentlemen,

In the enquiry made at the request of Mr. Marchand, Mr. Gaudelle excepts against Mr. Lefebre, Assistant to the Chief of Police, as Author and Investigator of the flogging inflicted by Mr. Marchand on a Child of Six years and a half old named Baptiste - Mr. Lefebre has sent in a Complaint against this act, and demands that Mr. Gaudelle be punished as a libellist and Calumniator - From whence two chief points, upon which the Court are to decide - Viz.t - the Exception and the Complaint - As to the Exception it appears to us founded 1st - In that Mr. Marchand addressed himself to Mr. Lefebre for Justice as being a Member of a Tribunal, and who in that could not be called on as a Witness - 2d. Because it is

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proved that he advised Mr Marchand to flog the Child in order to get at the truth; but Mr Gardelle stretches the matter too far, when he treats Mr Lefebre as the Author and Instigator of the said flogging, and this manner of expression becomes in fact injurious to Mr Lefebre, tho' it cannot be regarded in the light of a Libel and Calumny. Since a Libel is a writing the sole End of which is to defame someone - The Para in Mr Gardelle's Petition concerning Mr Lefebre is only unpolitick towards the Latter and does not in the slightest degree affect the good Character he possesses - Nor can it be called a Calumny, Since it contains some truth to which however Mr Gardelle has given an injurious and improper Interpretation - in this he is very reprehensible. -

Mr Gardelle excepts against Cequinada Dubash to Mr Marchand as being his Servant, and as having himself publicly

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publicly flogged the Child, this Exception is founded upon these two reasons - 1st - In the Case in question this Servant cannot be looked upon as a necessary Witness, Nam testis fides adhibenda non est qui se impejerare potest ut testis fiat 2dly It is proved by Certificates and depositions that he flogged the Child in the public Street, whilst conducting him to the different Places to which he was ordered, and it being also proved that the Peon called Alexander who accompanied him also flogged the Child in the Streets, his testimony likewise is inadmissible.

And lastly Mr. Gardell excepts against Anandoo, as being a Writer to Mr. Marchand and receiving Wages from him on this account he would be exceptionable, but Mr. Marchand affirming that he is not in his Pay, and Mr. Gardelle not having furnished proofs of his assertion, it follows that the testimony of Anandoo ought not to be rejected.

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All things considered, I conclude that the steps to be taken by the Court upon the above mentioned Exceptions, and upon the Complaint of Mr. Lefebre, as to order 1st that the depositions of Chequenada Dubash and Alexander Peon, as well as that of Mr Lefebre be rejected from the enquiry entered into at the request of Mr Marchand, that the deposition of Anandoo be admissible and read — 2nd Mr Gardelle be enjoined to be more circumspect for the future in his manner of Expression. —

(Signed) Caillard
Comp.

Pondicherry
5th June 1798. —

Guerre
Greffier en Chef

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

Extract

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Extract from the Registers of the Superior Council of Pondicherry of the 6th June 1798

Between Mr. Gaudelle, empowered with Authority from the Widow Benoit La Mer, Plaintiff, and Lieutenant Colonel Marchand, Defendant and again Between Mr. Lefebre Deputy to the Chief of Police, Plaintiff against the said Gaudelle Defendant. —

Read by the Court the &c. Petition of the said Gaudelle to the same &c. name, dated 16th May last, shewing that in consequence of the 28th Article of the 22d &c. Chapter of the Ordinance, of 1667, which permits him to furnish reasons for any exception he may think proper in the &c. enquiry which has been made at the request of Mr. Marchand, he declares that he &c. excepts against 1st. Mr. Lefebre, Assistant to the Chief of Police, who, as Author and Instigator

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Instigator of the flogging inflicted by Mr. Marchand on a Child named Baptiste. Son of the said Widow Lamer, cannot be brought forward as a Witness in his own Cause, reserving to himself the power, should an opportunity offer, of bringing an action against the said Mr. Lefebre, for having from his own private authority ordered the Child to be flogged, as the said Mr. Marchand has set forth in his Petition of the 10th April last, that he accepts against the Police Peon named Alexander, who being himself accused of having flogged the Child cannot be heard as a Witness in his own Cause, that he accepts against Chegoenadas Dubash to the said Mr. Marchand, not only for having himself flogged the Child, by which he made himself a party in the offence, and therefore cannot be called as a Witness in his own Cause, but because also

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also he is exceptionable, conformably to the 14th. Article of the Ordinance before mentioned, as being a Servant and dependant of the said Mr. Marchand - 4 and Lastly that he excepts against Anandoo Writer to the said Mr. Mar= =chand, because, receiving Wages from and being dependant on Mr. Marchand, he is, according to the 14th. Article above mentioned, included under the head of Servants, con= =cluding with intreating the Court to be= pleased to reject the enquiry made at the= request of Mr. Marchand the depositions of Mr. Lefevre, assistant to the Chief of Police, of Alexander Police Peon, of Chequeada dubash to Mr. Marchand, and of Anandoo his Writer, and that they be considered as of no avail in the Suit, and that it be more= =over ordered that the said be signified to the Petitioner. ~

Petition in defence of the said Mr. ~ Marchand dated the 22d. of the said Month

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of May, praying that the Court be pleased to reject Mr. Gardelle's petition in exception of Mr. Lefevre, Anandoo, Alexander, and Chequenada, and to order that their deposi=tions remain part of the Suit.—

Petition of Mr. Lefevre, dated the aforesaid day 22d. May, containing in Substance, that Mr. Marchand had informed him of a Petition presented by Mr. Gardelle, in which he excepts against the said Mr. Lefevre, on the grounds of his having been the Author and Instigator of the flogging which he asserts was inflicted by Mr. Marchand on a Child, named Baptiste, Son of the Widow La Mer — that he was as much astonished as enraged at this new outrage on Social order, and at the Scan=dalous attack this Libellist had dared to make on him, presenting this Petition to the End that it might please the Court to

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take his request into their Consideration, and order Mr. Gardelle to be punished as a Libellist and Calumniator, according to the utmost rigor of the Law — Petition in reply, of the said Gardelle, under date the 1st Instant, requesting, for the reasons deduced, that it may please the Court, without paying attention to the Conclusions drawn by Mr. Lefevre in his petition of the 22d May, to grant him those in his petition of the 16th of the same Month — Read the Conclusions of the Attorney General. —

After a due Consideration, the Court declare the exceptions brought against Alexander Peon, and Chequenada, Witnesses heard in the enquiry entered into at the request of Mr. Marchand, by Mr. Gardelle to be pertinent and admissible, and therefore order that their Depositions be not read, but rejected from the said

enquiry

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enquiry, they declare the exceptions produced by Mr. Gaudelle against Mr. Lefevre, deputy of the Police, and Anandoo another Witness heard on the same enquiry to be impertinent and inadmissible, and therefore order that Mr. Gaudelle do say before the Chief of the Police, and four other Witnesses to be chosen by the said Mr. Lefevre, that he repents of the improper and injurious expressions, which he made use of in his petition of the 16th. May last, and that he do beg pardon: therefore - they order in consequence that the Words Author and Instigator of the flogging be erased from the petition of the said Gaudelle, who is to be enjoined to be more circumspect in future. — The Costs of Suit to be defrayed by Messrs. Marchand and Gaudelle, the latter however condemned to defray the costs of the intervention. →

Done

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Done and decreed in the Chamber
of the Superior Council of Pondicherry -
6th. June 1798. -

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Guerre
Greffier en Chef
A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

We the undersigned, Witnesses
chosen by Lieutenant Stanislas Lefevre, con=
=formable to an arrêté of the Superior Council
of Pondicherry, under date the 6th. June 1798
in favor of the said Lieutenant Lefevre &
against Mr. Gaidelle, Watchmaker, residing
in the North Quarter Pondicherry - to hear
the Excuses the said Mr. Gaidelle was ordered
to make to the said Lieutenant Lefevre, for
having asserted in a petition of Exception &
presented by him to the Council, that he
was the Author and Instigator of the &

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Correction, inflicted, as he affirms, by Mr. Marchand on a Child accused of having stolen a Buckle, do Certify that this day the 16th. June 1798, at eleven oClock in the Morning Mr. Gardelle did appear at the Office of the Police holding in his Hand a Copy of the Sentence given against him, that after having read the Article by which he was condemned, he said and declared that he had asserted nothing but the truth in his Petition, when he affirmed that Mr. Lefevre was the Author and Instigator of the flogging &c. that he would always maintain the same, that he had no Excuse to make to Mr. Lefevre, and that nothing should compel him to make one.—

Mr. Gardelle, having declared that he had nothing further to say, retired.—

We in consequence have drawn up this Proces Verbal, to which we have

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have signed our Names.

Lauray - Germain

Police office
16th June 1798. (Signed) Dutroulbec - P. Lenidi

and
Gaidelle

Here follows the tenor of a trans-
-lation of the Testimony of Mr. Allan Grant
Chief of Police.

The Superior Council having
ordered Mr. Gaidelle to make an apology to
Mr. Lefevre in my presence for some Im-
-proper Expressions, which he made use of
respecting Mr. Lefevre, Mr. Gaidelle appeared
before me this Morning and refused most
positively to make the apology ordered by
the Superior Council. -

at the office of Police
in Pondicherry (Signed) Allan Grant
16th June 1798. Chief de Police

A true Translation from the Original
(Signed) Fanay
Compd.
(Signed) Guerre Greffier en Chef.
A true translation
(Signed) G.G. Keble
French Translator

To

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To the Members of the Superior Council of

Pondicherry

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to lay before you a Proces Verbal, drawn up at the Office of Police, the 16th Instant on the Subject of the Steps taken by Mr. Gaudelle in execution of the decree which you gave against him on the 6th Instant - you will perceive, Gentle=men, that so far from conforming himself thereto he has most positively refused so to do, and has even had the Audacity to declare, that nothing should compel him to submit to your decree. -

After due Consideration, be pleased, Gentlemen, to order, whatever in your wisdom you may think just and proper. -

Pondicherry (Signed) Stanislas Lefevre
20th June 1798. -

Here

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Here follows the Decree of the Court.—

At the communication of the Attorney General, and during his absence, the Court decree that the present petition with the papers annexed thereto be immediately sent to him, that he may deliver in his Conclusions during the sitting of the Court.—

In the Chamber of the Superior Council of Pondicherry 20th June 1798.—

(Signed) Mottet

Conclusion of the Attorney General.

Having read the present Petition with the papers thereunto annexed— I am of opinion that Mr. Lefevre should be ordered to put the decree in Execution in the manner he shall think most proper.—

(Signed) Caillard

Pondicherry
20th June 1798.—

Compd.
(Signed) Guerre Greffier en Chef

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

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Extract from the Records of the Superior Council of Pondicherry of the 20th June 1798.

Read by the Court the petition of Mr. Stanislas Lefevre of this date, stating that he lays before the Court a Proces Verbal which was drawn up at the Police Office the 6a of this Month, on the Subject of the Steps taken by Mr. Gaudelle in execution of the decree of this Court against him of the 6th Instant, that the Court will perceive, that instead of conforming himself thereto, he has shewn a decided opposition to the Law, and has declared that nothing shall compel him to submit to the decree of the Court, presenting the said Petition, that it may please the Court to order, whatever in their Wisdom, they shall think just and proper. =

Read, annexed to the said Petition tending to expedite the said arrêté

of

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of the 6th Instant, and the proces Verbal —
mentioned above — Read the Conclusions
of the Attorney General. —

After due Consideration, the
Court, without paying attention to the Con-
-clusions of the Attorney General, have decreed
and do decree that Mr. Gaidelle be provi-
-sionally committed a Poisoner to the Public
Prison, and that, in case he does not obey
the decree of the Court in the space of twenty
four hours, he be criminally prosecuted by
the Attorney General. —

Done and decreed in the
Chamber of the Superior Council of Pondicherry
20th June 1798. —

Compd.

(Signed.) Guene
Greffier en Chef

A True Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

Extract

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Extract from the Records of the Superior Council of Pondicherry - 26th June 1798.

This day the Court extraordinarily assembled, in the usual place of their sittings at the Command of the President - Present M.M. Mollet, President, Guard, Collin, Beaufort, and St. Paul Councellors, in order to take into Consideration a Letter from Major General Brathwaite dated 24th Instant addressed to Mr. Mollet, President of the said Council, to which was annexed Copy of one from Mr. Cailland, Attorney General, under date the 23d Instant to Major General Brathwaite, with the Generals answer of this date. -

The Court, after having read the said papers, considering that the conclusions drawn by the Attorney General in the cause between Lieutenant Lefevre and Mr Gardelle, are not only injurious

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to the Magistracy and to the publick but as being given by a Chief Magistrate, who from his situation is bound to enforce an observance of the Laws they carry with them an impression which tends to make them contemptible Besides which General Brathwaite being desirous of learning the opinion of the Council on the Extent of the satisfaction which they have a right to exact in similar circumstances, they are unanimously of opinion, that the Conclusions of the Attorney General having been publickly read in Court, their retraction of ought to be as publick as the offence had been, and that less could not be demanded as a reparation to Justice.

The Court have decreed and do decree that their President ought to wait on Major General Brathwaite to acquaint him of their proceedings; and

that

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that until the Commandant shall be pleased to issue his final orders to the Attorney General, he be considered as interdicted from the functions of his office.

Done and decreed in the Chamber of the Superior Council of Pondicherry 26th June 1798.

Compd.

(Signed) Guerne
Greffier en Chef

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

You did me the honor to inform me this Morning that you would consult with Mr. Mollet on the reasons &c which I gave you respecting the affair between Messrs. Lefevre and Gaudelle, and

that

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that you would not determine whether to write or not to Madras for my dismission, until you had heard his Report. -

I entreat you, Sir to have the goodness to inform me what was the result of your Conference with Mr. Mottet, as well as to communicate to me the Memorials and papers which may have been presented against me, in order that I may be enabled to answer them - This is a Justice I expect of you, and hope therefore that you will have the goodness to grant it me. -

I have the honor to be,

with respect,

&c. &c.

Pondichery (Signed) Cailland

23d June 1798. -

A True Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

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A Monsieur

Monsieur Cailland

Procureur General

Sir,

I have this moment received your Letter of this date. You have mis=understood me, if you think that I said I would talk with Mr. Mollet President of the Council, and there determine whether I would, or would not, write to Government concerning your late behaviour as this day. I have too many things to attend to, to be able always to deter=mine the precise time at which I shall do any one of them. I therefore when I spoke to you did neither mention to you, or even think of this day. I have not seen Mr. Mollet yet, nor do I precisely know when I shall see him, but when I do see him if he and the Council remain dissatisfied, I shall think it my indispensible duty to use my most earnest endeavours that you

should

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should be removed from your Employ—
The Conclusion you gave relative to the
sending back the Arrete of the Council
to Lieutenant Le Febure to be carried into
execution as he should think proper, is an
insult, not only to the Council but to me,
and to the Government of Madras, whose
representative I am—in short, it is an
open attempt upon record made by a great
Law officer to subvert and ridicule all
legal authority, and such an act I conceive
that no sophistry of yours can now explain
away to the Government of Madras, if it once is
formally laid before them, your saying that
you were sick is no excuse whatever, because,
in that case it was easy for you to have
desired that some person might be autho-
-rized to act for you, whereas you delibera-
-tely sat down and wrote an opinion as
insulting to all legal authority as it was
unbecoming your situation, a conduct

which

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which I never will pardon and I dare believe the Government of Madras never will, if it is reported to them - When I say that I never will pardon it, I mean to say, that I will not if the Council do not, if the Council report to me that you have made an apology to them that is satis= =factory, and that they verily believe the like will not happen again, I shall be satisfied, and there the matter will end; but if they do not, I shall write my opinion to Government, and shall inform you of the day when I mean to send my Letter. No formal complaint was made to me in writing, the records were laid before me by the President - the rest was left to my judgment. ~

I am, &c^a — &c^a

Pondicherry
23d June 1798. ~ (Signed) John Braithwaite

True Copy W. Welson
(Signed) Aid de Camp

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