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Diary

Rec'd the following Letters

The Honorable Lieutenant General
James Harris
Governor and President in Council —
Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

I am to acknowledge the Receipt of
your Letter of the 4th Instant informing of the
Honorable Company's Cruizer the Bombay
Frigate being ordered to Bengal at the requisition
of the Governor General, and also Duplicate of
your Letter of the 29th Ultimo with its
enclosure, duly noticing the appointment made
by His Majesty of the Honorable Frederick North
to the Government of this Island, and the orders
you had issued to the Brigadier General De
Meuron in Consequence —

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

From Rear Admiral Rainier acknowledging receipt of the Board's Letter of the 4th Instant

Suffolk Back-Bay
Trincomale July 20th 1798 —

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council.

Honorable Sir,

From the Board of Revenue - in reply to the Communication lately made to them respecting the restrictions placed on the Passage of Vessels thro' the Pumbum Pass, and the petition of Nina Rauzgee Pillah to be allowed from Confinement. -

We have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 25th Instant & conformable to which, instructions have been given to Mr. Jackson to remove all obstructions, if any exist, of which We have no information to assume Trade through the Pumbum passage & and which no Authority from us ever & prevented - The advertisement of the 18th June 96 published under your Authority, especially & provided that no duties on Grain should be levied. -

We are of opinion Duncan Linguem Pillah may be permitted to return to his Family on the expiration of one year's Banishment, provided he gives good Security for his future good Conduct

We.

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

Fort St. George
27th July 1798. —

(Signed) Charles N. White
Thos. Cockburn
Wm. Harrington

The Honorable The Governor in Council

Sir.

From Major Genl. Floyd respecting the Mutiny of the Nabobs Troops in the Neighbourhood of Palamcotah and the repairs still wanting to the Fort at Tinnivelly

Major Smart has just reported to me that a body of His Highness the Nabobs Troops in the Tinnivelly Country to the number of eight hundred had Mutinied, and had taken their station with two Guns, Ammunition &c. at the Garden at Tachinore, about four Miles from Palamcotah — The Nabobs Phousdar had applied to him for Troops, and he has addressed me for instructions In the mean time the Mutineers are plundering the Country

I have directed Major Smart to remain entirely on the Defensive, as I have no instructions to afford Assistance, on a similar

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Similar ovasions, and it is usual for the Highness to make his application to Government.—

The Cause of the Mutiny is stated by the Nabobs Sepoys to be on Arrear of eight Months pay — The Pioneer & admits of four, and offers Seamen for three Months pay. —

I am obliged to report that the & Repairs of the Works of Trichinopoly, which have been so long in hand, are at long stt. at a stand still, and have been so for some Months, under the usual promises of & proceeding vigorously. About Three & fourths of the Circumference is very well executed — But the extreme ruinous state of the remainder renders all that has been done, of no use. —

It appears to be of the most serious consequence to conclude the unfinished fourth part, with the least possible delay — and

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as His Highness' people do nothing, I request your Commands for my guidance.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

Trichinopoly
July 21st 1798.

To the Right Honble Governor General
in Council at Fort St. George

From Major Vaugine Dutch Prisoner of War requesting permission to proceed to Batavia and to have an Advance of Six Months Subsistence.—

I humbly Requester, by Charles Vaugine, Major in the Dutch Service, and now a Prisoner of War, Residing at Karical

That it may please the Right Honorable Governor General in Council, to grant him leave to proceed for Batavia on a Danish Ship, bound for the aforesaid Place, and now laying in the Roads of Tranquebar, either to be Exchanged or to proceed on his Word of honor not to serve against his Britich Majesty or his Allies, during the Present War, or till a legal Exchange has taken Place.—

Major Vaugine's Circumstance being rather

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rather unfavorable at this moment, He relies on the generosity of the Government, that a Six Month Subsistence, will be granted, to enable him to proceed on this Voyage, and he should be happy if an Order for the Payment of it, could be joined with the necessary passport. The aforesaid Ship will be ready for sail in about a fortnight Thus being granted, Major Vaugine will esteem it, an uncommon favor of which he will never loose the remembrance.-

Karical
July the 29- 1798.-

/Signed/ C: Vaugine

Sent the following Letter.-

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

Sir,

To Brigadier General De Meuron on the subject of removing the 35 Battalion Native Infantry to the Coast.-

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that orders may be immediately issued for the March of the

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the 35th Battalion Native Infantry for the purpose of embarking at Sapnapatam for the Coast: you will in consequence give such Orders as may be necessary to the Officer Commanding at Sapnapatam to assist in providing sufficient craft for transporting the battalion to the Coast, and you will direct Major Kenny to march as soon as possible after his landing to Tirchinopoly.—

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

Fort St. George
31 July 1798.—

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.
Resident at
Tanjour

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you President of a commission, the particular purposes of which will be explained to you in separate instructions

To Mr Torin - appointing him president of the Commission ordered to be instituted for the purpose of ascertaining the resources of the Tanjore Country and investing the Defects and abuses of the late Rajahs administration and appointing him that he will there be furnished with detailed Instructions for his Guidance his Salary stated.—

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instructions –

The commission will consist of your-
self, Mr. Charles Harris, and Mr. George Stratton
who will also act as Secretary Mr. W. R. Jones
has bein appointed Assistant to it. –

In consideration of these duty the
Governor in Council has been pleased to grant
you an extra Salary of 250 Pagodas per Month –

Mr. Charles Torin has been appointed
your Assistant at Tanjore. –

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

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31st. July 1798. –

To Mr. Charles Harris

Sir,

To Messrs. Charles Harris and George Stratton appointing them Members of the Tanjore Commission and the latter Secretary, with Salaries of 250 Pagodas pr Month each. –

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you a second Member of a Commission consisting of Mr. Benjamin Torin, yourself and Mr. Georg Stratton for the purpose of investigating the state of the Tanjore Country

the

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the particular purposes of the Commission will be explained in Separate instructions; and you are to proceed without delay to Tanjour —

During the time you may be employed on this Service the Governor in Council grants you an Allowance of 250 Pagodas per Month. —

I am &c. &c.

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31st July 1798.

(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt

The same to Mr George Stratton
+ Junior Member & Secretary

To. Mr. Charles Torin

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you Assistant to the Resident at Tanjour with a Salary + of 50 Pagodas per Month. —

I am &c. &c.

Fort St. George
31st July 1798. —

(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt

The same to Mr W.R. Torin 50
+ Assistant to the Commission at Tanjour

Recd

I. Mess. Torin & W.R. Torin - appointing the former Assistant to the Residency and the latter Assistant to the Commission at Tanjore —

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Recived the undermentioned Letters entered in Ord. No. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142 + 143. 144.—

From the Military Paymaster at Fort St George.—

From the Honorable Basil Cochrane requesting an Increase to his present Office of Establishment.—

From the Collector in the 1st. Division of Vizagapatam District

From M. W. Brown stating the quantities of Paddy he can have ready for exportation at the different Sea ports on her Division on the Change of the Monsoon.—

From the Collector in the 3d. Division of Vizagapatam District.—

From M. A. Scott to the purport abovementioned.—

From the Honorable Mr. Murray

From the Paymaster at Innaconda.—

requesting to be furnished with Duplicates of from the Nabob for exempting from duty such parts of the Grain &c. required for the Garrison Stores in his Range as it may be necessary to procure from his Highness Districts.—

From the Military Board

From the Military Board recommending that a Store Serjeant be allowed at Vellajahbad.—

From

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From the Secretary at Bombay.— From Mr. Richards advising of the appointment of Commodore Sutherland to the Command of the Bombay Frigate.—

From the Commandant at Tutacorin.— From Captain Davison — requesting permission to appropriate the Factory house at Poonacoil to the accommodation of Col: Dreiberg—

From Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron Bellet.— From Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron — requesting that a part of the general Hospital at Vellore may be appropriated to the reception of the Sick of his Corps, and that they may be exclusively under the Charge of Regimental Assistant Surgeon.—

1st Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in

Substance of letter to the Nabob.— C: C: No 109 requesting he will appoint two Persons to meet Messrs Wood and Smith for the purpose of adjusting the Balance Account of the last year.—

Despatched the undermentioned 4 Letters entered in M: B: No 1 A — 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13.:—

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To the Collector of the Jaghire—

To Mr. Place—authorizing him to expend the Sum of 2000 Pagodas in deepening the Ditches &c. round the principal Villages in the Jaghire.—

To Mesrs. Colt, Baker, Day & Co. informing them that the Board deem it unnecessary to refer Mr. Frank Day's Claim on the Tanjore Country to the Supreme Government.—

To Mesrs. Colt, Baker, Day & Co.—

To Captain Young—enclosing Copies of the Auditor's Reports on his Statements of Arrears of encreased Subsistence due to the King's Troops—and apprizing him of the Board's determination to discharge the Amount by two equal Monthly Instalments.—

To the acting Deputy King's Paymaster General

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck—acquainting him that the Amount of the first Month's Instalment, Pagodas 20,970. 1. 11 3/4, on Account of Arrears of Subsistence to the King's Troops will be advanced to him from the Treasury and that

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That the remaining Moiety is to be indented for in his estimates for the ensuing Month — & enclosing Copy of the Auditor's report on his general Estimate for August, and acquainting him, that the Sum of Pagodas 1,78,556 . 8 . 77 will be advanced to him on that Account fo the Treasury —

To the attorney to Mr. John Balfour

To Mr. John Chamier, acquainting him that as the Court of Directors have the means, should they be so disposed, to furnish Mr. Balfour with the Documents he has applied for, the Board deem it inexpedient to comply with his request —

To the Commandant at Vellore —

To Captain Forbes - approving his continuing the guards formerly stationed over the Nabobs Magazines and Stores —

To the Medical Board - denoting that a sufficient proportion of the general Hospital at Vellore may be allotted for the accommodation

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Accommodation of the Sick of the Meuron Regt and that they may be considered exclusively under the Charge of the Regimental Assistant Surgeon.—

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment of the Meuron Regiment at Vellore—

To Lieutenant Colonel De Meuron

communicating the purport of the above Orders.—

To the Military Aud. General.—

To Major General Sydenham, & submitting for examination Amounts of Subsistence to the Kings Troops on the Coast from the 25th April to the 24th July 1798 and enclosing two bills for Medicines, supplied the Bombay Frigate, in Order to their Amount, Pagodas 175.. 24.. 38 being Carried to the & debit of the Bombay Presidency.—

To the Commandant at Tutacorin.—

To Captain Davison consenting to allot the Factory House at Poonacoil for the accommodation of Colonel Dreyberg & until it may be required for some public & purpose.—

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To the Military Board authorizing

To the Military Board.— the Repair of the Magazine at Ganjam and the Charge for Godown rent for the 4 Gram of the 25th Dragoons — accepting the offer of the Owners of the Hobart Schooner for conveying Arack to Trincomale.— orders respecting the Accounts between the Company and the Contractor for Victualling the Navy.— Copy of orders Recived from the Supreme Government respecting Stores & Furnished for the use of the Kings Regiments enclosed for their information and Guidance The petition of the late Store Conicopley at Trincopore, praying to be placed on the pension List referred for their opinion.—

To Mr. Barlow enclosing extract

To the Secretary at Bengal.— of a report from the Military Board respecting powder Barrels lately shipped

on

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on the Henry Dundas, and Requesting that
Captain Carruthers may be called upon to
account for the Deficiency of Copper Hoops.—

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Ditto forwarding Mysore &
Intelligence, and a letter from the Nabob &
addressed to the Governor General.—

To the Secretary at Bombay
Resident at Poona & Hyderabad

To Messrs. Ricketts Palmer and &
Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence.—

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Recvd and sent the undermentioned
Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 14.. 15.. 16.. 17.. 18.. 19
20.. 21.. 22.

From Commandant
at Cuddalore.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Dupont &
recommending that the Stockades of the North and South
East Angles of the Fort of Cuddalore, which are &
entirely decayed, may be replaced.—

From Dr at Kistnaghurry

From Major Cameron - requesting
that Government will sanction the expence
incurred in repairing the Gate of the lower Fort
of Kistnaghurry.—

From the Collector at
Vizagapatam.—

From Mr. Webbe, stating the quantity
of paddy that may be collected for Exportation
at

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at the Sea ports in his Division on the Change of the Monsoon.—

From Mr. Ineste the same purport as above.

From the Collector at Cuddalore.—

From Mr. Bramfill as above

From D.r at Masulipatam

From Major General Floyd—requesting that Mr. Watson may be permitted to draw the regulated Medical Allowance for his attendance on the Sick of the detail of 2nd Battalion 1st Regiment Native Infantry left in Garrison at Trichinopoly.—

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division

From Mr. Rochuck enclosing an Additional Indent for Pagodas 5611..19..19.

From the Military Paymaster General.—

To Major General Sydenham referring the above indent for examination.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Murray desiring that a reasonable price may be paid to the proprietors for the palmira Trees he may cut down for the purpose of erecting the Stabling &c for the 1st Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

To the Officer Commanding the Cavalry Cantonment at Conatoor.—

R 4 Received the following Letters.—

To

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To J: Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Adjutant General recommending Promotions to fill vacancies occasioned by Captain Moore's dismission

The Commander in Chief has desired I
me to request you will signify his Recommendation,
that the following Promotions may be Ordered to
take Place.—

Captain Lieutenant William Youngson
to be Captain of a Company vice Moore Cashiered
Date of Rank the 2nd August 1798.—

Brevet Captain Robert Ridge to be
Captain Lieutenant vice Youngson promoted
Date of Rank the 2d August 1798.—

Ensign John Randall to be Lieutenant
vice Youngson promoted—Date of Rank the
2 August 1798.—

Fort St. George
4th August 1798.

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

To

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From Mr. Ravenshaw requesting that the Garrison Stores of Masulipatam may be completed from the Grain under this Charge, rather than by purchases from Individuals the mode about to be adopted by the Storekeeper.—

I have just received a letter from the Garrison Storekeeper of Masulipatam informing me of the Orders of the Military Board for storing up Grain at that Garrison and its Dependencies, in consequence of which he has applied to me for Pagodas 1400 being, he says, an equal proportion of what he has applied for to the other Collectors.—

On the foregoing Subject I addressed the Board of Revenue in the Month of March last, and beg leave to submit an Extract of my letter upon that occasion.—

"In the Fort of Masulipatam is a Granary in complete Repair capable of

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of containing 250 Madras Garce of Paddy. Should it be intended to lay up in it a Stock of Grain for the Garrison, I beg leave to recommend that early orders be sent for that purpose, to avoid the additional Expence that would attend removing it after being secured under ground."

"On former occasions it has not been unusual to contract for the Garrison Store, but under present Circumstances of great Scarcity of Specie, and difficulty of disposing of the Government Share of Grain in the Purgunnahs, I presume it must be thought more advisable to direct me to deliver the quantity required, which may be caried to account at the Market Price."

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"Should it be resolved not to lay up a Garrison Store, I beg leave to apply for the Use of the Granary where Grain will keep in better Condition than in Pits & especially in so flat a Country as this & Division" -

Although no Garrison Store was laid up, yet not being favored with an Answer to this application, I could not avail myself of the Granary in question - The Reasons offered in the foregoing Letter acquire additional Force from the increased Scarcity of Specie, and & while Government have a large Stock of Grain on hand I imagine it will not be necessary to make new Purchases - by directing the Collector to furnish the Garrison Storekeeper with the quantity required, the Revenue & Collections will be assisted - the necessity of disbursing

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disbursing Cash avoided - The Grain will be of the best Quality, and free from that & Mixture, which enables the Merchant, & under an appearance of Moderation, to ensure to himself a large Profit - it appears however useless to accumulate Reasons unopposed, as conducive by any objection.-

By the Advertisement for Sealed proposals of Contract, which at the Desire of the Garison Storekeeper I have caused to be affixed in the Pettahs, I observe that the quantity to be laid in at Masulipatam is 116 Garce of White Paddy - the period allowed for receiving Proposals, 10 August, admits of my being & previously furnished with your Orders, in case you approve my suggestions upon the Subject

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

(Signed) Tho.s Oakes
Coll.r

Masulipatam 31.st July 1798.-

Dispatched the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: N.o 23.. 24.. 25.. 26.-

To

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To Major Vaugine - acquainting him that he will be permitted to proceed to Batavia on depositing with the Commanding Officer at Karical his Parole not to serve against Great Britain or her allies during the War unless exchanged - and an advance of Cash will be made to him equal to three Months Subsistence. -

To Major Charles de Vaugine Dutch Prisoner of War. -

To Lieutenant Crump - enclosing the above Letter under flying Seal for his perusal, and desiring that Major Vaugine's parole may be forwarded to The Town Major of Fort St. George. -

To the Commandant at Karical

To M. W. Hawkins desiring that three Months Subsistence may be advanced to Major Vaugine. -

To the Paymaster at Karical -

To Lieutenant Kenny - acquainting him that his Claim to House Rent, being inconsistent with the Spirit of the established Regulations of the Service, cannot be admitted. -

To Lieutenant Kenny

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Received from the Quarter Master General of the Army the following Report & Plan & estimate & Vellum - Statement

and discription of the Buildings at the Mulberry

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Statement and Description of Buildings

Description and Demension

A Superintendants House consisting of a small Hall and two rooms - a large Verandah and two sides Verandahs with a flat Pandal in front, and along the side - Roof thatched
A Range of Offices belonging to the House. — } Commanding

A Tilature measuring 134 feet by 20 in the inside - the Roof black Palmira and Pan Tiles } When the Reels which are at present

A Caroonery measuring 90 feet by 18 in the inside - Roofed with Palmiras, and Covered with flat and Pan Tiles. — } A good Accomm

A Silk Worm Bungalo measuring 95 feet by 45 in the inside containing a spacious Loft 9½ feet from the Ground - Eighteen Worm Houses from 30 to 40 feet long, and 13 to 15 wide in the inside - Roof Thatched — The Bungalo for disposing the The Worm a

A Bullock Stable measuring 95 feet in length - Roof Palmira leaves and Straw. — Requires trifling
A large Shed for Workmen Will Answer very

N.B. The Buildings at Vellout would afford excellent Accommodation for either The Officers might be well lodged in the Tilature and Caroonery - Nothing would be probably for their own Convenieny make Partitions of Matts and Bamboos. —
Should a this place be occupied by a Regiment of Native Cavalry, Stables for Sick and weak Horses. —

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at the 4th Plantation at Vellout.—

Remarks

Officers Quarters

and small Coppers are removed; the walls carried up to the roof, and some of the Doors, not above four feet, heightened, it will make good accommodation for Officers—

dation for Officers.—

The loft is an exceeding good plan

will make an excellent Barrack —
Camp Equipage and Regimental Stores.—
Houses are good plans for Native Troops

Repairs.—

well for Bullocks.—

a Regiment of Native Cavalry, or a Battalion of Native Infantry
Required but what is mentioned in the Column of "Remarks"— The Officers would

there are abundance of Palmyras and other Materials for erecting temporary

(Signed) John Richardson
Dr. M. Genl. of the Army

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Dispatched the undermentioned Letters as entered in M: B: Nº 27. 28.-

To the Paymaster at Masulipatam.-

To Mr. William Gordon directing him to receive the whole Quantity of Gram required for the public Stores from the Collector, and to grant him Bills for the Amounts at the Current Price on the Military Paymaster General.-

To the Collector at Masulipatam.-

To Mr. Oakes apprizing him of the Orders sent to the Storekeeper, and desiring him to be particularly Careful that the Gram is of the best quality and on the best preservation for Store.-

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M: B: Nº 29.. 30.. 31.. 32.. 33.. 34. 35

From the Offices Commanding 1st Regt Native Cavalry

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray: reviving the Claim advanced by him in the year 1796, to be compensated for Saddles and Accoutrements delivered over by him to the Commandants of 4 different Cavalry Corps during the last Mysore War.-

From

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From Mess.rs Chase Sewell and Chase Navy Agents.—

From Mess.rs Chase Sewell and Chase enclosing several Bills for Medical attendance on Troops, and diet Money for Officers embarked & occasionally on different King's Ships, and explaining the Cause of their not having been earlier presented for payment—

From the acting Deputy King's Paymaster Genl.

From Captain Young—enclosing Statements of Arrears of encreased Subsistence due to the 19th and 80th Regiments of Foot serving on Ceylon

From the Resident at Poonah.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer & acknowledging Receipt of Mr. Webb's Letter of the 4th Ultimo

To the acting Barrack Master in the Centre Division.—

To Captain Capper—desiring he will be prepared to receive charge from the Board of Revenue of the public Buildings at Vellore—and that he will send an adequate number of Cattle to Wallajahbad for the accommodation of 36th Regement—

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue—desiring that the public Buildings at the Vellore Mulberry & plantation, may be delivered over to the Barrack Master, and that the Copper vessels and other & implements

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implements of Manufacture may be removed.—

To the Military Board

To the Military Board. desiring them

to send 2000 Stand of Muskets by Sea to

Masulipatam.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieut General Harris

Tuesday 7th August 1798

Governor President

Edward Saunders and —
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation read

and approved.—

Read the following letter from

Hyderabad.—

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Secretary to Government.

From the Resident at Hyderabad with Copy of his address to the Governor General in consequence of a Communication made to him by Capt. W.L. Gardner lately appointed second in Command of Pinglaps Party reporting the means of shaking the Facility with which French prisoners &c. effect a Junction with Mons. Perron.—

Sir,

Fort St. George

I have the honor to enclose for

the information of the Honorable Board a

Extract

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Extract from my Letter of this date to the Right Honorable the Governor General, and Copy of the Enclosure therein Referred to

I am &c. &c.

Hyderabad
28th July 1798.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

Extract of a Letter from Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick Asistant at Hyderabad, to the Right Honorable the Governor General dated 28th July 1798.-

"1st I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's Notice, Copy of a Letter addressed to me by Captain Gardner an Officer on his Majesty's half pay list, who lately arrived here from Poonah, and joined the Party of Mr. Finglas, who with the Minister's approbation, has appointed him his Second in Command.-

"2d I have little doubt but the Frenchmen, spoken of in this Letter from Captain Gardner, are the very persons, whom, in the 9th Paragraph of my Address of the 15th Ultimo to your Lordship, I described as

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as having lately joined Mr. Perron's Party. — &
I have reason for believing also, that there &
are not the only People who have of late &
entered into that Frenchman's Service. —

3rd The existence of the above serious
evil is the more to be lamented, seeing that the
Remedy is so much in our own hands, for
were injunctions to be laid on all Collectors of
Districts, as well as all Commanding Offrs
of Garrisons and Detachments to stop and &
interrogate with the utmost jealousy and &
Minuteness all European Strangers travelling
through the Carnatic or Northern Sirkars —
— Whether with or without Passports, I am &
strongly of opinion that very few of these &
French adventurers from Pondicherry or the Prison
of Madras, or of the occasional Deserters either
from our own Service, would escape their &
Vigilance, especially, if a proclamation were
issued throughout the Territories of the &

Company

Company, and the Nabob of Arcot, pointing out
the practice, strictly prohibiting all Connivance in
it, and holding forth some Reward to the Inhabitants
for each Successful attempt in opposing it. The
most effectual Remedy of all to the evil, to which I have
deemed it my indispensible duty to bring under your
Lordships Notice would no doubt be, the Removal of
the French Prisoners of War both Officers and Privates
from the Coast of Coromandel to Bengal, but as
such Measure of precaution is a sufficiently obvious
one, it is to be presumed, that still weightier objections
have hitherto existed against its adoption.—

4th My own experience and observation lead
me to confirm in some degree the truth of the 4th
remark, made by Captain Gardner in the second
Paragraph of his Letter, of the Success of that
Spirit of proselytism to their own rancorous and
implacable hatred and prejudice against our Nation,
which the French have not omitted to propagate

to

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to Shine utmost in this, as well as in every other
Quarter of the Globe"

A true Extract
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

J. A. Kirkpatrick Esqr.
Acting Resident
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have taken the liberty to address you, in consequence of a Conversation, which I had a few days ago with a Frenchman at Cunnulla, then on his way to Poonah in Search of Service with Scindiah, who he observed received French Men with open Arms. He informed me his name was Pamentier and that on Account of some dispute with Mons.r Piron, in whose Service he had Received 100 Rupees salary he had quitted Hyderabad - On enquiring particularly into the Circumstances that first induced him to enter the Country Service, he told me that he had been a Serjeant Major, in one of the Regiments

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Regiments at Pondicherry, that Soon after his
Capture he was sent, with the rest of his
Regiment, Prisoner to Madras, that after having
remained there Some time, he, together with 3.
others, namely, 1 Serjeant Major, 1 Master of a Band,
and 1 Tourageur made application to an officer,
/as he affirms/ in General Braithwaite's Family,
who ceding to their importunity, granted or
procured them a passport for Pondicherry, at the
Same time hinting, "that when once there they could
"Manage for themselves" — at Pondicherry they were
joined by two others who had previously made
their escape; from thence the Six Marched direct to
Hyderbad having first forged themselves passes,
but which were never demanded. —

I have been ordered to trespass on your
time, and to submit to your Consideration the above
Intelligence, as it may serve to throw some additional
light on the Means by which such number of
French Men are found to support the Establishment
of

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of Raymond's Corps, as well as that Spirit of
hatred and avowed Hostility towards us so
notoriously prevalent throughout their Camp, and which
as a Traveller in the Dekkan I am sorry to
affirm has had a considerable effect to our
prejudice in places, where they have been stationed

However little I may be disposed to
believe that the French Men in question could
have been furnished with Passports by any
English Officer, still as the Circumstance proves
that the Prison of Madras is the place from
which the Corps is recruited, I humbly conceive
it my duty to lay before you the particulars
that have come within my Knowledge, and
have the honor to be &c.

Hyderabad
28th July 1798.

Signed/ W. L. Gardner

A true Copy
Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Read

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Read the following letter from

Bengal.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir.

From Bengal Notifying their intention to send the 33d Regiment immediately to the Coast and reserving that as soon after their Arrival as possible the Men of the 36. may be sent back for Bengal in order to their being incorporated in to the 76.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to request that you will lay before the Commander in Chief, with the Resolutions passed thereon, before the Honorable the President in Council

I am &c. &c.

For William
the 13th of July 1798

/Signed/ John Stracey
Sub Secy

Minute by the Commander in Chief
Dated 13th of July 1798

Having previously informed the Governor General in Council of the Orders I had received

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Received for drafting the Private Soldiers of Four of
His Majesty's Regiments into others, and sending the
the Remainder of the drafted Corps to England I on
the 29th. of September last, proposed to carry the
Orders into effect, as soon as possible, which met
with the Concurrence of the Board, and three of the
Regiments have actually been drafted, and all the
Officers &c. sent Home, except a few that were
detached to the Malabar Coast in Charge of the
Men, who from the unfortunate Accidents of one
Ship being burnt, and two others on which they
were embarked taken by the Enemy are still here.-

Several Circumstances, which I believe
are within the Knowledge of the Board, have
however occurred to prevent any Steps having
hitherto been taken for drafting the 36th Regiment,
one of the Corps ordered home, into the 76th
serving on this Establishment; where it was
very much my desire to keep three of His
Majesty's Regiments of Infantry if it could
have been done Conveniently: But the number

of

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of European Corps that are employed on the
Island of Ceylon, and in our New Possessions to
the Eastward, having reduced that part of our
Establishment, on the Coast of Coromandel more
than could be wished at present - I am of Opinion
that it should rather be strengthened than made
weaker; Therefore, recommend that the 33rd Regt.
which consists of about Eight Hundred and
Thirty Men, and is ready on the Spot should be
sent immediately to Madras, on the Ships that
I send are ordered for that Presidency - and in
condition to Receive them; and that the Men
of the 36th Regiment, amounting to about five
hundred and forty, who are intended for the
77th should be sent here, under the Charge of
no more Officers &c. than are sufficient for
the purpose, as soon after the Arrival of the 33d on
the Coast as may be Convenient - Some of them
may come in one of the Ships, which I understand
is to return immediately and the Government
of Fort St. George should, if my proposal meets
with

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with your Lordship's Approbation, be desired to procure Conveyance for the rest, as well as for all the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, & Drummers, Invalids &c. that are bound to Europe.- Such part of them as come here & may be provided with Passages home as Opportunities offer.-

(Signed) Alured Clarke

Resolution 13th July 1798

The Right Honorable the Governor & General in Council for the reasons stated by the Commander in Chief in the foregoing Minute, & Resolves, that His Majesty's 33d. Regiment be directed to hold themselves in readiness to embark for Fort St. George on Board of the Honble Company's Ships Earl Fitz William Lord Camden and Busbridge, that a Distribution of the Officers and Men be made for these Ships and that the Military Board be desired to give Instructions to the Garrison Storekeeper to lay in Provisions and Water, according to the Distribution Returns, &

for

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for the Non Commissioned Officers and Rank and File during the Voyage.—

That the Government of Fort St. George be desired to send to Bengal the Men of His M.ty's 76th Regiment intended for the 76th under Charge of not more Officers than are sufficient for that purpose, as soon after the Arrival of the 33rd Regiment on the Coast as may be convenient, and that such part of them as can be accommodated on the Earl of Fitz William, which Ship is to return to Bengal, be brought Round on her, and the Remainder by such Conveyance as the Government of Fort St. George may be able to procure.—

That the Government of Fort St. George be requested to procure Conveyance to Europe for all Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Invalids belonging to the drafted Regiment, who are now on the Coast.—

That such of the Officers and Men of

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of the drafted Regiments who are destined for Europe and Come to Bengal, be provided with Passages from hence as opportunities offer.

True Copies
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secry

Minute thereon

The Board have already stated the Supreme Government the Reasons, which render it inexpedient in their opinion to send away His Majesty's 36th Regiment; and it is in consequence Resolved to wait their further directions before any Steps are taken for this purpose.—

To J. Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal on the subject of Supplies of Arms and Stores Ordered from the Magazines on the Coast to the 12th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry the Indent for one Month to be supplied that Corps only.

1st

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to transmit to You

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you the enclosed Copies of a Survey Report dated the 1st of May last of Arms &c. sent from the Arsenal at Fort St. George for the use of the 10th Bengal Regiment of Native Infantry and of a Survey Report dated the 13 of January last of Camp Equipage Received at Hydrabad from Masulipatam, to be laid before the Honorable the Governor in Council with His Lordship's request that he will adopt such Measures as may appear Necessary to prevent the Supply of such defective Articles to the Troops in future.—

2 I am also directed to enclose an Indent N° 192 for New Arms required for the use of the 10th Bengal Regiment and to express his Lordship's Request that Orders may be given for supplying the Articles specified therein.—

Fort William
the 16 July 1798.

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

Report

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Report of a Committee of Survey held on Military Stores Arrived from the Arsenal of Fort St. George for the use of the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry

President ..... Capt.n J. H. Adams — The Quarter master of the Detachment and Com.d of three Members. — Camp, Hussein Sauger near Hyderbad 1st May 1798. —

Names of Stores	Demanded	Expended	Remainder	Remarks
Belts Bayonet Country	66	-	66	The Sewing of the whole of them is Slight and otherwise very badly executed
" Pouch	48.	"	48	
Cases Fife Brass	3.	-	3.	They want the inside Case which seperates the Fifes, and prevent their Shaking.
Slings for Do	17.	"	17.	
Fifes Country	"	3.	3.	Put in the Unserviceable Column being found not to Answer, as those in use with the Regiment are all Europe. —
Slings Musquet	83.	"	83.	
Drums Brass Complete	2.	"	2.	
Musquets with Ramrods and Bayonets Repaired	"	56	56	* (vide) Remarks on Musquets at the bottom of the Report. —
Pioniers Musquets	34	"	34	One deficient of the Number Sawoie
Scabbards Bayonet Do	181.	"	181.	One Do Do Do Do
Turnkeys	32.	"	34.	
Worms Musquet	28.	"	28.	
Hoops Drum Batter	12.	"	12.	
" " Lining	8.	"	8.	
" " Flesh	12.	"	12.	
Heads Drum Country	12.	"	12.	
Cords Do Do	6.	"	6.	
Slings Drum	"	"	18.	18. Not uniform 3 are Blue 9 are Red 6 are of Mixed worsted Tape —
Sticks Do Country Pr.s	6.	"	6.	

These

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* These are Invoiced as repaired Arms, the Stocks of the whole are in bad Condition and each has a piece of Wood Clumsily Sputten, running from the Tail pipe to the lower Swivel and inserted & through the Brass of the Guard – Some of those pieces which are all about Eleven Inches in length, have already Come out, and have not the appearance of having been fastened with Glue or by any other Means; and as these pieces of Wood are not secured at the End, the Committee are of Opinion, they will fall out, whenever the firelocks are brought into use – The lower end of the Tailpipes & have likewise lost their Security, a Considerable part having been cut off to make room for those pieces of wood – Six firelocks have their Stocks otherwise much broken; Some have their Ramrods so loose, as to make them liable to fall out, whenever the Soldier presents his Piece in firing; the Lock Springs of a few of them are Weak. –

The Committee further beg leave to observe, that the whole of these firelocks are in a worse state, than any they have ever hitherto seen served out to a Corps for ordinary use, not to say Corps on Service. –

(Signed) W. Adams Bt. Capt. President
" Ja. Atkinson Bt. Capt. D.M.
" W. H. Lyeen Lieutenant Artillery
to the Detachment
Depy Comg to the Detachment

Report

A true Copy
(Signed) J Stracey
Sub Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Lyeen
Lt. Asst. Mg. Bd

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Report of a Committee of Survey held on Military Stores Arrived from the Arsenal of Fort St. George for the use of the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry

President ..... Capt. J. H. Adams.— The Quartermaster of the Detachment and Com.t of three Members.— Camp, Hussein Saugerom near Hyderbad 1st May 1798.—

Names of Stores	Demanded	Received	Deficient	Surplus	Remarks
Belts Bayonet Country	66	66	"	"	The sewing of the whole of them is slight and otherwise very badly executed
" Pouch	48.	48	"	"	
Cases Fife Brass	3.	3.	"	"	They want the inside Case which seperates the Fifes, and prevent their shaking
Slings for Do	17.	17.	"	"	
Fifes Country	"	3.	3.	"	Put in the Unserviceable Column being found not to answer, as those in use with the Regiment are all Europe.—
Slings Musquet	83.	83.	"	"	
Drums Brass Complete	2.	2.	"	"	
Musquets with Ramrods and Bayonets Repaired	"	56	56	"	* (Vide) Remarks on Musquets at the bottom of the Report.—
Pioniers Musquets	34	34	"	"	One deficient of the Number Issued
Scabbards Bayonet Do	181.	181.	"	"	One Do Do Do
Turnkeys	32.	34.	"	"	
Worms Musquet	28.	28.	"	"	
Hoops Drum Batter	12.	12.	"	"	
" " Lining	8.	8.	"	"	
" " Flesh	12.	12.	"	"	
Heads Drum Country	12.	12.	"	"	
Cords Do Do	6.	6.	"	"	
Slings Drum	"	18.	18.	"	Not uniform 3 are Blue 9 are Red 6 are of Mixed worsted Tape.—
Sticks Do Country Pr.	6.	6	"	"	

These

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* There are Invoiced as repaired Arms, the Stocks of the whole are in bad Condition and each has a piece of Wood Clumsily putten, running from the Tail pipe to the lower Swivel and inserted & Through the Brass of the Guard - Some of those pieces, which are all about Eleven Inches in length, have already Come out, and have not the appearance of having been fastened with Glue or by any other Means; and as these pieces of Wood are not secured at the Ends, the Committee are of Opinion, they will fall out, whenever the firelocks are brought into use - The lower end of the Tailpipes & have likewise lost their Security, a Considerable part having been cut off to make room for those pieces of wood - Six firelocks have their Stocks otherwise much broken; Some have their Ramrods so loose, as to make them liable to fall out, whenever the Soldier prevents his Piece in spring; the Lock Springs of a few of them are Weak. -

The Committee further beg leave to observe, that the whole of these firelocks are in a worse state, than any they have ever hitherto been served out to a Corps for ordinary use, not to say Corps on Service. -

(Signed) W. Adams Bt. Capt. President
" Jas. Atkinson Bt. Capt. D.M.
" W. H. Lyon Lieutenant Artillery to the Detachment
Depy Comy to the Detachment

Report

A true Copy
(Signed) J Stracey
Sub Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) A. Lyon
1st Asst Mr Genl

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Report of Committee of Survey Ordered to be taken by Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman, on Four Officer's Tents / two Pole / 12 Private, 1 Necessary and a Bell Tent Received from Masulipatam

Camp, near Hyderabad, January 13th 1798.

President, Captain Thomas Wittett

Captain J. Atkinson 2d. M.r / Members / Lieutenant H. Green Deputy Commissary —

Names of Articles	Serviceable	Repairable	Unserv.e	Total
Officer's Tents				
	4			4

Remarks

The Committee observe that the Ropes and Tape of the whole are Extremely bad, and appear to be made of the very worst Cotton which is so Coarse and little twisted, That they Conceive they can last but very Short Time - the Tents are three Cloths throughout in Thickness / Viz.t 2 White and 1 Blue; the Leather Work is Slight, Undressed Hide, and Badly sewed - the Gunny Cases are made of the lightest and thinnest Gunny, and so much Rotted from the Journey from Masulipatam to this place That the Committee deem them unfit for Service, the whole of the Tents are three Cloths thick, now the Cloth appear good and fresh, but has not been bleached, and Consequently in this Climate will Mildew in every Short Time - the Committee observe by the Fort St.e George Regulations, the Breadth of the Fly of this Description of Tent is ordered to be 19 Feet 3 Inches and the Breadth of the Inner Tents should be 13 Feet 3 Inches, whereas the Flies of the Tents before the Committee are only 13 Feet 3 Inches, and that of the Inner Tents only ten feet - the Walls and Poles of the dimensions of the Tent but the Walls dont reach the Ground by nearly one Foot - the Doors have no Lacing —

Allot.d 4 Repaired 4 Unserv.e Nil

Tents Privates	12	..	..	12
Tents Serjeants	1	..	..	1
Bell Tent	1	..	..	1

These Tents are three Cloth in thickness (Viz^t) 2 White and 1 Blue the Rope, Tape and Leather work, are of the same inferior quality as of the former Tents and the Cloth Unbleached —

The Materials the Same as the former Tents. —

The Tent has two Poles, and a rack for the Arms, it is made of a single ~~Canvass~~ Cloth, and altho' the Committee have reported it Serviceable they Conceive from its construction and being so extremely slight, it can last but for a very short Time or can be of much use. —

/Signed/ Tho^s Wittett Capt^n President
Ja^s Atkinson B^r C.
2^d Master 10th Reg^t of Hyderabad
Detachment. —
W. H. Green Lieutenant Artillery
Deputy Commissary

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ A Green
1st Asst M. J. B^d

/A true Copy/
/Signed/ J. Stracey
Subsitg

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The Board would be concerned to find that Stores and Arms apparently so defective in quality should have been issued from the Magazines under this Government: resolved therefore that Copies of the foregoing Reports be transmitted to the Military Board with directions for a particular enquiry into the Subject.

Minute thereon.—

Ordered also that the Military Board Comply with the Tenor of Articles passed for the 10th Regiment Bengal Native Infantry.—

Read the following Letter from the Nabob entered also in C. C. N° 110

Translation of a Letter
From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic
&c. &c. &c. &c. &c.
To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor of Fort St. George
Dated 7th August 1798
Received Do

From the Nabob deputies & Mr. John Bailey and Avanashy Iyer Nabob Venkatachellum to Meet Mr. Wolf and Smith, for the purpose of adjusting the Balance & Accounts of the Last year.—

Your Letter of the 1st Instant mentioning your having appointed Mr. Robert Wolf and Mr. Cecil Smith for the purpose of drawing out and & adjusting

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Adjusting the Annual Balance Account, and
Requesting to be informed of the persons whom
I shall appoint, on the part of my Sircar, I have
Perused and understand the Contents.—

I have appointed on the part of the
Sircar Mr. John Bailey my Deputy Secretary &
and Awaniggeddala Venkatachelum for the purpose
of adjusting the said Account

What shall I write More? —

/ A True Translation /

/ Signed / A Falconer
Pr. Tr. to Government.—

Ordered that Messrs. Woolf and
Minute thereon Smith be informed of the Appointments made by
His Highness for the adjustment of his Annual
Account.—

Read the following Letter from
the Resident at Tanjore.—

To

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

Honorable Sir,

On the 2nd Instant I had the hono
to report to you my proceedings at Tanjour in
obedience to your Commands of the 25th Ultimo
and on 7th I transmitted to you a letter from the
Rajah Serfoge offering an Assignment of
His Country to the Honorable Company for
two Years.—

The Measure in Regard to the late
Rajah Ameersing's Removal from the Palace
and Ultimately from Tanjour having been left
to my discretion — and the Arrangement which
I made inconsequence, however Consonant to the
Spirit of your Orders being very opposite to the
Letter

From the Resident at Tanjore requests to be informed of the Board's determination respecting Ameer Sing's future Residence the division of the private and Circar Property — and the pensions to be allowed for the Maintenance of Ameer Sing and the Surviving Widow of Tulja Maharaj & Notices the advantage afforded to Ameer Sing by placing Guards at the Entrance of the Apartments. Submits Mr. Innes's Claim to some Allowance from the Company to the favorable Consideration of Government.—

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Letter of my Instructions, creates a desire in me
to be honored with your Sentiments upon the
Subject and upon many other important Points
relating to the Revolution of Tanjour. —

I omitted to mention in my Letter
of the 2nd Instant, that the Apartments, Chosen
by the late Rajah, Required Some alterations
and Repairs, and that the Young Rajah Serfoge
of his own accord Most generously proposed, #
returning after his instalment, to his former #
habitation and to reside there till Amer Sing was #
disposed to Remove — This period lasted for 15 days
and no pains or Expence were spared towards the
late Rajah's perfect Accommodation, a Separate
Gateway was opened through the Palace Wall, and
every other Means adopted, that could be devised, to
obviate the Evils so loudly Complained of during #
Amer Sing's Reign, and when Serfoge was in
a Similar predicament. —

On

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On the 15th Instant I attended the
Maharajah Serfoge to take poseffion of the
Palace, and on the following Day Colonel Acton
Captain Butler and myself waited on the late
Rajah Amersing, to know of any thing was yet
wanting to his Comfort and Convenience.—

After all the trouble that had been
taken to prepare for Amersing's Reception in
the Apartments He had himself chosen, after
very alteration had been made by his directions
I confefs I was not a little surprized to be Received
in a Hovel in his Court Yard— it was a poor and
unfair pretence while the spacious apartments
above, were ample for his Family and suitable to
his most perfect Accommodation— The Rajah
happily had but few Complaints to make to us
— after Remarking on the Size of His Apartments,
He required the use of a House, He had formerly
built in Tanjour, and which, as soon as I am
honored with your Approbation of his present
Residence

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Residency, I see no Reason to Refuse them - and
when I mentioned the Application to Serfoge
Rajah, His Excellency as readily consented, so
soon as the Question relative to the Royal &
Ornaments (with held by Ameersing) and the
Separation of the Circar and private Property
shall be determined on by your Government

On the Removal of Ameersing to his
present Residence, I thought it proper to station
a Guard at His outer Gate, equally with regard to
his protection as to preserve the Public tranquility
from the Effects of a too frequent intercourse with
His adherents and Mischievous Servants - and
because Ameersing had been charged with much
of the Circar Jewells and other Property, and owing
to the great caution of Colonel Acton and myself
had been permitted, to move Every thing to
His New Apartments, unseen and unquestioned. -

This interference on our part was not
objected to by the Rajah Serfoge, but in support
of

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of His demand upon Ameer Sing. He addressed me a Letter Requiring permission to station a Guard of His own People at Ameer Sing's Gate.—

I enclose a Copy of the Rajahs Letter.—

I did not feel myself warranted in objecting to this, and being in daily Expectation of your Orders I flattered myself that even the least Restraint / for it actually is no more / would be quickly Removed— This additional Guard was also a subject of Complaint with Ameer Sing.—

He then required a quantity of Grain deposited in one of the Pagodas in Tanjour to be granted to one of his Servants, and the use of a few More Books.—

Serfoge Rajah has issued the most peremptory orders for the constant and ample Supply of every Article Required by Ameer Sing for Himself and Family, and to continue their Allowance, Liberal as it is, till your Orders shall determine on the Pension to be granted to Him with

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With regard to the Youngest Issue of
the deceased Rajah Tuljaje, I must suppose that
Her Allowances will be made in the same manner
as before —

Before I conclude I must beg leave
to trouble you with a Letter from the Reverend M.
M. Jaenicke, and to entreat your partial attention
to his Request. —

My former Reports make it unnecessary
to give a further introduction of M. Jaenicke to
your Notice — I feel myself already much indebted
for his Services, and upon His influence with
the Rajah, and on his perfect Knowledge of the
Malabars, in my Communications with his
People — I shall place great Reliance in my
future Undertakings. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Benjn Torin
President

Tanjour
25th July 1798.

To

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To Benjamin Sorin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir,

You need not be informed, that on the demise of the late venerable M.r Swartz I am become his Successor in the quality of Senior Missionary at Tanjour and officiating English Chaplain at the same place and Vellum. Neither are you ignorant, that my Salary from my employers is but very small, you know also, at what expence I have been at in my travels to the Southward, to officiate in Garison, where never a protestant Clergyman comes to, and how much I needed the Assistance, which you so liberally afforded me when at Tinnevelly; you cannot but Remember that several Gentlemen, and especially yourself, have, more than Six Years ago, made the kind proposal to me, that, if permitted, you would Represent my distressful circumstances to Government, and Supplicate

them

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them for a Monthly Allowance to me, you know,
that I then deprecated your generous offer for
the two following Reasons; first, that, as I was
attached to no Garrison, and though travelling
at a great expence, and officiating in Several &
places, as I did it of my own accord, I could not
but doubt, of my being entitled to an Allowance
Secondly, that, as I was appointed to succeed &
Mr. Swartz, and would of course, on that event,
also obtain his Monthly Allowance, my distress
could not be very long duration, and it's future
Relief by the bounty of the Honorable Company
would be the more Agreable, the longer I had
exerted myself to merit it. —

I have now learnt, Sir, during five
Months experience, how much I need the &
Honorable Company's generous support &
and Assistance. —

The late Mr. Swartz's charity — his
Ardent desire and unremitting exertions to do
good, you cannot be ignorant of, I see daily &
the

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the Mourning objects of his beneficence — They now often with a weeping eye, look up to me for that Relief and Assistance, which my present Circumstances do not allow me, to afford — There is a New Missionary with me, who came out lately with a family and is, as you may imagine, in great distress, God knows, he needs Assistance, and he naturally expects it from his elder brother, and would have obtained it, ere now, had Mr Swartz lived — But why should I tire you with doleful Representations — I rather hasten to request of you, that you would be kindly pleased, to represent my Situation to Government, and to Supplicate them, that they would graciously condescend, to grant me the whole of the Monthly Allowance, which Mr Swartz enjoyed — such an act of generosity will not fail to redound to the Honor of God and it will inspire me with gratitude to the Honorable Company, and with fervor to pray for their lasting and always

increasing

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encreasing prosperity.—

I am with great Regard.—

&c. &c.

Tanjore
8th July 1798.—

(Signed) J. D. Janicke

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjour.

Dear Sir,

I understand that Ameer Sing has already sent down to his Apartment the Jewels and furniture belonging to the Circar. I therefore request you would be so Kind as to enquire into the Matter so far as that the Circar's property may be restored, which Ameer Sing has already got in his possession for which I will send you a list as soon as I am informed the particulars.—

I desire your consent to place my Servants at the Ameer Sing's outward door untill the

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the Government shall determine the Circar from the private property.—

Tanjore
12th July 1798.

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

(A true Copy)
(Signed) B. Torin
Rest.

Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Resident at Tanjore.—

Upon the subject of the offer made by Serfogee to put this country under the Management of the Company the Resident has already been furnished with the orders of the Board and in regard to the Subsequent Arrangement to be made for the removal of Ameer Sing from Tanjore, they think it unnecessary after the instauration of Serfogee to continue any restraint or the appearance of restraint over the deposed Rajah or his Servants; Resolved therefore to direct that the different Guards may be removed, and that Ameer Sing may be called upon to state his wishes without delay in respect to the place of his future residence.—

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The Resident has referred to the Board a decision upon the public and private property of Ameer Sing as well as upon the royal ornaments withheld by him without offering any ground on which to form a judgement; Resolved therefore to direct Mr. Torin to proceed immediately with the Commanding Officer to open the seals which have been placed upon the several apartments, and to take an account in presence of a confidential person as well as from Ameer Sing, of all the property public and private in the Palace: the Residents examination of their respective Claims to it and consequent report upon the whole will enable the Governor in Council to bring this subject to a close by his final determination: mean while it is only necessary to observe that the ring and ornaments of state must be peremptorily insisted on and obtained from Ameer Sing. —

In

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In regard to the pension to be fixed for the Maintenance of Amen Sing, Resolved to desire that the Resident will state the Number of which his own immediate family consists, together with an opinion of such an establishment as may be necessary to that Princes comfort and convenience; meanwhile he is continue to receive a supply of Articles for consumption according to the orders, which appear to have been already given by Sir Jogue-

Resolved to desire that the remaining Bhaii Saheb may continue to receive her usual Allowance, and that Mr Janicke may be permitted to draw an allowance of Thirty Pagodas per Month as long as he may continue to officiate as interpreter at Tanjore.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General. —

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The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sir,

From the Military Auditor General. Submits a Claim preferred by the Revd Mr. Ball to the half Batta and Gratuity of Captain in addition to the Salary fixed by the Court of Directors and states the sum for which Bills are to be drawn on the Court of Directors in favor of Mr. Ball Gans. —

Having Received, thro' Mr. Hawkins Paymaster of Trichinopoly, a Bill from the Revd Mr. Ball Military Chaplain at that Station, for the half Batta and Gratuity of a Captain from the 3rd of February last, the date of his appointment referred to the Order of the Hble Court of Directors of the 22nd April 1796 respecting the Military Chaplains under this Presidency, and do not find myself authorized by that Order to admit more than his established Salary of 1750 Pagodas P Annum as it directs that the Arrangement, & contained therein, shall not be deviated from & without the express authority of the Honorable & Court of Directors, altho' the Chaplains serving with His Majesty's Regiments in India, receive the

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the pay, Gratuity, and Batta of a Captain, it would Seem in the present case, that the Salary 1750 Pagodas P Annum has been granted in lieu of all other Allowances. — As Mr Ballard however conceives himself entitled to Gratuity and Batta, upon the principle of its having been generally drawn by Military Chaplains before the Orders of the 22nd April 1796 before-mentioned, I request the decision of your Honorable Board on the Subject —

2 Agreeably to the Orders communicated to me in Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 5th Instant, I have the honor to state that the Sum for which Bills are to be given in Mr Farrow's favor on the Honorable Court of Directors, in consequence of the Decision of your Honorable Board, amounts to Pagodas Five hundred and Twenty, Fanams Twenty One, and Cash

Thirty

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Thirty Two / Pagodas 520. 21. 32 /

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
31st July 1798.—

I have the honor to be with great
respect &c &c
(Signed) Wm Sydenham
My Asst Genl

Minute thereon

The Board have no hesitation in confirming the Auditors' interpretation of the orders of the Court of Directors in regard to Military Chaplains.—

Ordered, that Bills be drawn upon the Honorable Court of Directors in favor of Mr Edward Garrow for Pagodas 520. 21. 32 @ 8s per pagoda

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

Honorable Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webb's Letter of the

From the Military Auditor General submitting an Establishment of Servants for the Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions with the Junior Detachment.—

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the 3rd Instant informing me of the Appointment of Mr Peter Cherry to the Department of Paymaster and Commissary to a Detachment about to be formed in the Guntoor Circar, and have accordingly given him the necessary Instructions for his guidance, and as it will of course be expected by Government that I should suggest the establishment of Writers &c. required for each Department, I beg leave to enclose a Statement of what I conceive to be indispensably necessary to enable him to carry on the publick Service with effect. –

I have the honor to be with great Respect. –

Honorable Sir,

Your most Obedient and very humble Servant.

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Military Aud. General

Proposed

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Proposed Establishment of Servants &c. for the Office of Paymaster and Commissary of Provisions with a Detachment about to be Assembled on the Guntoor Circar.—

Pay Department

1 Head Writer	30..	
1 Do	20..	
2 Do at 15 each	30..	
1 Conicoply	10..	
1 Cash Keeper	6..	
1 Moochie	5..	
1 Shroff	5..	
2 Golahs at 4 each	8..	
2 Peons at 3 each	6..	
	120..	
Stationary for both Departments	15..	135..

Victualling Department

1 Writer	15..	
1 Head Conicoply	10..	
2 Assistant ditto at 5 each	10..	
2 Measuring Men at 4 each	8..	
2 Peons at 3 each	6..	
Butchers, Shepherds &c	11..	60..
Total		195..

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mdy Quar. Genl. The

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The Board approves the establish=

Minute thereon

=ment, to which the Auditor has recommended for

the Paymaster and Commissary of provisions

with the Guntoor Detachment Amounting to

Pagodas 195 per Month.—

Read the following Letter from the

Garrison Storekeeper.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant Gen.l Harris

Governor in Council

Fort St George

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency requesting that Government will come to a determination on his Claim to an Increase of Salary in consequence of the additional Labour and Responsibility and the decrease of the former Emoluments of his Office by the Introduction of the late Regulations.—

I am given to understand that since the date of my Application for an Augmentation of Salary to my Appointment as Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency and its dependencies, no opportunity has occurred by which your favorable notice of that circumstance could be transmitted to the Honorable the Court of Directors, I am in consequence impelled again to intrude upon your attention

a few

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a few observations, which I fain hope, may not be
deemed unworthy your consideration —

With Respect to the sum I now enjoy
/Pagodas 150 p.r Mensem/ given by the Honorable
the Court of Directors long previous to the new
Regulations for the Store Department, and
when the perquisites of the Garrison Storekeeper
were known to be very considerable, it cannot
I trust have reference to an Office now entirely
new modelled, subject not only to much
additional exertion, and responsibility, as
the late demands for draft and Carriage Bullocks
both for the Field and the Arsenal must
ever be — but also bound by the severest and
strictest Check — Have situated and with the
opinion you did me the honor to express
relative to the Monthly sum I at present
draw, permit me Sir, to bring to your
Recollection, that upwards of ten Months
have elapsed since the change in my Appointment

and

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and as it must now be evident a much greater
period may still intervene ere the inconveniences
so much suffer can be Remedied by a Reference
to the Honorable the Court of Directors, with
any difference hope, that these observations
will meet with your favorable consideration —

I am the more emboldened to come
forward on this occasion, Government having,
I believe, of late allotted handsome Salaries to
situations not perhaps in any Respect equal
in Responsibility to the one I have the honor
to be placed in. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

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Ordered to lie on the Table

The foregoing Letter ordered
to lie on the Table —

Read the following Letter from
the Military Auditor General. —

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The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honorable Sirs

Report of the Mily. and Gent on the additional Estimate of Cash lately sent by the Military Payr. master General.—

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 3rd Instant, with an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month Amounting to Pagodas 5611..19..19, which does not appear objectionable and may therefore be issued from the Treasury being required for the following purposes.—

2 Pagodas 2326..13..50 on Account of the Agent for the Supply of Military Stores, and Pagodas 200 to the Agents of Brevet & Captain Nathaniel Forbes, Agreeably to the directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter dated the 26th Ultimo

3 The Amount of Fees due on Officers Commissions being Pagodas 913 the future adjustment

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Adjustment of which, will depend on the Decision of the Honorable Court of Directors on the reference made to them on the subject, as shewn in Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter and the Resolution of Government in consequence dated the 31st March 1797.—

4th The remainder of the additional Estimate Viz.t Pagodas 2172..5..49 is for the payment of Bills drawn by the Military Paymaster at Trinomalee, which I presume may be issued to the Military Paymaster General, in order that he may be enabled to honor those Drafts, but it did not occur to me that the Paymaster would have had occasion to draw such Bills for the present Months payments, owing to the Balance of Cash Reported in this Estimate for this Month as stated in my Letter of the 28 Ultimo

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mty and Dr. Govt.

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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Adand

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Ordered that the Sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven Pagodas Nineteen Fanams and Nineteen Cash (P.s 5611..19..19) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on Account of the additional estimate which accompanied his Letter of the 3d. Instant.—

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

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from Major General Gisle.—

Lieutenant General Harris &c. &c. &c.

Sir,

We had a melancholy Exhibition at the Mount, yesterday, in a peolagy for a Review of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery, by Major General Sydenham, that will require all his Address, I apprehend, to bolster up in Orders, and in his Report to Head Quarters, to Authorize it's being imposed on the Public &

Letter from Major General Gisle to the Commander in Chief respecting a Review of the 2d. Battalion of Artillery by Major General Sydenham and the Means said to have been taken by Colonel Hamilton to transfer Serjeant Allan from the 1st. to the 2d. Battalion Artillery

as

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as meriting the name of an Artillery Man. -

But leaving a ground, the Party are by no

means strong upon. permit me to offer to

your consideration and redress, Sir, that

Colonel Smith has been tampering with

one of my Evidences, Serjeant Allan of Capt.n

Jacke's Company, to induce him to leave

my Battalion and Re-enlist in the 2nd Batt.n

of Artillery. - Allan Arrived from Arnee

Yesterday, on a sick, or pretended Sick Certificate,

and called at my Quarters before he went to

Colonel Smith, who had sent for him, and

upon his return from thence informed me

that Colonel Smith, seemed very desirous of

his quitting the first Battalion and going

into the second, and was particularly pressing

with Allan, that he would come and take his

House, during his stay at the Mount, and "had

"behaved very genteely indeed by giving him

a Bottle

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"Battle of Wine" - He had no inclination, Allan told Colonel Smith, to quit the Battalion he was in, that he had served in it thirteen years, next April, and had many Friends there and although the 1st Battalion were down at # present, Allan observed, he knew they did not deserve it, and hoped they would soon be up again - On leaving Colonel Smith, he # desired Allan to think well of what he had said to him, - All this Allan came immediately to my Quarters, and told me of, and great deal more respecting Colonel Smith, on the 15th of # January last, which he had had an # opportunity of particularly noticing from having been Serjeant of the Main Guard on that night and when the Mutineers disarmed it. - Sent for Allan afterwards, desiring he would commit to writing, what he had just then told me - He said he did not think he could

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could with propriety write down what Colonel Smith said to him, about leaving the 1st Battalion — That Colonel Smith had sent for him three several times since, that he had excused himself, by sending him word, he was much fatigued with the March from Arnee, but that if I pleased, he would put on his Coat and wait on Colonel Smith to hear what he had to say; that he would be glad to oblige me in any thing — I told Allan, it was no obligation — All I required of him, was the Truth and for the furtherance only of Publick Justice —

Colonel Smith has signed Allan's Passport to Madras, — doubtless with a view to get him from here, and if they can persuade Allan to quit the 1st Battalion, go into the 2nd where he is promised his Rank, and turn a villain as Mr Conductor has manifested himself accomplished to have been — he likewise may be recommended to be made Conductor of Stores.

I deemed

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I deemed it necessary to intrude
upon you, Sir, with the foregoing Detail, that
you may be upon your guard, as to effect
Allan's removal — The Auditor General or
Some of his friends may commence their attack
for this purpose in so circuitous a Manner,
that you may not be aware of the object,
until you have gone too far to recede —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(signed) Tho. Geils

St Thomas's Mount
7th August 1798 —

The improper and indecent Style
of General Geils's correspondence has already
made it necessary for the Board to restrain
his addresses to them and it is resolved to point
out to the Honorable the Court of Directors the
foregoing letter to the Commander in Chief, which
will no doubt confirm the propriety of the measures,
which have been taken in respect to General Geils. —

Minute of the Board
on the foregoing Letter

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The Commander in Chief delivered in the following Minute —

Lieutenant-General Harris's Minute in Council 7th August 1798.

Commander in Chief's Minute Recommending that the Madras Battalion be completed with Effective Commissioned and non Commissioned Officers in lieu of the Invalids now attached and that five Recruit Boys be allowed for each Company —

In consequence of a Representation from the Officer Commanding the Madras Battalion, setting forth the difficulty he experiences in procuring Men for keeping the Corps complete, owing to its being furnished with Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned from the Invalid List, by which the Privates are precluded from all hope of promotion notwithstanding the Corps, independent of the fatigues of a Drill which has brought them to a high degree of discipline, is subjected to even an extra share of Duty at the Pundaney the Commander in Chief from such consideration as well as from the particular circumstances of the present juncture is induced to recommend

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recommend that the Madras Battalion be
completed with effective Havildars and Naigues
and be allowed five Boys as Sepoy Recruits for each
Company. —

While little additional expence will
arise from this measure it will offer such
encouragement to the Corps as to afford the Com
Commanding Officer the Means to Recruit it
with more facility and with Men of a better
description than he has hitherto been able to
procure. —

(Signed) George Harris

The Board agree in opinion with
the Commander in Chief; and it is accordingly
ordered that the Madras Battalion shall have
effective native non Commissioned Officers instead
of those whom it has at present from the non
effective lists and that five Recruit Boys be
attached to each Company. —

Effective commissioned and non Commissioned Officers and five Recruit Boys to Company allowed the Madras Battalion —

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Lieutenant and Quarter Master Marriott appointed Staff Officer at Wallajabad vice Read removed.—

The President proposes that a Lieutenant and Quarter Master Marriot be appointed Staff Officer at Walajanbad vice Read Removed.—

Agreed and ordered Accordingly.—

Brevet Colonel Stevenson appointed to the Command of the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry.—

Resolved that Brevet Colonel Stevenson be appointed to the Command of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry.—

" Geo: Harris

" Edn Saunders

" E.H. Fallofield

Comp.d
G Strachey.

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Diary

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.

From the Commandant at Arnee

From major Coke recommending that some alterations and repairs be made to the fortifications at Arnee.

From the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly

From Mr. Hawkins enclosing a return of Paddy issued from the Stores to be beat into Rice; and requesting that application may be made to the Nabob for proper granaries for its accommodation —

From the Office Commg the Carnatic Division

From major General Floyd representing the objections made by the Military Board to extra indents made by him, on the march of the 19th Dragoons, for new Pistols and necessary Tents —

From the Military auditor General

From major General Tydenham enclosing his Audit on the accounts of the Paymaster

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Paymaster to the Kings Troops from 25th February to 24th March 1798

From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an — additional Estimate of Pagodas 18542.19.60. — required by the Paymaster in the Guntoor Circar.

From the Resident at Poona

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledging receipt of Mr. Webbes' Letter of the 4th July with Copies of Papers relative to the — Sanjour succession —

To the Military auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham confirming the construction he has put on the order of the Court of Directors respecting the Salaries of the Military Chaplains the Establishment of Servants proposed for the Commissary to the Guntoor Detachment approved — Bills of the — Surgeons of Kings Ships enclosed with orders for their being passed for payment if correct — and Statement of arrears of encreased Subsistence due to the 19th and 80th Regiments on Ceylon — — referred for examination —

To the Military Paymaster General

To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copy of the Auditors report on the additional estimate

enclosed

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To the Commandant at Trincomali.

To Colonel Champagne desiring him to communicate to Sankaralingum Pillay the Board's disposition to release him from his Imprisonment on his finding Security for his future peaceable conduct and to call upon him to state what Security he has to offer —

To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon

To Brigadier General Dumouron desiring that Lieutenant Castle of the Engineers may be immediately ordered to the Presidency

To the Collectors of Vizagapatam Cocanadoo Rajahmundry and Chicacole.

To the Collectors noted in the Margin desiring that they will not decline any opportunity of disposing of the grain they have under their — charge or make any alteration in their revenue arrangements in consequence of the letter written them on the 15th July.

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division

To Major General Floyd informing him that Orders have been given for fitting up the pontoons until Boats of a more extensive scale can

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Can be prouded for the conayance of Troops &c
a cross the Cauvery approving the orders sent by him
to Major Smart respecting the Muting amongst
the Nabobs Troops at Palamcotah and desiring that
on similiar occasions in future their may be no
active interfernce of the Companys Troops -

To the Commandant at arnee.

To Major Cope desiring that he will
be prepared to make over the command of the
Fort and Garrison of arnee to Colonel Aston
on the arrival of the 12th Regiment -

To Mejor Woolf and Smith -
desiring they will be pleased to meet Mr.
John Batley and Avaneghedaula Veneatachellum
the Nabob's Deputies for the purpose of adjusting
the Balance account of the last year -

To Majrs Robert Woolf and Neil Smith -

To the Town Major

To Captain Malcolm desiring that
a company of Sepoys may be immediately
sent to Nellore to relieve the garrison of that
place and to do duty there until further orders -

To the Commandant at Nellore

To Captain Forbes desiring that on
the arrival of the Company of Sepoys -
abovementioned he will order the detail of
the

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The 11th. Regiment to join the Head Quarters of the Corps in the Guntoor Circar-

To Lieutenant Colonel Vigors desiring —

To the Commandant at Angole

that on the arrival of the Company of Invalids from — Masulipatam he will order the detail of the 11th. — Regiment Native Infantry to join the Head — Quarters of the Corps in the Guntoor Circar —

To Lieutenant Ridge desiring him to

To the Commandant at Rampore -

evacuate the post of Rampore and proceed with the detail under his command to join the Head Quarters of the 11th. Regiment Native Infantry in the Guntoor Circar -

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To Lieutenant General Harris

To the military Board on the subject of extending the means of conveying Troops &c across the Canvery — particularly enquiring to be made into a complaint received from Bengal of the bad quality of arms &c supplied to the Bengal Troops at Hydrabad, an Indent just received to be complied with, repairs to the Gate way at Kistneghery authorized a claim made by Lieutenant Colonel — Murray, to be indemnified for saddles detained over to

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President &c Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen

We enclose copy of a letter from Major General Floyd and desire that you will give immediate orders for repairing the boats now

on

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different Corps required for inspection and the Blockade at Cuddalore ordered provisionally to be completed

on the river Cauvery and for fitting up the pontoons at Trichenopoly according to the plans and estimate of Lieutenant D. Haviland —

The importance of having efficient means of crossing this river with Troops and guns makes us desirous of having the opinion of the Chief Engineer upon the subject and we desire accordingly that he may be called upon for a plan and estimate of boats or floats as you may judge most advisable —

We enclose ~~sundry~~ reports upon the Arms and Camp equipage supplied the 10th Regiment of Bengal Native Infantry —

We should be concerned to find that stores and Arms apparently so defective in quality should have been issued from the Magazines under this Government and desire therefore that particular enquiry may be made into the Subject —

We enclose an indent for new arms and accoutrements required for that Regiment which has been sent by the Military Board in Bengal and desire that the Articles therein specified may be supplied —

We

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We enclose copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Tristnagherry and as we — admit the enquiry under which he was induced to order the repairs therein mentioned desire that they may be authorized by your Board-

We refer for your examination and report copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Murray upon the subject of a claim proposed by him against the Company for saddles supplied by him to other Corps-

We also refer for your Consideration copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Cuddalore and desire that the blockade may be renewed if you should think it advisable to incur the expence

We are

&c &c

(signed) Geo: Harris &c

Counal-

Fort St. George
18th August 1798

To Benjamin Sulivan Esqr

Attorney General

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the President in Council to transmit to you the accompanying

Copy

To the attorney General
submitting the whole of
the Papers relative to
Mr. Caillaud's suspension
from the Office of
Procurer General to
the Superior Court at
Pondicherry

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Pondicherry for his opinion—

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Copy of a letter from Major General Brathwaite with the papers therein referred to—

In a matter involving so materially the professional character of an individual placed in the distinguished situation held by Mr. Calland under the authority of this — Government the president in Council is desirous of giving the Subject the fullest and most — impartial Consideration; She desires therefore You will state your opinion how far the conduct of the President and other Members of the Superior Council was justified by the Regulations established for the interior duties of the Court in suspending Mr. Caillard from this Office, whether Mr. Caillard's conduct appears deserving of so serious a punishment as dismission from the Court, or under what apology to the Council he may be permitted to resume his Seat.

Fort St. George
8th august 1798.

I am
Sir
&c &c
(signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govt.

Recd

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Received and Sent the undermen-
-tioned Letters entered in MB Nos 54. 55. 56. 57 58.

59.

From Captain Malcolm —"—
requesting to Know if he is to make up the
annual clothing for the French Dutch &c —"—
Malay Prisoners on the usual terms —

From the Town Major

From major General Ross —"—
requesting permission to purchase some new
mathematical Instruments and to make
up a set of Boring Irons —

From the Chief Engineer

From Mr. Richards enclosing a
return of King's Recruits brought out on
the London and ordered to embark for Madras
and Bengal on the Howe and requesting that
those ships may be dispatched together for the
latter place as early as possible —

From the Secretary at Bombay

To Messrs Barlow Richards Palmer
and Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore —"—
Intelligence —

To the Secretaries at Bengal and Bombay and Residents at Poona and Hydrabad —

J. O.

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To Major General Lydenham

To the Military auditor General

referring for examination the additional estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster in the Guntor Circar

To Mr. Place desiring that some

To the Collector in the Cuddapa.

Carts belonging to the Gun Carriage Contractors which have been detained may be immediately released and that they may not suffer similar embarrassment in future

11th Sent the following Letter to the Resident at Tanjore

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at

Tanjore

Sir,

To the Resident at Tanjore the guards placed over Ameer Sing to be removed and his wishes ascertained relative to the future Place of residence the seals to be taken off the Treasury apartments and their contents reported. Information required to enable Government to fix the annual Salary to be granted to Ameer Sing the former allowance to be continued to the surviving Widows of Tulja Maharaz and 10 Pagodas a month allowed

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 25th. Instant upon the Subject of the offer made by the Serfoge to put his country under the Management of the Company you have already

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Mr. Daniell as — Interpreter —

been furnished with the orders of Government and in regard to the subsequent arrangements to be made for the removal of Amer Sing the Governor in Council thinks it was unnecessary after the installation of Serfoge to continue any restraint or appearance of restraint over the deposed Rajah or his Servants, he desires therefore that the different guards may be removed and that Amer Sing may be called upon to state his wishes without delay in regard to the place of his future residence. This you will report to the Governor in Council —

You have referred to the — Governor in Council the decision upon the public and private property of Amer Sing as well as upon the royal ornaments withheld by him without offering any ground on which to form a judgement;

I am therefore directed to desire that you will immediately proceed with the Commanding Officer to open the seales — which have been placed upon the several apartments

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apartments and to take an account in presence of a confidential person from Serfoge as well as from Amer Sing of all the property public and private in the palace: your examination of their respective claims to it and consequent report upon the whole with ~~which~~ the Governor in Council to bring this subject to a close by his final determination. Mean while therefore it is only necessary to observe that the ring and orna=ments of state must be peremptorily insisted upon and obtained from Amer Sing-

In regard to the pension to be fixed for the maintenance of Amer Sing the Governor in Council desires you will state the number of which his immediate family consists together with your opinion of such an establish=ment as may be necessary to his comfort and convenience: Mean while the Governor in Council desires that he may continue to receive a supply of articles for consumption according to the orders which appear to have been already given by Serfoge-

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11th The remaining Bhaii Saheb of the late Rajah Tulzagee will of course continue to receive her usual allowance; and in regard to the applic-ation of M.r Gamike the Governor in Council permits him to draw an allowance of thirty Pagodas per month as long as he may continue to officiate as interpreter at Tanjour.

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

Fort St. George
11th August 1798.

Received the following Letter-

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

In consequence of orders received from

From the Hon.ble Superin-
tendant of Bazaars respecting
the extra charges that
must necessarily be
incurred in storing grain
in the Hill Forts of
Kistnagerry and Ryacottah

you bearing date 8th last Month, Grain has been purchased to the extent my Funds would admit (Indeed much more) I have the pleasure to inform you that two Hundred Garce are now ready for Storing, one hundred of which could be disposed of on the Hill at Ryacottah, the other on the Hill at Kistnagherry-

The

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Fort St. George, August 6th 54

The enclosed Paragraphs will point out to you the difficulty at present labour under - In the execution of business of this Nature Extra Charges must unavoidably occur to obviate therefore all discussion and every objection which will be stated by the Military Auditor General; I shall consider myself obliged by your obtaining from Government their sanction for every requisite and necessary charge.

Accompanying you will find Copy of a letter to Majors Cameron and Dowton but as I am sensible the Military Board will be some time in replying to them; I trust when You consider the loss of time and damage Grain must sustain by being exposed to wind and Rain You will see the propriety of taking this matter in hand yourself.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(signed) Tho.s Scot Jackson
Dep.y C.r-

Kistna Ferry
August 9.th 1854.

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Article 25th. - "If Extra charges should at any time appear necessary to be incurred, it shall be the duty of the Garrison Storekeeper to report them in due time to the Commanding Officer of the Station who is to enquire into the circumstances of the case and to communicate immediately after with the Military Board on the subject but it is to be understood that as the Lascars at each Station may be employed occasionally for the Service of the Granaries the necessity of admitting Extra charges can only occur in cases of emergency when the Service might suffer by delay or the Stores be damaged for want of immediate attention to their preservation of which an immediate Report is at all times to be made to the Military Board who will apply for the sanction of Government for any Extra charges that may be considered indispensibly necessary -

Majors Cameron and Doveton

Commanding Kishnagerry & Bayatallah -

Sir, Agreeable to orders received from — Government for purchasing a Quantity of Grain I have to acquaint you that one Hundred Garce of

If

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It is now ready for storing in the Granaries on the Hill
I therefore request that you'll spare me as many 4
Lascars as possible - And as my Instructions admit
of no delay, it will be necessary to entertain as
many Coolies as can be procured of which Extra
charge you will without delay advise the Military
Board agreeable to the 25th article of the Regula-
tions for the Grain and Provisions Department
under date the 19th July 1797.

When you consider the frequency
of these late showers and their lasting appearance
together with the quantity of Grain exposed, I
trust you will explain to the Military Board the
necessity of an immediate Answer -

Kistnagerry
9th august 1798.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c

(signed) Thos Scott Jackson
Pay.r

Josiah

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Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Trincomalie reporting the present inadequate State of the Garrison Stock of provisions and recommending that 3000 Bags of Rice offered for Sale be purchased—

His Majesty's Ship Victorious arrived Yesterday and by her received a most seasonable supply of eight leaguers of arrack having but Forty gallons left in Store—

I beg leave to submit to the — consideration of Government the propriety of always having at least three Months Salt provisions and Arrack and six Months Rice in Store here and at Fort Ostenburgh during the War the reason is so obvious that I hope any comment on the subject will be — thought unnecessary—

The State of the provision now here is as follows; Salt Meat two — Months, Rice ten Weeks and arrack for — twenty five Days; this last Article is some- time brought here from Point De Galle

but

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but what is sent from the Presidency is so far superior that I never allow the Commissary to purchase any of it for the use of the Troops but through necessity -

Salt Provisions is not to be procured here on any terms; Rice in general scarce and of course dear, but there is arrived a Cargo from Bengal that is reported remarkably fine and three thousand Bags of it have been offered to me for Sale at Ninety Pagodas per Garce, which I am told is on cheaper terms than what may be sent from the Coast but I confess this is a subject I am quite unacquainted with and only mention it in case it should deserve the Notice of Government -

I have the honor to be
&c &c
/signed/ J. Champagne
Colonel

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August 2d 1798

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To the Honble Lieutenant Gen.l Geo. Harris
Governor in Council
at Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

In compliance with the applic-
-ation in your letter of the 16th ultimo we
now transmit a list and return of European
and Native Officers Soldiers Seamen and
Native followers Captured in the Honble Company's
Ships Raymond and Woodcot requesting at the
same time to draw your particular attention
to the situation of the Sepoy Recruits women
and Children who stand therein inserted - as detained
prisoners on the Raymond and carried off in
that Captured Vessel as attested by official
Reports from the Corps to which the people belong
and confirmed by Mr. Montague the Chief
Officer of the abovementioned Ship - We -
therefore entreat that you will be pleased to
interpose with Mr. Malartic to procure the
release and Return to this Coast of
them

From Bombay with Returns of the whole of the people captured on the Woodcot and Raymond a Statement of French Subjects made prisoners under that Presidency request that application may be made to Mr. Malartic to liberate some Sepoy Recruits Women and Children -

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these unfortunate and helpless individuals.

We also forward a List of French subjects made prisoners at this place since the commencement of the War as a document of some utility towards pointing out the balance in the exchanges of prisoners between us and the French whence also — it will appear that several Frenchmen Officers by their own assertion — had been exchanged here for Officers and midshipmen of the Raymond previous to the Receipt of Your letter above referred to, so that in —

fact

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fact there is thus far a double exchange in favor of the French which may remain to be adjusted hereafter -

We have the honor to be
Honble Sir
Your most Obedt
humble Servant
/Signed/ Jon Duncan
I Stuart
Saml Rivett
William Page

Bombay Castle
19th July 1798.

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List of French Prisoners

of every discription captured on the Western side of the Peninsula of India with the Establishment of the Presidency of Bombay since the commencement of the present War so far as can at present be ascertained from the Records of different public Officers.

Bombay 16th July 1798.

No.	Rank or Station	Names	Where and when captured	when gone	Remarks
1	Captain and Governor	Larchier			Residing at Make on his Parole with a monthly subsistence from Government
1	Commandant of the Native Troops	Menese	At Make on the 16th July 1793		do
1	Superintendant	Mc Marine			do
1	Ci devant Lieutenant of Police	Marigny			do
1	Blacksmith	Rabie			do
1	Private of Invalids	Thomas Pereira			do
1	Curate of the Parish	Deschemein			do
1	Captain of a Ship	Jussan	Returned to Make after the Capture from the Isle of France state and Mercantile Vessels and to Make from whence where he had been employed in the Royal Service		do
1		Migot			do with a monthly subsistence from Government
3	Natives	Subidars	At Make on the 16th July 1793		Disbanded with a Gratuity of one Months Pay to each
3		Serjeants			
6		Corporals			
3		Drummers			
76		Privates			
1	Notary Public and Greffier	Dry		Tranquebar	By permission of the Supravisor in Malabar
1	Agent for the French Company	Sabathier		Cochin	
1	Assistant to Do	Baurgain		Do	
1	Ci devant Agent to the French Compy	Boyer		Do	
1	Capt. of a Ship	Butow	Returned to make after the Capture from the Isle of France Date unknown	Do	
1	Lieutenant of Marine	Du Bug		Do	
2	Artists	Ramier 1st	At Make on the 16th July 1793	Isle of France	By order of Government in the Minerva Castle in Sept. 1794
1		Ramier 2d		Do	
1	Tavern Keeper	Cajeb		Do	
1	Captain and Sword major	Tessein		Do	
2	Captain and Comdt. of the Troops	Da Merque		Do	
3	Captain	Le Rana		Do	
1	Surgeon	Ourray		Do	
1	Invalids Private	Dusat		Do	
2	Invalids Do	Tirnet		Do	
1	Procureur du Roi	Du Bernel		Do	
1	Resident	Bruno	At Surat in 1793	Do	On the Five Brothers an american Vessel in March & April 1796
1	Employed in the Factory at Surat	Loius Cergeau		Do	
2		Lemartell		Do	
3		N Hanin		Do	
4		Carriner		Do	
5		a Ranigue		Do	
6		JP Lanneau		Do	
7		a Boulstrow		Do	
8		Milon		Do	
9				Do	

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10 Officers and Seamen of the Ship Ville de Marseilles, Captured by the Honble Company's Ship Swift, Captain Robert Billamore Commander, on the 2d July 1796.

10		Guiard, Gautier	do do	At Surat	At Bombay
1	Gentleman	Guirard	At Surat		At Bombay
1	Soldier	Jean Louis Lamouroux	ab.t Surat in Jun.y 1798		
1	Lieutenant	Delangle	At Mahe on the 16th July 1796	Europe	
1	Writer	Jeudein		Do	Residing at Palacatt
1	Ci devant notary Public & Officier	Platel		Tranquebar	By permission of Mr. Duncan to proceed to the Cape of France on his Parole 15th February 1798
1	Captain	Jean Labat		Do	Exchanged for Mr. George Arrow 15th February 1798
1	officers by their own assertion	Jean Greize		Do	Exchanged for Mr. Howland Dennison 15th February 1798
2		Jaques Morangue		Do	Exchanged for Mr. John Burd 15th February 1798
3		Francois Maupasseau		Do	Exchanged for Mr. James Stevenson and absented himself from Bombay 4th Dec.r 1797
4		Jean Fleury			Exchanged for Mr. William Tate & absented himself from Bombay 3d March 1798
1	Doctor	Augustus Gautier			Exchanged for Mr. John Haworth 6th Officer of the Raymond Indiaman
2	Officers by their own assertion	Henri Eprraud			Exchanged for Mr. John Thornhiter Midshipman of Leo — Leo.
3		Cipriene Cauaillon			Exchanged for Mr. Tho.s Thompson 5th Officer of — Leo — Leo
4		Dominique Paret			Exchanged for Mr. Ch.s Richardson Midshipman of — Leo — Leo
5		Iunnicis Dom.q Romain			Exchanged for Mr. Carter 6th Officer of — — Leo — Leo
6		Francois Bicharopito			Exchanged for Mr. Richd Wicked 3d Officer of — Leo — Leo
7		Elear.r Regnette			Exchanged for Mr. Tollenday 1st Officer of — Leo — Leo
		Francois Garnieu			Deceased at Bombay 16th December 1796
					Absented himself from Bombay about the end of April 1798
1	Gentleman	Louis Duleveille	Unknown		
1	Seaman	Francois Collin			
1	Seamen	Pierre Morgue	Surrendered themselves at Tellicherry where in a boat from Mangalore they arrived the latter end of the year 1797	Entered as Seamen on Board a Danish Ship 21st June 1798	
2		Pierre Chevalier			
3		Jean Galland			

Abstract

23 Officers and Surgeons of Infantry and Marine
3 European non Commissioned Officers Privates and Seamen
91 Native Commissioned Officers, non Commissioned officers and Privates
33 Coast and other Servants of every Description.

Total 150

A true Copy.

(Signed) P. Le Messurier
Sub Secy

(Signed) Robert Gordon
Adjutant General

11 June 1798

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List and Return of European and Native Officers European and Native Non Commissioned Officers Soldiers Seamen and Native Followers of every discription captured on the Honble Companys Ships Raymond and Woodcott by the Le Prenieux French Frigate in — Tellecherry Roads on the 20th. of April 1798.

Bombay 15th. July 1798

On the Raymond

European Military

No.	Rank or Station	Names	Remarks.
1.	Lieutenant	William Wade	of His Majesty's Service
2°	do	John B Moore	
1	Surgeon	Charles Kerr	
1	Serjeant	Un Known	
1	Captain	Robert T. Heath	of the Honble Companys Service
1	Lieutenant	Peter Page	
2	do	Samuel A Greenaway	
3.	Leo	William Walker	
1	Private	William Gubbins	
2	Leo	Thomas Thread	
3	Leo	John Phillis	
4	Leo	Thomas Chapman	
5	Leo	William Mason	
2.	Children	of Doctor Kerr.	

Returned on their Parole at Tellicherry 27th April 1798.

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Ships Company

N°	Rank or Station	Names.	Remarks
1	Captain	Henry Smedley	Commander
	1st Officer	Wm A Montague	
	2d Do	Henry Wilson Junr	
	3d Do	Richard Michod	
5	4th Do	I S Haworth	
	5th Do	Thomas Thompson	
	6th Do	Thomas Carter	
	Surgeon	Richard Lane	
	Purser	Samuel Draper	
10	Boatswain	Benjamin Barry	
	Gunner	William Gaushe	
	Carpenter	John Trower	
	Midn. & Coxswain	Mark Potts	
	Midshipman	Thomas Draper	
15	Do	John Thornhill	
	Do	Abraham Thompson	
	Captain's Steward	Benjamin Preston	
	Ships Do	Robert Hallam	
	Caulker	Roger Brooks	
20	Cooper	John Chare	
	Captain's Cooke	Duncan McPherson	
	Ships Do	Thomas Bower	
	Boatswain's Mate	John Stewart	
	Do 2d Do	John Collins	
25	Gunners 1st Do	Thomas Jones	
	Gunners 2d Mate	Archibald Young	
	Carpenters 1st Do	Thomas Clarke	
	Do 2d Do	Joseph Watson	

Caulkers

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No.	Rank or Station	Names	Remarks
	Caulkers Mate	John Wackerbach	
30	Coopers Do	Paul Ramsby	
	Sailmaker	John Sawcett	
	Quarter Master	Ralph Carter	
	Do	Thomas Theron	
	Do	Edward Burke	
35	Do	Neal Anderson	
	Do	Daniel White	
	Do	Alexander Hamilton	
	Armourer	Henry Callard	
	Butcher	William Fetter	
40	Boatswain	John Stevens	
	Baker	William Birchin	
	Captains Servant	David Roberts	
	Do	Charles Johnston	
	1st Officers Do	George Buck	
45	2d Do	Benjamin Squires	
	Surgeons Do	Robt Heady	
	Boatswains do	Michael Clarke	
	Gunners do	Frederick Roome	
	Carpenters Do	William Williams	
50	Seaman	John Bordon	
	Do	William Hannah	
	Do	John Wood	
	Do	George Hipkins	
	Ordy Seaman	Edward Smith	
55	Do	Alexr Hamilton	
	Do	David Humphries	
	Do	anthony Wild	
	Seaman	James Forrest	
	Do	James Harris	
60	Do	William Batchelor	
	Do	John Hall	
	Do	Edward Lloyd	
	Ordy Seaman	Thomas Denman	

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Nos.	Ranks or Stations	Names	Remarks.
	Ordinary Seaman	John Hanow	
65	do	Henry Hinesley	
	do	Hend.k Knightan	
	do	Philip Collin	
	Seaman	Lewis Pinelli	
	do	Andrew Casoaro	
70	do	andrew Mackinian	
	Leo	Bernard Dew	
	Leo	Raym.d Declaus	
	Leo	William Diclaus	
	Leo	Vincent Languado	
75	Leo	Ens.n Monion	
	Leo	John Fontaine	
	Leo	Lucas Joseph	
	Leo	Domgo antony	
	Leo	John Davat	
80	Leo	Ens.n Marks	
	Leo	Loves Declaus	
	Leo	Custon Fielman	
	do	John Rankin	
	Leo	Francis Money	
85	Leo	Fred.k mondes	
	Leo	John anthony	
	ord.y Seaman	Chas Hankin	
	Leo	Daniel Miller	
	do	George Holdenballe	
90	Leo	George Lyne	
	do	Christopher Hollins	
	do	Peter Johnston	
	Leo	Robert Allen	
94	Leo	William Fortune	
1	Passenger	Mr. Henry Smedley Junr.	

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Native Military and Followers attached.

N°	Rank or Station	Names	Remarks.
3	Subadars		Supposed to be Liberated at Tellicherry on their Parole.
4	Jemidars		
10	Hauildars		
3	Naiques		
146	Sepoys		
6	Men		
3	Women		
3	Children		
147	Sepoys	Dhunn Sing	Known to be detained Prisoners not only from Official Information from both Battalions of the Regiment they belong to but the Voucher officered from the Officer of the Raymond who had the last Communication with that Rebel from whom will prove.
148	Do	Sabba	
149	Do	Annajee Sadaw	
150	Do	Dewjee Morey	
151	Do	Gunjee Sadaw	
152	Do	Stoojee Sadaw	
153	Do	Gunjee Salo Rau	
154	Do	Manajee Guicewar	
155	Do	Byrojee Sadow	
156	Do	Annajee Morey	
157	Do	Bom Master	
4	Women		
4	Children		Names unknown.

Of the Honble Company's 2d Battalion 1st Regiment

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Abstract of persons of every discription captured on the Raymond

Europeans				Natives			
Military			Ships Company.	Military			
Officers	Non Commiss'd officers and privates	Children	Captain & Officer	Petty Officer & Seamen	Passengers	Officers	Non Commiss'd officers and Privates	Children under Seven years and Children
1	6	2	1	87	1	1	170	20

Note It must be observed that many of the Crew of the Raymond were subjects of Foreign Nations who were pressed to serve on board the Le Preneure Frigate their Names cannot be ascertained but the number is supposed to be about Twenty.

True Copy. P. LeMesurier
Subsec.y

This is to Certify that to the best of my Knowledge and belief there was taken away and refused to be given up at my request about — Twenty Natives some of them Women and Children by the — Prize master of the Raymond who also sent away Empty Boats which I had brought along side the Raymond this happened about 5. P.M. on the 25 of April —

/signed/ W. A. Montague
late 1st Officer of the Raymond.

True Copy.

/signed/ P. LeMesurier
Sub Sec.y

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On the Woodcott.

European Military

No.	Rank or Station	Names.	Remarks.
1	Major	John McInnes	Released on their Parole at Tellicherry 21st April 1798.
1	Lieutenants	Laurence Oliphant	
2	Do	Thomas White	
3	Do	George Raitt	
1	Ensign	Nowells	
1	Sergeant	Unknown	

Ships Company.

Captain	Andrew Hannay	Commander
Chief Mate	Arthur a Brocas	
2d	Do John Rose	
3d	Do Peter Abbott	
4th	Do William Ruler	
5th	Do Christopher Ather	
7 6th	Do Charles Clarke	
1	Purser	John Alder
	Surgeon	John Dick
	Surgeon's Mate	John Easton
	Mid.n & Coxswain	Michael Rotto
5	Midshipmen and	Richard Harrison
	Do	James Graham
	Boatswain	Henry Nailor
	Gunner	William Johnstone
	Carpenter	John Pratt
10	Caulker	Daniel Devoy
	Cooper	Anthony Moffat
	Sailmaker	Joseph Jameson
	Armourer	Philip Haines
	Ships Steward	Samuel Deluce

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No.	Ranks or Stations	Names	Remarks.
15	Captains &c	Donald Macintosh	
	Ship's Cook	Edward Beatly	
	Captains - &c -	John Hendrick	
	Boatswains Mate	Richard Priest	
	Gunners Mate	Robert Sabiston	
20	- &c 2d &c - &c	John Gummer	
	Carpenters Mate &c	Samuel Barrow	
	&c - - 2d - &c	Frederick Stow	
	Caulkers Mate	William Glover	
	Quarter Master	John Bell	
25	- &c - - - -	Richard Richardson	
	&c - - - -	John Hering	
	&c - - - -	John Williams	
	Captains Servant	John Ascue	
	&c - - &c - -	William Hannay	
30	Chief Mates Servant	John Leckie	
	2d &c - - &c	William Caddy	
	Surgeons &c - -	Daniel Young	
	Carpenters &c - -	James Macdonald	
	Gunners &c	Charles Lewis	
35	Boatswains &c	Henry Naylor	
	Butcher	Thomas Harris	
	Poulterer - - -	Philip Smith	
	Barber - - - -	John Crookshanks	
	Seaman - - -	Andrew Castings	
40	- &c - - - -	James Talbot	
	&c - - -	Jos. Neves	
	&c - - -	William Morrison	
	&c - - - -	Edward Grady	
	&c - - - -	Daniel Lyons	
45	- - &c - - -	William Bucks	
	&c - - -	Robert Jones	
	&c - -	John Williams	

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No.	Rank or Station	Names	Remarks
	Seaman	John Powell	
	Do	Thomas Harby	
50	Do	James Powell	
	Do	John Evans	
	Do	James Clark	
	Do	John Cifferago	
	Do	Robert Pritchard	
55	Do	Thomas Watson	
	Do	John Draybin	
	Do	William Wood	
	Do	Francis Paw	
	Do	Jos Amour	
60	Do	Henry Fisher	
	Do	John Field	
	Do	Thomas Vernon	
	Do	William Claxton	
	Do	James Flynn	
65	Do	Peter Lyons	
	Do	John Francisco	
	Do	Michael Brumicaw	
	Do	George Ashton	
	Do	Usher Hardina	
70	Do	Charles Thompson	
	Do	John Watmouth	
	Do	Simon Pinbarthy	
	Do	James Glass	
	Do	William Harrison	
75	Do	William Carr	
	Do	John Turner	
	Do	James Ferguson	

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No.	Rank or Station	Names	Remarks
	Seaman	William Thompson	
	Do.	Richard Prewett	
80	[illegible]	Christopher Cannon	
	Do.	Thomas Wright	
	Do.	William Cuckley	
83	Do.	John Lyons	

Abstract of Persons of every description Captured on the Woodcotte

Europeans.

Military			Ships Company		
Officers	Non Commissioned Officers	Soldiers	Captain and Officers	Petty Officers & Seamen	
6	1	7	83.		

Note Captain Hannay of the Woodcotte signs the Parole for only 70 Men the above Number as her Crew actually Sailed from hence on board that Ship and the deficiency can only be accounted for by supposing the Foreign Sailors (of which there appears by name a few where also pressed on Board the Prevente with those from the Raymond and that some British Sailors were a Shore on duty at the time of the Capture.

General

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General Abstract of People

Captured on both Ships

	Europeans					Natives			
	Military			Ships Company &c		Military			
	Officers	Non Commissioned Officers and Privates	Children	Captains and Officers	Petty Officers & Seamen	Passengers	Officers	Non Commissioned Officers and Privates	Followers Men and Women and Children
On the Raymond	7	6	2	7	87	1	7	170	20
on the Woodcote	5	1	"	7	83	"	"	"	"
Total	12	7	2	14	170	1	7	170	20

/Signed/ Robert Gordon
Adjutant General

True Copy
/Signed/ P. Lemesurier
Sub Secy

Received

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14th Received and sent the undermentioned
Letters entered in M13 Nos. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64.

From Captain Keith Young enclosing
From the King's Paymaster General his accounts of Subsistence from 25th July to 24th August 1798.

From Mr. Snodgrass. stating the
From the Collector in the Ganjam District. quantities of Paddy that can be collected for exportation at the different Sea ports in his Division in the Months of January and February next.

From Lieutenant Colonel Vigors — "
From the Command. at Ongole recommending that some repairs may be immediately made to the Sepoy Barracks at Ongole.

From Mr. Rochuck enclosing an
From the Military Paymaster General additional estimate of Pag.s 5000 required by the Garrison Storekeeper.

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

Ack

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Fort St. George 14th August 1798

At a Consultation

Present

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

Tuesday
14th August.

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following letter from Messrs Wooly and Smith with the Nabob's Histbundy account for the year 1797/98.

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

Honble Sirs.

From Messrs Wooly and Smith enclosing a Statement of the Nabob's Histbundy account Current for the Year 1797/98.

Agreeable to the orders contained

in

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Fort S.t George 14.th August 1798

in c.t Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 8.th Instant we have the honor to lay before you his Highness the Nabobs — o — Histbundy account Current for the year 1797/98 with the Honble Company — the usual Amount of Poligars Peishcush being carried to his Highness's Credit.

We have the honor to be with great Respect.

Honble Sir,

Your most Obed.t
humble Servants

Fort S.t George
14.th August 1798

Signed / Robert Woolf
Cecil Smith

D.x

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D.o His Highness the Nabob His

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To Histhundy account for the Year
1797/98 Pag.s 1256400..15.54.. payable
as follows as p.r Treaty of 12th July 1792.

1797		
Sept.r 1st	Pag.s 100000	.. ..
October 1st	100000	.. ..
November 1st	100000	.. ..
Dec.r 1st	100000	.. ..
1798		
January 1st	100000	.. ..
February 1st	100000	.. ..
March 1st	150000	.. ..
April 1st	150000	.. ..
May 1st	200000	.. ..
June 1st	156400.15.54	1256400 15 54

To the Amount of Poligars
Peishcush payable on the
Nabobs account in part of
the 9 Lacks for Subsidy ---- 264704 20 26

Carried forward ---- 1521105 .. .

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Kistbundy Account Current with the Honble Company

1797. By Cash received at Madras particulars as per Treasury Journal as follows

Sept.r	13th	By Cash in part of the Lest for Pag.s		100000			
		due the 1st Instant		2962			
	15th	By Do in full of Do		10328		100000	
Oct.r	11th	By Do in part of Do due 1st Do		24943			
	12th	By Do in further part of Do Do		10000			
	13th	By Do Do Do		15000			
	14th	By Do in full of Do Do		50057		100000	
Nov.r	11th	By Do in part of Do Do		30000			
	13th	By Do in further part of Do Do		10000			
	14th	By Do Do Do		20000			
	15th	By Do in full of Do Do		40000		100000	
Dec.r	11th	By Do in part of Do Do		34260			
	12th	By Do in further part of Do Do		12040			
	14th	By Do Do Do		18180			
	15th	By Do in full of Do Do		35520		100000	
1798 January	10th	By Do in part of Do due 15th at Rs 84000 at 2			D 24000		
	13th	By Do in further part of Do 15th at Rs 350 ff 1 By			24000		
		Rs 133000 at 2/6			38000		
	15th	By Do Do a Rupees 129500 at 2/3		7000			
		By Do in full of Do Do		1000	38000	105000	
February	8th	By Do in part of Do Do due 1st Instant			15000		
	12th	By Do in further part of Do Do			17100		
	13th	By Do Do Do			14359		
	14th	By Do Do Do		15089 2 20	29448 2 20		
		By Do Do Do Rupees 13875 @ 8 3/4 ff 6		19464 15 60			
	15th	By Do Do Do		1087 13	20551 33 60	100000	
March	7th	By Do in full of Do Rupees 1000 at 8 3/4 ff			14300		
		By Do in part of Do for Pag.s 150000 due 2nd		18187 18	32737 18		
		By Do in further part of Do Do Rupees 17000 at 8 3/4 ff			13000		
	8th	By Do Do Do			26516		
	12th	By Do Do Do		3697 18	30212 18		
	13th	By Do Do Do Rupees 3400 @ 10			14000		
	14th	By Do Do Do			16300		
		By Do Do Do Rupees 6200 at Do		6742 18	23042 18		
	15th	By Do Do Do		34293 4 40			
		By Do Do in full of Do Rupees 2450 at Do		2664 13 40	36957 18	150000	

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Brought forward - - - 15,21,105 " "

Carried forward - - - 15,21,105 " "

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Kistbundy account Current with the Honble Company &c.

1798			P.	F.	C.
		Brought forward	750000	"	"
April.	5th By Cash received in part of the Kist for Pags. 150000 due the 1st Instant	3825	9	"	
	By Leo in further part of Leo On. Pags 15300 at 18¾ ℘ Ct.	16638.27	2046	"	
	6th By Leo Leo		10680	"	
	7th By Leo Leo		3860	"	
	11th By Leo Leo		16433	"	
	By Leo Leo On. Pags. 3280 at Leo	3567 " "	20000	"	
	12th By Leo Leo		15800	"	
	13th By Leo Leo		10519	18	"
	By Leo Leo On. Pags. 4120 at Leo	4480 18 "	15000		
	14th By Leo Leo		827	331	40
	By Leo Leo in full of Leo On. Pags 11270 at Leo.	12256 h 40	65000		150000 " "
May -	3d By Leo in part of Leo for On. Pags. 20000 due the 1st Instant	3794	18		
	By Leo in further part of Leo Leo On. Pags 13320 at 8¾ ℘ Cent	14485.18 "	8230	"	
			1688	31	40
	4th By Leo Leo On. Pags 1270 at Leo	1381 4 40	1670	"	
			5384	9	"
	9th By Leo Leo				
	By Leo Leo On. Pags. 3070 at Leo	4023.27 "	9408	"	
	10th By Leo Leo		29842	"	"
	12th By Leo Leo		10800	"	
	14th By Leo Leo		2928	9	"
	By Leo Leo On. Pags. 4500 at Leo	4803.27 "	31412	"	
	15th By Leo Leo		6263	"	"
	By Leo Leo in full of Leo On. Pags 40000 at Leo	15225 " "	80088	"	" 200000 " "
June -	11th By Leo Leo in part of Leo for Pags 15640. 15. 54 due the 1st Instant	9257.18			
	By Leo in further part of Leo Leo On. Pags 600 at 8¾ ℘ Cent	652 18 "	9910	"	
	12th By Leo Leo		40090	"	
	13 By Leo Leo		11120	"	"
	14th By Leo Leo		25280	"	
	15th By Leo Leo in full of Leo		70000.15.54		156400 15 54
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Brought forward ..... 15 21 105 " "

Pagodas 15 21 105

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Errors.

/ Signed / Robert Cecil

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Kistbundy Account Current with the Honble Company &c.

	Pr	f	C
By Brought forward	125	600.	15 57½
By Poligars Peishcush being the Amount carried to His Highness's Credit in the General Books on that account	264	704.	20 26
	Pagodas	152	1105. . . ~

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Read the following Letter from the President at Tanjour-

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From the Resident at Tanjore states the means taken to pacify the clamours of the late Rajah's Sibbendies. proposes that they be formed into a regular Corps and placed under the Command of an European Officer. Conveys information respecting the claims of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott and notices his having stationed a Gomastah at Serfogus Cutcherry rather than assume directly the Management of the remaining Subahs-

Since I addressed the Honble the Governor in Council on the 26th Ultimo I have received a Petition from the Sibbendy Sepoys of the late Rajah assembling applying for their arrears of Pay I understand from the Rajah they at the same time assembled at the Palace Gate and were a little clamorous — The — Rajah could not Deny the Justice of their claims however unable He found himself to discharge the Debt and to pacify them for the present He expressed his intention to continue their Corps in the Service and as a compensation for their Arrears to be regular in his future monthly Payments with this assurance the people are for the most part satisfied-

On the Subject of Sibbendy I beg

leave

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Leave to represent to the Board the Expediency of an immediate reform in this part of the Rajah's Administration.

These are the people whose peculiar Duty it is to protect the Villages and to keep the Poligars and Casolcarras in check; the wretched condition of the present Sibbendy from irregular Payments and a total want of discipline precludes all hopes of such Services and the necessity they are driven to for subsistence may be truly said to render them an additional burthen to the Country and at all times disposed to connive at the Evils they are meant to redress. They are [illegible] nominally 1500 Strong and appear by the Accounts from the Duffer to cost the Rajah about 11 or 12000 Pagodas Pannum besides these the Rajah is obliged to entertain Almagan Peons to the amount of 16000 Pagodas for the Collections but as no reduction can be made in them the Sum allowed for Sibbendy will go very little way in providing for a more regular Establishment the necessity for this as well as the Extent of it will depend upon the existence of Peace or War and on the occasional assistance I may be able

to

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to encourage the Rajah to look for from the Regulars - In the Event of a war not less than 500 Men would be indispensable and I should hope the Government will not hesitate to give the necessary orders before all protection is withdrawn by the removal of our present force -

I enclose a paper stating the Expence of a Corps of 750 Men and which will be sufficient for a Peace Establishment and this Corps the Rajah consents to pay and to have it commanded and disciplined by European Officers His Excellency hopes Government will allow another Battalion and place the expence of that to the account of the Honble Company. if a war should happen and leave his Country defenceless although the Rajah offers His Corps to the Company for the benefit of European discipline, He still hopes it will be subject to his requisitions from the immediate Officer in Command of it and without any further reference than to the Resident or Collector on the Spot

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of Tanjour and at present the Commanding Officer whose Services I had occasion to mention in the late Revolution has offered his Services for the — Command of this Battalion provided it is to be held by an Officer on the Effective Strength of the Army -

I certainly wish the Subsidy to be as efficient as possible as it is one of the principal Supports of the Rajah's power and the means by which we must hope to recover his authority in this point of view the two Corps would be for a time very useful in restoring the Country to order and subjection whether it be Peace or — war -

On the 1st Instant I waited on announcing the late Rajah in obedience to the order of Government conveyed in your letter of the 26th. Ultimo and endeavoured to ascertain from His Excellency the particulars of the transaction stated in the Letter from Messrs. Rochuck and Abbott the Rajah said He perfectly remembered the purchase of a Quantity of — Timber from the Gentlemen and that the

Timber

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Timber was now lying in the Palace as it had not been applied to the purpose for which it was bought that He did not recollect if the purchase amounted to 21.22. or 23000 Pagodas but that a Bond had been granted for it. He was now some years since and whether that Bond had been discharged or not - He really did not Know but referred me to His Sirkel Serwan Row — The Sirkel sent for answer the Transaction took place before he was in office and he Knew nothing of the matter that I must refer to the Duftler -

I then called upon Narana the Dumnejo or Head accountant and He furnished me with the enclosed particulars by which it will appear Mess.rs Roebuck and Abbott have only received 3000 Cay.n in part of their Debt and that a part of the Timber was returned upon their hands -

The ignorance and indifference of the late Rajah and of all his Durbar in any matter of Busines and even where their own

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own apparent Interest is concerned must be my apology for such an imperfect account of this Subject—

I have the honor to acknowledge your Letter of the 21st and am much Gratified with the approbation expressed by the Honble Board on the late Proceedings at Tanjour—

I beg you will inform the Honble the Governor in Council that I have not thought proper during the reference to Bengal to interfere with the Rajah's Government by an open and avowed assumption of the remaining Soubahs but have secured the General Interest by the appointment of a Gomastah at His Cutcherry—

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(signed) Benj.n Torin
President

Tanjour
14th August 1798

Annual Estimate of the Expences of a Corps of Sebbundies consisting of 752 Sepoys formed into eight Companies—

			P.	F.	C.
Per Month	8 Subidars each 3 Pag.s		24	—	—
	8 Jemedars do 2 Ps.		16	—	—
	32 Hauldars do 1 P.a & 20 fan.s		47	10	—
	32 Naigues do 1 Pa & 10 fan.s		39	26	—
	752 Sepoys do 1 do		752	—	—
			878	36	—
				12	—
Per Annum					
		Pags.	10,546	12	—

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Account particulars, Extracted from the Duftar at Tanjour for the Bond given to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott for the Price of Timber and Cows 18th. Octor. 1795

M.C. F.C.

	Amount of Timbers as per Memorandum given by Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott	25259 " "
	Interest for 4 Months @ 12 P Ct. on the above Sum	1010 " "
1795 June 18th	Amount of Money for Cows from Nellore Carnoock or Madras Pagos 1800 at 11½ M Pago P 100	2007 " "
	Interest on Do Do	80 " "
		28356 " "

A Bond was passed for the above Sum on the 18th. Octr. 1795 with Interest @ 12 P Ct.

1797 June 20th Paid in part of the above Bond by Nagapah Vackeel 3000 " "

Some Timbers returned back to Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott but no Account of them appears in the Duftar - This may be known from the Vackeel at Madras Nagapah -

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1st Sort Puggues	43	60 Puggues
2d Do Do	17	
1st Do Anlies	425	676 Anlies
2d Do Do	251	
1st Do Shimbin	599	974 Shimbin making 500 pieces of half Coma
2d Do Do	125	
3d Do Do	250	
Shiathing Board	3955	
Myguia Plank	625	
Jocce	336	

Shimbin Cut to 390 pieces measuring 4237 feet or 141 1/3 whole Shimbin -

Received of Captain Bud of the Ship Catharine the above mentioned Timber on account of Messrs Roebuck and Abbott for the use of the Magah Rajah of Tanjore which the said Rajah is to settle for and arrange with Messrs Roebuck and Abbott -

Nagore
18th July 1795

/signed/ Ikuckel
architect to the maha Rajah
of Tanjour

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Minutes on the foregoing letter from the Resident at Tanjore

By the arrangement Mr Torin has made for stationing a Gomastah at the Cutcherry of Rajah Sherfogee the Board conclude that he has provided for receiving himself the whole of the revenue which may be collected from the remaining Soubahs of the Country. if this however should not be the case agreed to direct that Mr Torin will take immediate measures for effecting it until the decision of the Supreme Government upon the Rajah's offer shall be received.

The Board are well satisfied that the Sibbendy of the late Rajah should have been appeased by an assurance of being continued in the Service; and as the regularity of pay which the Resident will have the means of securing by the present arrangement seems to be the best and most obvious means of securing their service the Board trust that Mr Torin will have no

further

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further difficulty on that account — In regard
to the appointment of an European Officer to —
command the Rajah's Tibbendy agreed to inform
the Resident that circumstances do not at present
admit of such an arrangement.

Ordered that Messrs. Roebuck &
and Abbott be furnished with extract of Mr.
Torin's letter upon the subject of their claim-

Read the following Letters from
the Military Board-

To the Hon.ble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor in Council
&c. &c. &c.

Hon.ble Sir,

From the Military Board recommending that an advance of 6000 Pag.s be made to the agent for — Supplies-

1 The agent of Supply having —
represented to us the necessity of making —
immediate payment for many of the Articles
included in the extra Indent which has been
made upon him under the authority of —
Government for the equipment of the Field
Train

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Train and Magazine, We beg leave to recommend that an advance on that account of six thousand (6000) Pagodas being one half of the estimated amount of the Indent be immediately authorized to Mr. William Webb -

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
Humble Servants
(signed) Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close.

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

We beg leave to recommend that an advance be authorized to Colonel Gent of Pagodas one thousand (1000) on account of Repairs ordered to be made under his ——
Superintendence

From the Military Board recommending that an advance of Pags. 2500 be made to Colonel Gent on account of work ordered at Poondamalle St. Thomas's Mount and the Sea Face -

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Superintendence at Poonamalle and
St. Thomas's Mount; and of Pagodas fifteen
hundred /1500/ towards completing the Sea
line of Fort St. George-

We have the honor to be
Sir &c

Fort St. George
10th. August 1798

/signed/ Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
By Close

Ordered that the advances recom-
Minute on the two foregoing letters. -mended by the Military Board be authorized

Read the following Letter from
the Military auditor General-

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

Honble Sir

From the Military Auditor General stating the advances of Cash to be made to the Clothing Contractors for the Year 1798/99-

In conformity to the
Directions signified in Mr. Secretary Webbe's
Letter

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Letter of the 26th ultimo I have the honor to state the advances that it will be necessary to make to the Contractor for Army Cloathing for the year 1798/9 agreeably to the terms of the contract

European Cloathing

		P. F. C.
Advance payable	Ten days after the execution of the Contract ..... 20 ℔ Ct	962. 29. 40
	On the 30th September 10 ℔ Ct	481. 14. 60
	On the 15th November 10 ℔ Ct	481. 14. 60
		1925. 14. ---

Native Cloathing

Advance payable	Ten days after the execution of the Contract ..... 20 ℔ Ct	6791. 6. 42
	On the 30th Sept. 15 ℔ Ct	5093. 16. 12
	On the 31st Oct. 15 ℔ Ct	5093. 16. 12
		16977. 38. 66

Total advances Pay. 18903. 7. 66

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

(Signed) William Sydenham
Mily Aud. Gen.l

Resolved

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Minute thereon.

Resolved to desire the Military Auditor General to authorize the proportionate advances recommended by him for the Cloathing Contractors —

To

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Honble Sir

From the Military Auditor General remarking on the high prices at which the Salt Paddy and Firewood ordered to be laid up in the Guntoor Circar are estimated by the Paymaster —

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 10th. Instant including an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster at Innacondah and its dependencies for the current Month amounting to Eighteen Thousand five hundred and forty two Pagodas Nineteen Fanams and Sixty Cash (Pags. 18,542.19.60.) being required for the purchase of about 236 Garce of Paddy and a Quantity of Salt and Firewood stated to have been ordered by the Military Board to be laid in at the several Garrisons

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Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar, on this subject it becomes my duty to observe that the price of the Paddy amounting with Carriage from the Nellore &c. Districts and Servants to Pagodas 1788.9. 48. is rather more than 1/2 Pagodas per Garce and the Salt nearly 45 Pagodas per Garce, under such Circumstances it will probably appear deserving of Consideration whether means may not be adopted for obtaining such supplies by Contract or thro' the Collector in the Masulipatam Districts at more reasonable rates than bringing the articles from such a distance as to make the Carriage of a Garce of Paddy amount on an average to Pagodas 43 and that of the Salt to about 36 Pagodas P Garce—

I have the honor to be with great Respect—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
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&c &c

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl

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At the Board concur in the remarks of the Auditor upon the very high price of the grain and Salt to be provided by the Paymaster at Pnacondah - Resolved that instructions be sent to the Military Board for supplying the Garrisons in the Gunloor Circar with those Articles by contract.

Minute thereon

Read the following Letter from the Officer Commanding on Ceylon.

To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief
&c &c &c
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to transmit you a Letter from Mr. Bragg Head Surgeon on this Establishment inclosing a representation from Mr. Assistant Surgeon Owen which I request you will have the goodness to lay before

From Brigadier General De Meuron representing the very sickly state of the 35th Battalion Native Infantry

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Before the Honble the President & in Council.

Colombo
27th July 1798.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) D. F. De Meurons

Brigadier General De Meurons

Governor &c Commander in Chief on the Island of

Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. Owen Assistant Surgeon of the 35th Battalion Native Infantry with his remarks on the sickly state of that Battalion and with regret I have to add my own concurrence on the expediency of that Battalion being removed to the Coast of Coromandel for the Native Officers and Men in general are so completely debilitated from the repeated attacks they have suffered and are still suffering of Jungle Fever that I do not see any chance of their recovering or regaining good Health but by an immediate —

change

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change of Climate - for should they remain at Columbo until the Months of October and November when the disease named Berryberry prevails here - I much fear the greatest part of those attached with that deceased would sink under it -

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(signed) John Briggs
Head Surgeon and Superintendant
of the Medical Department
Island of Ceylon.

Columbo
July 25th 1798

To John Briggs Esqr.
Head Surgeon &c &c &c
Ceylon

Sir.

I beg leave to represent to you the present state of 35th Battalion - In the months of March last while on Service at Gorsawaddy the Sepoys were attacked universally with an Intermittent Fever attended with great secretion of Bile which has continued with uncommon violence to the present Moment notwithstanding their removal a short time after its -

commencement

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commencement to this place. The extreme debility — which the first attack occasions prevents them from doing their duty for a considerable Time and in the interim they more frequently than otherwise suffer a Relapse which reduces them to even a greater degree of weakness than they at first experienced - This in a certain period of time brings on abdominal Obstructions and Dysenteries which almost always prove fatal in spite of every attention -

There have not been twenty men (including the Native Officers) in the Corps who have not suffered repeated attacks; and I am sorry to say that the present appearance of the sufferers in the Hospital is such both in respect to their numbers and the inveteracy of the distemper as to Confirm me in the opinion that it is absolutely necessary to remove the Corps from the island not having benefitted in the least by their removal to Columbo -

We have already lost a number of men and I am sorry to add that I fear the greatest probability exists of our losing a still greater number - The distemper rages with increased violence among the people's families who cannot of course procure the benefit of medicines and Medical attendance which the Sepoys enjoy. This in a great degree deprives the sick Sepoys of the attention and

attendance

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attendance that they would otherwise receive from their Relations. To my certain Knowledge upwards of one hundred and fifty of the wives children and relations of the Sepoys have died lately one Melancholy instance I beg leave to state in particular, where two Brothers Sepoys and two entire families their wives and Children to the number of ten persons have fallen victims to the disorder.

I should be much gratified by your opinion on the Subject and if on inspection of the hospital it coincides with mine, I shall esteem it a favor if you will take the necessary means to effect the object desired.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

&c &c.

(signed) Thomas Owen
Asst. Surgeon 35th Batt. N.I.

Columbo
July 24th 1798

As the 35th Battalion has already been ordered to the Coast any orders on the Subject of the foregoing letter are unnecessary.

Minute thereon

The President delivers in the following

Minute

Memorandum delivered in by the President

The Strength of the detachment ordered to assemble in the Guntoor Circar requiring in the President's opinion a respectable Medical Establishment he would recommend, in addition to the Regimental Surgeons, that a Staff or Hospital Surgeon should be appointed, who might have a general direction of that Department attend the Staff, the companies of Artillery

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Lieutenant General Harris' Minute on the Subject of appointing a Staff or Hospital Surgeon to the detachment assembling in the Guntoor Circar

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---------- and all others for whom no Medical assistance was provided and in the event of the Service rendering the Establishment of a Field hospital necessary, It would be placed under charge of the Staff or Hospital Surgeon -

The Medical Board should be required to recommend a Surgeon qualified for this Station and to point out what allowances they deem adequate -

Minute thereon

Ordered that a letter be written to the Medical Board in conformity with the President's suggestion -

" Geo. Harris

" Edw Saunders

" E H Tattlofield

Comp
G Strachey.

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Diary

14th

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 65-66-67-68-69.

To Messrs. Rochuck and Abbott

To Messrs. Rochuck Abbott & Co. enclosing an Extract of Mr. Torin's last letter relative to their claims on the deposed Rajah of Tanjore.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Lyoenham communicating the orders sent to the Military Board respecting the mode of laying up the Stock of Grain and Salt required for the Garrisons in the Guntoor Circar and desiring he will authorize advances of 6000 Pagodas to the Agent of Supply, and 1000 Pagodas to Colonel Gent.

To the Town Major

To Captain Malcolm authorizing him to provide the supply of Clothing for the Dutch and French prisoners.

To the Garrison Storekeeper at Sadras

To Mr. Hawkins desiring him to cease beating out any further quantity of paddy and informing him that application has been made to the Nabob for godowns to contain the Rice already beat out.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow enclosing Copy of the

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14 The letter lately received from Bombay respecting Natives taken prisoners on board the Woodcot and Raymond and sent to the Mauritius.

15th

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in MB Nos 70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77.

From Commandant at Rampore

From Captain Ridge acknowledging receipt of the Boards orders for evacuating Rampor.

From the Commandant at Ongole.

From Lieutenant Colonel Vegors stating that from the weak condition of his Garrison he is unable to relieve the party of the 11th Regiment Native Infantry stationed at Jeweldenny for the protection of Travellers

From the Commandant at Chintapilly

From Lieutenant I Campbell advising of his having delivered over the Fort of Chintapilly to the Rajah Vasa Reddy's people by orders conveyed to him by Major General Bridges.

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Barlow with a letter to be forwarded to the Superintendant at Prince of Wales' Island by the first safe opportunity

From Commandant at Tutacoryn

From Captain Dawson stating that in consequence of the opening of the paumban pass and the importation of Grain into Tutacorin he has taken

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15 taken off the restriction placed on the Granaries of certain Inhabitants of that place.

From Military Paymaster General

From Mr Roebuck enclosing an Indent for Pag.s 2073 required by the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham desiring that an advance of Cash may be made to the Detachment of the 29th Dragoons just arrived on the Good Hope equal to one Months pay and allowances to the Officers and two Months Subsistence to the non Commissioned and privates.

To the Secretaries at Bengal Bombay & Residents at Poona & Wyprabad.

To Messrs Barlow, Richards Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence.

Substance of a letter to the Nabob

Sent a letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No 112 requesting he will immediately send Orders for delivering up to the Storekeeper at Trichinopoly the Store Rooms he requires for the accommodation of the Rice lately beat out.

Sent also the following letters.

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident at Tanjour

To Resident at Tanjore with the Board's directions on the reference made to them on the subject of the Rajahs Jebundies and his having placed a Jemadar at Serfogees Cutcherry.

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the Receipt of

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15th of your letter dated 4th Instant.

By the arrangement you have made for stationing a Gomastah at the cutcherry of Rajah Shefoge the Honorable the Governor in Council concludes that you have provided for receiving yourself the whole of the Revenue which may be collected, from the remaining Soubahs of the Country: if this however should not be the case, you are to take immediate measures for effecting it untill the decision of the Supreme Government upon the Rajah's offer shall be received.

The Governor in Council is well satisfied that the Sibbendy of the late Rajah should have been appeased by an assurance of being continued in the Service; and as the regularity of pay, which you will have the means of securing by the present arrangement, Seems to be the best and most obvious means of securing their Services, he trusts that you will have no farther difficulty on that account. In regard to the appointment of an European Officer to Command the Rajah's Sibbendy, the Governor in Council directs me to acquaint you for the information of his Excellency that Circumstances

do

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15. do not at present admit of such an arrangement

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

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

Gentlemen

To the Military Board - advances of Cash ordered on their recommendation - Orders respecting the Stores of Grain & Salt required for the Guntoor Circar - their opinion required on the Eligibleness of purchasing Major Taylor's Bungalow at Walajahbad - orders respecting Indents for pistols and necessary Sents for the 19th Dragoons to the Issue of which objections have been made by their Board - and for the purchase of 3000 Bags of Rice at Trincomalee.

We have received your letters of the 10th Instant and have ordered the several advances recommended by you except that for the Sea face, which may for the present be postponed.

We inclose Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General upon the indent for Cash from the Paymaster at Guntoor in consequence of your orders to lay in a supply of grain and salt; and as we agree in the Remarks of the Auditor upon the very high price at which these articles are to be provided. We desire that either the Paymaster at Guntoor or at Masulipatam (when there is a very large quantity of Paddy) may be authorized to publish

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15 publish advertisements for furnishing the Garrisons of the Guntoor Circar with grain and Salt by Contract

Having received an offer of Major Taylor's Bungle at Walajahbad to serve as the Commanding Officer's quarters, by which the Quarters at present occupied by him may be appropriated to the use of Several Subalterns we desire you will cause it be inspected and report whether it will be an eligible purchase for the Company at four hundred pagodas.

We inclose Extract of a letter from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army; and though the Indents therein mentioned for necessary tents and pistols may not have been presented according to the established forms of the Service, yet as General Floyd was justified in considering the march of the troops from Trichinopoly under our orders for that purpose a case of emergency we desire that the indents may be passed if they are not in other respects objectionable.

We also inclose for your information

Copy

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15th Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Trincomalee and desire that the Garrison Storekeeper at that place may be authorized to purchase the three thousand bags of Rice at the price mentioned by Colonel Champagné.

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We are
&c &c
(Signed) Geo: Harris

To James Anderson Esqr. P.G.
President & Members of the
Medical Board

Gentlemen

To the Medical Board relative to the Appointment of a Staff Surgeon for the Detachment ordered to assemble on the Guntoor Circar.

I am directed to acquaint you that orders have been issued for assembling in the Guntoor Circar a Detachment consisting of the 11th Regiment 2d Battalion 1st Regiment and 2d Battalion 7th Regiment Native Infantry, with one Company of European Artillery, and that the Honorable the Governor in Council has resolved to appoint in addition to the Regimental Surgeons a Staff or hospital Surgeon, who is to have the general direction of that Department, attend the Staff, the Artillery, and all others for whom

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To
15 whom no Medical assistance is provided; and in the event of the Service rendering the establishment of a field hospital necessary, it would be placed under charge of the Staff or hospital Surgeon. I am therefore further directed to desire you will be recommend a Surgeon qualified for this Station and to point out what allowances you deem be adequate.

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

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14th August 1798

Received the following letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir

From the Commandant at Chundernaghery reporting some depredations made by the Mogrul Polygar on the Puckall Pollam

I think it necessary to acquaint you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Magraal Polygar has collected together about 1000 or 1200 Peons from his own and the neighbouring Pollams, with whom he is overrunning the Nabob's Pollam of Puckaal, driving away the inhabitants and causing universal

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15 universal alarm in every corner of it; three or four lives have already been lost and several people wounded. He is now within five Miles of this place; I have repeatedly sent desiring him to desist, and disperse his followers to which, he pays no attention.

I learn from the Nabobs Manager that his Highness has ordered some of his Troops against the [illegible]party, tho' none are yet arrived.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) R. Mealy
Capt.n

Chundernagherry
8.th August 1798

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir

From Bombay advising of their having kept the recruits on board the London instead of transferring them to the Earl Howe as formerly intended & enclosing Copies of the sailing Instructions given to the Commanders of those Ships.

The Earl Howe and London now proceed to your Presidency under the accompanying Copies of their Sailing Instructions.

The arrangement in regard to the distribution of the Recruits brought out in the latter between the two Vessels as communicated under the 21.st Instant having been countermanded, I have to

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15 to add that the whole is now transported on the Ship that brought them out, namely the London, a measure adopted in consideration of the circumstance, which the Governor in Council did not originally advert to, but which has since occurred that the Owners of that Vessel must have received a Remuneration on account of these Recruits, any alteration therefore in favor of the whose once intended would of course have subjected the Company to an additional expence on this account.

Bombay Castle
27th July 1798

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) P. Le Messurier
Sub Secy

To Captain Francis Burrowes
Commander of the Earl Howe

Sir

Winds and Weather permitting, you are hereby directed on the 1st of the ensuing Month, to weigh Anchor and in Company with the London, whose Commander has been instructed to obey your Orders, make the best of your way to Madras, on your arrival at which place you will of course consider

Yourself

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15 yourself under the Orders of that Government in regard to your further progress.

You are to avoid as much as possible speaking to any Vessel on your passage nor trust to any Colors, and I have to convey the Governor in Council's strictest injunctions that you consider the object of not separating from your Consort, as one of the first importance.

I enclose Packets to the Addresses of the Secretaries at Madras and Bengal which you will deliver at the respective Presidencies and

Bombay Castle
the 27th of July 1798

Am &c &c
(Signed) Robert Rickards
Secretary to Government

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Le Mesurier
Subsecry

To Captain George Lukin
Commander of the London

Sir

Winds and Weather permitting you are hereby directed to weigh Anchor, and in Company with the Earl Howe make the best of your way to Madras putting yourself under the orders of Captn Burrowes

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15 Burrowes and obeying whatever signals you may receive from him; on your arrival at Madras, you will of course be under the orders of that Government in regard to your further progress.

You are to avoid as much as possible speaking to any Vessels on your passage nor to trust to any colors; and I have to convey the Governor in Council's strictest injunctions that you consider the object of not separating from your Commodore, as one of the first importance.

I enclose, a Duplicate, Packets to the addresses of the Secretaries at Fort St. George and Bengal, and which you will deliver at the respective Presidencies.

Bombay Castle
the 27th July 1798

I am &c &c
(Signed) Robert Richards
Secy to Govt

A true Copy
(Signed) P. L. Mesnier
Sub Secy

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Medical Board

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From the Medical Board reporting the Death of Assistant Surgeon Oram propose that Mr. Gordon be appointed to the Dispensary and Mr. Kennedy to the charge of the Dutch Prisoners

In reporting to Government the death of Mr. Charles Oram Assistant Surgeon, which took place yesterday morning, we sincerely lament the loss of a very deserving Young Man.

We recommend that Mr. John Gordon, Assistant Surgeon be appointed Superintendant of the Dispensary, and as the duties of that Station require constant attention, we hope the original Orders on this head of the 21st December 1786 may be strictly enforced.

We recommend that the Dutch Prisoners of War, heretofore attended by the late Mr. Oram, be put under the charge of Mr. Kennedy Surgeon to the Black Town where they are stationed.

(Signed) Jam.s Anderson
Physician Genl.

" W.m Raine Chief Surgeon
Dep.t Stated

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16th

Despatched the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 78-79-80.

To the Military Auditor Genl.

To Major General Lyon Bam - referring for examination an additional indent of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops.

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - desiring that the Muskets arrived on the Earl Howe, and Stores consigned to this Presidency on the Good Hope may be landed and that they will hereafter furnish the Certificates required by the standing orders of the Court of Directors

To the Board of Trade

To the Board of Trade - enclosing a List of Stores consigned to this Presidency on the Good Hope and desiring that for such articles as are placed under their charge they will furnish the Certificates required by the Court of Directors.

17th

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in MB Nos 81-82-83-84.

From the Commandt at Karical

From Lieutenant Crump - acknowledging receipt of the Board's orders regarding Major Vaugine.

From the Collector at Masulipatam

From Mr. Gambier - stating the quantity of paddy he can collect for exportation by the first of January next.

From

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From the Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an additional estimate for Pagodas 14753.36.2.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham - referring the above estimate for examination.

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Received the following letter from the Company's Agent at the Cape of Good Hope.

To Major General Harris

or the Governor of Fort St. George

Honorable Sir

From the Resident at the Cape of Good Hope respecting Lieutenant Shadforth's passage to India.

In consequence of a letter received from Major General Dundas, stating that Lieutenant H. Shadforth was desirous of joining his Regiment (19th) in India, and requesting me to obtain permission for him to proceed on the Devaynes, a private Ship. I applied to the Earl of Macartney for that purpose, who has consented to his going.

The difference of Passage Money between the Cape, and India (being three eighths, or thirty nine Pounds, seven Shillings and Six pence) has been returned by Captain Christie, Commander of the Belvidere, on which Lieutenant Shadforth arrived

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here, and which Sum I have paid him, as per enclosed Receipt.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect &c &c

(Signed) John Pringle

Cape of Good Hope 3d June 1798

To the Secretaries at Bengal Bombay Residents at Poona & Hyderabad

19th. Sent letters to Messrs Barlow Ricketts Palmer and Kirkpatrick (entered in MB No 85) forwarding Mysore Intelligence

Petition of Samadroo Moodelyar of Valvandoo Choultry

20th. Received a petition from Samadroo Moodr. (entered in MB No 86) requesting that orders may be sent to Lieutenant Colonel Orr for removing certain Stores which he has deposited in the Valavadoo Choultry.

To the Military Board

Sent a letter to the Military Board entered in MB No 87 desiring that Orders may be given for landing the Military Stores consigned to this Presidency on the Princess Charlotte and that they will hereafter furnish the necessary Certificate of their Disembarkation.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
Governor — President

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday
21st. August

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved.

The President delivers in the following Minute.

Lieutenant General Harris's Minute in Council Political Department

21st. August 1798.

Lieutenant General Harris' Minute on a letter from the Nabob recorded in the Revenue Department complaining in a very unbecoming Stile of the infringement of his Rights by the measures of the Collector of Southern Polygar Peshcush towards his Tenant Coopyengar.

Having lately referred to the correspondence with the Nabob since I received charge of this Government I find that the letter from his Highness dated the 15th. April last stands on the records without any remark; I deem it therefore necessary to explain at this time the circumstances which have led to this Omission.

† Entered in Revenue Department, Diary to Consultation 28th April 1798 No. 119.

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Being satisfied from the first perusal of this Letter that it was the production of a European pen, I determined to explain immediately to the Nabob the very deep concern which I felt that he should still suffer such pernicious Influence to prevail with him; to remind him that the Language of the letter was directly adverse to the Professions he had made to me in his first addrs to inform him of my determination to use the power vested in this Government of sending such Europeans as may be abnoxious to it from India, and that a repetition of the same stylle in any of his letters would be a very great impediment to that friendly communication which had hitherto subsisted between us.

The Nabob expressed himself deeply concerned at this communication and offered to revise the letter in whatever manner I should suggest; but as his signature constituted it a public Document it was not possible for me to offer any such suggestion.

The arrival of the Earl of Mornington at this Period with Instructions to

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to propose to the Nabob a Modification of the Treaty of 1792 suggested the policy of abstaining at that time from any reply which might irritate the mind of His Highness.

From that period this letter has not come under consideration, but this is of the less Import, since the relative situation of the Company and His Highness to the Polygars has been fully explained by the Court of Directors, and is now thoroughly understood by all parties; any further Correspondence would therefore be unprofitable both to the Company and the Nabob; whilst it would cherish, what ought to be extinguished, the influence of his European Advisers.

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

From the Military Auditor General reporting on the estimate last received from the Military Paymaster General

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

Hon^ble Sir

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of Yesterday's date, with an additional Estimate of

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of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month. I have the honor to report that the Amount Viz.t Fourteen Thousand Seven hundred and fifty three Pagodas, thirty Six Fanams and two Cash (Pag.s 14,753.36.2) is unobjectionable and may be issued from the Treasury in order to comply with the advances directed to be made in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 14th. Instant to the Contractor for Army Cloathing, to the Agent for the supply of Military Stores, and to Colonel Gent on account of Repairs ordered at Pomenalee and St. Thomas's Mount.

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
My Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
18th. August 1798

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

Ordered that the Sum of fourteen Thousand Seven hundred and fifty three Pagodas, thirty six fanams and two Cash (Pag.s 14753.36.2) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate which accompanied his letter of the 17th. Instant

&c

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The Board proceed to Read and pass orders on the following proceedings of the Medical Board.

Resolutions of Government in Council 21st August 1798

From the Medical Board suggestion respecting the appointment of a Staff Surgeon to the Guntoor Detachment - recommend the following Appointments Mr. Johnston to the charge of the Dutch Prisoners - Mr. Mckenzie to the Black Town & Pails - Mr. Little to the 2d Batt. 5th Regiment the promotion of Mr. Mackay and his removal to the 3d Regt. Native Infantry & the Appointment of Mr. Betty to Vellore & Rampore - & the admission of Mr. Scarman as an Assistant Surgeon on the Establishment.

Medical Board 17th August 1798

We have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 14th Instant acquainting us that Government have resolved to appoint, in addition to the Regimental Surgeons, a Staff or Hospital Surgeon to the Detachment ordered to assemble in the Guntoor Circar, under the Command of Lieutenant Col: Roberts, to have the general Direction of that Detachment to attend the Staff, the Artillery and all others for whom no medical Assistance is provided and to have charge of the Field Hospital, in the event of the Service rendering such

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an establishment necessary. And directing us to recommend a Surgeon qualified for this Station, and to point out what allowances we deem adequate.

We have much pleasure in testifying the good opinion we entertain of Mr Alexander Kennedy Surgeon, in selecting him for this Appointment; and we recommend that, in addition to the usual allowances of his Rank, he be granted a Monthly Salary of One hundred and fifty Pagodas. For Medical expenditure for the Staff of the Detachment and others for whom Regimental attendance is not provided, thirty five Pagodas. For Medical Servants fifteen Pagodas, and four Coolies for the Carriage of Medicines and Instruments

Approved

We

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We also recommend that the Company of Artillery be placed under the charge of the Staff Surgeon and that a Sub Assistant Surgeon, be attached to him.

Approved

We recommend that Mr. James Johnston, Surgeon, be appointed to the charge of the Dutch Prisoners of War; and Mr. Alexander M'Kenzie, Surgeon, to the Black Town and Jails. Mr. M'Kenzie to attend the Dutch Prisoners until the arrival of Mr. Johnston at the Presidency

Approved

There being no Vacancy in the list of Surgeons this promotion cannot of course be made.

We recommend that Mr. Edward Mackay, the Senior Assistant Surgeon be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon, and appointed to the 3rd. Regiment Native Infantry Vice Johnston, and

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and that Mr. William Betty
Assistant Surgeon be appointed
to the Garrisons of Nellore
and Rampore (Vice Mackay).

Approved

We recommend that
Mr. Archibald Little be
Assistant Surgeon be
appointed to the 2d Batt.
5th Regiment Native Infantry
Vice Bulman.

Approved

Mr. Jeremiah Scarman having produced
a Certificate from the Honble
the Court of Directors of his
having been appointed an
Assistant Surgeon on this
Establishment, We recommend
that he may be admitted
accordingly

(Signed) Pat. Anderson
Physician Genl.
" W. Raine Chief Surgeon

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Letters from the Court of Directors in the Military Department Dated 2d & 14th March 98 read & Resolutions passed thereon.

The Board proceed to Read and pass Orders upon the letters from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 2d & 14th March 1798.

Letter 2d March

Para: 182 Date of Advices ---- Requires no Remark

3d Certain Officers permitted to Return ---- Ordered that the name of the Officers, whom the Honorable Court have permitted to return with their Rank on the establishment, be published in General Orders.

4 Cadets Appointed ---- Requires no Remark

5 Certificates for Naval and Ordnance Stores Required ---- Ordered that the Military Board and Board of Trade be enjoined to prepare the Certificates required for transmission to England.

6 Assistant Surgeons Appointed ---- Requires no remark

7 Advance to Lieut: Smith

8 Repayment of similar advances to be reported ---- Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of these paragraphs and directed to prepare the account of the Seniors when advances to Officers on Europe may have been liquidated.

9 Promotion in consequence of Officers retiring in Europe to take place from the date of publication in India ---- Ordered that this paragraph be published for the information of the Army

Ordered

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10 Sword for Lieutenant Colonel Read.

Ordered that the Sword be presented to Lieutenant Colonel Read.

11 Cadets appointed while abroad to produce certificates of their age

Ordered that this paragraph be published in General Orders

Letter 14th. March

Par 1st. The Promotion of Officers in lieu of Absentees of more than three years standing disapproved

2d. Officers so promoted to receive the pay of their Rank previous to promotion.

Ordered that these paragraphs be published for the information of the Army.

3d & 4th. Cornet Haffey & Lieut. Meyer to be struck off

Ordered accordingly

" Geo: Harris

" Eon. Saunders

" E Wallscud

Comp.
G Strachey.

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Diary

21st

Received the undermentioned Letters —

entered in M.B. Nos 88-89-90.

From Colonel Dugald Campbell

From Colonel Dugald Campbell enclosing the original Paroles of three Dutch Officers made prisoners at Tutacoryn.

From the Officer Commang Southern Division

From Major General Floyd recommending that the Paymaster's Quarter at Trichinopoly be repaired, and enclosing an Estimate of the expence. —

From Mr. Stracey requesting to know

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal.

whether any and what quantity of Gun Powder will be required from Bengal for the Service of this Presidency in the course of the ensuing Season. —

Received a Letter from the Nabob

Substance of a Letter from the Nabob. —

entered in C.C. No. 113 advising of his having issued the necessary orders to his Naib at Trichinopoly respecting the Godowns required by the Storekeeper. —

Received also the following Letters. —

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

From the Storekeeper at Vellore &c.a relative to his Correspondence with

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to inform

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with the Poligars on the Subject of the supplies of Sheep wanted for the Troops at Wallajabad.

21st I inform the Honble the Governor in Council that I have received Letters from the Venkatagerry & Caulastry Rajahs informing me of their having received the Orders of Government to supply me with Provisions for the use of the Army at Wallajabad, and that in consequence they had sent a small supply of Sheep, & requested my instructions as to the Number I should hereafter have occasion for. in reply I have directed them to collect & hold in readiness Sheep and Slaughter Cattle, but not send any more till further Orders which I hope will meet the Approbation of Government.—

Bomraurse also has sent over his Vakeel to inform me that in consequence of the Orders he has received he is ready to afford me every Assistance in his power.—

I have the honor to be

Vellore
17th August 1798.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) T. H. Skardon
Commissary of Provs.

To

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(Duplicate)

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

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bombay enclosing Copy of Tippoo's Letter to Mr. Duncan of the 2d July, respecting the Districts of Amoora and Soulleu.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 15th Ultimo, with its enclosure from Tippoo Sultaun, to the Address of the Governor, and to request you will lay the accompanying English Translation of the latter, before the Honble the President in Council.

I have the honor to be

Yr. Yr.

Bombay Castle
11th August 1798.

(Signed) R. Rickards
Secy. to Govt.

Translation of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the Governor of Bombay dated the 17th of Mohurrem 1213 Hegeree or 2nd of July 1798.

I have had the pleasure to receive your friendly letter; which has apprised me of what you have written respecting Wynaad Kantmengle and Coloorbachy; on which Subject, having also heard from John Spencer Esqr, the Tahookdar of

Calicut

Fort St. George August 1798.

25th. Calicut, that Gentleman will no doubt have ~
advised you of the Answer that has been transmitted
notwithstanding which I have now, amicably to ~
advise, that Wynaad is situated above the Ghaut
of Tamberchery, and I have not given any ~
footing to the English above that Ghaut — but ~
under the Ghaut, is the Country of the Honble
English Company, and what is above it, belongs to
the Khodadaad (God given) Sercar or Government,
as a Barrier between which, huge Mountains ~
intervene. ~

Kantmungle and Caloorbacky, are
two Kereeas, or Spots of territory, over grown with
Trees, in the quarter of Conreyal (Mangalore)
and dependant thereon * The People of Coorg, ~
having there, occasion Molestation to the Ryots
and people, and do not understand; wherefore,
to guard against any Misrepresentation they ~
might make to the Honble English Company;
I wrote to General Harris the Governor of
Madras to apprize him thereof; and from that
Governor's

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21st Governor's Letter, you, Sir, have become acquainted with the circumstance— By the Devine favor! the Ties of friendship and Unity, exist between the two States, and the corroboration of the Grounds of Amity, is daily on the Increase— Thieves, and ill intentioned People, are seeking, by the occaseoning of disputes and raising up of Jnemity*, in matters of such small Import to work out their own Ends, of which I have no doubt, but you must yourself Sir, be fully convinced, and these clear points require from their being so extremely evident, — neither Investigation nor adjustment; and it was — in view to the prevention of recurrence of alterca- tion, that the Talooks committed to the Honble English Company, have been fully and specifically inserted, under their respective Names, in the Treaty of Peace; whence therefore, you ought to judge; since, where there are written Specifications— there is no call for enquiry— afford me always the — Satisfaction of hearing from you. —

a true Translation (Signd) Jonathan Duncan

a true Copy (Signd) T. White— act. Sub. Secy.

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To
21.
Josiah Webbe Esq.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad expressive of his satisfaction at the eulogium lately passed on his Conduct in regard to the Subedar Deserters.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 26th Ultimo, and beg leave in return to express the warm satisfaction it affords me to learn, that my humble exertions in the affair of the Subedar Deserters have fortunately proved such, as to meet with the approbation of the Government of Fort St. George, and be deemed by the Honble the Governor in Council conducive to the particular interests of that Presidency, which my inclination no less than my duty impels me at all times to attend to, and promote to the very utmost.

I am

Hyderabad
5th August 1798.

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

The

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To
The Honble Lieutenant General Harris
President in Council

Sir,

From the Paymaster of the 73d Regiment requesting to be allowed to draw half Batta as a compensation for the keeping the Accounts &c. of Men at the Presidency belonging to different Kings Regiments on the Coast.

In consequence of a General Order issued the 9th February, ordering all Soldiers of His Majesty's Regiments, who may happen to be at Madras, absent from their Corps, Sick in Hospital Convalescents, recovered Men, or Recruits - are ordered to be Considered attached during the time they remain, to the Regiment doing duty in Fort St. George and their pay and allowances to be drawn by the Paymaster of that Corps - and he to be accountable for such sums to the different Corps that they may belong to - Consequently I as Paymaster of His Majesty's 73rd Regiment, have been put to considerable expence and trouble in keeping an open Account, with so many Corps, and Corresponding with every Kings Regiment, on the three Presidencys. -

I have therefore to Solicit, that you may take my case into consideration, and allow me, to draw the Difference of half Batta

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Which was allowed, to Major Allen of His Majestys' 52d. Regiment for doing the same duty when that Corps was Stationed at the Presidency

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a Bill for the time I have done the duty which I hope you will sanction me to receive.

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
13th August 1798.

&c. &c.
(Signd) W. McLeod
Capt. & Pay master
73d Regt.

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

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal stating that Captain Hannay had destroyed his private Signals previous to her being Captured by the Prenease Frigate

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th Ultimo, and to acquaint you, in reply, that Captain Hannay declares he did destroy the Private Signals of the Woodcote, before she struck to the Prenease French Frigate.

I have the honor to be

Fort William
6th August 1798.

&c. &c.
(Signed) D. Campbell
Sub Secy.

To

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To
21st
J. Webbe Esq.r
Secretary &c.a

Hon.ble Sir,

I am under the necessity of

From the Surgeon of the Good Hope relative to his Claim to the Head Money of 10 Shillings pur Man on account of the Detachment of the 29th Dragoons landed here from the Good Hope.

Acquainting you by desire of General Sydenham that I can't receive any Pay for the Troops of the 29th & other Detachments &c. it being a Strict Regulation not to let the Surgeon of any of the Hon.ble East India Company's Ships have any emolument when the Regimental Surgeons are along with the Troops unless Government give me an Order to receive it; & at the same time the Surgeons consent to the same this the Surgeon Mr. Patterson does not object to as he and Captain Kearney say that I am entitled to it. I think it a very hard case to be at so much expence for Medicine & Drugery for me my assistant & Servant all weathers for the Space of 5 Months between England & Fort St. George in Madras. you will be pleased to read over Captain Kearney's letter which is enclosed directed to me and at the same time I beg to have your

advice

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21st

Advice how to Proceed &c.a likewise return you many thanks for your former information on this affair therefore beg you will excuse the freedom I have taken upon me which will give pleasure to your &c.a &c.a

London Tavern
20.th August 1798.

(Signed) John Clapperton

Mr. Clapperton
Surgeon on board the Honble
East India Company's Ship Good Hope

Sir,

In case I may not have the pleasure of seeing you again, I embrace, with pleasure, this Opportunity of presenting you with my best thanks, and high approbation for your very great care and Attention to that part of His Majestys 29.th Lt. Dragoons under my Command during their passage from England to Madras, in the Honble India Company's Ship, The Good Hope.

I am well convinced that your unremitting diligence in your care of the Sick, the General health of the Troops on board that Ship is to be attributed

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21st " attributed, having lost only Two Men, by disease, out of nearly 200 that embarked, during the Space of Five Months, and I hope you will not meet with any difficulty in obtaining the emoluments allowed to the Surgeons of Indiamen by the Honble Company: and if this Letter in any way contributed to that end, it will afford much pleasure to have written it. —

Wishing you all health and happiness, in which I am cordially joined by the other Officers of the Corps, I remain. —

&c." &c."

(Signed) James Kearney
Capt. 29th Drags

The Officers and Myself will be happy to see you and Mr. Cameron at the Mount, to which place we march tomorrow.

(Signed) J. Kearney

A true Copy of the original returned to Mr. Clapperton }
(Signed) George Parry
Sub. Sig."

To

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21st

To The Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

From Lieutenant Colonel Read notifies his intention of making a reform in the pettah of Kistnagherry — proposes that a compensation be made to the Sepoys for the removal of their Huts — That the post of Shevagury be demolished on account of the preference due to Vencambaddy.

The proposed reform to the lower fort of Kisnguery requiring the Removal of 199 Houses mostly belonging to the Sepoys of the garrison, I have allotted them ground, and propose to reimburse them, agreeable to the enclosed Account, for the loss which they will probably sustain in bamboos and thatch, —

I hope you will approve, and be pleased to order the payment of the inclosed Account which Amounts to only 207 Rupees. Confident of its meeting with your approbation — I have already entered upon the intended Reform, and have the pleasure to inform you that I think the lower fort may soon be made secure against a Night attack which is the only one to be apprehended. about half as much space as it contains at present will be gained by

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gained by the intended Addition which excepting the gateways with draw bridges as proposed can all be done by the pioneers. As there are only 350 of them I wish very much their Number could be augmented. Much could be done by them of material importance to the public Service. The engineer has directions to prepare a plan of the lower fort, from which will appear the utility of the Work on which they are employed at present.—

On my way hither I visited Shevagary one of the hill forts it was intended to garrison during hostility. It might be easily defended by a small garrison against any force without guns, but it is an inconvenient height and five Miles off the road to Hungary. I therefore recommend its being demolished, and if you approve will Order the poligar of Cungoondy in whose district it is situated to send people for the purpose as the pioneers cannot be spared for it.— A post being very necessary in its vicinity, I would prefer Vaniambaddy

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on account of its being directly in the road betwan Amboor & Kisnageery, half way to Catorageer, and in a tolerable state of repair. Though only tenable against infantry, it would afford some Security to the Inhabitants on account of its being in the Mouth of the valley leading to Amboor and of still more consequence to small detachments when the country might be over run by parties of horse. I have said so much on this subject, having proposed the demolition of Shevageery.—

I have the honor to be

Sir &c. &c.

Kisnageery
13th August 1798.—

(Signed) A. Read
Lieut.t Col.e
Cedet District

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

Sir,

From Bengal — desiring particular Information respecting the appropriation of Stores &c.a sent from Bengal, on Ships touching at Madras for the Manilla Expedition

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to express his Lordship's request that the Honble the President in Council will give Orders for transmitting to this Presidency Returns of the Ordnance, Ordnance Stores, Provisions &c.a sent from

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21st from Bengal on the different Ships that went on the late intended Expedition, and which were taken out of the Ships either at Penang or at Fort St. George for the Service of that Presidency, in order that they may be compared with the Return of Articles received back in Bengal.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secy.

Fort William
the 30th July 1798.

To T. Webbe Esquire
Secretary to the Government
at Fort St. George

Sir

The Commander of the Earl Fitz William

From Bengal enclosing Captain Tweedale's reply to the letter written him regarding the deficiency of Copper Hoops or Powders Barrels Shipped on the Fitz William.

having in consequence of your letter of the 6th Ultimo been called upon to Account for the deficiency of Hoops on the Powder Barrels that were landed from his Ship at Vizagapatam, I have the Orders of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council to transmit for the information of the Honble the President in Council the enclosed Copy of Captain Tweedales' reply.

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

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secy.

Fort William
the 26th July 1798.

To

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To John Stracey Esqr.
Sub Secretary to the
Military Department

Sir,

For the Bengal Army.
Capt. Tweedale's reply to the letter of the 16th inst. regarding the deficiency of 24 Copper Hoops on board the Fitz William on the Telinga Coast

Having perused your letter of the 16th. Instant together with an Extract of a letter from the Military Board at the Presidency of Fort Saint George respecting a deficiency of Twenty four (24) Copper Hoops, I beg leave to State to you for the information of the Right Honble the Governor General in Council that the whole Number of the Barrels of Gun powder received at Fort St. George on board the Fitz William were firmly packed in Gunny and Secured with Rope, in which state they were landed at Vizagapatam, by what means the deficiency has arisen — I will not take upon me to suggest, but it is impossible that it could have Originated on board the Fitz William. —

I am,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) Ja.s Tweedale

Calcutta
18th July 1798. —

a true Copy
(Signd) J. Stracey
Sub Sec.y to Govt

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

Honble Sir,

From the Commissioners at Calicut with intelligence received of Tippoo's Intention to strengthen Mangalore and put it in the Hands of the French.

We have the honor to enclose for your information, an Extract of a Letter from the Commanding Officer in the Province, and of its Accompanyment, and to Subscribe ourselves very respectfully.

&c.a &c.a

J Spencer
" Jas. Hartley
" J. Uhthoff
" J Smee

Calicut
the 8.th August 1798.

(Signed)

To John Spencer Esq.r
President &c.a Commissioners

Gentlemen,

I have the honor of enclosing an Extract of a Letter received Yesterday from Colonel Dove.

I remain

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Jas. Hartley

Head Quarters
Calicut 7.th August 1798.

Extract of a Letter from Colonel Alexander

Dove

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Dowe to Major General James Hartley. Dated 5th of August 1798.—

"I received a visit this Morning from "Chowakara Markky (the Nephew of Moosa) who "having desired a private Conversation with Mr. Drummond "for my Information, told him that two or three days "ago he received a Letter of late date from his Mercantile "Agent at Mangalore, by a Servant who was charged "to, verbally, impart the circumstances of the Deivan, "or Governor of Mangalore having, after three Succes- "ses from Seringapatam, proceeded to that Capital; "the Orders for repairing and Strengthening the Fort "of Mangalore, to be put in the hands of the French, "and the Credited Report of the Nomination of one of "the Officers, lately landed from the French, at Manga- "lore to succeed to a like Command as Monsieur "Lally was formerly vested with."—

Markky has promised to send again to Mangalore, and Advise me of any further Military preparation that may be going forward in that Quarter.—

(Signed) J. Dowe

a true Extract
(Signed) Robert Leyris
Mr. Secry.—In

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In the Evening of this Day —

Arrival of the Right Honble Lord Clive who assumes Charge of the Government. —

21st August. The Right Honorable Lord Clive landed from the Dover Castle and Assumed the Charge of the Government agreeably to the Orders of the Honble Court of Directors. —

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Received and Sent the rendermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 91–92–93–94–95. —

From the Military Paymaster General. —

From Mr. Roebuck, enclosing an Additional Indent for Pagodas 1,73,49..10..43. —

To the Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Lydenham — referring the above Indent for Examination. —

To the Military Paymaster General —

To Mr. Roebuck, enclosing Copy of the Auditors Report on the Additional Estimate which accompanied his Letter of the 17th Instant and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas 14,753..36..2 will be Advanced to him on that Account from the general Treasury. —

To the Secretary at Bengal. —

To Mr. Barlow forwarding — Packets for the Supreme Government received per Dover Castle. —

To Admiral Rainier. —

To Rear Admiral Rainier — forwarding intelligence received from Bombay. —

Received

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24th Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 96, 97, 98, 99–100.–

From Major General Sydenham–

From the Military Auditor General– enclosing his Audit on the Accounts of the Deputy

Kings Paymaster General from the 25th March to the

24th April 1798.–

From Mr. Mc. Mahon– enclosing

From Mr. Mc. Mahon.– a Bill Amounting to Pagodas 15. for his Attendance

&c.a on Sealing up the papers of the Ship Susanna

Amelia under detention at Point de Galle.–

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing his

From the Military Paymaster General– general Indent of Cash for the Month of September–

To Major General Sydenham–

To the Military Auditor General.– referring for examination the Accounts of Subsistence

to the Kings Troops from the 25th July to the 24th

August 1798.–

To Major Doveton enclosing a–

To the Commandant at Ryacottah.– Letter from the Governor General to be forwarded to

Tippoo Sultaun.–

25th Received the undermentioned Letters

entered in M. B. Nos. 101–102–103–104.–

From Major General Sydenham–

From the Senior Officer of Artillery to the Adjut. General. recommending that Mr. Alured Gelson, a Cadet

lately

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25th lately arrived may be appointed to the Artillery Corps.—

From Mr Clapperton, requesting to be informed of the Board's determination on his Letter of the 25th Instant, and stating some additional Circumstances in support of his Claim.—

From the Surgeon of the Good Hope.

From Major Macleane, enclosing—

From the Commandant at Samulcottah—

Copies of Correspondence relative to a difference of Opinion between himself and the Collector, Mr Ince, regarding the Mode of paying the Batta due to the Troops lately employed against the refractory Mahah Nautwars, and adjusting the value of some Gun powder furnished on the Collectors requisition for the use of the Peddapore Rajah's Troops: and requesting the Decision of Government thereon.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts—

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts—

advising of the Relief of 5 Companies of the 1st Battalion 11th Regiment Native Infantry Stationed at Guntoor, by an equal detail of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment.—

Despatched the Undermentioned Letters

26th

entered in Mo. B. No. 105—106.—

To Major General Sydenham referring

To the Military Auditor General—

for examination the Military Paymaster Generals Estimate for September.—

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To the Superintendant at Prince of Wales' Island.

To Major Mc. Donald enclosing a Letter to his Address received from Bengal.

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Received the following Letter from

Major General Floyd.

The Honble The Governor in Council

Sir,

From Major General Floyd respecting three Thieves lately secured and delivered over to the Nabob's Servants at Madura.

I have the Honor to State from a Report of Lieutenant Colonel Oram, Commanding at Madura that, by the means of Doni Cawn, Sepoy in the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, three Villains have been secured at Madura, part of a Gang of twenty, who have committed several Murders — among them a Havildar of Native Cavalry. — and a Servant of Captain Monteaths', whose Horse also they destroyed by tying him to a tree, and Picking him till He died.

Lieutenant Colonel Oram delivered them over to the Nabobs' Cutwal — But this is without effect, for the Nabobs' People never take any further Notice only detain them in confinement — in the mean time the Country see Arms with Villains who Rob & Murder.

I beg leave to suggest that it appears to me this case calls aloud for examples — & I know

of

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D.o of no means of doing this but by Martial Law—Your Authority— or mine under your Orders— after duly identifying the persons, & ascertaining the facts.—

For your more particular information I have the honor to enclose— Colonel Orm's Letter— The Declaration of Dond Cawn, the Sepoy— & the Account given by the Villains themselves.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Floyd. M.G.

Tritchinopoly
August 22.d 1798.—

Major General Floyd
Commanding— &c.a &c.a &c.a

Sir,

A Trooper of Colonel Orr's Regiment, brought into Madura three days ago, / with the assistance of some Country people) Three Thieves part of a Gang who have of late infested the Pallam Cotta Road— a Division of their party are actively employed near Utta toor.— I take the liberty of sending their declarations, have given them over to the Cutwal of the place, and hope His Highness will send orders for their execution.— The Trooper deserves much praise for his

Conduct

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27.th Conduct.-

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

Madura
18.th August 1798.- (Signed) T. Crawn
Lt. Col.l Com.t

Declaration of Davoud Khan a Cavalry Sepoy
of the 3.d Regiment N.t Cavalry.-

That in consequence of bringing
my family from Coytar, I went thither on leave
from the Commanding Officer of the said Regiment,
on my return was halting one day in a Choultry
called Edasul, where I found four more men with
Swords and I thought of them as Travellers, but in the
next Morning as I left the Choultry and walked
a Mile distance, where I was met by a young moor
man; & asked him whither he was going, he answered
me that he is to go to Arcott, and that he would
accompany me, We arrived at Coyel Patty, where
I conceived him to be a thief, and flogged him, in
order to give me the true Account of his intention,
upon which, he confessed, that he was a robber and
besides him there were Nine thieves more, those who
lurked in the road between the Country of Cooda Coyl
near

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27th near Tremanglum, and some that; I took the greatest care upon the said thief & brought him into Tremunglum where I likewise by accompanying him myself got two Sepoys, who did strike him in order to shew them & me the thieves we found two Men, whom I tied up, they likewise confessed that they were thieves & all their cruel conduct from the begining to the end, whereupon I fastened ropes unto their Elbows of those three thieves & brought them into Madura with a Guard—

Declaration of Ally, a Thief from Tippoo Sultan's Country— Village of Malwaggle.—

I accompanied twenty Thieves & Set out on our way to Topoor Pass, found a Merchant betwixt the Jungle Murdered and drowned him took from him property as follows— a Tumbal, a large Tumbal, a Brass Pott, two Turbands, two Cloths one Sheet, and twenty Sultan fanams.—

From thence by way of Salem arrived near Namacul, and found two Bramins betwixt the Countries of Tatsingar Patty and Namacul we massacred and drowned them in a Tank, have taken by them property as follows— Ten Rupees two Tumbals, two small Tumbals,

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One Lamp, two Brass potts one New Turband one old Turband, two Cloths, two old Cloths, & two Sheets.—

—From thence, we set out and reached at Trichinopoly by a road called Tottyem, from whence ten of the thieves of our party separated & entered into the Countries of Val Condah & Ullatoor but we about ten Men came down South by Trichinopoly to Veirally Mally and from thence on our way to Madura Mahagempilly Choultry, where we found a Rayapoot Bramany & Moor Man, did cut them both off & drowned in a Tank, we found on them as follows—Ten Star Pagodas, two Women's New Cloths, two Turbands, one Trumbal, three small Trumbals, four Brass potts, one Spoon, one red Turband, one Cloth, one Sheet, two long drawers, one knife Silver handled, two three Sawmy Pagodas— one Chintz Turband, one Eating Bason one laced Sheet, one Gown, one short drawer, one Jacket, one knife & a pair of Shoes—: after which we set out

thence

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thence I came down to Tellah Coolem Choultry near Madura, where we were halted one day & from thence on our way to Sattour near Tinnavelly Country, we found a Havildar of Cavalry betwixt the Jungle and did cut his throat & drowned him in a Tank, found on him as follows Three Rupees one Rupee's worth of fanams one Coat, one Jacket, one Turband, three Cholies, three Sheets, one Silk-cloth, one Silk long drawer one Bible Book one small Sword, two measures of Rice, one Knife, and a pair of Shoes.— and from thence on our-way to Kytar & Sytar found a Gentoo Merchant with a Bullock load of Goods, cut him off & drowned in a Tank, Seized his Bullock & other things— after which we returned to a Choultry called Edasul / but on the Mean time found a Cavalry Sepoy with a few Women, who came from Tinnavelly we halted there for that Night, and the next Morning I was persuaded by those ten thieves to follow the said Cavalry Sepoy and

women

27th Women a little distance and to report them the separation of the Sepoy from the Women. Thereupon went with the Sepoy, and he took me for a thief flogged me to give him the true account of my intention, upon which, I particularly mentioned from the begining to the end of their Cruel conduct, afterwards the Cavalry Sepoy found three Men – besides me at Tremungalem, a part of the above mentiond ten Thieves, who with a Guard brought us to Madura. –

Shaik Hussain the thief, has own'd every thing Ally the thief declard. –

Shaick Ebram the thief has own'd every thing Ally the thief declared. –

28th Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mo. B. Nos. 107 – 108 – 109 – 110. –

From the Officer Commanding 5th Regiment Native Cavalry at Coonatore. –

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray – Stating that the Nabobs' People at Amboor refuse to allow Palmira trees to be felled unless they receive orders to that effect from the Amildar of

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28th of Arcot.—

From Ditto with a further representa-
From Ditto Do. —tion to the above purport.—

From Mr. Barlow enclosing two
From the Secretary Letters to be forwarded to Rear Admiral Rainier—
at Bengal.—

From Mr. Hawkins — containing —
From the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly his report of the Paddy ground to be beat out into
Rice.—

At a Consultation
Present
The Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor President
Lieutenant General Harris
Tuesday 28th August Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

Minutes of last Consultation

Read and Approved.—

Read the following letter from

the Secretary at Bengal.—

To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary at Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal with a letter from the Governor General to Tippoo Sultaun formally acknowledging his right to the Wynaad District and desiring that an investigation may take place of the right to the Tamberchurry pass and the Talooks of Amra Soolia & Ernenaworasery.

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

2, A Copy of the Draft of that letter and of the letter from the Sultaun to which it is a reply, are forwarded for the information of the Hble the Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be

Fort William
the 6th August 1798.

&c. &c. &c.
(Signd) G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Govt.

From Tippoo Sultaun

Received 2d August 1798.

In happy time I had the pleasure to receive your Lordship's Letter, which afforded me great Satisfaction & its friendly

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friendly Contents have been understood.—/vide—
letter written (14th. June).—

Since the time that the Country of
Nuggur and Koriaul was first subjugated, the—
Talooks of Amura and Soulcah in which (latter)
Kantamungle and Galoobaju are situated, have—
belonged to Koriaul and this is proved and—
confirmed by the Records of a Century— The—
Names of the persons who paid the collections of
those Talooks to the Officers of Koriaul, of those who
collected the Revenues of them and the Accounts of
Advances made to the Ryots for the purposes of
Cultivation are contained in those Records and from
the first establishment of the Authority of this Sirkar—
down to the year 1220 of Mohummud they have
been attached to the Country of Koriaul.— The
Coorga people have had no concern in them. Indeed,
between the above Talooks and the Coorga Country
vast hills interpose.— By the Treaty of Peace—
The Talook of Ahmad Naggur otherwise called
Chuckloor

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Chuckloor belongs to my Sirkar and Wynaad (or Weenaar) is a Kurreah (or Village with its appertaining lands) among the Kurreahs of Ahmudnugger above the Tambocherry pass.— the Territory of the Company is below that pass and the Hills from a Barrier between.—

Your Lordship has written that "Subordinate Officers are Naturally inclined to make Misrepresentations to their respective Governments in such trivial Cases, and to foment jealousies and disturbances" It is certain then that in plain and simple Cases, the Representations of interested people will not have any weight or Credit whatever with your Lordship Nevertheless as your Lordship is desirous of obtaining an explanation and removing doubts, Orders have been issued to the Officers of Kurnaul to confer with the persons who may be appointed from the Malabar Side, and fairly to ascertain—

and

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and remove all doubts, a person of Rank shall also be deputed by me for this business.—

By the favor of God the bonds of friendship and union are firmly drawn between the two States and I am to the last degree disposed to give additional Strength to the Beneficial System of Amity and peace.—

Believing me gratified by the agreeable intelligence of your Lordships' welfare, I hope you will always continue to rejoice me by your exhilarating letters.—

A true Copy

(Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Govt.

To Tippoo Sultaun

Written 7th August 1798.—

Your Highness's letter gave me great Satisfaction; at the same time that it reached me I received from the Commissioners in Malabar their final Opinion upon the subject of Wynaad, after a full examination of every circumstance relating to your rights and to those of the Company I am now convinced

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convinced that Wynaad was not ceded to the Company by the Treaty of Peace and therefore that it belongs to your Highness.— As it never will be my wish to contest the smallest particle of your Highness's Rights, I have directed the Commissioners to make a formal acknowledgement of the Justice of your Claim to Wynaad, which district you will occupy whenever it may suit your pleasure.—

As some doubts however, remain whether the Tamberchurry pass be not included in the cessions made to the Company by the Treaty of Peace, I have directed the Officers of the Company to confer on that Subject with the person to be Appointed to your Highness.— All question between your Highness and the Company with respect to Wynaad is now brought to a happy conclusion; The right to the Tamberchurry Pass, and to the Tulooks of Amrah and Sooliah and Cseravarasemy still remains for discussion you will find me sincerely disposed to consider the

Several

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Several Questions relating to these districts with the same impartiality of which I have endeavoured to afford your Highness an unequivocal testimony, on the final Settlement of your claims upon Wynaad.—

A true Copy
(Signd) N. B Edmonston
P. T.

The Secretary informs the Board that the letter for Tippoo Sultan was despatched to Major Doveton on the 23rd Instant the day it was received.—

Remark thereon

Read the following letters from Bombay.—

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

Sir,

From Bombay with Copies of Correspondence between the Chargé D'affaires at Constantinople & the Resident at Bussorah relative to the supposed object of the French Armament equipping in the Mediterranean.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Hon.ble the Governor in Council, Copies of a Correspondence between Mr. John Spencer Smith and the Resident at Bussora, received this day by the Comet Cruizer, which sailed from that place

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Place on the 9th Ultimo:—

I have the honor to be

Bombay Castle
1st August 1798.—

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) R. Rickards
Secy to Govt

To Samuel Manesty Esqr.
British Resident at
Busora

Sir,

I have not since the date of my last (which, absence from my Records prevents my specifying) received any letters from your Residency by two successive Messengers; but I deem it right not to lose the present opportunity of informing you, that the advices contained in that despatch, have received further corroboration, by a letter which has reached me in the interval from Florence, of the 5th April, written by a Gentleman in Mr. Wyndham's absence, who says that he deems it a Duty to lose no time, in conveying to me this Intelligence derived immediately from a French General, that the formidable Armament preparing by the Enemy

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Enemy at Genoa &c.a is now understood to be
destined against the East Indies. The Fleet
consisting of 13 Sail of the line with a Number
of Transports) I have heard upwards of 100) is to
convey an Army of between 20, and 30,000 Men
to Alexandria, from whence the preparations justify
the supposition they will endeavour to reach Tippoo's
Dominions I forbear any Individual Speculation
on an Enterprize so bold, and hazardous; which
can hardly succeed, without a certain Degree of
Connivance on the part of this Court; which
I have discovered no Symtomatic Appearance of,
beyond their General timid Predilection and
Deference towards the French Mission.

It does not Appear that the late Scene
at Vienna, will produce any Rupture between the
Imperial Court and the French Government, I send you
you a demi official Publication on that Subject, and
Annex an interesting Continental News paper.

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Spencer Smith

Beligrad near
Constantinople
8th June 1798.

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To John Spencer Smith Esq.re
His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affairs
at Constantinople

Sir,

On the 22nd Ultimo I had the pleasure to Reply to your Advices of the 11th May, and I now beg leave to acknowledge the receipt on the 6th Instant of your obliging Communications of the 8th June, of which I shall transmit a Copy to the Honble the President in Council at Bombay by express conveyance on the 9th Instant, to the Adoption of which conduct I have been induced, by various Considerations. — Although I still entertain the Sentiments which I expressed to you, on the 22nd Ultimo on the subject of the reported hostile intentions of the French against Egypt; and although I am convinced, that the conveyance of any large Body of European Troops from Suez, to India, is almost impracticable, under any circumstances, I have so attentively Noticed the rash and adventurous Policy, which, has so long, and so successfully, directed French Military Exhibitions that I easily conceive the

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the Probability of the French Directory encouraged by a certainty of the connivance of the Ottoman Court, at their Arrangement resolving to venture on a Measure, the favorable result of which is — merely possible. —

On a mature consideration of Circumstances, and Seasons, I am however more — inclined to think, that if the Naval and Military Armament prepared by the French, for Departure from Genoa in the Month of April, is really destined against our Eastern Possessions — The French Directory — will rather rely, for the Execution of their Schemes, on its attempting a promising direct Passage — through the Straights of Gibraltar, round the Cape of Good Hope, to the Mauritius; than on a precari- -ous endeavour, to convey through Egypt into — India, a mere Military Force, to be landed, in the vicinity of the Nile, and subsequently abandoned to Chance, and its own exertions. It is well known that an adequately furnished Fleet, leaving Genoa, towards the close of the Month of April, or the — Commencement of the Month of May, a Season — peculiarly

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peculiarly favorable to a Voyage from that place, to the Mauritius, would probably reach the place of its Destination in the Course of three Months; a Short Period in which Troops might by proper Manage-ment and precaution, be preserved at Sea, in health and Vigour; His Majesty's Marine Force now Stationed at the Cape, is not Sufficient in Strength to oppose the Progress of the formidable Fleet collected by the French at Genoa, and it might not even encounter it, for the Commanding Officer of that Force might be ignorant, of the intention of the Enemy, and the French Commander in Chief might so pursue his Voyage, as to avoid any near Approach to the Vicinity of the Cape, and the threatened Invasion of England and Ireland, by the French, and the more immediate consequent employment, of the British Fleets on the Coasts of Portugal, Spain, France, England, and Ireland, may afford the Genoa Armament the most probable Chance of advancing far to the Southward, without meeting with an Enemy —

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At all events it is my duty expeditiously to transmit your Intelligence to India for although I am inclined to think that the Genoa Armament, is not destined to act against us, in that Country, and that it will be employed in the prosecution of the views of the French, on the Shores of Italy, or on the Coast of Barbary, it is in my opinion extremely requisite, that the British Government in India should be immediately apprized, of the possible early Arrival there, of a French Military, or French Military and Naval force, and be thereby enabled to make Arrangements, for effectually resisting and repelling it. — The information with which you have favored me, respecting the Recent political Events at Vienna, is interesting and acceptable. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Bussora
7th July 1798. —

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

True Copies
(Signed) Samuel Manesty

True Copies
(Signed) R. Rickards
Sec. to Govt.
To

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To Josiah Webbe Esqre

Secretary to Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir

I the Commander of the Bombay Frigate having been directed to call on his intended return to this place, at Columbo for the purpose of transporting hither the remainder of the Grenadier Battalion on Duty at that Settlement; the Governor in Council is very desirous that the Honble the President in Council at Fort St. George will be pleased to meet the object of this arrangement by issuing the necessary orders for the Embarkation of the Detachment, as above proposed.

I have also to request that you will forward the enclosed letter to the Commander of the Frigate.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) R. Richards

Secy. to Govt.

Bombay Castle

21st July 1798.

Ordered

From Bombay requesting that the remainder of Grenadier Battalion may be embarked on the Bombay Frigate on her Arrival at Columbo a letter for Commodore Sutherland enclosed

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Ordered that Brigadier General

Minute thereon De Meuron be desired to embark the grenadier

Battalion on the Bombay Frigate.

Read the following letters from

the Resident at Tanjour.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

I am desired by His Excellency the

From the Resident at Tanjore enclosing a Letter from Serfogee Rajah to the Governor. Rajah of Tanjour to request, you will present the enclosed Letters to the Honorable the Governor, and that the Letter to the Governor General may be transmitted to Bengal by the first Opportunity - the Rajah informs me He has accompanied His address to the Governor of Fort St. George with a Copy of His Letter to the Governor General.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Tanjour (Signed) Benj. Torin

14th August 1798. Resident

To

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

Rajah Serfojee Present his most.r
respectful Salam.s —

I have received your Excellency's
kind letter and Understand the Contents of it.—
Your Excellency's Regard to justice
and your benevolence to me after you heard of my
late distresses, I was long ago convenced of, and
felt the beneficial consequences: but on, and since my
accession, I have had so many proofs of your
Generosity and public Spirit, and so many opportu-
-nities to see, how much my welfare and Dignity
as well as the flourishing State of my Country
and the prosperity of its Inhabitants, is at
your Excellency's heart, that I cannot but feel
the warmest gratitude, and beg your Excellency to
accept of my most sincere thanks. —

The

From Serfojee Rajah expressive of his Gratitude for the Justice & Favor he has received from the Company & enclosing a Letter for the Governor General in which he requests an unequivocal assurance from his Lordship that in the Event of his late request being complied with, his Country shall revert to his Management at the Expiration of two Years & conveys his confident expectation that the Rists to be ultimately fixed, will be fairly apportioned to the resources of his Country —

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The Honorable Company has shewed me a signal instance of justice, by restoring me to my legal hereditary rights and establishing me upon the Musnud of my Ancestors; for which I am very thankful to them: and being convinced, that this illustrious act was done by them from no other motive than disinterested justice, I cannot but feel the greatest satisfaction, and am resolved to place my entire confidence in them, the sincerity of which resolution I have already in some measure shewn.

I have without the least reluctance assented to the Six Stipulations, proposed to me by the Resident, because I am convinced, that the Honble Company has my own welfare, and that of my Subjects very much at heart; and because I was likewise assured, that the fifth Stipulation had no other meaning, but, that in the treaty to be made hereafter, it would be stipulated, what regulations I was to observe in my Government of the Country, in my Administration of justice and in my payment of the stipulated Rists, and that it did not

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not at all imply a division of Government, or a perpetual interference of the Honble Company's Servants; for, I was told, that if the fifth Stipulation was — intended to imply, that the Honble Company's — Servants should be Cosigents —, should administer justice etc. it would have been particularly mentioned in the said Stipulations. This satisfied me entirely and liberated me from every Apprehension of losing my dignity. —

I shall with all my heart — consent to the decision of the Supreme Government; and in case my request should not be accepted, I trust that if my Country should be managed for a limited time in the manner, your Excellency has pointed out, matters would go on very well. — Indeed I have no doubt of it, provided Mr. Torin should remain Resident, and I sincerely hope Government will never hear a Complaint against Mismanagement, injustice or corruption. —

Inclosed I have the pleasure to send

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send you, the letter which I have written to the Governor General together with a Copy of the same.—

What can I say more.—

Tanjore
12.th August 1798.—

(Signed) Sirfojee Rajah

To the Right Honble Earl of Mornington
&c. &c. &c.
Governor General in Council &c. &c. &c.

Rajah Sirfojee present his most Respectful Salam.— The valuable and very instructive Letter, which your Lordship has been pleased to honor me with. I have perused with much attention & derived great satisfaction from the same.—

I shall never forget the gratitude and kindness which the Honble Company has so conspicuously shewed to me, by putting me in possession of my lawful inheritance and establishing me upon the Musnud of my Ancestors; for which illustrious act I shall always endeavour to make my Conduct a continued testimony of my gratitude and sincere Attachment to my Benefactors. It will therefore be my constant care & pleasure, to regulate

my

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my conduct by your Lordships most excellents-
instructions and exhortations for which I beg your
Lordship to accept my sincere thanks and which
I shall always esteem more sacred, than if my-
honored Father Tuljamacha Rajah had enjoined them.

Your Lordship's kind exhortations
that I should not bear in mind the various provo-
cations, I have received from Rajah Amersing nor
shew any revenge against him, I shall pionsly-
obey; and that I have already from the day of my
elevation, manifested aquite contrary dispositions,
and confirmed myself strictly to your Lordship's
benevolent exhortations the Resident Mr. Torin can
will testify.-

I take moreover the liberty to
assure your Lordship, that it shall be always
my endeavours to Govern my Country with
justice and equity to promote the happiness and
prosperity of its Inhabitants to be always religious-
-ly solicitous of fulfilling my engagements with
the Honble Company to pay the greatest attention

to

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to the Commands of their Government at Madras to
keep at a distance whoever would from self interest
or malice attempt, to advise me ill and to lend
an Attentive ear to men of established probity of
whose good advice — I may be sure, and by all this
to shew my Sincere Attachment and gratitude to the
Honble Company, to cement more & more the happy
connection between these my Benefactors and myself
and to merit a continuance of their benevolence
and kind affections. — For I am sure nothing
can be so inseparable from my real prosperity, —
nothing tending more to establish my reputation
than these my resolutions put into practice, which
resolution and solemn promises I humbly request
Your Lordship would be kindly pleased to
Transmit to the Honorable Court of Directors,
with my humble submission and sincere gratitude.

The confused State of my Country
and my Youth and inexperience, make me
perfectly sensible that the Honble Company's
beneficent assistance will for some time be —
unavoidably

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unavoidably necessary to me — And as on my intimating this to the Resident he has assured me that the Honble Company is inclined to assist me effectually, If I would accept of it by managing the Country in my Stead for one Year or at most two; and not only he, but also Colonel Aston, & the Reverend Mr. Tarrick have assured me upon their honors, that the Country would be fully restored to me at the expiration of two Years at farthest, I with joy acknowledged this a new proof of the Honble Company's Affection & indulgence to me and accordingly desired the Resident to petition Government that they would kindly be pleased to take the trouble of Managing my Country for a limited time, not exceeding two Years, upon themselves; only to Arrange Matters so as to enable me to see business transacted, That I might become qualified to Govern my Country after it's full restoration to me, to the satisfaction of the Honble Company and the happiness of my

Subjects

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Subjects I have always in my private Conversations — expressed my wish to Colonel Aston Mr. Farricke & to the Resident himself that he should assist me; and as this desire was my principal inducement to make the above request to the Honble Company without the least hesitation. —

So I humbly request that — Your Lordship would be kindly to put the Resident at the head of administration as well as at the head of of the Commission. — Though I fully rely on the Solemn promises the above mentioned three Gentlemen made me viz. that my Country would be fully restored to me after the expiration of at most two Years, yet a sanction of it by your Lordship would be highly satisfactory to me & I have no doubt but your — Lordship will honor with it. —

I also fully rely on your — Lordships just and equitable Arrangements of — Rajah Amersings private affairs and the Payment of his enormous debts and am confident such Regulations will be made by your Lordship as will not distress me & especially as will not

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make me incapable to fulfil my engagements with the Honble Company, to keep up my dignity and to Govern my People with justice & equity. -

I lastly take the Liberty, humbly to request of your Lordship, that you would be kindly pleased to cause an enquiry to be made according to the Custom of this Country what property which Rajah Amersing now claims and detains belongs to the Circar and what not.? and that Your Lordship would Order Rajah Amersing to deliver up all the Circar property to me. -

What can I say more?

Tanjore
10.th August 1798. -

(Signed) Serfojee Rajah

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

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the Receipt of your two Letters dated the 5.th & 11.th Instant. -

When I informed the Honble Governor that I had placed a Tomastah at the Rajah's Cutcherry to secure the General Interests during the reference to Bengal; I concluded He would

From the Resident at Tanjore explanations of his Motives in his late Arrangement for securing the Revenues of the Country till the decision of the Supreme Government is known on the Rajah's proposal reports the abstract contents of the

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the Treasury and other Apartments containing the State property the Jewels of Investiture the Seal and State Sword delivered over to Serfogee by Amer Sing. proposes to allot guards for the protection of some of the late Rajah's Servants from oppression and Insults Amer Sing expresses his desire to remain at Tanjore—States, as a guide for the Board on determining Amer Sing's pension, the Amount of the allow-ances drawn by Sirfogee—Amer Sing still retains the Jewels of the late Dowager Queen and Daughter of Tulsa Maharaz.—

would do me the justice to believe that I was not inattentive to the Collections.— It has been my Custom to go constantly to the Palace on the Affairs of the Country ever since the Remaining Soubahs were to be considered under the Company's Manage-ment, and to Receive a daily Report of the Receipts into the Treasury.—

In regard to the Collections I must in justice to the Rajah declare His full communication, from the first Hour He was restored to the Musnud; and that before He gave His Country to the Company, He allowed me to make considerable alterations in His mode of Manage-ment— An Account of the Balance due from the Districts at the time of Sirfogee Rajah's Elevation, is just now concluded, and shall be forwarded in a few Days— The Honble Governor is no doubt apprised that the Season for the Collections was over before this event, and that very little beyond the immediate daily disburse-ments, is to be Gleaned from the Country of the last years Revenues— And before the Present

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Present Years' Collections can commence, the Resolution of the Bengal Government may be expected — As there was nothing at Stake and the Cultivation of the ensuing Year was well attended to, I saw no Reason for distracting the Minds of the People and overshadowing the Rajahs new sprung Authority, by the further intervention of the Company's Government for the probable period of a Month or Six Weeks — And it was to be more carefully avoided, from the Assiduity of Ameer Sing's adherents, whose Machinations had for some days, caused a report to circulate very generally, of his probable Restoration in four or five Months. —

I should not trouble the Honble Governor with these Representations if it was not necessary to Shew, that We have had to contend with some of the consequences inseparable from a sudden Revolution of Power and that the confinement of the late Rajahs Servants so — necessary to Effect the immediate change, was equally

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equally indispensable to the subsequent Peace and
tranquility of the Country — On this Account I am
also happy to be honored with the Honble Governor's
Approbation of the Steps I recommended to Sirfogee
Rajah to suppress the clamours of the late Rajah's
Sibbindy for their Arrears. — At Sirfogee ~
Rajah's Request, and the more effectually to quell
them, I desired Captain Butler to take these
People under His Management, and a small
Advance was accordingly made to them — I was
aware of the Apparent precipitancy of this ~
measure, but as the late Rajah's Troopers and
Peons to a considerable Number were pressing
Us upon the same Score — I was glad to
avail myself of the expedient. ~

I am now to report to the ~
Honble Board the Execution of their Commands
of the 11th. — I lost no time in calling on
Sirfogee Rajah, and Ameer Sing, for Proper ~
People to attend the opening of the Seals and
in Company with the Commanding Officer &c.a

Received

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Received from the Golah Peons and Accountants attested Statements of the Contents of each Department. In the Treasury a few Bags of various Coins were found, also some Bags unopened since the Days of the Deceased Rajah Tuljajee, in another Apartment and near to the late Rajah's Rooms, a few more Bags were produced, in all amounting to the small Sum of Chuckrams X 16,000 or thereabouts — The other Places contained various Articles of Jewellery, Gold and Silver Ornaments, with all the Appendages of Royalty, the whole will take some days to examine when I shall transmit Lists specifying the Public from the private property.

1/2 Pagodas 6,340

I did not wait till I had obtained the Jewels from Ameer Sing, before I told him of the Orders from the Honble Governor to withdraw the Guards and to leave him at liberty — the Rajahs Surprize and concern at the Message, plainly indicated to all present the different opinion He entertains of the Guard, placed over him by the Company. He

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He immediately asked what he had done to forfeit their protection that they should desert Him in his Misfortunes — that Serfogee's Guard He complained of, but the Company's He Required, and He intreated me in the most earnest Manner not to withdraw it — With respect to Sirfogee Rajah's Guard I told him as He knew the cause of it, and that the Removal, depended upon himself. I had no doubt when I explained to him the peremptory Order I had received, to obtain the Jewels, that He would no longer risk the displeasure of Government by withholding them — after a little hesitation and a few very immaterial observations on the injustice of the demand, Ameer Sing at length consented to restore them — a List was in consequence delivered in by the Golah Peons & Circar Servants who were entrusted with these Articles in the time of the deceased Rajah Tuljajee — and Ameer Sing, promised to send them to me in the Course of an Hour — and in an Hour they actually were restored, together with the Sword.

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Sword & the Seal of the State.— On looking them over the Rajah Sirfogee perceived the Ornaments Ameer Sing had been accustomed to— as well as a Chain of His Ancestor Pretaub Sing and which he understood the late Rajah was accustomed to use in His Religious Ceremonies— these Sirfogee Rajah returned, with a request to Ameer Sing to wear them— Such marks of consideration from Sirfogee were kindly received by Ameer Sing, and He sent back a suitable message to His Excellency— I shall be careful not to lose sight of this— opening to a future Reconciliation.—

The anxiety Ameer Sing Rajah manifested, when on a former occasion I proposed to him to chuse a place for His future Residence, made me very doubtful of the result of this— renewed proposal— The loss of His Kingdom, the loss of His Jewells, and the last hope that

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went with them of returning Greatness, were all
light in Comparison to the distress He experienced
in the above mention of this Circumstance, and
He most positively assured me instead of —
liberty, it was to him a most painful Banish=
=ment to leave the Walls of Tanjore that all
places were a like to him who had never been
any where else, and that Life itself would
become a burthen — He declared frequently He
had rather remain for ever under any degree
of restraint in His present Apartment than at
perfect liberty elsewhere — and when I visited
Him the next Day for his final Answer
he delivered me the enclosed Letter for the —
Governor — When I add to this that Sirfoge
Rajah does not object to His continuance
in his present Situation, and that it is not
to Ameer Sing, but to His Servants He
Attributes the opposition I have before alluded
to

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to— The Honble Governor will perhaps relent and accede to Ameer Sings request. —

With regard to His Servants the simple restraint of keeping them within their own Houses, cannot I think be considered ~ objectionable when the Progress of the Revolution the peace and good Order of the Public, are placed in the opposite Scale; and when it is Remembered the power was actually in the hands of Ameer Sings profligate and Corrupt Ministers— The change, was brought about by Measures that obtained the approval of Government for their Moderation; and the People in question very well know that under any other circumstances than the Company's Controul, they would have suffered (as is usual in all Country Governments) every species of oppression from their Successors and every insult from the vengeance of their Numerous

Creditors

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Creditors —

But how shall I better explain —
their real Situation to the Honble Governor than
by informing him, that the two Principal Servants
Jevan Row and Nawna both applied for the
continuance of the Company's Guard when they —
were told it was to be withdrawn, and others —
only wait it's removal, to seek the Young Rajah's
favor and protection. — Some few require to be —
well observed. —

You will therefore be pleased to
inform the Honble Governor that the Guards now
placed, are required for protection and that they
have been throughout, more the act of preservation
than of unnecessary caution — with regard to
the Family of the deposed Rajah Ameer Sing and
their Pension requisite for the maintenance, and
on which the Honble Governor calls for my
Opinion, I think it best to State, as a Guide
for —

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for consideration, the particulars of the Sums allowed to Sirfogee as Presumptive Heir, & to his Relations, together with the two Widows of the deceased — Rajah Tulyagee. —

Sirfogee was allowed 500 Pagodas pr Month for himself and 500 more for His relations — each of the Widows / and there were then Three / was allowed 3000 Pagodas Annually, with an Additional allowance of Grain to them all to the Amount of 2000 Pagodas more. —

Ameer Sing has two lawful Wives one of them said to be Pregnant and He has also a Daughter of 15 or 16 Years of Age, who has the Misfortune to be a Widow —

The most immediate dependants upon him — are those connected with him and his Daughter by Marriage 5 or 6 in Number — His Expences for this Month past and since He has been supplied by the present Rajah Amount to a

— little

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little more than 500 Pagodas for the real wants
of the Family.— this of course includes only
the Articles for Subsistence but for a few more
Persons than will for a continuance reside with
him— As nothing has been denied to Ameer
Sing since his deposition we must suppose—
He has taken a liberal allowance and that a
Sum double the Amount of His actual—
Subsistance will include every other Article of
Expenditure— And if increased to 15,000 Pagodas
Annually will place him quite at ease for the
few Remaining Years of His Life.—

There are still with Ameer Sing
the Jewells of the deceased Queen and Daughter
of the former Rajah Tulyajee, altho' it is probable
these valuables will not be obtained during the
Life of Ameer Sing—, still they should be noticed
as a part of the Circar property and such
of them restored as have not been appropriated

to

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to the use of the present Wives of Ameer Sing and in order, that Sirfogee Rajah may be relieved from the unnecessary expence of preparing a New Sett for His approaching Nuptials — an Event that is expected to take place in January next. —

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Tanjour
21st August 1798. — (Signed) Benj. Torin
Resident

Ordered to lie on the table for Consideration when the determination of the Supreme Government upon the offer of Sherfogee may be received. —

Minute on the two foregoing Letters from the Resident at Tanjore.

Read the following letter from Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott. —

To
Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Messrs. Roebuck & Abbott enclosing a declaration of the late Rajah of Tanjore's Vackeel

We have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 14th Instant inclosing

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Vackeel, respecting their Claim upon his Master and requesting that Government will cause an equitable arrangement to be made for it's discharge.—

inclosing Mr. Torin's Report on our Claim on the Rajah of Tanjore for a Cargo of Timber to which We beg to say that We have not received any Sum on account of the Bond for 25,259 Pagodas and in proof We take the Liberty of transmitting the declaration of Nagaya Row, the Vakeel of the late Rajah on the Subject.— We received back some Timber which was left at Trangue bar on account of Payment for the Cons.— We hope that since our Claim is so fully Substantiated that Government will be pleased to order an Arrangement to be made by the Rajah for the Payment payable in twelve Months by small Installments.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Fort St. George
16th August 1798.—

(Signed) Roebuck & Abbott

I hereby declare that I in conjunction with my brother Bava on the part of Omar Sing the late Rajah of Tanjore did, enter into an Agreement with Messrs. Roebuck & Abbotte some time

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the latter end of the Year 1794 for the delivery of Pegue Timber at Nagore to the said late Rajah or to his Agents for the use of a Palace he was then building at Tanjore, and that in Consequence the Ship Catharine belonging to the said Roebuck and Abbott arrived at Nagore some time in the Month of June 1795 with a Cargo of Timber in order to fulfill their Contract, and I further declare that the said Timber so Contracted for was received by the said late Rajahs People, and the said Rajah not being able to pay for the same on delivery in ready Cash as p.t Agreement, Messrs. Roebuck and Abbott were prevailed on to accept of a bond for the Amount being Pagodas 25,259.— dated the 18th July 1795 payable in 4 Months with Interest at 12 per Cent per Annum which Bond was Signed by my said Brother Bava and myself by order of the said Rajah and which remains unpaid to this day.—

(Signed)— In the Marratta Language

Madras 14th July 1798.—

Ordered

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To lie on the Table

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Read the following letters from the

Military Board.—

To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Honorable Sir,

1st Having been honored with

" Government's Letter of the 7th Instant, and received

that of Mr. Secretary Webbe under date the 9th,

We have caused the necessary communications to

be made on the several Subjects to which they

respectively relate.—

2nd After mature consideration of the

" latter paragraphs in Government's Letter of the

6th Instant, We beg leave to state that, as the

granting a Pension to Conicoplies has not been

usual, and, if admitted, would in all probability

lead to numerous Claims of a similar Nature,

We feel ourselves restrained by this consideration

from Recommending such provision on the

present application.— Having

From the Military Board—opinion on the Application of the late Store Concopoly at Tripassore to be pensioned—request that the Contractor for Tents may be furnished with the whole of the Cloth due on his Contract for the third Year's Supply.—Advances recommended to be made to the Engineer at Innicondah and Garrison Storekeeper at the Presidency.—Bill for erecting a temporary Verandah to the Barrack of the 25th Dragoons—Recommended for Payment.—

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3rd Having judged it expedient, under present circumstances, to hasten the completion, by the Contractor, of the third Year's supply of Tents, We in consequence recommend that orders may be given for his being immediately furnished with the quantity of Cloth stipulated by the Contract to be delivered to him on that account Monthly.—

4th We have the honor to recommend that an Advance of Pagodas 256..... be authorized to Captain Lieutenant Blair, on account of Repairs ordered to be performed under his superintendance to the Works at Innecondah.—

5th The enclosed Bill, amounting to Pagodas 252..... 174..... for constructing temporary Verandahs to the Barracks occupied by His Majesty's 25th Dragoons at Arcot, having been accompanied by the necessary voucher in support thereof, We recommend that the Bill be discharged; and, that an Advance of Pagodas 81... 13... 20. be made to Lieutenant Colgrave of Engineers, on account of Works ordered to —

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to be executed under the inspection of that Officer at Arcot.—

6th. We likewise beg leave to recommend to Government to Authorize an Advance to the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George of seven hundred and fifty (750) Pagodas on Account of Provision Stores ordered to be laid in by him at Chingleput.—

We have the Honor to be

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14th. August 1798.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) „ Patrick Ross
„ W. Sydenham
„ Jno. Richardson
„ B.y Close

Minute thereon. Resolved that the Board of Trade be directed to supply the Contractor with the whole quantity of Cloth necessary to complete the Number of tents contracted for.—

To

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To the Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

Hble Sir,

From the Military Board an expired Gram Dustuck enclosed — advances of Cash recommended to be made to Sunder-ant Fotheringham, on account of the reform in the works of Ryacottah & the repairs ordered to be made to the Granaries in the Baramahl.—

1st. We have the honor to report that, in consequence of the Receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 16th. Instant, the necessary instructions have been given for landing the Musketry, and Military Stores, from the Honble Company's Ships Earl Howe, and Good Hope.

2nd. In consequence of the expiration of the Year for which the accompanying Dustuck was granted, whereby it is become useless, We beg leave to State to Government the necessity for another being obtained from His Highness the Nabob, to enable the Contractor to complete the delivery of Gram to the several Cavalry Corps.—

3rd. The Senior Engineer in the Baramahl having Represented to Us his total inability to proceed from a want of Cash, in the

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the completion of the East face of the Fort of Ryacotah; which he states may be effected in less than two Months, We are induced, under the circumstances of the present juncture, to Recommend to Government to authorize an advance to Lieutenant Fotheringham of Eight hundred (800) Pagodas, being one half of the remaining third of the Estimate for that Work: Also, that a further Advance of Pagodas 72..9..49.. be made to that Officer on Account of repairs ordered to be performed under his Superintendence to the Granaries at the different Stations in the Baramahl.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
17th August 1798.—

Patrick Ross
(Signed) Jn.o Richardson
By.r Close

To

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

Honorable Sir,

1st We do ourselves the honor to report that, in consequence of the receipt of Letters from Government, and from Mr. Secretary Webbe, of the 11th. instant, with their respective Enclosures, the necessary measures have been adopted for a compliance with the directions signified in each.

2nd We consider it our duty to state that We made every allowance for the anxiety, and zeal, of Major General Floyd to forward the Public Service under the instructions he had received from Government yet, as His Majesty's 19th. Dragoons were under Orders of march to Wallajabad, and might have easily prepared a Survey Report of the Pistols on the March, or immediately on their arrival at that Station, and, as the Pistols

From the Military Board an explanation of the objections made by them to a compliance with Indents of Major General Floyd for Stores &c.a for the 19th. Dragoons—a Shed proposed to be built for covering ordnance detained by Lieutenant Colonel Munro at Chicacole—Bills of the Agent of Supply—Contractors for Gun Carriages—for repairs to the Magazine on the Hill Fort of Kistnagherry—recommended for payment.—

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Pistols indented for could only be furnished, on the completion of the March, from the Arsenal at Fort St. George, We did not conceive that we could with propriety dispense with an established Form, the observance of which, under the circumstances of the juncture, could not occasion, as We judged, any impediment, or inconvenience, to the Public Service.—

3rd. We further beg leave to State that with respect to the Indent for necessary Tents, our Board were principally actuated by the consideration that a Corps marching upon an emergency might well dispense with a full complement of such description of Tents.—

4th. In consequence of the Order for sending a proportion of the Field Train to Wallajaubad, and of the Conductor of Stores now at Pondicherry being no longer wanted at that Station, We submit to Government the expediency of his being ordered to Wallajaubad for the—

purpose

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purpose of taking charge of the Ordnance &c.a
there.—

5th. It appearing by a communication
from Lieutenant Colonel Muat, Commanding
at Chicacole, that, upon dispersing the Detachment
lately assembled for Field Service, he had retained
there two Iron 12 lbrs, two Brass 6 lbrs, and
two Howitzers, with Stores &c.a as being the
situation in the District most convenient for
Keeping such a proportion of Guns as may
eventually be wanted for Service, and that a
Shed is absolutely necessary for the preserva-
tion thereof, We recommend that our Board
be authorized to direct the same being erected
without delay.—

6th. The accompanying List of
Articles provided upon extraordinary Indents
by the Agent of Supply being supported
by the necessary Vouchers in regard to the
delivery &c.a thereof, We recommend—
that payment of the Amount of the List,—
viz.a

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Vid.a Pagodas 5732..23..54. be accordingly authorized.—

7.th We have the honor to enclose a Bill, amounting to Pagodas 685..16..37.— for Articles supplied by the Gun Carriage &c.a Contractors, which on inspection by a Committee of our Board have been found in all respects fit for the Service, and to recommend that the Bill be in consequence discharged.—

8.th Having received from Lieutenant Fotheringham of Engineers, the enclosed Bill, amounting to Pagodas 25..11..74. for Repairs made to the Magazine upon the Hill of Kistnagherry, together with the requisite Certificate in support thereof, We recommend that the Bill be passed for payment.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George
20.th August 1798.—

(Signed) „Patrick Ross
„W.m Lydenham
„In.o Richardson
„B.r Close—

Although

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Although the Board were induced to comply with the indents ordered by General Floyd in consequence of his representation, yet, as they judge the Military Board to have been perfectly well founded in their objection; it is ordered that an extract of their letter be transmitted for his information.—

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To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive
Governor in Council
&c &c &c

My Lord,

In consequence of having caused the necessary enquiries to be made relative to the House upon the Hill of Ryacotah offered for sale by Captain Lennon, which was referred to our Report with Government's Letter of the 10th July last, We have the honor to state that it does not appear to us an eligible purchase for the Company on the terms at which it has been tendered.—

From the Military Board—consider it inadvisable to purchase Captain Lennon's House at Ryacottah—request Instructions relative to the disposal of the ordnance provisions & Stores at Timericottah and Chintapilly—

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2nd

The Commanding Officer, and

Garrison Store-Keeper, of the Guntoor Circar,

having notified to us the evacuation of —

Tonnicottah, and Chintapillee, and applied for

directions, as well with respect to the disposal

of the Provision Stores now in depôt at those

Posts, as in regard to the proportion of Grain

&c.a recently Ordered to be laid in at the

former Station, and our Board being unable

from a want of other information of the —

circumstance to act upon such applications,

We do ourselves the honor to enclose Copies of

those Letters, and to request the instructions

of Government on the Subject. —

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

Fort St. George

24th August 1798. —

Patrick Ross

W.m Sydenham

Jn. Richardson

By Close. —

To

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Fort St. George 28th. August 1798.—

To Captain Frederick Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

In consequence of the Garrisons of Timmicottah, and Chintapilly, having been ordered to be withdrawn, and the Commanding Officers of those Stations informing me of there being some Provision Stores laid in at both those places, I have ordered that small Guards should be left in charge, until the Military Board are pleased to give the necessary instructions on the Subject.— The Provisions at Chintapilly could without much expence be removed to Bellamcondah, the distance being but about 16 Miles— but as I understand, that a small quantity of Salt, and some Pots, are the only articles of Provision Stores at Timmicottah, and as, from the great distance, and badness of the road, between that, and any other Station, the expence

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expence of removing them would be Considerable, I shall beg leave to recommend to the Military Board, that Orders may be given for their being sold off, and the Guards, in charge, thereby allowed to join their Corps. ~

In consequence of instructions from Major General Bridges, I have ordered all the Guns and Military Stores, at Timericottah, to be brought hither, and the Ammunition at Chintapilly to be lodged, for the present at Bellamcondah. ~

I have the honor to be

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Innacondah
16.th August 1798. ~

(Signed) J. Dalrymple
Lieut. Col.o Comm.g in the
Guntoor Circar

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec.y Milv.y Board.

Lieutenant General Harris
&c.a &c.a Members of the Military Board
Fort St. George

Gentlemen, Being informed by my Conico
-ply Stationed at Timmericotah, that the Garrison
&c.a are to be withdrawn, I should wish to know,
if

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If I am to obey the instructions received from Captain Pierce Secretary to your Board, under date the 18th. July 1798, to lay up 7 Parcs Mussals .... 200 of Paddy, and 54,000 Billets of Firewood — I have purchased Grain in part for completing the Garrisons within my range from the Collector of this Circar, with Provision Stores &c. the quota allotted for Tommericotah is on the way for that place on Bullocks, which can be delivered either here, or at Bellemcondah, should you send Orders to that purport. —

I trust the liberty of requesting an early reply to this, will be excused, as it may save a considerable expence to Government. —

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Trucondah
17th. August 1798. —

(Signed) S. G. K. Murray
Garrison Storekeeper

a true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board
To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

1st. Captain Lennon, the late Senior Engineer in the Ceded Districts, having submitted to us the accompanying Plans, and Estimates, for a reform of the Works of Sankerydroog, which, on a due consideration thereof appearing to be highly judicious, and indispensably necessary for the defence, and Security, of that important Post, We beg leave to recommend that the same be adopted.

From the Military Board recommending that some Improvements be immediately made to the Works of Sankerydroog — explanation requires relative to the extent of Government's orders regarding an Establishment of Carriage Bullocks and the plan of granting the Officers Tent Allowance.

2nd. As the Work remaining to be executed at Ryacottah will probably be completed in the course of a Month, or Six Weeks, and those proposed to be undertaken at Sankerrydroog are of a similar nature, it becomes a desirable object that the Workmen employed at Ryacottah should be retained to execute them, We therefore recommend

† lodged in the Office.

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Recommend that the Work specified in Plan, and Estimate, No. 2, Amounting to Pagodas 1811..17..26. for the construction of a Line of Fortification across the accessible part of the Hill be ordered to be first executed; and that an Advance of Pagodas 603..33..35. on that account be immediately authorized to Lieutenant Fotheringham of Engineers, time being requisite for the collection of the necessary Materials.—

3rd. Although it is our intention to make the Report to Government required in Mr. Secretary Webbes' Letter of the 14th. instant as soon as the Nature, extent, and importance, of the several Subjects will permit, yet as the reform of Sankerydroog was before under consideration, and appears deserving of immediate attention as contributing greatly to the general object of Security and defence, of the Western Frontier, We have therefore been induced to recommend that such reform should be commenced upon as soon as Workmen and Materials can be collected for

that

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that purpose.—

4th Before, our Board however proceed to
form the calculations on the subject of a provision
of Bullocks, and of Tent Allowance to the Officers,
We request to be informed, whether, in complying
with the desire of Government relative to the speedy
collection of Carriage Bullocks from the Country,
it is intended that the Plan We are to recom-
-mend should apply to the Number of Carriage
Bullocks that may be required to equip an
Army of the Strength to which the Field Train
is suited; and further, whether in calculating the
expence of Tent Allowance to "the Officers", We
are to form our Estimate on the complement of
Officers belonging to such a Force, or, on the
number of the Officers belonging to all the
Troops under this Presidency, both King's and
Company's.—

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

Fort St. George
25th August 1798.—

(Signed) Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
In. Richardson
B.t Close

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Minute thereon

The Board acquiesce in the reasons of the Military Board for the immediate repair of Shenkeri drong according to the plan they have recommended: and it is agreed that they be authorised to give such directions as they may in consequence judge necessary for that purpose.

It is the intention of the Board that in recommending a System for the speedy collection of draft and Carriage Cattle the Military Board should be guided by the field train, now ordered to be prepared, as to the proportion of troops to be put in motion; and that in calculating the expence of tent Allowance they should extend it to the whole of the Officers, Kings and Company's Serving with the different Regiments under this Presidency

Ordered that the several bills and Advances Recommended by the Military Board be passed for Payment.

Read the following letters

from the Military Auditor General

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

Honble Sir,

1st At the request of Major E. –
Fergusson commanding the 1st Battalion, 5th Regi-
-ment of Native Infantry, I have the honor to
lay before you the accompanying Statement –
containing Retrenchments from the Disbursements
of Captain S. Kingston Paymaster at Trinco
-malee, upon Abstracts Signed by the former, with
the reasons offered in support of the different
Charges & my remarks thereon. –

2 I beg leave also to state that
Major Fergusson complains of the whole of
these Retrenchments, together, with some others to
which he makes no Objections having been stopped
at once from the abstract of his Corps, instead
of Stoppages having been made of his Monthly
allowances (Pay excepted) until the Retrenchments
should be completely refunded, as directed by the
Regulations of the 3d April 1792, which he –
stated

From the Military Auditor General referring for the decision of Government sundry retrenchments standing against Captain Kingston paymaster of Trincamale and on account of objectionable charges included in abstracts Signed by Major Fergusson – papers connected with this subject also submitted for the consideration of Government –

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Stated to have subjected him to considerable
inconvenience, and therefore Applies to have the
Amount repaid to him, and that he may be
permitted to refund whatever part thereof,
Government shall eventually decide against
him by regular Instalments. —

In Answer to this charge, the

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Paymaster represents that he communicated
regularly to Major Fergusson, on account
of the Monthly Retrenchments against
him, but refrained from making Stoppages
from his Abstracts, thro' Motives of delicacy,
however that on Major Fergusson with the
Corps under his Command being ordered
from Ceylon, he thought it reasonable to
secure himself by Stopping the Amount of
the Retrenchments, for which he was in the
first instance responsible; the Paymaster

further

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further observes, that had Stoppages been made Monthly in the usual Manner the Amount of the objectionable Charges would have been previously liquidated, & concludes that under these circumstances Major Fergusson has no reason to be dissatisfied with the mode he adopted on the occasion—It rests with Government to determine how far Major Fergusson's request before mentioned should be complied with, at the same time I deem it incumbent on me to observe, that as the Retrenchments in question have been already refunded, their being paid back, for the purpose of being again refunded by Instal=ments can scarcely Answer any other purpose, than to cause trouble and confusion in the Accounts.—

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Major Fergusson to the Secretary

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Secretary to Government, with a List of Entrenchments under date the 23d June 1798, together with letter to me dated 9th July from Captain Parkison acting for Captain Kingston, in which he refers to certain papers which I have not troubled Government with, as they are voluminous, & only tend to explain what has been before stated on the part of the Paymas-ter. — I have the honor to be with great respect. —

&c. &c. &c.

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

Mily. Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 9th August 1798.

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

Sir,

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 16th Ultimo, & should have replied to it sooner but the subject has come before me, in so many different Shapes, for this year past, during which time I have been kept

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kept out of my Money, that I found it necessary to review & arrange the papers a fresh in order to explain the matter in the clearest manner possible to Government.— I beg the favor of you to make my humble respects to the Honble the Governor in Council, informing him that I complain against — Captain Kingston the Paymaster of Trinconomaly for having unjustly withheld 1016 Pagodas of pay from the Abstracts of pay 1st Battalion of the 5th Regiment of Native Infantry under my Command, for the Month of April 1797 & praying that he will be graciously pleased to direct the Paymaster General to transmit me a draught upon the Paymaster of this Station for Pagodas 620. 27. 11. P. F. C. being the balance of that sum still withheld in Order (if I am to be held responsible for the Mistakes of others in Office) that I may be allowed to pay the Amount by instalments agreable to General Orders, with such other indemnification and redress as the Honble the Governor in Council, may think the justice of my Complaint & the Credit of the Service requires.—

Agreable to the desire of the Honble the Governor in Council, expressed in your Letter, I have the honor to transmit you a Copy of the last Retrenchments that I received from the pay Office of Trinconomaly, with my Answers thereto, which in the present Stage of the business is the best explanation that I can give.—

I have the honor to be— &c. &c. &c.

Edw.d Ferguson
Major 5th Bn. 5th N.I.
Abstract

Pondichery
the 23rd of June 1798 (a true Copy)
(Signed) Edw.d Ferguson
Major 5th Bn. 5th N.I.
Abstract

(Signed) J.P. Bruce
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Abstract from the latest Accounts of Retrenchments made by the Auditor General, from the Accounts of the Paymaster of Trinconomaly.

P. F. C.

Amount of Palanqueen Allowance Retrenched from Subedar Emaum Caun at 2 Pags. per Month		18	
Retrenched the Pay and Batta of one Pauckady being drawn above the Establishment in November 1796		3	68 32
Retrenched, the pay of two Sepoys left sick at Arnee		3	6
X Retrenched on Account of the Pay and Batta of Artificers drawn above the Established on Ceylon		24	55
+ Retrenched the Pay and Batta of 7 Sepoys entertained at Battacalore, but not mentioned by Name in Muster Roll		14	33 74 20
Retrenched Tent Allowance for Major Ferguson and other Officers being on their March to Trinconomaly		39	18 36
Retrenched Batta to 1 Head & 1 Assistant Conicoply			54
Retrenched the Staff Pay of Adjutt Brice over drawn 2 days		1	57 10
Major Ferguson drew pay from the date of his Commission, instead of from the publication of his Rank in General Orders		10	36 60
Carriage of Medicines to Mr Assist Surgeon Hawks 14 P. 21 S. per Months of January to September 1796		112	168
Retrenchments from Mr Surgeon Mach Spices		228	31 74
Retrenched Pay & Allowances over drawn by Capt Parkison		72	31 10
	Total Sterling Pags.	605	21 12

Trinconomaly 25th April 1798

a true Copy
(Signed) Robt Ferguson Major
(Signed) J. Parkison acting Paymaster

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Answers

By Major Edward Fergusson of the 1st. Battalion of the 1st. Regiment of Native Infantry.

This Retrenchment will be refunded by instalment agreeable to General Orders dated 3rd. of April 1792.

This Pauchaily was detached on Command of Battacalow in a foreign land and could not be discharged Sooner.

This Retrenchment will be refunded by Instalment &c. &c. &c.

See Paragraph, last but one, page the 15th. of the printed G. Orders under date 13th. of July 1796.

These Men were Entertained by Lieutenant W. McCauley at Battacalow when I was at Manar and he forgot to send their Names, along with his return; I sent their Names as soon as I could.

Major Fergusson and the Officers of the 1st. Battalion were on actual Service on the Island of Ceylon, marching at the head of their respective Companies by General Orders, to Trincomaly.

The new Regulations which make this Excess, had not come to hand.

This Retrenchment will be refunded by instalment &c. &c. &c.

I suppose this must be refunded, but I believe the Order Which the Audit does not give the date of, is ex post facto.

This Retrenchment was received by me in January 1797 after Mr. Hawks was removed and Deceased; and made, a long time after it should Contrary to G.O. 3rd. of April 1792 I never saw the G.O. of 9th. of July 1795, being then on my Voyage to the Island of Ceylon.

Mr. Surgeon Archd. Spires died on his Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope.

This Retrenchment will be refunded by instalment.

(Signed) Edw. Fergusson
Major 1st. Batt. 1st. Regt. N.I.

(A true Copy) P. Bruce
(Signed) Sec. M. & Gl.

To

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Fort St. George 28th. August 1798.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have the honor of forwarding to you a letter from Major Fergusson addressed to the Secretary of Government with his letter to myself and replies to the Retrenchments against him not Admitted on reaudit, which accompanied.—

In consequence of the Complaints preferred against Captain Kingston, I am under the necessity of troubling you with the other accompanying Papers No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and from an examination of these I trust that it will appear to yourself, and likewise to the President in Council, that Captain Kingston acted by Major Fergusson in no other way than what was correct and agreeable to the Orders of Government.— It appears that Captain Kingston did not, although authorised by the Orders of Government, and which I conceive empowered him to stop the whole allowances of an Abstract if required, make any Stoppages from Major Fergusson's Abstracts for some Months after he received the first Audits on his Accounts; but on this he was only actuated

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Actuated by his desire of making matters convenient to Major Fergusson.— I have also to observe the probability of Major Fergusson's being soon after the Stoppages made from him by Captain Kingston, Reimbursed on the Retrenchments No. 6 that are now in question— the Retrenchment that concerned myself, I recollect having repaid Major Fergusson as soon as he demanded it of me.—

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

Trinkomallie
9th July 1798.—

(Signed) T. Parkison Capt.
acting for
Capt.n S. Kingston
Paymaster

(A true Copy)
(Signed) R. Bruce
Ags.t M. A. G.l

Ordered that the resolutions of the Board upon the Retrenchments against the Paymaster at Trincomale, entered in the face of them be transmitted to the Military Auditor General; and that the Application of Major Fergusson in regard to the retrenchments which have already been refunded by him be neglected as tending to no purpose but to create trouble and confusion in the public Accounts.—

Upon consideration of the mode— adopted by Captain Kingston for enforcing the— retrenchments

Minutes on the foregoing Letter from the Military Auditor General.—

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Fort St. George 28th August 1798.—

From the Military Auditor General Submitting two Codes of regulations for the Department of Draft and Carriage Cattle one calculated for the present circumstances and the other to be enforced in the event of the Army taking the Field.—

Extrenchments against Major Ferguson by withholding the pay of the battalion, the Board look upon it to be totally objectionable; and it is resolved to direct that it may never be resorted to in future by any paymaster.

To

The Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

Hble Sir,

In consequence of the communication from Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 24th Ultimo, with respect to the Nomination of Major Dallas to the Office of Principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, I have considered it to be my Duty to submit to your Honble Board the enclosed Draft of Regulations for that Office principally formed from the Regulations of the Marquis Cornwallis during the late War in the Mysore Country, which appear to have been found in all respects well calculated for the public Service, with such others as have occurred to me as necessary to establish a complete System of Check & Controul over that important & extensive Department.—

altho'