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Diary

11th Received and Sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M Book Nos 48 49 50 51 52.

From the Commandant at Vellore — From Lieutenant Colonel Sale — requesting that Mr. Watson may be allowed to draw the regulated Medical allowance for his attendance on the Sick of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment Native Infantry lately arrived from Tiger

From the Resident at Poona — From Lieutenant Colonel William Palmer acknowledging the receipt of Mysore Intelligence.

From the Commandant at Ryacottah — From Major G. Doveton enclosing a Heretak from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor General.

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham referring to his Examination an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.

To the Secretary at Bombay Residents at Poonah & Hyderabad — To Majors Ricketts Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding Mysore Intelligence Sent

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No. 11.

Sent the following letters

To Lieutenant H. C. Montgomery

Agent for the purchase of Horses

Sir

To the Agent for purchasing horses directing him to purchase three hundred horses and informing him that his drafts upon the treasury of Bombay will be complied with as far as 60,000 Rupees—

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that in addition to the horses and mares which you were directed by my letter of the 11th October last to procure on the public Service, you will make the necessary arrangement for the purchase of three hundred horses to supply vacancies in the several Corps of Cavalry.

The Governor in Council at Bombay has been requested to comply with your Drafts upon that treasury as far as sixty thousand rupees.

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan &c.
Governor in Council
Bombay

Honorable Sir

To Bombay - requesting that the Horse Agent may be allowed to draw on that Treasury for 60,000 Rupees -

Having authorized Lieutenant H. C. Montgomery to purchase about four hundred horses on your side of India we request he may be permitted to draw upon your treasury as far as sixty thousand Rupees.

We have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Clive &c Council

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

To Admiral Rainier informing him his application for pecuniary assistance cannot be complied with - requesting convoy for the Ships to be employed in sending French Prisoners to Europe -

Sir

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letters of the 3d Instant and are much obliged

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11 obliged by the communication of your Excellency's correspondence with the government of Bombay.

We are extremely concerned that it is not in our power to comply with your Excellency's farther application for pecuniary assistance but the state of our treasury is such, as not to admit of the advance your Excellency requires in cash. If the Naval Agent should be willing to take bills on Bengal at the ordinary rate of exchange, we shall be able to comply with your Excellency's wishes; but in respect to the rate of exchange, at which we have lately taken up money for the exigency of the Service, we are not at liberty to extend the same disadvantageous rate to cases when the same immediate exigency does not press.

Being exceedingly desirous of relieving ourselves of the burthen of the french prisoners now confined in the black Town by sending them to Europe, we request your Excellency will inform us whether in the event of our engaging tonnage for that purpose it will be possible for you to afford convoy to the Cape, or whether, if you

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Lord Camden
Bednore
Dover Castle
Good Hope

shall be unable to spare one of the Kings Ships for this Service, the Ships in the margin about to be despatched from hence may in your Opinion be considered sufficient protection to the Vessels which may be taken up for the transportation of the prisoners

We have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Clive &c Council

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11th September 1798

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

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of the 4th & 7th Instant.

To the Military Board -
Remarks on the Complaint
of Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman -
List of Articles of provisions
for the 33d Regiment inclosed
Loss of Copper bolts belonging
to powder barrels shipped
on board the Dundas -
Commander to be called on
for an explanation, Letter from
Officer Commanding at
Tripassore referred for the
consideration of the Board.

We are entirely satisfied from the explanation you have given of the frivolous complaint transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman to the Military Board in Bengal, and have made it our particular request to the Governor General in Council that that Officer should be restrained

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11 restrained from a Mode of proceeding alike disrespectful to your Board and injurious to the public Service.

We have ordered the several advances recommended by you to be made.

We enclose lists of the Articles of provisions sent on board the Honorable Company's Ships Earl Fitz William, Henry Dundas, Bassenge and Lord Camden [illegible] for the use of the non Commissioned Officers and privates and followers of his Majestys 33d. Regiment with a table of daily rations to be served out to them to enable you to ascertain and secure the Balance of Articles, which may remain unexpended upon their arrival here.

As the Henry Dundas had sailed from Bengal before the Commander could be called upon for an explanation respecting the loss of the Copper hoops belonging to the powder barrels shipped upon her we desire that you will call on him for this purpose the moment he arrives here.

We

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11. We refer for your consideration Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at Tripassore relative to the Repair of the barracks at that place.

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) Clive &c. Council.

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To G. H. Barlow Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Fort William

To the Secretary at Bengal relative to Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman's complaint and requesting he may be restrained from this mode of proceeding

Sir

Having called upon the Military Board at this Presidency for an explanation of the Complaint transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman against the Stores furnished for the use of the Bengal Detachment serving at Hyderabad the Governor in Council directs me to send the enclosed extract from their Report upon the subject for the information of the Supreme Government.

This Report, to which I am directed to request the particular attention of the Governor General in Council will shew that in some instances the complaint was absolutely without foundation, and

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11th and that in all it was premature and disrespectfull towards the Military Board at this Presidency, the Governor in Council therefore trusts that Lieutenant Colonel Wynyard may be restrained from a mode of proceeding, which apparently can have nothing less for its object than the good of the Service

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) J Webbe Secy to Govr

Fort St George
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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Instant.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council can put but one interpretation on the application of Brigadier Major Wilson, that his business at the Presidency being entirely of a private nature must subject him to the general Order of the 12th July 1797.

The Governor in Council approves the

To the Military Auditor General Major Wilson subject to the General Order of the 12th July 1797 Establishment for the Department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Seringapatam approved of Secretary Bill and advances authorized

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11th The establishment you have recommended for the department of Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Trincomale and authorizes your giving it retrospect to the time when Captain Kingston took charge of the Office.

The Governor in Council desires you will authorize an advance of one thousand (1000) pagodas to the grain Agent of his Majesty's 19 Dragoons, and of five hundred (500) pagodas to the grain Agent of the 2d Regiment Native Cavalry.

I inclose a quarterly account in the provision Department amounting to pagodas 7969.. 30.. 50. which having been duly examined by the Military Board his Lordship in Council desires may be passed for payment.

We also desires that payment of pag.s 117 may be made to the Scavenger contractors for cleansing the necessary of the King's barracks.

I inclose a Bill for Pagodas 2.39. for repairs executed to the ~~granary at~~ Trichinopoly which the Governor in Council desires may be passed for payment.

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

To Colonel G. V. Hart
Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops Serving for
Madras

Sir

To the Deputy Kings Paymaster General — transmitting a Receipt for a specified Sum paid by him into the Company's Treasury

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 7th Instant and in compliance with your request to transmit a receipt in quadruplicate for the Sum of Pagodas 12,571,39 10 paid by you into the Company's treasury according to the order transmitted to you in my letter of the 1st Instant.

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I am
&c &c
(Signed) J Webbe Jeury to Govt

To Benjamin Torin Esqr
Resident at Tanjore

To the Resident at Tanjore any Orders respecting the Government of the Country or disposal of the Person of Amer Sing postponed — precautions for superintending the Collections of Revenue to — Continue separation of property Abstract not to be delivered

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honble the

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to Serfoge according to that division which is signified by the Governor with regard to the future Correspondence of the Rajah.

11th. The Governor in Council to acknowledge the Receipt of your letters dated 14th & 21st Ultimo 2d & 5th Instant.

Under the explanations you have given, the Governor in Council postpones any orders respecting the Government of the Country or the disposal of Amer Sing's person until he may receive the ultimate decision of the Supreme Government. Mean while he desires that you will continue the precautions you have hitherto used for Superintending the collection of the Revenue; and the Governor in Council permits Amer Sing to remain in Tanjour under protection of the Company's guard only.

The Governor in Council approves the separation you have made of the private and public property and authorizes you to deliver it over to Serfogee and Amer Sing according to that decision.

In regard to the eleven thousand Cullums of paddy the Governor in Council adjudges it to be delivered to Amer Sing as his property.

The Governor in Council desires you will communicate to Rajah Serfogee his wish that

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11th that in all his future communications he will confine the expression of his Sentiments either to his own language or to such a style of the English, as he is known to possess the knowledge of; those hitherto received from him are evidently the production of an European pen.

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

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M B Nos. 53-54-55-56-57-58.

From the Garrison Storekeeper at Tuticorin

From Mr William Hawkins forwarding a Report of Paddy beat out into Rice.

To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr Barlow transmitting a Kherita from Tippoo Sultaun addressed to the Right Honble Governor General and Copy of a letter from Major Doveton containing latest Mysore Intelligence.

To the Commandant in the Ganjam District

To Lieutenant Colonel Leighton - relative to the impropriety of Captain Johnston's conduct.

To the Collector at Ganjam

To Mr Thomas Snoograss - enclosing Copy of a letter sent to the Officer Commanding in the Ganjam

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12th Ganjam District upon the foregoing Subject

To the Board of Revenue

To the Board of Revenue desiring them to ascertain and report whether Cyengar and Balabadrara= =yoo are of sufficient respectability to be taken as Securities for Sankralingum Pillay

To the Commander of the Princess Charlotte

To Captain Prescott informing him his claims will be referred to the decision of the Court of Directors.

13th Substance of a letter from the Nabob

Received a letter from the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 126 notifying that he has paid the September Kist

14th Received the following letters entered in M.B. No. 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 & 71

From Commandant at Tutocoryn

From Captain Davison acknowledging the receipt of the Paroles of Honor of Lieutenant D. N.O. Dierson Lieutenant Thuring and Pastr Brandtz Sloop Master, notifying the Death of the former.

From the Resident at Poonah

From Lieutenant Colonel W. Palmer acknowledging the receipt of Mysore Intelligence.

From

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No. 14

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. J. Stracey requesting the enclosure may be forwarded with dispatch.

From the Commandant at Ryacottah

From Major Doveton acknowledging the receipt of a Heretah from the Right Honorable the Governor addressed to Tippoo Sultaun and reporting its having been forwarded.

From the Garrison Storekeeper at Sanjore

From Mr. Wm. Hawkins forwarding a Report of Paddy issued to beat out into Rice.

No. 15

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple at Trincondah

From Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple reporting that he has delivered over the Command of the Garrison to Captain Lieutenant Blair, that part of 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment have been relieved by a Company of the 1st. Battalion 10th. Regiment and his intention of marching with the 2d. Battalion 11th. Regiment and three Companies 1st. Battalion 11th. Regiment to join Lieutenant Colonel Roberts.

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Stracey requesting the enclosure may be forwarded with dispatch.

From the Secretary at Bengal

From Mr. Barlow requesting the enclosure may be forwarded with expedition.

From

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From the Military Pay-Master General

From Mr Roebuck with an additional estimate of Cash requisite to answer the demands on his Office for September.

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring the above estimate for examination.

From the Commandant at Chemundalum

From Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson stating the necessity of erecting temporary Stables.

17th

To the Military Board

To the Military Board - desiring them to authorize temporary Stables to be built at Chemundalum and St Thomas' Mount.

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army

From Major General Bridges acknowledging the receipt of a letter for Commodore Sutherland.

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor President
Lieutenant Generab Harris
Commander in Chief
Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Tuesday
18th September
1798

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.

Read the following Letters from

Rear Admiral Rainier
Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council

From Admiral Rainier requesting the prize money due to the Agents of the Captors of the Brig Splinter be paid

My Lord Fort St George

There being due to the Agents of the Captors of the Brig Splinter Prize to the Squadron only on the Eastern Expedition purchased for the Honble Company;

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Company's Service by the Commercial Resident at Amboyna almost two years ago the small Sum of 2629 Star Pagodas; I have to solicit your Lordship will please to order the same to be paid into the hands of the Agents Messrs Chase Sewell and Chase and Mr John Bouncher in order to its being distributed to the parties concerned. Each Man's dividend your Lordship can but observe will be very trifling but nevertheless highly acceptable to the only corps of Military Men in this Country who receive no pay while abroad, nor any emoluments from the Honorable Company, to whose success their Services at all times have so eminently contributed.

I have the honor to be

&c &c

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Suffolk Madras Road September 17th 1798

Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council Fort St George

From Admiral Rainier relative to his application for pecuniary assistance and that it will be inconvenient to afford convoy to the Cape.

My Lord

With respect to the Paragraph in your

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your Lordship's letter of the 11th instant in answer to my application for farther pecuniary assistance tho' somewhat disappointed by the modification, I shall only beg leave to observe that the Naval Officer having reported to me, that with a view to meet as far as lay in his power the wish of the then Honorable the President in Council, he had received of the Sum, I requested might be advanced for the publick Service in July last, ten or twelve thousand Pagodas by Bills on Bengal, it naturally suggested itself to me that in the present scarcity of specie it might possibly be more convenient to advance the Sum applied applied for in my letter of the 3d instant in the same manner; tho' Cash must in all instances be preferable. With regard to the rate of Exchange it was not at all within my knowledge, and I cannot of course say any thing on the subject of it's being disadvantageous or otherwise, as whatever it may be, the amount required is too un-important to render it in my mind, an object of consideration.

I am

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In reply to the Paragraph of your Lordship's letter of the above date, relative to your Lordship's purpose of disburthening this Government of the French prisoners, and desiring to be informed whether a Convoy can be afforded the Ship or Ships on whom they are to be embarked, as far as the Cape, I have to acquaint your Lordship that owing to the present situation of publick affairs in this Country, the indispensibly extensive employment of His Majesty's Ships on this Station, in concurrence with reasons of a professional nature, it would by no means be convenient to grant such convoy, but am decidedly of opinion that the four Ships referred to in the Margin of your Lordship's letter are fully competent to that Service, with common attention on the part of the Senior Commander of the Ships, and taking the necessary and obvious precautions in their equipment.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Peter Rainier

Suffolk Madras Road
September 17th 1798

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Minute thereon

Ordered in compliance with his Excellency's application, that the Amount due to the Captors, on account of the Splinter Brig, Viz.t two thousand six hundred and twenty Nine Pagodas (2629) be advanced from the Treasury to Mr. John Brouncker and Messrs. Chase Sewell and Chase, Agents for the Captors, and carried to the debet of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements".

Resolved in consequence of the foregoing Opinion of the Admiral, that an advertizement be immediately published inviting proposals, to be received on or before the 25th Inst. for freight to convey the French prisoners to Europe.

Read the following letters from Captain Kirkpatrick.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

From Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing his letters to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - recommending him to draw his troops near the frontier that he will be supplied with provisions on his Route to suppress all Reports as to the destination of the Detachment

Sir

Fort St. George

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Ultimo, and now transmit to you for the information of the Honorable Board, Copy of my letter

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letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts.

Hydrabad
3d. September 1798

Sam. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir

I have received a letter from the — Secretary to the Government of Fort St George acquainting me that Orders have been transmitted to you to comply with my requisition to advance with Troops assembled under your Command into his Highness the Nizam's Territories, whenever I may judge it expedient to call upon you to do so.

This is therefore to advise you, that I may probably deem it necessary to transmit you in the course of a few days directions for commencing your March. — In the mean while with the double view of enabling you eventually to reach — Hyderabad with all practicable dispatch and easing the

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the Government of Fort St George as soon as possible of the expense of maintaining the considerable Body of Men under your Command, I would recommend that you draw your Force without delay close to the confines, so as to cross them in a single march upon receiving further advice from me. His Highness Minister has informed me that the requisite orders have been issued to the Aumildars on your Route for supplying your Troops with Grain and Provisions: this will not however prevent you from taking such precautions in this way yourself as may be in your power without retarding your march, or subsequent progress to this Capital. I shall take care that Aheel Dawlah be sent from hence to meet your advance. the moment I dispatch the final orders for your

I would also recommend to you to give it out that you conceive the object of your expedition to be, the strengthening the hands of our Ally the Nizam, against eventual foreign Aggression; and cannot too strongly enjoin you to be most careful and attentive in suppressing

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suppressing any Reports that may have got abroad of any other design whatever being in the Contemplation of our Government.

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

Hyderabad
2d September 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir

From Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing his letter to Colonel Roberts directing him to march expediting early receipt of his Route — & supplies of Grain dispatched to meet him.

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable Board, Copy of my letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts and to be

&c &c

Hyderabad
6th September 1798

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

Lieutenant Colonel G. Roberts
Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir,

I advised you under date the 2d
Instant

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Instant, of the probability of my calling upon you in the course of a few days to advance to Hydrabad with the Troops under your Command, and recommending to you in the mean while to approach as near as possible to the confines, to the end that no time might be lost in your eventual progress to this Capital.

You will now accordingly be pleased to commence your March without delay advising me frequently of your progress, and stating to me at the same time whatever you may think useful for my information, or requisite to your own. You will not fail to send me as early advice as possible of the Route you propose taking; either as the nearest, or as the most commodious and practicable. The nearest must unquestionably be by Temeycotah from whence your way to Hydrabad lies through his Highness the Nizam's Circar of Dawurcoondah, leaving that of Nelgoondah on your Right. The Route of Bezoarah and Mungaul though far more circuitous is no doubt the most frequented and best known and

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and has the further advantage of being in the High Dawke Road.

Two persons appointed by the Minister, leave this the day after tomorrow, for the purpose of providing for your wants during your March, and of attending you to this City. Five hundred Bullock load of Grain accompany them from hence and they carry with them the requisite Orders for procuring further supplies from the Aumils on the Route. They will proceed direct to Mungaul or its vicinity, and upon their arrival there, will govern their motions by yours. To an Officer who so long Commanded with Credit in these Territories, it would be superfluous to recommend kindness and attention to the Servants of his Highness that are sent to meet you, or a general conciliatory Carriage and conduct towards his Highness's Subjects of every degree and description.

I shall be glad to be favored as soon as possible with a present state of the Troops under your Command, together with an Estimate of the Sum required for your Monthly disbursements.

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I cannot conclude this Letter without recommending to your most Serious attention the Subject treated of in the last Paragraph of my late Letter.

Hyderabad
6th September 1798

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

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

Read also the following Letters

Josiah Webbe Esqr
&c &c

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council a Copy of a letter received this morning by Express from the Acting Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court, in consequence of which I have directed Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple with the 2d Battn 11th Regiment 3 Companies of the 1st Battn 11th Regiment and the Field pieces prepared for Field Service at Innaconah to march immediately to Begaud

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts that part of the Detachment has marched and that it is his intention to join, with the remainder in a day or two.

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leaving Captain Blair of Engineers, who is at present on Duty there, in charge of the Garrison with one Company of the 2d Battalion 11th Regiment till relieved by a party of the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment now on its march to Innicondah when the Company of the 2d Battn 11th Regiment will join the Corps without delay. I shall proceed in a day or two with the Troops assembled here to cross the River at Bezawa to join the Artillery Company and the Guns from Masulipatam and wait there the arrival of Lieut.t Colonel Dalrymple before I proceed further. I thought it most advisable not to wait the arrival of Lieut.t Colonel Dalrymple at this place as by moving on to the River I shall be able to cross it with the part of the Detachment now here before the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple, and have the Boats ready for crossing his Detachment, which will save much time. I have to request you will also inform the Right Honorable the President that none of the Native Troops of the Detachment have yet received pay for last Month, and Mr. Cherry the Paymaster informs me that on an application

to

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To Mr Ram the Collector for Money he has only as yet been able to get 2500 Madras Pagodas the Honble Board must be sensible of the necessity of the Troops being paid up before they leave the Companys Territories, and as the Battalions from the Southward as well as the 11th. Regiment have the whole of their Families with them a great part of whom they must leave behind, could a small advance be made to them it might prevent many desertions, I have also to request that Orders may be given to the different paymasters to pay the family Certificates that will be necessary to grant the Sepoys on their quitting the Company's Territories.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Col.

Guntoor
7th. September 1798

* already entered with Captain Kirkpatrick's letter of the 3d. September.

Josias Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to the Government
Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - that part of the Army had marched to cross the Kistna - Sepoys had not received Last Months pay distress on that Account

I did not receive your letter of the 2d.

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2d Instant till yesterday. The Right Honorable the President in Council will be informed by my letter of the 7th Instant that I have taken the necessary steps to cross the Kistnah with as little delay as possible, for which purpose the 2d Battalion 2d Regiment marched this morning the remainder of the Troops here will march tomorrow. The Sepoys having their families to settle before they leave the Company's Territories are much distressed from not having yet received their last Months Pay and as it will give them great confidence and probably prevent much desertion, their being able to do it with satisfaction to themselves and as Mr Ram is not able to supply the Paymaster with sufficient Money to pay the Detachment I hope the Right Honorable the President will be pleased to give the necessary directions to the Collector in the Masulipatam Circar for an immediate supply of Cash.

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) George Roberts
Lt Col.

Guntoor
9th September 1798

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J. Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Sir

From Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - urging the necessity of an immediate Supply of Cash -

I have the honor to enclose you a *Copy of a letter I this morning received from the acting Resident at Cyorabad requiring me to march without delay: By my letter of the 7th Inst. the Right Honorable the President in Council will be informed of the dispersed state of the Detachmt. and of the Orders I immediately issued for its assembling. The Troops have marched from hence for Bezoara and Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple with those assembled at Innicondah also marches this morning the latter I imagine cannot be at Bezoara till the 15th. or 16th. I must again beg leave to represent the necessity of an immediate supply of Cash to enable the Detachment to proceed agreeable to the requisition of the acting Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

I have the honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Geo: Roberts
Lt Col

Guntoor
10th Sept. 1798

* Already entered with Capt. Kirkpatrick's letter of the 6th. Instant

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir

From Paymaster to the Guntoor Detachment enclosing letters to Mr. Gordon at Masulipatam for an immediate supply of Cash.

On receipt of your letter of the 4th. Inst. I addressed Mr. Gordon in charge of the General Treasury at Masulipatam Copy of which I have the honor to enclose you No. 1 with his reply No. 2 also my letter of yesterday's date to him No. 3 urging the absolute necessity of a speedy supply of Cash without which it will be scarcely practicable to move the Troops out of the Company's Territories.

I beg leave to observe to you that the Sum mentioned by Mr. Gordon to be in the General Treasury will be inadequate to pay off the Arrears due to the Troops for last month.

The exegencies of this Service have been the occasion of my deviating from the Orders of Government of the 19th. July 1797 in applying directly to you instead of the regular

Channel

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Channel of the Military Paymaster General.

Camp at Bezoara
13th September 1798

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) P Cherry
Pay'r to the Forces

To William Gordon Esq^r
General Treasury
Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed by the Secretary to Government under date the 4th Instant to indent upon the General Treasury at Masulipatam for what Money I may require for the payment of the Troops &c ordered to be assembled for field service at this place.

I have the Honor therefore to enclose you my Indent for 41000 Madras Pagodas being the Sum required for the Troops and Pay and Commissaries Department for August and as the Men are in great distress for Money I request you will dispatch to Bezwarrah as much of the above Sum as you can as soon after the receipt of this letter as possible, and inform me when you

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you will be able to comply with the Indent to its fullest extent.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Peter Cherry
Paymr to the Detach.t

Camp at Guntoor
9th September 1798

(True Copy
(Signed) P Cherry
Payr.

To Peter Cherry Esqr.
Paymaster to the Detachment under Command
of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Sir

I am this moment favoured with your letter under date the 9th Instant enclosing me an Indent for the sum of 41000 Madras Pagodas and advising me of your having received Orders for so doing from the Right Honorable the President in Council - Similar Orders under date the 4th Instant I received from Mr Secretary Webbe and immediately wrote circular letters to the different Collectors requesting them to send me all the Surplus Cash they had for the purpose above mentioned.

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I was yesterday favoured with an answer from the Collector in the 4th Division wherein he informs me that he is unable to comply with any part of my Insent.

I beg leave to inform you that I have at present Madras Pagodas 700 and Rupees 23501 3 3 in the Genral Treasury out of which 8000 Rupees are what are called good, and 15501 what are called Soolackey Rupees which are reckoned at the rate of two and a half pr Cent difference for the Current. Should you wish to take the Rupees I will have them ready to send you on receiving your answer.

I am
&c &c
(Signed) Willm Gordon
In charge of the General Treasury

Masulipatam
10th September 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P Cherry Pay.r

To William Gordon Esqr
In charge of the General Treasury

Sir

I have had the honor of your letter of the 4th Masulipatam

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the 10th Instant and beg in reply to request you will on receipt of this send whatever Sums you may have in Pagodas the Sum of 13,000 Rupees you call good and the 13501 Rupees Lolackay, which I observe by your letter you reckon at 2½ p.c Cent difference for the Current.

I am sure I need not urge to you the necessity there is for my Indent being complied with to its fullest extent as soon as possible, as it will be impracticable for the Detachment to move from hence, untill the Troops have received their Arrears which are due for last Month.

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Peter Cherry
Payr to the Detacht

Camp at Begoara
12th September 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Cherry

To Josiah Webbe Esqr
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

From the Paymaster at Vellasulipatam with intelligence of not having received any cash from the Collectors and wishing to be informed how he is to answer the Paymaster Chiefs demands -

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 4th instant and

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and immediately wrote circular letters to the different Collectors to assist me with Money to answer the demands of Mr. Paymaster Cherry agreeable to the Orders of the Right Honorable the President in Council

I yesterday received an answer from the Collector in the 4th. Division informing me of his inability to furnish any Money, since which I have received an Indent from Mr. Cherry, for the Sum of 41000, Madras Pagodas, and in reply informed him that I had only remaining in the General Treasury the Sum of 700 Madras Pagodas and Rupees 23301 3a 3p. which I should send immediately if he was of Opinion the Troops would take Rupees - I should the other Collectors also be unable to send any Money to the General Treasury - I have to request you will please to inform me by what mode I am to answer Mr. Paymaster Cherry's demands.

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11th. September 1798.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Gordon
Incharge of the
General Treasury

Resolved

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Resolutions in consequence of the foregoing Letters

Resolved that the Sum of twenty — thousand Pagodas be consigned to Mr. Gordon on the Pearl for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment; and that he be instructed, as well as the Collector, to endeavour to raise such farther Sum as may be required by Loan from the Soucars, giving them an assurance that the Money will be paid, either from the first receipts from the Revenue, or, if necessary, from Cash to be sent for the purpose from the Presidency

Read the following letter from the Malabar Commissioners.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord

From the Commissioners at Calicut informing of their having made the necessary Communication with Tippoo Sultaun.

Pursuant to the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor General, Copy of which is herewith transmitted for your Lordships perusal, in the — accompaniment No 1, Our President has made the necessary communication to Tippoo Sultaun, in a letter and — Proclamation, Copies of which we have also the Honor to enclose and to subscribe ourselves very — respectfully

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respectfully-

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(Signed) I. Spencer

" Jas Hartley

" I. Ubhthoff

" I. Smee

Calicut 4th September 1798.

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr.

Governor in Council at

Bombay

Honble Sir

We have received your Secretary's letter of the 6th and 12th of June and your letter of the 9th of July.

2 We transmit to you a letter from Tippoo Sultaun in reply to the letter to him from the Right Honorable the Governor General, under date the 14th of June on the subject of Wynaad and of the disputed Districts on the Coorga Frontier

3 Our Claim to Wynnaad in opposition to the letter of the Treaty, was principally founded on the overvaluation of the Raja of Cotiote in the Schedule of Talooks annexed to the Treaty of Seringapatam -

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4 The claim could not be supported unless it had been shewn that the Overvaluation had taken place exclusively in Cotiote. From the Report however of the Commissioners in Malabar dated 13.th June it appears that other Districts also have been Overated even in a greater proportion than Cotiote, the overvalu-ation therefore of this District is no longer even a presumptive proof that Wynnaad was intended to be included in the cessions to the Company

5 With respect to the other grounds of our Claim, considered separately, they are not entitled to any weight-

6 Thinking it of importance that there should be no appearance of delay in restoring to Tippoo a Territory to which he appears to be justly entitled we have directed the Commissioners in Malabar, to make a formal acknowledgment of the Right of Tippoo Sultaun to the District of Wynnaad, leaving that Prince at full liberty to take possession of it, whenever he may think fit.

7 We have however instructed the Commissioners to reserve the question relating to the Tamberchery pass for your decision, and we desire

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if you shall be convinced from the Report of the Commissioners, that Tippoo has a just Right to the possession of the Tamberchenny Pass, you will without further reference to us deliver it to Tippoo's Officers.

8 On the other hand if you should entertain any serious doubts with relation to this question you will without delay refer the whole to our decision.

9 We have directed a Copy of Sir John Kennaway's Narrative of the Proceedings of the Deputies before Seringapatam to be transmitted to you.

Fort William
6th. August 1798

We are
&c. &c.
(Signed) Mornington
" Alured Clarke
" Peter Speke
" Wm. Cowper

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

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy.

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From Sippoo Sultaun

Received 2d August 1798
(Dated 1st Suffer or 18th July)

In happy time I had the pleasure to receive your Lordship's letter, which afforded me great satisfaction, and its friendly contents have been understood (vide letter written 14th June)

Since the time the Country of Nuggur and Korcaul was first subjugated, the Talooks of Ameera and Soubah in which latter Kantamungle and Goloorbajee are situated, have belonged to Korcaul, 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 Korcaul, and 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 Mohummud, they have been attached to the Country of Korcaul. The Coorga people have had no concern in them. Indeed, between the

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above Talooks and the Coorga Country vast Hills interpose. By the Treaty of peace the Talook of Ahmaud-waiger, otherwise called Chuckloor, belongs to my Sirkar and Wynaad (or Weenaar) is a Hurreah or Village with its appertaining lands / among the Hunuds of Ahmaudnuggur above the Tambacherry pass. the Territory of the Company is below that pass, and the Hills form 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 Hoscaut, to confer with the persons who may be appointed from the Malabar Side, and fairly to ascertain 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

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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
Secretary to the Govt.

A true Copy
(Signed) Ja. Law
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Written 7th August

To Tippoo Sultaun

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 on 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 that Wynaad was not ceded to the Company by the Treaty of peace, and therefore that it belongs to your Highness. As it will never be my wish to contest

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the smallest particle of your Highness's Rights, I have directed the Commissioners to make a formal acknowledgment 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 Tamberchery 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 by 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 Tamberchery pass, and to the Talooks of Amrah and Soolicah and Cheravarasemy, still remains for discussion. You will find me sincerely disposed to consider the several questions relating to these Districts, with the same impartiality, of which I have endeavoured to afford your Highness an unequivocal testimony in the final Settlement of your Claims upon Wynaad.

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Secy

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

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To John Spencer Esqr.

President &c. Commissioners in Malabar

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 6th. and 13th. June.

2d. His Lordship in Council has directed me to transmit to you the enclosed translate of a letter from him to Tippoo Sultaun, together with a Copy of a letter from his Lordship in Council to the Honble the Governor in Council of Bombay.

3d. His Lordship in Council thinking it of importance that there should be no appearance of delay in restoring to Tippoo a territory to which he appears to be justly entitled, desires that you will make a formal acknowledgement of the right of Tippoo Sultaun to the district of Wynaad, leaving that prince at full liberty to take possession of it whenever he may think fit.

4. The question relating to the Tambur=
=choory pass is to be referred to the decision of the Honorable the Governor in Council of Bombay.

I am &c. &c. (Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secy to the Govt.

Fort William
the 6th August 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Lawtey
Secy

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To His Highness the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun

Your Highness has already been informed by the Right Honorable Richard Earl Mornington, Governor General at Fort William, in Bengal, of his decision in favor of your claim to the district of Wynaad; and I have now the pleasure of enclosing, for your Highness's satisfaction, a Copy of a proclamation which I have this day issued, by his Lordship's authority, to be published in the province of Malabar, announcing to all the Rajahs and other Subjects of the Company, that Wynaad belongs to your Highness, and that you are to occupy it whenever it may suit your pleasure.

The Honorable the Governor of Bombay in a letter from him which I had lately the pleasure to forward to you in Duplicate, through your Officers at Mangalore, and Coimatore, having acquainted your Highness that the Honorable Company's Deputies are ready now to proceed to meet any persons your Highness may appoint to confer upon the Right to the Districts of Amra, Soolea, and Esawara Seemy, they will at the

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the same time discuss the Point, left in reserve on the relinquishment of the District of Wynaad to your Highness, of the Right to the Tamberchery and other Passes that lead from the low Country into that District; and I have to request that you will forward the usual Passports for the Honorable Company's Deputies to proceed to the place that your Highness may please to name for negociating the Points in question.

(Signed) J. Spencer
President

Calicut 3d Sept. 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
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* By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Supervisor and Chief Magistrate in the Province of Malabar.

The Right Honorable Richard Earl Mornington K.P. Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal, having after a full examination of every circumstance relating to the rights of His Highness the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder, and those of the Honorable Company, been pleased to signify his opinion that Wynaad

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*Dated 3d Sept. 1798

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was not ceded to the Company by the late treaty of peace and that it belongs by Right to his said Highness the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder.

We the Commissioners for executing &c. do, in virtue of the authority vested in us by the said Right Honorable Richard Earl Mornington, Governor General &c. at Fort William hereby acknowledge the right of His Highness the Nawaub Tippoo Sultaun Bahauder to the above mentioned district of Wynaad and His Highness is consequently to occupy the said District whenever it may suit his pleasure.

Nothing herein contained is however to affect, or be construed to affect the Company's claim to the Tambercherry pass, and the other passes leading from the Province of Malabar into Wynaad if it shall appear on a fair discussion of the Right to the exclusive possession of those passes, that they were included in the Cessions made to the Company by the treaty of peace.

A true Copy

(Signed) Jas. Lacy Secretary

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To the Dewan of Semalabad

I have received your letter and am happy to hear you was well on the 7th. day of the Month Japany, by which I observe you had forwarded my letter to the Sultaun I now recommend another, to His Highness's address, to your usual care, which I request may be forwarded with all despatch, as it contains an acknowledgement of your Sircar's Right to the district of Wynaad, which has lately been determined in favor of the Sultaun's claim by the Right Honorable Earl Mornington Governor General.

(Signed) John Spencer
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President

Calicut
7th. September 1798

True Copy
(Signed) Ja.s Law
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List of Packet to the Mabar Commissioners

No. 1 Letter from the Secretary to the Government dated 6th August
2 Copy of a letter from Tippoo Sultaun to the Right Honorable the Governor General on the subject of Wynaad.
3 Copy of the Right Honorable the Governor General's Answer written 7th. August
4 Copy of a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to the Government of Bombay dated 6th. August.
5 List of Packet.

(Signed) G.W. Barlow
Secry to the Govt

True Copy
(Signed) Ja.s Law Secry.

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Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General with his report on the additional Estimates required by the Military Paymaster General and that Accompanying Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of 11th September.

1 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 5th Instant with an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month amounting to fifteen thousand, Two hundred and thirty three Pagodas, Twenty two fanams and fifteen Cash (Pag.s 15,233.22.15.) which appears unobjectionable and may therefore be issued from the Treasury, to enable the Paymaster General to discharge the Bills of the Agent for the supply of Military Stores and Gun Carriage Contractors, which have been regularly passed in my Office and to honor Drafts from the Pay Offices at Columbo and Tuticorin amounting to Pagodas 6489 and Comprehended in the foregoing Sum.

2 The additional Estimate which accompanied

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accompanied Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of this days date for nine thousand Seven hundred and twenty four Pagodas, Twelve fanams, and fifty nine Cash (Pagodas 9724.12.59.) is likewise admissible and payable from the Treasury at the Presidency, being required to discharge the Sum due to the Contractor for supplying the 1st. and 2d. Regiments of Native Cavalry with Gram, in consequence of having completed his Contract, and to honor the Bills of the Paymasters at Columbo and Trin-comale' for Pagodas 2561.12.59. included in the gross Sum already stated.

3 The Amount issuable from the Treasury on both these Additional Estimates is Pagodas 24,957.34.74. —

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

(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St George
11th September 1798

Ordered that the Sum of twenty four thousand nine hundred and fifty seven Pagodas thirty four fanams and seventy four Cash —
(P.) 24957.

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(P.o 24957.34.74.) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimates inclosed in his letters of the 5th and 11th Inst.t

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Minute.

Memorandum

Commander in Chief's Minute recommending that Lieutenant Colonel Burne and Major Chambers be allowed to draw their Allowances the same as if their promotions had been published in General Orders.

In consequence of the accompanying letter and List of Brevet promotions by the King transmitted to Lieutenant General Harris by the Adjutant General of His Majesty's Forces in India by which it appears that Major Burne and Captain Chambers of his Majesty's 36th Regiment have been promoted, the former to the Rank of Lieutenant Col: the latter to the rank of Major in the Army, both dated the 1st of January 1798 and the publication of this Brevet being withheld for the present for reasons assigned in the Adjutant Generals letter - The Commander in Chief recommends as the 36th Regiment is now under orders for being drafted - that these Officers may be permitted to draw the same allowances in every respect, as they would be entitled to receive by the Regulations of this Government if the above

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above mentioned promotions had been already published in Orders.

Honorable Lieutenant General Harris

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

Fort St. George

Sir

I do myself the honor to transmit to you by order of the Commander in Chief the accompanying List of Brevet promotions which have been made by His Majesty in the Army Serving under his Command; but as he understands a similar promotion has taken place, which likewise includes the Officers who may be entitled to it in the Honble Company's Service which has not yet been officially received, Sir Alured Clarke has suspended, and still wishes to withhold the publication of that in His Majesty's Regiments till the arrival of the other, which may very soon be expected; but as it includes an Officer of the 36th. Regiment, Captain Chambers who might be a sufferer if that Corps was to be Drafted before the notification of this promotion, the Commander in Chief requests, if such

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an event takes place, that you will permit him to receive every pecuniary advantage he would be entitled to if the Brevet promotion in question was published

I have the honor to be with great respect

&c &c

(Signed) Walter Cliffe

adjutt. Genl.

Calcutta

21st August 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) George Parry

Secretary

Horse Guards London

23d January 1798

List of Brevet Promotions which have been made by His Majesty

Colonel Colebrooke Nesbitt of 52d Foot

to be Major General in the West Indies only ---------- 27th December 1797

Colonel Colebrooke Nesbitt of 52d Foot

to be Major General in the Army ---- 1st January 1798

To be Colonels in the Army

Lieutenant Colonels G.V. Hart of 75th Foot -- Ditto

_____ G: Brodie of 52d Foot ----

_____ William Ramsay of 80th Foot ---- Ditto

_____ J. P. Dalrymple of 71st Foot ---- Ditto

_____ J. C. Sherbrooke of 93d Foot ---- Ditto &c

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To be Lieutenant Colonels in the Army

Majors Henry Allen of 36th Foot ——— 1st January 1798
" Honorable John Lindsay of 71st Foot — Ditto
" John French of 71st Foot ——— Ditto
" Daniel Paterson of 36th Foot ——— Ditto
" George Stewart of 33d Foot ——— Ditto
" William Wallace of 74th Foot ——— Ditto
" Wm Cockburn of 73d Foot ——— Ditto
" Robert Burne of 36th Foot ——— Ditto

To be Majors in the Army

Captains William Grant of 77th Foot ——— Ditto
" James Mc Donald of 73d Foot ——— Ditto
" Wm Chambers of 36th Foot ——— Ditto
" H. Master of 52d Foot ——— Ditto
" B. Bowes of 73d Foot ——— Ditto
" A. Mosman of Ditto ——— Ditto

(Signed) Walter Cliffe
Adjutant Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) George Parry
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Minute thereon

Resolved that instructions be sent to the Military Auditor General to pass the Abstracts of Lieutenant Colonel Burne and Major Chambers for

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distributed to several other his Sons and Daughters proportionally Inquires from the said District, but after his death the present Nabob Omdut-ul-omrah with a view to usurp my Rights has posted Guards on my Houses, and the Guard has in every manner distressed me and my Familys to such a degree that I was almost in the eve of being disgraced in the World Seeing which I together with my Brothers have been necessitated to take refuge to the Garden of Doctor Anderson and through him under the protection of the Honorable Company, which noble and High Company has been graciously pleased to take my cause into their consideration and to my safety has ordered their own Guards over me and my Houses Being so the Nabob Omdut Ulomrah has sent Colonel Barrett to Nazeff Cawn, Aboul Cauder Cawn and the Mauluvi Abdul Ally a Theologian to bring me to his presence who have persuaded me and by strong assurances on their Solemn Oath carried me to his presence and who before his Courtiers, with his own expression assured me repeatedly

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repeatedly that he has given all the Title deeds Countries and Effects belonging to my deceased Father to me and obtained from me a Muchilica to the following purport Vizt. "That no reference or appeal to be made to the Honorable Company, nor wish any protection or redress from them nor even prefer any Complaint to them" and sent in my Company to Nazeff Cawn and Abdul Cawder Cawn to St. Thome with direction to give me the Seat of my deceased Father in his Diwan Cawna with the usual Formalities accordingly they posted me to the Musnud and caused to receive the Nazer from my inferior Brothers, relations and Servants, and declared before them that I to be the Sole heir and Successor of my deceased Father and recommended them to acknowledge me as such, and to pay me due attention, as their Superiors. That in so doing that their future happiness would consist, and requested me the following day to wait at Nabob Amdut ul Omrahs Darbar in order to receive the Sunnad for the Estate and Country - from which day being the 29th. June to the 28th. August last I have constantly waited at the Darbar begging and praying

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praying to the meanest Servants of the Nabob, to get his promise fulfilled, but without any Success. In the Interim one of my Foster Younger Brother named Surferaus Ally Cawn gave in marriage to one of his Niece to one of the Nabob's bastard Son, and got the same day from him Summed for the Talook of Paicaul Tallumbade and Argundo as Jaguires from my Country, and even sent Hamuldars of his own to the Talooks - Seeing this Absurd proceedings of the Nabob and on my urging to his Chief Managers they assured me that unless I would give possession of my Dewan Cannah to the said Surferaus Ally Cawn, I cannot expect to have Summed from the Nabob for my Countries to which proposition I acceeded not saying for reason that as it has been given to me by the Nabob, I would not part with it by no means, unless it would be taken by force and Violence, according to my disgrace on the 27th August Aboul Cawder Cawn, Nazeff Cawn and Cawder Nawas Cawn came to me at St Thome from Nabob and forcibly took from me my deceased Father's Dewan Cawns and delivered it over to the said Sarfaraus Ally Cawn - on the 29th of the said

said month the Nabob sent for me and after receiving a Nazer of 101 Rupees granted me Sunned for the Country, that he has been pleased to alot for my share and mine after to my great surprize sent again to me and desired to write to my Hamuldars to deliver over my Talook to his Manager Samula=badun Cawn to which I replied that as I till then I have not appointed no Hamildars in consequence I have none to whom I could write and retired - In the same evening again he sent an Orderly Sepoy to me desiring to bring the letter, to whom I have given the same Answer as I gave to the Nabob.

Three days after the said Nabob unknown to me has sent a Detachment of his Troops to Chittoor with his own Manager and has taken possession of the Country and all its dependencies and even the Grain that were kept in Rick thus being deprived of my property and the only Source from which I and my deceased Fathers Family were subsisted now we find under the greatest distress to pass our days, without being a prey to this world.

I humbly beg leave to observe to your Lordship

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Lordship in Council that I have so much Right to inherit the Country and property of my deceased father as the Nabob has of his Father the Nabob Wallajah for it has ever been, since the Carnatic fell under the Auspicious management of my Revered Grand Father Anavardeen Cawn, a distinct and separate Soobee the Country of Chittoor and its dependencies of my deceased father as your Honorable Board will find in referring to the records of the Honorable Company

By the aforesaid Candid and sincere relation of mine I make no doubt that your Honble Board would entertain a very strong idea of the injustness and ill view of the Nabob and as I and my families have been much disgraced and of course debased of my inheritance, knowing the too conspicuous justice of the Honorable Company in similar causes have thought proper to throw myself and families under their protection and humbly implore for their interference in my cause and to see me placed to my lawful inheritance in such a permanent manner as I and my Offsprings may continue chearfully extolling this act of

benevolence

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benevolence till the British Flag exist in this part of the World to posterity

I have the honor to be with the profound Respect & Consideration.

&c. &c.

(Signed) Dilar Jung

Eldest Son of the late Nasrudowlah Nabob of Cheltoor

St. Thome
17th. September 1798

Minute thereon.

The President is requested to interpose his good Offices with the Nabob in favor of Delawar Jung

Read the following letter from His Highness the Nabob (entered also in C.C. No 728.)

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatick &c. &c. &c. &c. To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor of Fort St. George

Dated & Received 13th September 1798

From the Nabob signifying his intention to pay the Sum of 9000 Pags. being part of the extraordinaries of the Detachment sent against the Calmaspilly & Wadiarpollam Polygars

I have received your Lordship's letter of the 5th. Instant requesting the payment of the Sum of Pagodas 6345.47.16 on account of the Extra Expences of the detachment sent against the Calmaspilly and Wadiarpollam Polegars, and I understand the Contents.

I shall pay accordingly, God willing

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in the month of October next 3000 Pagodas in part of the above Sum, and the remainder in the month of November, which I trust will be satisfactory to your Lordship.

What more need be written

A true Translation

(Signed) A. Falconar

Chief Secy to Govt.

Minute thereon

The Board are satisfied with the mode in which His Highness has proposed to discharge the expences incurred by the Detachments sent against the Warriorpollam and Colmaspilly Poligars.

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.

The Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord

From the Military Auditor General - with Copies of Abraham Brigade Major Cav. relative to certain specified Retrenchments. referring the claims of Garrison Assistant Surgeon at Jaffnapatam to the decision of the Governor in Council - recommending that the charge of Lieutenant Young for boat hire be authorized

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter (No 1) from Captain Kennedy of his Majesty's 19th. Regiment Light Dragoons to Government dated the 20th. July last on the subject of a Retrenchment made in this office of the additional Horse allowance which

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which he had drawn as Captain from the date of his promotion in England 29.th September 1796 to the date of its publication at this Presidency Vizt. 11.th September 1797 which Retrenchment was founded on the presumption that the Rule which admits of Differences of Pay and Allowances being drawn by His Majesty's Officers serving in India from the date of their promotion, did not apply to Horse allowance which is granted for the express purpose of enabling Officers of Cavalry to keep up a stated number of Horses each for the performance of their Regimental Duty in the Rank for which that allowance is drawn at the time, and consequently cannot be extended beyond the number of Horses actually provided without destroying the principle upon which it was originally made in support of which opinion I have observed a deduction on that account in the Abstract of His Majesty's 19.th Regiment Light Dragoons whenever an Officer has been found deficient of the established complement of Horses from the consideration no doubt of its being an allowance granted to defray an expense actually incurred.

Having received this the Paymaster at

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at Trichinopoly a letter and Certificate (of which Copies No. 2 & 3 are enclosed) from Lieutenant Straeland Brigade Major of Cavalry in consequence of a Retrenchment of the difference between half and full Batta drawn by him while employed to the Southward under the orders of Major General Floyd I beg leave to submit the same to your Lordships Decision, and to refer to the accompanying Copy of a letter (No. 4) which I found it necessary to write to the Adjutant Genl. of the Army on the subject together with his Answer (No. 5) which will shew how far the grounds upon which the Retrenchment was made and confirmed on Reandit are supported. It may be proper to observe that when I addressed the abovementioned letter to the Adjutant General, Majors of Brigade attached to General Officers on the Staff were not looked upon as entitled to Full Batta, an allowance which I find has since been granted by Government, under particular considerations, to them alone from the 1st. Instant.

3 Agreeably to the request contained in the enclosed Letter (No. 6) from Mr. Colhoun Garrison Assistant Surgeon of Palliapatam, I have

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further to state for the decision of your Lordships in Council a charge made by him for an Extra allowance of 10 Pagodas p.r Month granted by the General Orders of the 5th. July 1795 to the Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps proceeding on Service to Ceylon and to the Eastward, which order having restricted the allowance in question to Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps. I did not consider myself warranted to pass it to Mr. Colhaun in his capacity of Assistant Surgeon of the Garrison of Paffnapatam, the Sum of 20 Pagodas p.r Month being drawn by him on account of Servants and Medical Expenditure for the Staff, and a few European Invalids doing duty at that Garrison, an allowance which is in my opinion, adequate to any expence he can incur on their account. With respect to the Additional allowance of 10 Pagodas p.r Month before stated, which he expressly claims for the time he had charge of the Sick of the Malay Corps at Paffnapatam, to which he was appointed by the orders of the late Major General Doyle Viz.t from the 8th. March to the 31st July 1797 I have to remark that the allowance thus claimed was not drawn for in the Abstract of the Corps either for him or his predecessors, and

Consequently

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consequently could not be considered under any other form. However as the order before quoted of the 3d July 1795 in regard to the additional Allowance to Assistant Surgeons of Native Corps may admit of a construction in Mr Colhoun's favor while doing duty with the Malay Battalion, it will rest with your Lordship to determine whether it may be allowed to him for that period.

4 Incase a Detachment of Native Troops should be at any time stationed at Jaffnapatam, without having a Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon attached or being supplied with Medicines from the Head Quarters of the Corps, Mr Colhoun may apprehend be permitted to draw the regulated monthly allowance of 4 Pagodas Fr. 100 Men under the prescribed Certificate being affixed to his Bill, provided he shall be appointed to the charge of the Sick of such Detachment by the Officer Commanding on Ceylon but it must at the same time be understood that the Rules of the Service do not admit of any thing under the head of Medical Expenditure being drawn either for Garrison Lascars, Natives of the Civil Establishment, or any other description of public Followers.

5 In answer to Mr Colhoun's Complaint that

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that he has not been furnished with my reasons for confirming the Retrenchment as directed by the General Orders of the 3d April 1792 republished on the 8th July 1796 it is only necessary to refer to the enclosed Copy of a letter (No 7) from me to the Paymaster at Trincomalee from which it will be seen that every proper communication was made on the subject as soon as possible after the receipt of the letter of the 28th June to which he alludes altho it would seem that such communication had not reached him at the time his letter of the 20th August was dispatched.

6 Lieutenant Younge Muster Master of the Island of Ceylon having incurred an expense of Pagodas 15 for the hire of Boats in crossing over to the Islands of Delft and two Brothers for the purpose of mustering the Honble Company's Stud under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Colonel Barbut in the Month of May last and having certified the charge on Honor, I beg leave to recommend that the same may be authorized.

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

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Auditor Genl
&c

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To the Honorable the Governor in Council

Sir

The Military Auditor General having retrenched my Horse allowance from the date of my Appointment to the 11th. of September 1797 I beg leave to state my Case to you, and request you will be pleased to decide thereon.

Having been appointed by His Majesty to the Captain Lieutenancy of the 19th. Dragoons the 29th. of September 1796 and Gazetted the 8th. of October 1796 I consider myself entitled to all the allowances annexed to the rank of Captain of Cavalry, from that period. Officers in his Majesty's Service have invariably received every allowance of the Rank they have been promoted to, at the War Office from the Date of their Commissions respectively; Appointments in this Country by the Commander in Chief, draw Horse Money together with other Company's allowances from the date of their Appointments - situated as I am appointed, immediately by his Majesty, it appears hard that the same indulgence should be withheld from me.

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

(Signed) J. Kennedy
Capt. 19th. Dr. Dgns.

Vellore 20th. July 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. Mty. Agt.

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William Hawkins Esqr.
Military Paymaster

Sir

As my Claim to the allowance of Full Batta, during the period of my being employed here with the Native Cavalry Drill, has been called in Question by the Military Auditor General, I have to request you will be pleased to offer the following in Explanation.

It may be necessary to premise that on the departure of the Commandant of N. Cavalry for Europe, I received orders from the Commander in Chief Lieutenant General Harris to take charge of my Troop in the 3rd Regiment then Cantoned at Chemundalum. I consequently made the necessary Arrangements for procuring Quarters &c: at that place not without considerable Expence, and finally considered the station as my post until the Return, or Appointment of a Commandant to the Corps of Cavalry. On the 10th of April 1797 I was directed by G.O. to place myself under the Orders of Major General Floyd during the Cavalry inspection. I immediately joined him, and from that date considering myself on Detachment

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Detachment I began to draw full Batta agreeably to the Regulations now in force.

When the Cavalry Inspection was over I should of course have rejoined the 3d Regiment at Chemmundalum the station allotted to me by the Commander in Chief, had not a subsequent Order directed me to remain at Trichinopoly, for the purpose of assisting in the Duties of a Cavalry Drill, as the accompanying Certificate will sufficiently prove.

I have perused the order of Government Dated the 8th November 1796 Relative to Officers on Detachment drawing full Batta but with due deference I conceive it more immediately relates to those who may be detached by Commandants of Divisions or Corps, and cannot in the present instance apply to me who have, till lately been Acting under the immediate Orders of the Commander in Chief signified thro the Medium of the Adjutant General.

Further I beg you will state, that as the Fatigue and Drudgery of the Drill has chiefly fallen to my lot I am persuaded it is far from the intention of the Commander in Chief, that I should be the only person employed on that Duty

which

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who should not reap the benefit of Full Batta.

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signed) Alexr. Strachan
Major Brigade Cavalry

Trichinopoly
August 13th 1798

A true Copy

(Signed) P. Bruce
Agt. M. & G.

Trichinopoly August 13th 1798

I hereby certify that Captain Strachan Brigade Major, was employed under me, with the Horse Drill of the Riding Masters and part of the Rough Riders of all the Regiments of Native Cavalry by order of the Commander in Chief, from the 1st January 1798 to the 29th of July

(Signed) J. Floyd M.G.

Lieutenant Colonel Close
Adjutant General

Sir Having received this the Paymasters at Trichinopoly a letter and Certificate (of which the enclosed are Copies) from Lieutenant Strachen Brigade

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Brigade Major of Cavalry, wherein the authority of the Commander in Chief is referred to, both for his quitting his Station at Chemundalum to do duty under the orders of Major General Floyd during the Cavalry inspection and afterwards for his continuing detached to the Southward for the purpose of assisting in the Horse Drill under the Directions of that Officer, which he has offered as reasons against a Retrenchment of the Difference between half and full Batta drawn by him while so employed; I have to request that you will be pleased to lay these Papers before the Commander in Chief, and that you will inform me if Lieutenant Strachan was continued at Trichinopoly by his authority and if while so situated he was considered as an Officer detached from his proper Station and consequently entitled under the General Orders of the 8th November 1796 to the full batta of Captain as Major of Brigade while so employed - The grounds upon which I made and continued the Retrenchment on Requisit was that if Lieutenant Strachan might have been ordered on the departure of the Commandant of Native Cavalry for Europe, to take charge of his Troop in the 3d Regiment at Chemundalum, yet as his appointment of Major of

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of Brigade of Cavalry had not been revoked and he continued to draw allowances as such he could only be considered while acting in that capacity under Major General Floyd, precisely in the same situation as he would have been, acting under the Orders of the Commandant of Native Cavalry and consequently could no more be entitled to full Batta while attached to Major General Floyd than the Brigade Major attached to the same Officer, as a General upon the Staff.

It will therefore be necessary before a reference is made to Government on the Subject of the said Retrenchment, that I should understand the footing in which Lieutenant Strachan is to be considered by the orders of the Commander in Chief during the time of his being employed as before stated.

I have the Honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W Sydenham

Mily. Auditor General

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Office Fort St. George
28th August 1798

To

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

Your letter of the 28th instant with its enclosures, has been laid before the Commander in Chief who desires me to intimate that Major of Brigade Strachan did receive permission from Head Quarters to continue with Major General Floyd at Trichinopoly and was directed by the latter Officer with the concurrence of the Commander in Chief to Superintend the practice of the Rough Riders during his absence from the Head Quarters of the Southern Division, but nevertheless the Commander in Chief did not conceive that these circumstances gave Major of Brigade Strahan any claim to full Batta, an allowance which from the nature of his appointment he could only be entitled to for the period that he attended Major General Floyd on his tour to review the Cavalry.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Barry Close
Actg. Genl. of the Army

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29th August 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. A.G.

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To Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General

Sir

Having received no reply from you to my letter of the 28th. June which gave cover to an extract of Government Orders by which you are required, if, on reaudit, you "think yourself obliged to confirm retrenchments, to make immediate communication to the Paymaster, for the information of the party concerned, of the grounds upon which you adhere to your former Opinion" and finding by a letter from the Paymaster that you persist in not admitting the additional charge of ten Pagodas p. Month drawn by me as Assistant Surgeon on Ceylon - tho' you have not been pleased conformable to the orders of Government to furnish me with "the reasons for its rejection" I hope I shall not incur the blame of having erred from "the prescribed Rule" in requesting you to forward to the Governor in Council this letter together with the enclosed extracts of Orders and any remarks you may judge necessary on the occasion.

These orders, I humbly conceive, establish, beyond the possibility of a doubt, my claim

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to the allowance in question for the months of March April, May, June, and July 1797, since I was during that period Assistant Surgeon of a Native Corps, the Corps of Malays.

Subsequent to the above months indeed my claim may not appear to be equal from the letter of the Government Order, no provision being made thereby for Assistant Surgeons of Garrisons owing, I presume to their being then none on the Island.

It may be permitted me however to state that the number of Staff and Invalided Europeans here would of themselves (drawn for as a detachment) entitle me to more than the Coast Allowance of ten Pagodas Monthly for Medical Expenditures, to which I have been restricted that besides the Garrison Lascars and Natives of the Civil Establishment, I have all along been in charge of a Detachment of Native Troops - at this moment of two Companies of Malays - And I humbly beg leave to submit to the Board whether in consideration of the extra Expence attending the performance of these duties on this Island, they judge it proper to

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to grant me the additional allowance of ten Pagodas &c.
a month in Common with Asistant Surgeons of Corps.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Colhoun
Asist. Surgeon

Jaffnapatam
20th August 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) P. Bruce
Asst. M.A.G.

Extract of a General Order by Government respecting Asistant Surgeons on the Island of Ceylon under date Fort St George 9th July 1795.

"The Asistant Surgeons of Native Corps
"to Indent for Europe Medicines and to draw Ten Pagodas
"per Month in addition to their present Allowances."

Head Quarters Columbo
8th March 1797

G. O By Major General Doyle

Mr Wm Colhoun Asistant Surgeon at Jaffnapatam is directed to take charge of the Malay Corps, for which he is to be allowed to make the regular charges, proportionable to the numbers of the Corps as directed in the Orders of Government for a Native Battalion, he furnishing or paying the expense of Medicines for the Sick of all Parties, detached from the

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the Head Quarters of the Corps.

(Signed) P. A. Agnew
Asst. Genl. on Ceylon

Captain Parkison.

Acting for Captain Kingston Paymaster at

Trincomale

Sir

I have received your letter of the 27th Ultimo with its enclosures and request you will inform Mr. Assistant Surgeon Colhoun in answer to his letter of the 28th June that as the Communication made to him by you with the request on his charge for an additional allowance of 10 Pagodas pr. Month as Assistant Surgeon posted to the Garrison of Jaffnapatam implied that the Retrenchment had been confirmed for the same reasons that it was made Viz" that Mr. Colhoun was not entitled as Assistant Surgeon at Jaffnapatam for which he receives a specific allowance for Medicines and Servants, to an addition expressly granted by Government to Assistant Surgeons doing duty with Corps" the order of Government to which he alludes was virtually complied with by such Communication on your part, otherwise

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any additional Ground of objection to the charge would of course have been stated - and no impediment therefore remains to his desiring a reference to Government on the subject should he think it necessary.

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I have the honor to be &c &c

(Signed) Wm Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

A true Copy
(Signed) P Bruce
Asst M.A.G.

Resolutions in consequence of the foregoing letter.

Resolved that Captain Lieutenant Kennedy can only be permitted to draw Horse Allowance on his advanced rank, from the date of the publication of his promotion in India,

That Brigade Major Strachan can only be permitted to draw the additional Batta during the period that he was employed in accompanying Major General Floyd on his Tours of review,

That the Assistant Surgeon Colhoun's claim to the extra allowance of ten pagodas pr. Month be restricted to the period during which he

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he had charge of the sick of the Malay Corps,

That Mr Colhoun's claim to compensation for his attendance on Garrison Staff, and Detachments of Corps occasionally stationed at Jaffnapatam, be regulated by the established practice of the service

&

That Lieutenant and Brevet Master Mate Young's Bill be passed for payment

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Certificates

Madras 8th September 1798

Surgeon's Certificate representing the necessity of Lieut.t Fraser of the 73 Regt. return to Europe

I do certify that Lieutenant William Fraser of H.M 73d Regiment has been affected with Stricture in the Urethra and constant Gleet since October 1795 for which he has tried every variety of medicine suggested by different surgeons without the smallest benefit - I am therefore of Opinion that a Return to a cold climate is absolutely necessary to effect a cure.

(Signed) M Campbell
Surgeon 73d Regt

We M Campbell Surgeon and Alexander Suter Assist.t Surgeon of H. M. 73d Regiment do hereby declare on oath that we are of Opinion it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant William Fraser should leave this Country

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Country and go to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

(Signed) M Campbell
Surgeon 73d Regt.

Sworn at the public
Office this eighth of
September 1798 before me
(Signed) G. Taswell
Justice of Peace

A.E. Suter Asst. Surgeon
73d. Regt.

Surgeons Certificate -
representing the necessity
of Lieutenant Patrick
Moyna of His 12th
return to Europe

This is to Certify that Lieutenant Patrick Moyna of his Majesty's 12th. Regiment has suffered very much from an Obstinate Rheumatick Complaint from his first arrival in India, and that for several Months past he has been under my care for a very severe Illness which has so much injured his constitution that in my opinion a voyage to Europe is absolutely necessary for the Reestablishment of his Health.

(Signed) V. Conolly Surgy.

Fort St George
22d. June 1798

We do hereby Certify on Oath that in our Opinion it is absolutely necessary for Lieutenant Moyna of His Majesty's 12th. Regiment to leave this Country and proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

(Signed) Andw. Berry Surgeon
V. Conolly Surgeon

Sworn to this 25th. day
of June 1798 before me
(Signed) B Roebuck
Alderman

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the Military Auditor General be authorized to pass the Bills of Lieutenants Fraser and Moyne for the regulated allowance of passage Money.

Read the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal.

To J Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St George

Sir

From the Secretary at Bengal enclosing a letter to the Collector at Masulipatam directing him to have in readiness Gun Bullocks sufficient for the train of a Detachment of Artillery to be landed at Masulipatam.

I am directed to request you will lay the enclosed Copy of a letter to the Collector of Masulipatam before the Honorable the Governor in Council.

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

Fort William
the 30th August 1798

To N Oakes Esq
Collector
at
Masulipatam

Sir

I am directed to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has

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has resolved to send a Company of Artillery with Lascars on the Caledonia to Masulipatam, which Detachment will carry with them Six 6 pounder Guns, with their Carriages and Limbers complete; and as the Public Service may require that the Detachment should be enabled to take the Field with Guns immediately, His Lordship in consequence desires that you will have in readiness the requisite number of Gun Bullocks.

His Lordship in Council has thought it proper to send these Orders immediately to you, to avoid the loss of time which would be occasioned by an application to the Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George to whom a Copy of this letter will be transmitted

I am &c &c

Fort William
the 30th August 1798

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

Minute thereon

As it appears that, at the period of writing the above letter, the Governor General in Council was not apprized that a complete company of Coast Artillery had joined the Detachment destined for Hyderabad, it is resolved to state this circumstance to his Lordship, and to request his Orders, whether any or what part of the Bengal

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Bengal Artillery should join Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment; and in the mean time, to send directions to Major General Bridges to detain the Company expected to arrive at Masulipatam.

Read the following letters from the Military Board.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board survey held on the Stores &c &c at different out Stations recommend those damaged being disposed of by public Sale. Enclosures from Lieut. Col. Read relative to the demolition of Chinnacy doorg and removal of the Stores &c &c of Pinagra.

1st

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 28th instant, with an Invoice of Shot shipped in England on the Dover Castle for this Presidency, and to report that the necessary directions have been given in consequence.

2d

Committees of Survey in conformity to the Regulations having been held upon the Grain and Provision Stores, articles connected therewith, in depot at the different Out Stations on the 30th April 1798, We do Ourselves the Honor to lay before your Lordship the enclosed * Statement of the various Articles which have been found damaged, and unserviceable and

* Lodged in the Office

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and to recommend that the disposal of the same by
public Sale at Stations respectively, may be authorized.

3d Having received from Lieutenant Colonel
Read two letters (Extracts whereof are enclosed) relative
to the evacuation, and demolition, of Chinnaroy droog,
and to the removal of the Field Pieces, Military Stores,
and Provisions, from Sinagra, We beg leave to state
that as the instructions which may have been given to
the Officer Commanding in the Ceded Districts on the
above Subjects have not passed through the Channel
of Our Board, We do not feel ourselves competent to give
any directions in reply to the points referred, and
therefore request the orders of Government thereon for
our guidance.

We have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) Patrick Ross
" Wm Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" B. J. Close

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Extract

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Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read Commanding the Ceded Districts to the Military Board dated 16th. August 1798

"Government having ordered the works "of Chinnydroog to be demolished, and the Stores to be "removed to Rykota, I have called upon the Officer "Commanding Chinny to form an estimate of the "number of people, also of the Carriage that may be "required for those purposes, and enclose it (A) for "the information of the Military Board that I may "be instructed in regard to the carrying them into effect"

"The Board having formerly resolved "to Garrison Tadcul, and ordered gates to be made for "it, which is all that its fortifications require to make "it a good post, I recommend to its consideration "whether it would not be more advisable to remove "the Stores at Chinnydroog to that place, than to "Rykota. They could be secured in Tents within the "Walls till buildings could be erected for their reception. "This appearing to be a fit opportunity for making "Tadcul a tenable post, I recommend the Board's coming to a final determination upon it, for being very strong it ought either to be occupied or demolished at

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"as otherwise the enemy will certainly take possession
"of it upon the commencement of hostilities"

A true Extract
(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secy. Mily Board

Extract of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Read to
Commanding the Ceded Districts to the Military
Board dated 23d. August 1798.

"Having it in direction to move the
"four field Pieces at Penagra to Sankledroog, I have
"desired Captain Innes to estimate the Carriage that
"would be required for that, and transporting the
"Stores thither."

"By No. 5 it appears the field Pieces
"and Military Stores, will require 10 Parts 263 Draft
"and 403 Carriage Bullocks and by No. 6 that the
"Grain and Provisions will require 1679 Bullocks."

"For other particulars I refer to his
"letter No. 7 and request the board's instructions in
"consequence. I shall likewise be anxious for your
"Answer respecting the Demolition of Chinroyroog
"and the removal of the Ordnance and Stores at
that

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"that place to Thistnagherry or Jaseul, as Government
"may determine."

A true Extract

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secy. Mily. Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board with enclosures from Lieut.t Col.: Read relative to the demolition of Fort Chevagerry and occupying the Post Vaniambaddy

1st. Feeling ourselves incompetent to satisfy Lieutenant Colonel Read upon the points referred to in a letter which he has addressed to Our Board relative to the demolition of the Fort of Chevagerry and to occupying the Post of Vaniambaddy, in case of Hostilities, We are induced to submit the enclosed Copy of such Letter for the information of Government.

(Signed) Geo. Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Jn. Richardson
" Byclose.

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To

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To Captain Fredk. Pierce
Secretary - Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir

I request you will inform the Military Board that some time ago, on my return hither, I visited Shevagerry one of the hill forts it was intended to Garrison during hostility - It might be easily defended by a small garrison, or against any force without Guns - but it is an inconvenient height and five Miles off the road to Kistnaghery

I therefore recommend it's being demolished, and if the Board approve will order the polegar of Congoroy, 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 it's vicinity, during a War, I would prefer Vaniambaddy, on account of it's being directly in the road between Amboor, and Kistnaghery half way to Catoraguer, and in a tolerable state of repair - Though only tenable against Infantry, it would afford some Security

&c

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"that place to Chistnagherry or Jaseul, as Government
"may determine."

A true Extract

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Secy. Mily. Board

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

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1st. Feeling ourselves incompetent to satisfy Lieutenant Colonel Read upon the points referred to in a letter which he has addressed to Our Board relative to the demolition of the Fort of Chevagerry and to occupying the Post of Vaniambaddy, in case of Hostilities, We are induced to submit the enclosed Copy of such Letter for the information of Government.

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(Signed) Geo. Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Jn. Richardson
" B. Close.

To

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To Captain Fredk. Pierce
Secretary - Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir

I request you will inform the Military Board that some time ago, on my return hither, I visited Shevagerry one of the hill forts it was intended to Garrison during hostility - It might be easily defended by a small garrison, or against any force without Guns - but it is an inconvenient height and five Miles off the road to Kistnaghery

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&c

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to the Inhabitants on account of it's being in the Mouth of the Valley leading to Ambore, and of still more fatal consequences 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 Shevagerry.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) A Read
Lieut.t Col.: Comm.t
Ceded Districts

Tripatore
5th September 1798

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred.: Pierce
Secry Mily Board

Resolutions thereon

Resolved that the damaged and unserviceable Articles of provisions be sold by Outcry at the different Stations.

The Board concur in opinion with Lieutenant Colonel Read in regard to the Demolition of Shevagherry, provided it can be effected by the Company's Poligar, without any material expense, but they do not consider it expedient, at present, to fortify the post of Vaneambaddy.

Resolved that the Military Board be

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be furnished with a Copy of the Orders sent to Lieutenant Colonel Read on the 28th July for the destruction of Chinnoydroog, and that they be authorized to effect the removal of the Field Pieces at Penagra to Sankeydroog at the least possible expence.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord

From the Military Board enclosing a Statement of Rum received from Bengal and Estimate for repairing the House of the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam recommend the advance of 1000 Pagodas being made to the Agent for Supplies to the 3d Regt. Native Cavalry

1st Having been honored by the receipt of Government's letter of the 5th instant, with Enclosures, We have instructed Lieutenant Colonel Orr, as well in regard to the construction of temporary Stabling, as to the alterations and repairs wanting for a deposit of Gram, and Stores, belonging to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry at Vellore.

2d We do ourselves the Honor to report to your Lordship in Council that a quantity of Rum, agreeably to the enclosed Statement thereof, has been received from Bengal by the Honorable Company's Ship Henry Dundas in part of a Contract made by the Supreme Government with Messrs. Lambert Ross and Co. for the supply of that Article; and that

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that in consequence of the same, having on examination by a Committee of our Board, been found equal to muster, directions have been given for its being received, and brought to account, upon the Books of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors at this Presidency.

3rd The accompanying Estimates, amounting to Pagodas 493..31..54 for the repair of the Quarter at Masulipatam occupied by the Officer Commanding the Northern Division of the Army, having been laid before our Board; and it appearing to us that the Estimates are moderate, as also, that an immediate performance of such Repairs will prevent a further decay of the Building, We recommend that the execution of the same be accordingly authorized.

4th We further recommend that an advance of One thousand (1000) Pagodas be made to the Agent for Supplies to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, on account of the Current, and extraordinary, Monthly Expenses incidental to his Department.

We have the Honor to be
Fort St George
12th September 1798
Sir &c (Signed) Geo. Harris
" Patrick Ross
" Wm Sydenham
" Jn Richardson
" By Close Secretary

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Account of Rum landed from the Ship Henry Dundas the property of Messrs. Lambert Ross & Co. being in part of their Contract with the Honble Company

Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage		Number & Guage	
No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons	No.	G. Gallons
1	176	36	5496	71	10,670	106	15,936	141	21,796	176	27,219	211	32,473	246	37,266
2	158	46	119	87	135	125	170	167	168	253	164	294	147	333	125
3	152	47	155	88	178	126	177	168	172	254	130	295	127	334	170
4	182	48	124	89	146	127	167	169	170	255	128	296	120	335	128
5	171	49	173	90	135	128	164	170	162	256	154	298	126	336	132
6	127	50	167	91	132	129	169	171	168	257	126	299	125	337	141
7	147	51	178	92	181	130	163	172	163	258	169	300	123	338	150
8	157	55	130	93	154	131	167	173	158	259	132	301	124	339	137
10	130	57	152	94	125	133	170	174	169	260	136	302	133	340	131
11	128	58	134	95	173	134	170	175	160	161	142	303	132	341	146
12	140	59	189	96	170	135	168	176	168	263	157	304	131	342	134
13	144	61	152	97	120	136	167	177	143	264	160	305	129	343	143
14	159	62	131	99	169	137	172	178	141	265	156	306	119	344	129
15	176	63	129	100	134	138	169	179	143	267	127	308	149	345	146
16	189	64	138	101	123	139	166	180	145	268	179	309	148	346	147
17	176	65	145	102	169	140	168	181	146	270	146	310	152	348	148
20	165	66	120	103	130	141	167	182	146	271	145	311	127	349	147
21	133	67	142	104	126	142	170	183	161	273	161	312	148	350	126
22	130	68	146	105	130	143	164	184	155	274	162	313	178	352	132
23	142	69	169	107	129	144	174	185	162	275	169	314	166	353	126
26	131	70	153	108	130	145	168	186	164	276	154	315	134	354	121
27	122	71	125	109	132	147	172	187	168	278	142	316	129	355	127
28	182	72	127	110	154	148	169	188	170	279	181	317	145	356	115
29	180	73	121	111	128	149	177	189	161	280	129	319	163	357	160
30	183	74	165	113	161	150	171	190	165	281	104	320	131	358	122
32	155	75	166	114	159	151	162	241	167	282	153	321	130	359	120
33	131	76	183	115	167	152	165	242	162	283	135	322	124	360	140
35	180	77	114	116	160	156	165	244	128	285	159	323	131	361	123
36	172	78	148	117	164	157	163	245	160	286	163	324	153	362	113
38	129	80	145	118	158	158	162	246	164	287	154	326	141	365	159
39	126	81	140	119	165	161	167	247	164	288	164	327	127	366	131
40	137	82	169	120	163	162	165	248	128	289	156	328	124	367	124
41	140	83	146	121	169	163	164	249	137	290	137	329	120	368	189
42	166	84	180	122	165	164	162	250	134	291	148	330	131	369	117
43	155	85	116	123	160	165	164	251	125	292	160	331	162	370	164
45	125	86	183	124	171	166	163	252	126	293	152	332	144	371	161
														372	139
														373	158
														374	160
36	5496	71	10670	106	15935	141	21796	176	27219	211	32473	246	37266	284	42475

(Sgnd) Basil Cochrane

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Estimate of the Repair of the Major General's House in the Fort of Masulipatam, also Stabling and Godowns.

	Sr. Pags	Fs	C	Sr. Pags	Fs	C
Dwelling House						
Bricklayers Work						
Ceiling for Walls of dining Room with Bamboo Reapers one Course of Chunam and white Wash, Squares 6 1/4 at Pagodas 2.12. pr. Square				14	12	
Plaistering one Coat of Stone Chunam inside Rooms, and Verandahs, Squares 64 1/2 @ 1.. 1.. pr. Square				66	1	40
Pointing out side of House Squares 16 1/4 at 16 fanams pr. Square				6	8	..
White wash to inside of Rooms, and Verandahs, Squares 66 3/4 at 3 fanams pr. Square				4	32	20
Repairing Roof with new Rafters, Reapers, and Tiles turning, with new Chunam lowers to Verandahs Squares 21 1/2 at Pags. 2..10.. pr. Square				48	5	..
Tiles Turning with new Chunam lowers to Rooms Squares 28 1/4 at 24 fanams pr. Square				16	6	..
Total Bricklayers Work						155 22 60
Carpenters Work						
Sheathing Board to repairing floors, Work'd and laid Supl. feet 66 at 3 fanams 30 Cash pr. Supl. foot				5	12	60
Venetian Windows two with Hinges and fastenings each feet 3..10.. by feet 5..1.. Supl. feet 39.. @ fs. 12 pr. Supl. ft.				11	6	..
Repairing 21 Doors and 29 Windows with Venetian Hooks Hooks, Locks, &c. &c.				17	21	..
Total Carpenters Work						33 39 60

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Pr. f. C. P. F. C.

Painting and Wood Oil

White Paint, half Europe, and half Wood Oil and Coat		
Sup.l Yards 113 @ 2 40 Pr. Yard		6 30 40
Do. — Do. two Coats Sup.l Yards 94 @ 3 40		
Pr. Sup.l Yard		7 35 "
Green Paint Do. — Do. — two Coats Sup.l Yards 223		
at 1 fan.m Pr. Yard		21 10 "
Wood Oil for Railings, post, and Joists of Verandahs and		
Rooms 18 Gallons @ Pag.s 1 " " Pr. Gallon		18 " "
Dammer Maunds 2 1/4 at 1 Pagoda Pr. Maund		2 10 40
Moochy for 18 days at 4 fanams Pr. day for laying on		
the Wood Oil		1 30 "
Total of Painting &c.		57 32 "
Total Bricklayers Work		155 22 60
Total Carpenters Work		33 39 60
Total Painting, Wood Oil &c.		57 32 "
Total of Dwelling House		247 10 40

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(Signed) J. Caldwell
Capt.n Lieut.t of Engineers

(Signed) C. Ross

Coach

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Coach House & Stable Compound

Pr. Pag.a F. C. & P.a F. C.

Bricklayers Work

Rebuilding Ruined Wall (as Marked per Plan Yellow) to be raised two feet in Chunam from foundation 5 feet Brick in made and Crowned one foot in Chunam old foundation good Brick in Chunam Cub. feet 427 at Fanams 2.19.7/9 Cub foot ____ 22.31.0.

Brick Work in mud Cub. feet 702 at Fanams 1.22. per Cub foot ____ 21.13.4. ____ 44 2 4

Brick Work in Chunam to Crowning Old Piers and Walls with one foot of new Masonry as per Plan Coloured purple Cub.t feet 360 at Fan.s 2.19.7/9 Cub.t foot ____ 19 7 40

Roofing with Palmirah Rafters Bamboo Reapers Flat and pan Tiles with Chunam Borders (A B per Plan) Squares 1 1/4 at Pag.a 4.28.7/9 Square ____ 65 1/4 "

Repairing Paving Brick Work in Chunam on edge Squares 1 1/2 at Pag.a 2.9.33.7/9 Square ____ 3 1/4 10

Plastering with one Coat of Stone Chunam Squares 55 at Pag.a 1.1.0. 4/9 Square ____ 56 13 "

Total ____ " " " 188 8.54

Cook

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Cook Room

Bricklayers Work

	Sr. Pags	f.	c.	Sr. Pags	f.	c.
Brick Work in Chunam to repairing breaches Cubl. feet 130 at fanams 2 " 19 " per Cubl. foot				1	25	10
Brick Work in Chunam to repairing Oven and fire places Cubl. feet 10 at fanams 2 " 19 " pr. Cubl. foot				0	22	30
Repairing Roof with new Bamboo Reapers and Tiles turned with Chunam borders Squares 9 at Pags. 2 " 10 " pr. Square				20	6	0
Plaistering the whole inside and Out One Coat of Stone Chunam Squares 50 at Pags. 1 " 1 " " pr. Square				51	8	"
Brick Work in Chunam to building necessary House E Cubl. feet 280 at fanl. 2 " 19 " pr. Cubl. foot				14	38	40
Total Bricklayers work				88	16	"

Carpenters Work

	Sr. Pags	f.	c.
New Country wood Door 6 feet by 3 Supl. feet 18 a 6 fanams pr. Supl. foot	2	24	"
Country Wood Windows 2 each 4 feet by 2 ½ Supl. feet 20 at 6 " fanams pr. Supl. foot	2	36	"
Country Wood Door Cook Room Godown D 6 feet by 3 Supl. feet 18 at 6 fanams pr. Supl. foot	2	24	"
Country Wood Windows 2 to Cook Room Godown each 4 feet by 2 ½ Supl. feet 20 at 6 fanams pr. Supl. foot	2	36	"
Total Carpenters Work	10	36	"

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Pidgeon House

Painting and Plaistering 4 Piers Squares 2½ at Pag. 1.. 1.. Pr Square		2 23 40	
Sheathing Boards 10 at 40.. Pagodas Pr. 100		4	
Nails 4 ℔ at fanams 3.. 60.. Pr ℔		.. 15 ..	
Carpenters 12. at 4 fanams each		1 6 ..	
Total Pidgeon House			8 2 40

General Abstract

Dwelling House	Bricklayers Work	155 22 60	
	Carpenters Do.	33 39 60	
	Painting and Wood Oil	57 32 ..	247 10 40
Bricklayers House and Stables	Bricklayers Work	188 8 54	
	Carpenters Do.		
Cook Room	Bricklayers Work	88 16 .	
	Carpenters Do.	10 36 ..	99 10 ..
Pidgeon House		8 2 40	8 2 40
Total			542 31 54

Deductions

For Old Bricks which will again Work up	36	
For Old Tiles Do. Do.	13	
Total		49 .. ..
Grand Total of Disbursement required		493 31 54

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(Signed) P. Ross

A true Copy

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mily Board

Resolved

(Signed) Jas Caldwell
Capt Lieut of Engrs

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Resolutions thereon

Resolved that an Extract of the foregoing Letter respecting the Rum received on the Henry Dundas be forwarded to Bengal, with a request that the Governor General in Council will furnish an Invoice of this consignment, in order to it's being brought to account in the Books of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors.

Resolved to authorize the execution of the repairs recommended to be made to the Commanding Officer's Quarter at Masulipatam, and the advance proposed to be made to the Agent for Supplies to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry.

Read the following letter from Mr. Harry Taylor.

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

From the Collector at Pondicherry - enclosing Extracts from the records of the Superior Council of that place - Mr. Mottet & the other Members - & refusing to act with Mr. Gerard

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mons.r Mottet, and by his desire two Extracts from the Records of the Superior Council at Pondicherry, which they request may be laid before Government.

You will perceive that Mr. Mottet and other Members of the Superior Council, object in consequence

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consequence of an anonymous libel which was posted in the Town, to act any longer (except in the last extremity) with Mons.r Gerard; conceiving him to have had some concern in it.

Should Government acquiesce in their wish of removing Mr. Gerard from the Superior Council, I beg leave from Mons.r Mollet's known integrity and personal acquaintance with the Gentlemen of Pondicherry, to recommend his naming a Successor.

Cuddalore
10th. September 1798

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) H.T. Taylor Coll.r

To H. Taylor Esq.r
Collector at Pondicherry

Sir

Friday and Saturday last the Court held the two deliberations which I have the Honor to transmit accompanying; You will perceive on a perusal of them, that the Council did not come to the determination of no longer sitting with Mr. Gerard until the last extremity, and that all that they required of him was to testify such outward marks of esteem, as

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as were certainly due to his Colleagues in Office; If the Members who compose the Council could not obtain this much from Mr Gerard, they neither could or ought longer to consider him their Colleague; and at the same time they had every reason to suspect that he had been concerned in the anonymous libel which has been pasted upon this City, in which he is the only one excepted from the insults cast upon them - I could also add that those who know him are fully persuaded that he has given room for it - Those who have been appointed to distribute justice by the Government of Madras, would no longer be worthy of their Situations were they to act otherwise - Selected for the purpose of rendering a faithful and inviolable testimony to truth, the invaluable title of a just Man ought to secure to them the public confidence, and this they would necessarily be deprived of, were they any longer to nourish Mr Gerard in their Bosoms - In spite of the relaxation in Morals, in spite of the corrupt Age in which we live, still the world is neither so blind or so unjust as not to esteem a Good Man, or to refuse to do justice to him who is deserving of so distinguished

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an appellation.

I entreat you Sir to have the goodness to lay before the Honorable Government of Madras my ideas on this subject, and at the same time to forward to them the Deliberations of the Superior Council of Pondicherry.

I am with respect
&c &c

(Signed) Mottet

Pondicherry
27th. August 1798

A true translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Transl.r

Extract from the Registers of the Superior Council of Pondicherry of the 21th. August 1798

This day the 21th. August 1798 the Court extraordinarily assembled. Present M. M. Mottet President, Collin, Beaufort & St. Paul Counsellors; the President, authorized by the eleventh Article of the King's declaration under date the 3rd. February 1776, which permits the prosecuting in the Mercuriales any of their Officers who may do any thing reprehensible or derogatory to the Ordinances, having represented that in the defamatory Libel against the Members of the Council, which has been posted up in various parts

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parts of this City, Mr. Gerard is excepted from the Insoults and Menaces thrown out against them; that he the said President, had made the proper representations to him, as did also the Members of the Council on the subject of the Exception which had been made in regard to him, at which they testified their Surprise, at the same time calling to his recollection, that the Court had cause to complain of his Conduct in the Chamber of Deliberation with respect to his Opinions - Upon this Mr. Gerard having rejected the Representations of the Court without giving them any satisfaction in the affair having on the contrary testified the greatest indifference on the subject of the Exception made in the said Libel, retired, saying that they were welcome to hold any deliberation they pleased.

The Court has decreed and does decree that it be deliberated on at their Sitting of tomorrow.

Done and Decreed the said day and year herein above mentioned.

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(Signed) Guene
Greffier in Chief

A true Translation
(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Transl.
Extract.

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Extract from the Registers of the Superior Council of Pondicherry of the 25th. August 1798

This day the 25th. day of the said month of August, The Court assembled conformably to their Article of Yesterday - Present M.M Mollet President Collin Beaufort, and St Paul, Counsellors, has deliberated on the Representations made in the Mercuriales, by the President to Mr. Gerrard on the subject of his having been excepted in an anonymous defamatory Libel, in the Malabar Language, which has been posted up in this City and in which all the other Members of Council as well as the Attorney General are treated in a manner the most outrageous and insulting to their honor and probity

The Court at the same time has deliberated on the Answers which Mr Gerard yesterday made to them, and which they cannot help thinking are as extraordinary as the exception in the said Libel appears to be - The little interest he evinced to partake of the Outrage committed against his Colleagues - his Silence - his Inaction ever since he first knew of it, until the moment when they mentioned it to him - his astonishing Security with respect to

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to this exception the extreme indifference he testified as to the observation which the Court thought it their duty to make to him. Every thing in short lead them to suspect that Mr Gerard has on this occasion given unfavorable impressions of his Colleagues.

The august function of Juge does not allow of entering here into a detail of facts against Mr. Gerard, that would be divulging the Secrets of the Chamber of Deliberation, which ought to be inviolable, but may it sink deep in his conscience; he will feel that the Court could no longer shew any indulgence towards him after the marked exception made in the said Libel, in respect to which he has given them no satisfaction; It becomes necessary that his Colleagues should perform their duty, and that imposes upon them the disagreeable Law of no longer considering him a Member of their Society

After mature deliberation, the Court has decreed, and does decree that it would not accord either with their dignity or duty, to sit with Mr. Gerard and that in consequence, it be notified to him by their President that he do not present

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present himself at the Sittings of the Council, unless he is ordered so to do by the Honble Government of Madras, who will be informed of their proceedings

It is further decreed that the present Deliberations together with that of yesterday be transmitted by the President to Mr Taylor with a request that he would forward them to the Honorable Council of Madras.

Done and decreed in the Chamber of Council, the day and year above mentioned.

Compd

(Signed) Greene
Greffier in Chief

A true translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

Minute thereon

The Board consider the conduct of the Superior Council, in virtually suspending Mr. Gerard from his Seat, extremely irregular and it is accordingly resolved to intimate to Mr Taylor their desire that that Gentleman should immediately resume his Station.

Resolved also that Mr Taylor be

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be authorized to inform the Members of the Council that any specific charges they may have to allege against Mr Girard will be received by him, and submitted to Government for their determination

Read the following letter from

Major General Floyd.

Right Honorable Governor in Council

My Lord

From the Commanding Officer Southern Division representing the ruinous state of Trichinopoly and the repairs that were making having ceased

His Highness the Nabob gave Orders for the repair of this ruinous Fort about a Year and half ago, and nearly two thirds have undergone a very useful repair - About one third of the circumference and that the most ruinous of all, remains unfinished, and only a few Workmen appear, the effect of whose labour is scarce perceptible - So large a portion of the Fort remaining quite a Ruin renders useless all that has been done - and I suppose it of great importance to secure Trichinopoly from assault -

I have lately represented the cessation of the Work, and had reason to hope Orders

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Orders would be given for completing it, but nothing being done it is incumbent on me to state the matter to your Lordship, that such measures may be taken as you see fit

I have the Honor to be
&c &c
(Signed) I Floyd M.G.

Minute thereon.

The President is requested to address the Nabob on the above subject, and to acquaint his Highness that unless his Orders for the execution of the repairs are obeyed with promptitude the importance of the object will lead to the necessity of executing the work thro' the means of the Company's Servants and charging the expence to his Highness's account.

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following application from Lieutenant Colonel Masey and recommends that he may have permission to return to England on furlough.

To Lieutenant General George Harris
Commanding the Army on the Coast &c &c
Fort St George

From Lieut. Col. Masey representing his long Services in India & requesting permission to return to England on Furlough.

Sir

Having after a Service of 26 Years nearly Completed

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completed in India) without once, during that long period visiting my native Country, or having had the indulgence of any absence from my immediate duty, found my health and constitution in general, so impaired as indispensibly to require a change of Climate to its recovery, I proceeded by permission of my Commander in Chief and the Govern.t in 1794 to Europe on leave of absence for that purpose but towards the expiration of my leave, finding still my health not so fully efficient, or equal to my Duty in the Service, as I had hoped, and as ever has been my wish, and being unwilling to Return an Invalid, or burden on the Service only nominally effective - I begged of the Honble Court of Directors to permit my Retreat from on the pay of my Rank acquired conformably to the late Regulations of the Army, having then more than completed 27 Years Service including my leave of absence of three - This the Court were pleased, however, to refuse granting, on any other terms than my return to India, which having effected, I hope I may now, through you, Sir, trust to be honored with a testimony of from Government, and permission granted me to return to Europe enabled with due effect, even in my 29.th year of Service, in case the state of my constitution should still continue to render it necessary to repeat my Claim to an honble retreat & reward indiscriminately due to all my brother Officers of 25 Years Standing in the Service.

I have the honor to be with the utmost Respect
&.a &.a (Signed) Grom.t Massey
Lt Col.

Fort St George
11.th Sept.r 1798

Resolved accordingly that Lieut.t Col: Massey be permitted to return to Ireland on furlough

Resolution thereon

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Sir

The Board have no doubt that Lieut.t Colonel Massey will be permitted to retire upon the pay of his rank, but if it should be necessary will not fail to add their recommendation to the Honble Court

I have
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servants
Geo: Harris
Edw.d Saunders
C Wallace

Comp.y
G Strachey.

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Diary

Received the following Letters. -

To J. Webbe Esquire

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

As no Paymaster will proceed

From Sub Secretary at Bengal - notifying that the Governor General has authorized Major Hamilton Commanding the Marine Battalion and Captain Tomkyns Commanding the European Artillery and Lascars to act as Paymasters to their respective Corps. -

from hence with the Marine Battalion or the Company of European Artillery and Lascars ordered on Service, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has authorized Major Robert Hamilton, Commanding the former Corps, and Captain John Tomkyns Commanding the latter, to take up Money on account from the Collector of Masulipatam or of the District in which they may be Stationed, equal to the Amount of their Monthly Abstracts for the payment of the Troops under their respective Commands, granting their

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receipts for the same; and I have the orders of his Lordship in Council to express his desire that the Honorable the President in Council will give the necessary directions in consequence to the Collectors or other proper Offices for making the advances. —

Major Hamilton and Captain Tomkyns have been directed to transmit the Abstracts to this Presidency for Audit and adjustment. —

I have the honor to be
Fort William &c &c &c
the 29th August 1798 —

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

The Right Honorable Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From the Military Auditor General — enclosing Statements of Arrears of Subsistence to His Majesty's 19 and 30th Regiments of Foot from the 25th May 1797 to 28th February 1798. —

My Lord,

In Conformity with the Directions contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter

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Letter, under date the 8th Ultimo, referring for my Examination and report Accounts of Arrears of Subsistence to His Majesty's 19th and 80th Regiment of Foot, from the 25th May 1797 to the 28th February 1798. — I have the Honor to report, that the Balance due to these Corps respectively is as follows. —

after making the Deductions detailed in the enclosed Statements marked No. 1 and 2 —

19th Regiment Foot — — — —	Pag.	550.	41. 78
80th Ditto — ditto — — — —		1784	19. 40½
Total Pagodas — —		2335.	19. 38½

I have the honor to be,
&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Audr Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
12th September 1798. —

19th Regiment

Arrears of Difference of Subsistence from 25th May 1797 to 28th February 1798. —

	£	s.	D.	P.	F.	C.
July 1797						
Difference of Subsistence for 5 privates appears to be overdrawn from 25th June to 24th July 1797 — Pagodas — — — —		3.	15.			9. 15. 60
Total to be deducted from the Balance due the Corps £ Pag.		3.	15.			9. 15. 60

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil.y Audr. Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
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Arrears

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80th Regiment

Arrears of Difference of Subsistence from 25th May 1797 to 28th February 1798.

	£	s	D	P	F	C
248 Days Ships Provision for 3 Privates from 25th May 1797 to 6th February 1798 is credited instead of 258 days, the Difference is	16	3	2	1	25	
No Credit appears to be given in the Distribution for Difference of pay, from the 25th May to 31st December 1797, on account of 187 Drafts from his Majesty's 52d and 72d Regiments, and for whom Difference of Pay was drawn in the Abstracts of the Corps to which they formerly belonged. - and as the Additional Subsistence is drawn for those Men, for the whole of the above mentioned period - Consequently the Sums received by them, under the Head of Company's Allowances, should have been Credited, and are now, deducted accordingly	322	11	6	806	18	29
Total to be deducted from the Balance due this Corps	323	7	9	808	19	54

Military Auditor General's Office
September 12th 1798.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. General

Received

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Received the undermentioned letters entered in MB. Nos. 72-73-74.→

From Captain Thomas Gray - enclosing Sick Certificate of Lieutenant W. Vaughan of the 2d Battalion 10th Regiment Native Infantry to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his health.→

From Captain Thomas Gray commanding 2d Battalion 10th Regiment.→

From Lieutenant Colonel Pater requesting leave of absence for ten days.→

From the Commandant at Arcot.→

From Colonel Champagne - reporting the death of Sameroolungam pillah with an enclosed account of the causes of his decease.→

From the Commandant at Trincomalé

Received the following letter from the Secretary at Bengal by express.→

To Josiah Webbe Esqr→

Secretary to the Government at Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you for the information of the Governor in Council that the Right Honorable the Governor General

From the Secretary at Bengal that the sum of Seven Lacs of Rupees is to be dispatched in the Bombay Frigate and landed at Masulipatam and to be given in charge to the Collector.→

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General in Council has determined to dis-
-patch to him the Sum of Seven Lacs of Rupees
on board the Bombay Frigate. —

Captain Sutherland has been
directed to land the Treasure at Masulipatam,
and to deliver it into the Charge of the Col-
-lector, who has been desired to wait the orders
of the Honorable the Governor in Council,
regarding the disposal of it. —

I have the honor to be
&c. — &c.

Fort William
the 3d September 1798. (Signed) G. H. Barlow
Secretary to the Govt.

Sent the following letters. —

To Mr. William Gordon
Paymaster at
Masulipatam

To the Paymaster
at Masulipatam -
desiring him to
raise Money and
enclosing a Bill
drawn in his favor
by Mr. G. Parry
for 3000

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you
that the Right Honorable the Governor in
Council is much concerned that you have not
been able to comply with the wishes of the

paymaster

paymaster with the Guntoor detachment and as it is an object of considerable importance that it should not be delayed, his Lordship in Council desires that you will use every endeavour to raise a sum of Money from the Sowcars for this pur= =pose upon the assurance of repayment from the first collections of revenue, or, if necessary from money to be sent from hence for that purpose.

The Collector at Masulipatam has been directed to make the same endeavour, and I enclose a Bill for M. Pagodas 3000 in your favor drawn by Mr. George Parry on Mr. Oakes.

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

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18th September 1798. (Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Commodore Sutherland

Commanding the

Bombay Frigate

To Commodore Sutherland directing him to comply with the requisition of Mr. Gordon for treasure & to deliver the public dispatches and proceed with the remainder of the treasure to Madras.

Sir,

Upon your arrival at Masu= =lipatam with the treasure on board, which has been

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demands. —

The Governor in Council also authorizes you to open the public dispatches by the Bombay in order that the invoice of treasure may be compared with the boxes which may be landed. —

For these purposes I inclose an order to the Commander of the Bombay frigate; but if the Supreme Government should have consigned the treasure to Mr Oakes you will make application to him upon the authority of this letter. —

The Governor in Council understands that a considerable quantity of treasure goes consigned upon the pearl to Merchants of Masulipatam; and authorizes you to purchase it, if necessary for the use of the Guntoor detachment granting bills for the amount upon this Government or upon the Governor General in Council at an

exchange

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exchange not exceeding 385 A R. Pd. pagodas, giving the preference to the latter mode of pur=
=chase; and, in that event, apprizing the Supreme Government of the Extent of your Drafts, and the purpose for which they are made. —

I am, &c. — — &c.

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(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt.

To Thomas Oakes Esq.
Collector at
Masulipatam

Sir,

To the Collector at Masulipatam - directing him to raise money at Masulipatam

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is much concerned at the delay which has unavoidably taken place in furnishing the pay=
=master with the Guntoor Detachment with Supplies of Cash, and as it is an object of the greatest importance that the Detachment should not be longer detained, his Lord=
=ship in Council is desirous that you —

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should use your endeavours among the
people of Masulipatam to raise a Sum of Money
for this purpose upon a positive assurance of re=
-payment from the first collections of revenue or
from Money to be sent from hence, if necessary,
as soon as it can be coined. —

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

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Received and Sent the undermen=
=tioned Letters entered in Mlls. Nos. 75-76-77-78-
79-80-81-82-83. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bengal —

From Mr. Straiy & — transmitting
enclosed Copy of a Letter to the Collector at Masuli=
=patam, relating to the landing of the Troops coming
from Bengal. —

From the Offic Command=
=ing Southern Division of the army. —

From Major General Floyd — en=
=closing a report from Lieutenant Colonel Browne
of the late erruption made into the Company's
Territory. —

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From Mr Shardon - reporting

From the Garrison Storekeeper at Vellore

that Mr Place Collector has delivered into Store at Arnee Garce 237 Marcalls 216 and Seers 6 of Sumbah Paddy. -

To Colonel Hart - transmitting

To the Deputy King's Paymaster General -

Copies of the Auditor Generals report on the Statement of Arrears of Subsistence due to 19th and 80th Regiments. -

To Major De Meuron, Captains

To the Commandants at Trichinopore, Arkat and Nameul. -

Poole and Ogilby, acquainting them of their having leave of absence for a specified time.

To Major General Sydenham -

To the Military Auditor General

directing him to authorize an Advance of 1000 Pagodas to the Gram Agent of the 3d. Regiment Native Cavalry - desiring instructions may be sent to the Paymasters of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment to pay those families that remain behind when it moves, acquainting him with the treasure consigned to the Paymaster at Masulipatam - and forwarding Copy of a letter relative to paying the Bengal Detach-

ment

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To the Commandant at Arcot. To Lieutenant Colonel Pater- -granting his application for leave of absence

To the Military Paymaster General. To Mr. Roduck - transmitting copies of the Auditor Generals report on his additional Estimates - and acquainting him with the Sum to be advanced on his applic- =cation. —

To the Commander of the Ship Good Hope. — To Captain Hilton - acquaint- =ing him that his claims will be referred to the decision of the Court of Directors. —

Published the following adver- =tisement. —

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Government Advertisement.

Government Advertisement for freight to convey to Europe, French Prisoners of War. — Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received at my office untill the 25th Instant for freight to convey the French prisoners of War to Europe, consist- -ing of about five hundred and twenty men -

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The proposals to specify also the terms, on which the proposers will undertake to supply the prisoners with provisions during the voyage. —

It is intended that such Ships as may be taken up for this Service shall sail in Company with and be put under convoy of the fleet of Indiamen now about to be despatched from hence to Europe, and the Commanders of the freighted Ships will be required to obey implicitly all such orders and Signals as they may receive from the Officer commanding the fleet —

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Govt.

Sent the following letters —

To

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

Sir,

To Admiral Rainier - informing him of the intention of Government to take up Ships for conveying to Europe French Prisoners of War - and complying with his application for the payment of certain proze money -

We have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 17th Instant and are much obliged by the opinion you have given upon the sufficiency of the Ships under dispatch for England to give protection to any Vessels that may be freighted to convey the French prisoners to Europe: We shall in consequence endeavour to take up Ships for that Service. -

We have much pleasure in complying with your Excellency's application for payment of the proze Money due to the Captors of the Splendor and have ordered the amount to be issued from the treasury

upon

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19th upon the application of the Agents. —

We have the honor to be,

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18th September 1798. —

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Clive &c. Council

To G. H. Barlow Esqre.

Secretary to the Government.

Fort William

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow=

To the Secretary at Bengal - informing him that the Bengal Troops at Masa=lipatam are to be paid according to his directions - informing him that a Company of Artel=lery have joined the Detachment of Colonel Roberts - and desiring that the intended that the Bengal Artillery should join him likewise - return of the detachment entered

=ledge the receipt of your letters dated 29th and 30th Ultimo. —

Orders have in consequence been issued for paying the detachment of Bengal & Artillery and the Marine Battalion accord=ing to the mode pointed out in your letter. —

In regard to the detachment of Artillery it appears to have been the wish of the Governor General in Council that it should have

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have joined the force under Lieutenant Colonel Roberts; but, as the Governor in Council presumes that the Supreme Government were not at the time apprized of a complete Company of Artillery having joined the Guntoor detachment, his Lordship in Council has ordered them to be detained at Masulipatam, where their Services are required in consequence of the Company of Coast Artillery having joined the force under Lieutenant Colonel Roberts. I have therefore the honor to request information for this Government whether it is still the intention of the Governor General in Council that the Bengal Artillery, or any part of it should join the detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Roberts or whether it may continue to do duty at Masulipatam in the room of the Coast Artillery.

I have the honor to enclose a return of the Strength of the Artillery

and

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19th and gun Lascars at present with the detachment.

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

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Government

Return of the Artillery and Gun Lascars under Major Horsley, making a part of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment taken from the Returns for August 1798.

	Captains	Capts. Lieutenants	Lieutenants	1st Fireballs	Sergeants	Corporals	Gunners	Drums & Fifes	Matrosses	Syrangs	1st Tindals	2d Tindals	Gun Lascars	Pukallies or Bearers	
Major Horsley's Company	1		1		5	5	10	2	70	2	4	3	133	8	
Lieut. Taynton's party				1	2	1			18	1	2	2	50	1	
Total	1		2		7	5	11	2	88	3	6	5	183	9	

(Signed) By Close
Adjutant General

To

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To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir,

To Lieutenant Colonel Roberts - approves his conduct in the command of his Detachment - informs him of money being sent to the Paymaster at Masulipatam - and the provision made for the families of Sepoys which remain behind the Detachment. -

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters dated 7th 9th and 10th Instant, and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the several Steps you have taken for collecting and putting in motion the Detachment under your command. -

In regard to the want of Money for the paymaster's department, the Governor in Council is concerned that there should have been any delay on this account. But hopes to have removed all further impediment to your movement by a consignment of Money from the Presidency to the paymaster at Masulipatam. -

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The Governor in Council has issued the necessary orders to provide for those families, which the Sepoys of the detachment may prefer leaving behind. —

Sam. &c. — — &c.

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18th. September 1798. — (Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Government

To Major General Bridges
Commanding the Northern Division
at
Masulipatam

Sir,

To Major General Bridges directing him to detain the Bengal Artillery at Masulipatam and to dispose the Marine Battalion as he may think necessary.

I am directed to inclose for your information copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Supreme Government to Mr. Oakes in regard to a detachment of Artillery and the Marine Battalion which have been ordered for Masulipatam. —

Although it would appear from this letter that it was intended by the

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19th the Governor General in Council that the detachment of Artillery should join the force under Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, yet the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that you will detain it at Masulipatam untill further orders. —

In regard to the Marine Battalion you will dispose of it in such a manner as the disposition of the troops under your Command may require. —

I have the honor to be,

&c &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secretary to the Govern.t

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

Gentlemen,

We have received your several letters of the 31st ultimo, 12th and 14th Instant. —

We

To the Military Board — unserviceable Stores to be disposed of. Copy of an order for the destruction of Chinsurah &c enclosed — Stores to be removed from Penang to Hindostan

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Shenkeridroog-observations on demolishing Shevaghery and fortifying Vancombody. Quarters of Masulipatam to be repaired.—

We concur in your recommendation that the various articles of grain and provision stores pronounced unserviceable by the Committees of Survey should be disposed of by public Sale at the several Stations respectively.

We inclose copy of our order, which was issued upon the urgency of the occasion to the Officer commanding in the ceded districts for the destruction of Chinroydroog, and in regard to the removal of the Military Stores, provisions and Field pieces from Pinagra.

— We think it will be sufficient to send the latter to Shenkeridroog with the least possible expence.—

If Shevaghery can be demolished by the Cägoondy Polygar without any material expence to the Company we have no objection to Lieutenant Colonel Read's ordering the orders he proposes for that purpose; but in regard to the fortifying the post of Vaccombody.

we

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we do not think it expedient to do so at present.

We have authorized the several advances which you have recommended; and consent that the repairs required for the quarters of the Commanding Officer at Masulipatam may be executed. —

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We are, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Clive &c.
Council

To Lieutenant Colonel Cromwell Maffey

Sir;

To Lieutenant Colonel Maffey - permitting him to proceed on furlough to England - informing him there can be no objection to his retiring from the Service on the part of the Court of Directors

In answer to your letter of the 14th Instant I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the President in Council permits you to proceed to England on furlough. —

If it should be your wish to retire from the Service after your arrival in England, there can now be no objection on the part of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

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Directors; but the Governor in Council will not fail to transmit his recommendation for that purpose to the Honorable Court. —

I am, &c.a — &c.a

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18th September 1798. —

(Signed) J. Webbe Secy to Govt

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in Mins. Nos 84-85-86-87. —

From the Commandant at Tuticorin — From Captain Deighton - transmitting a Letter from Mr. I. Peat assistant Surgeon pointing out a mistake in Government Orders. —

From the Adjutant General. - From Lieutenant Colonel Close - intimating that the Commandants of Tripassore, Namcul, and Attur solicit leave of absence. —

From the Military Paymaster General. - From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing an additional estimate of Cash required by the Deputy King's Paymaster General for the current Month. -

From Mr. assistant Surgeon Grant. - From Mr. Grant - requesting to be furnished with a passage to Bengal. —

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. - Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 129 - expressing satisfaction at the mode proposed for discharging the expences incurred by the Detachments at Warriorepollam and Colmaspilly,

and

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and requesting that the repairs of Trichinopoly may be completed. —

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 88-89-90. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay —

From Mr. Richards - with the information of the Captains of the Walpole being referred to this Presidency for payment for the Troops brought out in his Ship. —

From the officer Commanding the Southern Division

From Major General Floyd requesting Barracks may be built at Mellore. —

To Ditto - Ditto -

To Major General Floyd - informing him that the Corpse of the late Nabob Walajah has been sent for interment to Trichinopoly and desiring every attention to be shewn on the occasion —

Received the following letter. —

The

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknow=

From the Military Auditor General reporting on various Estimates.-

1 = ledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 15th Instant, accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month, amounting to Forty one thousand, Eight hundred and Eighty six Pagodas, thirty six Fanams and Sixty Seven Cash (Pagodas 41,886.. 36.. 67) and to report thereon as follows.

2 The Estimate of the Garrison Storekeeper for Pagodas 10,236. 35. 56- does not appear objectionable, that Sum being required to discharge the arrears due to the Proprietors of Draft and Carriage employed on the public Service in the course of last Month, and for an advance to be made on account

of

of Bullocks entertained and employed in the current Month. —

3 Pagodas 20,970. 1. 11 is admiss-
=sible to the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops under the Sanction of Government contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 1st. August 1798 being in part payment of the Arrears due to the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Regiments on the Coast from the date of the Kings Warrant granting an increased rate of pay to his Troops.

4 The Additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster at the Presidency, amount-
=ing to Pagodas 9180 - is unobjectionable with the exception of Pagodas 840 included as a Salary stated to be due to Mr. J. H. Mordon from the 24th. July to the 31st. of August 1798. at the rate of 600 Pagodas per Month as Com-
=missary of Grain and Provisions to the Army ordered to be assembled at Walajabad, for as I am not acquainted with the period Mr. Mordon

held

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held that Office, which is best Known to Govern-
-ment, the Sum to be admitted on that account
will rest on your Lordships Decision. —

5 The remainder of the Military
Paymaster General's Additional Estimate Viz.t
Pagodas 1500 is authorised by Mr. Secretary —
Webb's letter of the 11th. Instant on account of the
Gram Agents to His Majesty's 19th. Regiment of
Dragoons and 2d. Regiment of Native Cavalry.

6 The Total Amount issuable from
the General Treasury on this additional —
Estimate is Pagodas 41,046 . 36 . 67. —

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
19th. 19th. September 1798. —

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Auditor General

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The following Order of Council having been read and approved in Consultation was accordingly sent to the Clerk of the Treasury. —

Order of Council

Military Department

21 September 1798.

Cash ordered to be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on the above account. —

Ordered that the Sum of forty One thousand and forty six Pagodas, thirty six Fanams, and sixty seven Cash (Pagodas 41,046. 36. 67) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 15th Instant. —

Received the following letter

From the Adjutant General requesting the specified precaution may be ordered to take place

J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

The Commander in Chief has desired me to request you will signify his recommendation

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21st. recommendation, that the following promotion may be ordered to take place -

Cornet John Overend to be -

Lieutenant, vice Raffoy struck off, date of Rank to be fixed agreeably to the late Orders received from the Court of Directors. -

I have the Honor to be

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

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September 21st. 1798. -

(Signed) B. Close

Adjutant General of the Army

Received and sent the under -

-mentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 91-92-93 -

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From the Resident at Poonah. - acknowledging the receipt of Mysore Intelli -

-gence. -

To Mr. Taylor - informing him

To the Collector at Pondicherry - that the expulsion of Mr. Gerard from his seat in Council is irregular, and that he is to resume it. -

To

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To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - desiring him to pass the claims (to arrears of allow=ances of every description) of Lieutenant Colonel Burne and Major Chambers of the 36th Regiment lately promoted Country Money to be paid to the Men of that Regiment about to be drafted into the 76th -

To Ditto.

To Ditto - Captain Lieutenant Kennedy to draw Horse allowance from the date of the publication of his promotion in India

Brigade Major Strachan to draw additional half batta during the period he accompanied Major General Floyd -- Mr. Assistant Surgeon Colhoun's claims to extra allowance to be restricted to the period of his attendance on the Sick of the Malay Corps and to compensation for attendance on Corps occasionally stationed at Jaffanapatam to be regulated by the practice of the Service.

That the Bills of Lieutenant Fraser of 73d. Re=-giment and Lieutenant Moyna of the 12th for the regular allowance of Passage money to Europe be passed - Lieutenant Youngé charge

for

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21st for Coat hire authorized. →

22d Received and sent the under=
=mentioned letters entered in MB. Nos 95-96-
97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-
107-108-109-110-111-112. →

From the Com=
=mandant at
Sankerydroog.

From Major Cuppage - enclosing
a Bill from a Native Doctor, for payment. →

From the Gar=
=rison Storekeeper
at Tanjore. -

From Mr. Hawkins - enclosing a
Report of Paddy issued to be Cast out into Rice -

From the Com=
=mandant at
Tutacoryn. -

From Captain Davison - relative
to a Complaint made against him by Mr. →
Thomas. Conway - enclosing a Copy of an examina=
=tion into the circumstances which gave rise
to it. →

From the Sub
Secretary at
Bengal. -

From Mr. Stracy - requesting an
accompanying Packet to be forwarded to the
Commanding officer in Malabar. →

23d From Captain Kirkpatrick - that
From the As=
=sistant Resident
at Hydrabad. -

he cannot for want of official Information, →
announce to the Court the arrival of Lord Clive,

as

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as Governor. —

To the Town Major.

To Captain Grant - requesting a list of the Dutch officers Prisoners, specifying such as may wish to go to Europe, or to Batavia.

To the Commander of the Ship Fitzwilliam

To Captain Tweedale - directing him to make the necessary Arrangements for Troops going on his Ship to Bengal and that Provision and Water will be sent for their use.

To the Surgeon of the Bengal establishment.

To Mr. Moore - requesting his medical attendance on the troops going to Bengal. —

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Mr. Roebuck - with the Auditor General's report on his additional Estimate, the Salary drawn by Mr. Mordon to be deducted. —

To the Military Auditor General.

To Major General Sydenham - referring to his examination the Estimate of Cash required by the Deputy Paymaster General to the King's Troops, transmitting a copy of the above letter to the Military Paymaster General, on the Subject of his report of the 19th Instant. —

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23d.

To the Military Board - desiring
To the Military Board.- a sufficient quantity of Provision and Water to be
sent for the use of the Troops going to Bengal -→

From Lieutenant Colonel Orr - re-
From the Commandant at Vellore. -questing a retrenchment to be withdrawn -→

To Mr. Barlow - requesting he will
To the Secretary at Bengal. lay before the Governor General in Council a
Report on Rum consigned to this Presidency and
intimate Lord Clive's desire to be furnished with
an Invoice of that Supply -→

To Mr. Hawkins - reminding him
To the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly - of a letter addressed to him of the 14th Instant -

To General De Meuron - inform-
To the Officer Commanding on Ceylon. -ing him the Granadier Battalion, is to be em-
-barked on the Belvidere, and to proceed to it's
place of destination. →

From Captain Davison - with
24th.
From the Commandant at Tutacorin - copies of letters and some explanations requisite
to his Justification. →

From

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From the Collector at Masulipatam.—

From Mr Oakes returning a letter addressed to Lieutenant Frost.—

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division at Trichinopoly.—

From Major General Floyd enclosing copies of letters from Lieutenant Colonel Brown on the Subject of the late depredations on the Pyhny frontier.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor — President

Tuesday 25th September.—

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Tallofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last consultation read and approved.—

Read the following letter from Bengal.—

To the Honble Lieutenant General Harris

Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

We

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From Bengal - enclosing letters to and from Admiral Rainier relative to the Arrangement of this Squadron and the possibility of a French Armament coming from Europe - with observations on their probable destination. -

We have the honor to transmit to you an Extract from a letter from Rear Admiral Rainier dated the 9th July, and an Extract from the Governor General's reply to his Excellency of the 12th Ultimo. -

We also send you a copy of a Letter dated 31st August, which we have thought it proper to address to the Admiral, with a view to the possibility of a part of the French Armament which has been fitting out in the Mediterranean, being destined to proceed to India by the ordinary passage round the Cape of Good Hope. -

We have the honor to be,

&c &c

Fort William
the 1st September 1798. - (Signed)

Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
W. Cowper

Extract

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Extract from a letter from His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier dated Trincomale July 9th 1798. —

Agreeable to what I had the honor to intimate to your Lordship in my Letter of the 3d Ultimo from this place, I am now to inform your Lordship of the plan I have marked out for the employment of His Majesty's Ships under my command for the rest of the present and part of the ensuing Season, which exclusive of what is hereafter mentioned respecting the China Convoy, consists in detaching a part of them immediately to cruize in the Straights of Malacca, keeping the remainder with me on this Coast as stated in the margin, excepting the Orpheus who is sailed to her Station at the Spice Islands with the Honorable Company's Cruizer Swift.

The protection of the Settlements of the King.

To the Straights of Malacca
Arrogant
Fox
Carysfort
For the Coast
Suffolk
Victorious
Trident
La Virginie. —

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King and the Honorable Company and the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects in this Country in general constituting the principal object of my attention. —

I had projected to send a De= =tachment of the Squadron to cruize on the Enemy's Coast, but the diminution of the Force under my Command, by the disasters, which have lately happened to some of His Majesty's Ships, in the apprehended loss of the Resis= =tance, the defects of the La Sybelle and Con= =turion, and Amboyna Brig, to which may be added, as per intelligence received from the Cape, the defection of the Heroine from the Squadron altogether have constrained me to desist from that purpose. —

There is no reason at present to apprehend any hostile equipment being in motion in Europe, to attack the British Settle= =ments, in this Country, and the fears of any

From

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from the French Islands, which so lately existed and took their rise in the events that followed the appearance of La Prenneuse French Frogate on the Malabar Coast, may from very recent intelligence received from the Mauritius be looked upon as entirely removed and therefore am of opinion there will be no occasion for the Services of His Majestys Ships during the S.W. Monsoon on that Coast, which till November is subject to tempestuous Gales of Wind, it being as impossible to send a man of War on every requisition as imprudent to do it at the hazard of their Safety when no real danger threatens, althó I shall ever regard it as an object to prevent as far as lies in my power, the Enemy's Cruizers from molest=ing the Trade of that Coast, and affording a confidence to their Freind Tippoo Sultaun.

But conclude your Lordship will think with

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

A true extract

(Signed) J. Stracey
Sub Secretary

Extract from a letter to Rear Admiral Rainier dated 12th August 1798. —

The arrangements which your Excellency has made for the immediate protection of the Straits of Malacca, for the convoys to and from China, and for the defence of the Coast of Coromandel — during the remainder of the present Monsoon appear to me to be highly judicious. —

That

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That part of your Excellency's plan which relates to your intention of pro=ceeding to Prince of Wales's Island towards the close of the present monsoon, previously to your detaching any part of your Squadron to the Coast of Malabar, is founded on a sup=-position that no danger exists of any hostile attempt being made either from Europe or from the French Islands on the British posfesions in India. Under that supposition I should entirely concur in the expediency of the pro=-posed arrangement. But since the last=- letter which I had the honor of writing to your Excellency, the apprehensions which I initi=-ated to you of the hostile designs of Tippoo Sultan have not only been confirmed. but I have obtained the most unquestionable proof of his having entered into an offensive and defensive alliance with the French, for the express purpose of attacking the British=- posfesions in India. —

The

5493 Fort St. George 25th. September 1798.

The Government of Fort St. =
= George will no doubt have informed your Excel=
= lency of the landing of a French force at Man =
= galore from the La Prenease. Although that =
force is very insignificant, it affords a sufficient
indication of the disposition of Tippoo Sultaun,
and it has been received into his Service with
such circumstances of distinction and favor,
that I apprehend / whatever may be the State of
the Islands of Mauritius and Bourbon unless
they should actually fall into our hands / a =
number of French adventurers may be expected
from those Islands at Mangalore, as soon as the
season will permit them to join the Standard
of Tippoo. — It also appears probable that the
French Troops which have been sent to =
Batavia may seek the same employment as
a more eligible service than that in which
they are now engaged. —

The intelligence received from
the Isle of France leaves no doubt of the in =

= tention

intention of the Directory to dispatch a force
without delay to India. The object of this force
is said to be the reduction of the Colony of
Mauritius. If however such an armament
should be in contemplation, it is highly pro-
bable that its immediate destination may
not be against that Island, but to act in concert
with Tippoo Sultaun against the British pos-
sessions; or that, after having effected the
reduction of the Mauritius, the armament may
be employed in affording to Tippoo the com-
bined assistance of whatever Troops may have
been brought from France, together with
such force as may at that time be furnished
from the Islands. —

In addition to this circum-
stance I am informed, that the letters from
Tippoo Sultaun to the Executive Directory of
France conveyed by Tippoo's Ambassadors to
the Isle of Mauritius, were forwarded from
thence to France as early as the Month of
March 1798. the object of those letters was

notoriously

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notoriously to solicit aid in carrying on War against the Company in India. There is every reason to believe that the French will be eager to furnish any aid within their power to Tippoo, whom they have long wished to instigate to War; and it is by no means impossible that the destination of a part of their present extraordinary naval preparations may be for India, rather than for the desperate and romantic project of invading England. The communications which your Excellency will have received from Sir Hugh Christian, will manifest to you his concurrence in my view of this subject; and the whole tenor of my letters from Lord Macartney is of the same tendency.—

The success of Sir Hugh Christian's expedition against the Mauritius, would be a fatal blow to the hopes of Tippoo, and to the cause of France in India; and if it should take place before the arrival of the expected Squadron from France, that force will be left entirely at the

the mercy of your Squadron acting in concert with that of Sir Hugh Christian. —

Under all these circumstances I have ordered the Company's Army on the Coast to take the field, and I have also thought it necessary to adopt measures for placing our Allies, the Nizam and the Paishwah, in a situation to enable them to afford us the assistance which they are bound by Treaty to furnish, either for the purpose of resisting any attack from Tippoo, should he receive the expected aid from France or from the Islands, or (in case of his being disappointed in that respect) for compelling him to make such satisfaction as the Allies may think proper to demand for his infraction of the Treaty of Seringapatam. —

These considerations I am persuaded will induce your Excellency to concur with me in admitting the necessity of taking seasonable measures for preventing

the

the landing of any further reinforcements of French at Mangalore, or at any other Post in the Sultaun's Dominions. It will remain with your Excel= =lency to determine what alteration you may think it advisable to make in your proposed disposition of his Majesty's Ships both with a view to the above object and to the possibility of offensive opera= =tions against the Sultaun on the Coast of Malabar, adverting also to the means of forming a junction with the detachment from Sir H. Christians Fleet, in the event of the arrival of a Squadron from France. —

The depredations which have been annually committed on the Trade at the Mouth of the Ganges by the Enemy's Cruisers during the North East Monsoon, have not only proved highly injurious to the Commercial interests of the Company, but to the general trade of Bengal. —

I am persuaded that nothing but the most indispensable demands for other Essential objects of public Service, to which your Excellency

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Excellency has been compelled to give the pre-
-ference, has hitherto prevented your afford-
-ing to the trade of Bengal that full pro-
-tection which it must ever have been your
wish to extend to so valuable a branch of the
general commerce of the Empire; and I am
satisfied that your Excellency will now feel
with me how deeply the national interests
and honor are concerned in preventing any
future depredations of the Enemy at the mouth
of the Ganges. —

With this view I have resolved
to employ the Bombay Frigate and the Nonsuch
on that important Service during the ensuing
monsoon, but as these two Ships would not
be equal to oppose any of the Enemy's heavy
Frigates, I am anxious that your Excellency
should find yourself at liberty to appoint a
Frigate of force to cruize with the Bombay
and the Nonsuch. —

A true Extract
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary To

5499 Fort St. George 25th September 1798.

To His Excellency
Peter Rainier Esqr.
Rear Admiral of the White and
Commander in Chief of His Ma=
=jesty's Ships and Vessels in the
Indian Seas.

Sir,

The desire your Excellency has expressed to receive our suggestions with respect to the general protection of the Bri=tish possessions in India induces us to inform you, that the general tenor of our late advices from Europe leads us to appre=hend the possibility of the early appearance of a French Naval and Military force in India. The object of such a force would probably be to cooperate with Tippoo Sultaun by landing Troops on the Coast of Malabar.

The Capture of Goa might be connected with this object, and might contribute to promote the ultimate success

of

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of the Enemy in affording effectual aid to Tippoo Sultaun. —

With these sentiments we think it our duty to submit to your Excellency's consideration the urgent necessity of directing your attention to the defence of the Coast of Malabar, as soon as the season shall admit of the approach of Ships to that Station. —

We are further confirmed in this opinion by referring to the nature of our actual situation with Tippoo Sultaun:

His late infraction of the Treaty of Seringapatam by the conclusion of an offensive alliance with France, and by the admission into his Army of a French force levied under that alliance, will require remonstrance from us in concert with our Allies, as soon as our preparations on the Coasts of Coromandel and Malabar, as well as at Hyderabad, and Poonah, shall be

be sufficiently advanced to enable us to support whatever demand of satisfaction we may think it advisable to make. The presence of a British Squadron would tend to promote the success of any negociation to which such a demand might eventually lead; or in the possible case of War on the Coast of Malabar great benefit would be derived from the co-operation of His Majesty's Ships. —

Under all these circumstances we have no hesitation in offering to your Excellency our deliberate opinion, that essential service may be rendered to the British Interests in India by your Excellency's early appearance off the Coast of Malabar, with such of His Majesty's Ships as you may think it expedient to collect for that service. —

We have the honor to be &c.

Fort William
31 August 98. —

(Signed) Mornington
A. Clarke
Peter Speke
W. Cowper

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Stracey
Sub Secy

List

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List of Packet to Fort St. George. —

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3 Extract from the Governor Generals answer to the above dated 12th. Augt.

4 Copy of a Letter from the Governor General in Council to Admiral Rainier dated 31st. August 98.

5 List of Packet. —

(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

Fort William
3d. September 1798. —

Read

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Read the following letter
from Rear Admiral Rainier.-
Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From Admiral Rainier - notifying his intention of proceeding to the Malabar Coast with part of his Squadron and his arrangement of the remainder

My Lord,

In compliance with the Suggestions of His Excellency the Governor General in Council as expressed in their letter to me of the 31st. ultimo, I have the honor to inform your Lordship it is my intention to proceed to the Malabar Coast with His Majesty's Ships as per Margin as soon as possible, which I conceive may be on or about the 26th Instant.-

Suffolk
Trident
La Virginie

The Victorious will be left for the protection of the Ships taking in their Cargoes for Europe to the usual period, and having seen them well clear

a/c

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of the Coast will afterwards make the best of her way to the Streights of Malacca — The Sybelle I have ordered to cruize off the Sand Heads as soon as she can be got ready for Sea, till further orders. —

In the general uncertainty attached to all Naval appointments circum=stances may arise to render a deviation necessary, on this, & all other occasions, of which your Lordship will be duly apprized as opportunity may offer. —

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

Suffolk
Madras Road
September 20th. 1798. —

(Signed) Peter Rainier

Read the following letter from the Commissioners at Calicut. —

To

5505 Fort St. George 25th. September 1798

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord.

From the Commissioners at Calicut containing information of a French Creuzer having plundered a Vessel belonging to Cumby Terry of Tavelandy.

We enclose for your notice Copies of a Letter and its accompanying information just received from the Custom Master at Calicut, with translation of a letter from Cumby Terry, and have the honor to be very respectfully. —

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) I. Spencer
I.a Harthey
I. Uhthoff
I. Smee

Calicut
8th. September 1798. —

To

5506 Fort St. George 25th. September 1798.

To John Spencer Esquire

President &c. Commissioners for executing

the office of Supravisor and Chief Magistrate

in the Province of

Malabar

Gentlemen,

Enclosed I have the honor to lay before you a Copy translate of a letter this instant received from the Custom House of Canicapula at Ponlandy, the intelligence contained in which appears to me to require some confirmation; I shall therefore direct more particular enquiry to be made as to the Circumstances therein set forth, the result of which shall be laid before you. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c. &c.

Calecut

8th. September 1798. —

(Signed) Ja.s Law

Cm.r W.

P.S.

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P.S. Since writing the above I have learnt that the Grab is a two masted Vessel of about 200 tons burthen, and is cruizing between Mount delly and Mangalore. —

(Signed) Jas. Law

Copy, translate of a Letter from the Custom House Canacapilla at Tellicherry to the Custom Master at Calicut dated 26th. Chingom - 8th. September. —

A. C.

A Vessel belonging to Cunby Terry of this place arrived here this morning from Mocha — The Noucada reports that when off Mangalore, on the 23d Chingum (or 5th Instant) a Grab Vessel manned with French-Men came out of the roads at that place and plundered his Vessel of all the Treasure and Merchandize she had on board. —

True Copies
(Signed) I. A. Grant
Secy

A true Copy
(Signed) Jas. Law
Com. Mr.

Cunby

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Cunky Terey of Lusilandy

As a Vessel of mine that arrived this day about 12 o'Clock from Arabia was passing Beyt Kallam on Tuesday last the 22d. (4th September) She fell in with a French two-masted Ship under English Colours that brought her to by firing two Guns upon which the Noqueda and Heirs went on board and shewed their pass from the Imaum of Muskat which was acknow-ledged to be proper - The Noqueda being detained in the French Ship one officer and some Men were sent on board of my Vessel where they seized a quantity of goods belonging to me and on freight for the Bengal Market and other Mer-chandize and took every thing on board that was valuable. They even took out

the

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the Ships main mast and spiked all the Guns and threw the Arms and Ammuni=tion over board, after which the People report that the French Ship proceeded to the Southward. They have taken upwards of 2 Lacks of Rupees in Specie besides all the Merchandize belonging to me and that on freight. —

I shall send my Vessel to Beypore and shall be glad to receive the opinions of the Commissioners on the loss I have sustained. —

25th Chingham 973. 3. P. M.
7th. September 1798 — do.
Received 8th. - do.

The French Men on board of this Vessel told my people that four Ships were on their passage to Mangalore. —

(Signed) Jos. Watson
M. P.

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

5510 Fort St. George 25th. September 1798.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From the Commissioners at Calicut on the same subject. —

We enclose an Extract of a letter from the Northern Superintendent, in continuation of our information of yesterday respecting the plundering of Cunhy Terrea's Vessel and have the honor to be very respectfully. —

&c. — — — &c.

(Signed) J. Spencer

Ja. Harthey

J. Uhthoff

J. Smee

Calicut

9th. September 1798. —

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from the Northern Superintendent dated the 8th. September 1798. —

Cunby Terry has just informed me that his Ship (which arrived here yesterday from Mocha) fell in with a French Brig Privateer three days ago to the Northward of Mount Delly. She mounts, by his description, two Guns and two Carronades and has about fifty men on board, after taking the Money and other most valuable Articles from on board his Ship they released her — Cunby Terry further acquainted me that a boat sent off from Mount Delly by the Officer in Command there, had given them the intelligence of three other French Vessels being to the Northward of Deeda. —

A true Extract

(Signed) I. A. Grant
Secretary

To

5512 Fort St. George 25th September 1798

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Calicut with inclosure containing information of the French Troops having landed at Mangalore.

We have the honor to enclose for your information Copy of a Paper of Intelligence just received from Major General Hartly, the Commanding Officer in the Province, and to subscribe ourselves very respectfully. —

Le^a — — Le^a

(Signed) J. Spencer
Ja Harthey
J. Ubthroff
J. Smee

Calicut
12th September 1798. —

Two

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Two Men are this instant
come in from Mangalore they report in
the most positive manner that 10 days
ago (on the 2d instant) Two 3 masted Vef=
=sels anchored a considerable distance out
from Mangalore. The informants waited
4 days to ascertain the real cause of the
arrival of those Vessels, during which, 5
French Men landed daily there from 10
and 12 in about at a time and their Num=
=ber at the period of departure from Man=
=galore, that had come on Shore amount=
=ing certainly in the informants opinion,
to 200 report however asserted 300 - Two
officers thought to be of some Rank ar=
=rived on this occasion their dress not
military / white / but that of the private
Men was blue faced with red. The
latter were fully accoutered. The whole
encamped

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encamped on the beach, the Men in very small tents, and the officers in two of the larger size - More Ships and Troops are daily expected at Mangalore, and it is also declared that a Force will shortly arrive there from Seringapatam, consisting of 3 Cashoons and a great Sirdaar. -

(Signed) D. Mahony

N.B. The informants left Mangalore on the 7th instant. -

(Signed) D. Mahony

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Grant

Secretary

Read the following letters from Hydrabad. -

Josiah

5515

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Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick — enclosing his Letters to the Secretary at Bengal & to Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman on the subject of repairing certain Field Pieces and providing Tumbrils and Draft Bullocks.

I herewith transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of my Letter of this date to the Secretary to the Supreme Government, and of the Enclosures therein referred to.

I am,
&c. — &c.

Hyderabad
12th September 1798. (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

G. H. Barlow Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort William

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of Government Copies of my Correspondence with the Commanding Officer of the Hyderabad Detachment, on the Subject of

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of the six 6 Pounders left here by the Ellore Detachment, which I have determined upon putting immediately into a State of repair, in consequence of having received informa=tion, that the additional Subsidiary Force, intended for this quarter, is only provided with Eight Field Pieces. —

Adverting to the Ministers expectations with regard to the proportion of Guns for the new Subsidiary Force, is repeatedly signified to me, and to the ad=ditional formidableness - if not indeed positive additional Strength which the British Force about to be assembled here will acquire by such an increase of Ordnance (which by such means will amount collectively to twenty Field pieces) I confidently trust that the temporary expedient I have thus taken upon me to direct, will meet with the

approbation

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approbation of the Right Honorable the Governor General. — Should his Lordship in consideration of the liberal terms of the new Subsidy, be pleased to confirm the above Arrangement, and direct it to be considered as a permanent one, a small increase to the two Companies of Artillery (including the one already here, and the One with Colonel Roberts's Detachment) attached to the new Subsidiary Force, will perhaps be deemed requisite. —

I have the honor to be &c.

Hyderabad
12th 2d. September 1798. — (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

Lieutenant

5518 Fort St. George 25th September 1798.

Lieutenant Colonel Ryriman

Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

Having reason to think that the six Condemned Six Pounders that were left here by the Ellore Detachment would by the means of certain repairs be rendered fit for Service, until others can be procured in their room, I have to desire you will direct the Commissary of Stores to put them in a serviceable Condition with all practicable despatch, but at as moderate a rate as possible. – I have further to desire that the Bullock Contractor may be directed to provide the necessary draft Cattle for them with as little delay as possible. – The Bullocks he must provide immediately in the vicinity of Hyderabad as time will by no means admit of his sending for them

to

5519 Fort St. George 25th September 1798.

to the Company's Districts. —

It will be proper that the above preparations be carried on with as much Secrecy as Circumstances may admit of. —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Hyderabad
11th. September 1798. —

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

Lieutenant Colonel H. Kyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date, and beg leave to return you my thanks for the alacrity with which you second my views for the public Service. — I shall be glad to receive notice from you as soon as the

four

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four Guns are put in a serviceable condi=
=tion, and the Bullocks are provided for
them including (of course) their Tumbrils.
The repairs of the Ordnance cannot of
course be kept secret, but it may be put on
the footing of preventing them from going
altogether to ruin. —

I have the honor to be, &c.

Hyderabad
11th September 1798. — (Signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

A true Copy
(Signed) I. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident -

Hyderabad

Sir,

I beg leave to reply to your
Letter of this date, and to inform you that
the Deputy Commissary of Ordnance thinks,
he can get four of the old Guns, and as of

many

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many Tumbrils (tho' the latter are not mentioned in your Letter to me) ready to move in two or three days — The others as soon after as possible, and I have directed that he receive One thousand Rupees (1000) on account immediately from the Treasury. — The Bullock Contractor does not seem to think he can provide the Cattle so quickly, but he promises to do his best, and the result of his endeavours, I will inform you of. — With the like preparations one absolute Secrecy, cannot well be expected. — Shew readily leads to conjecture, however as the destination of the four Guns, and a proportion of Tumbrils, I can be silent, until they are wanted.

I have the honor &c.ª

Camp near Hyderabad
11th September 1798. — (Signed) H. Flyndman
Lieutenant Col. Commanding
the Hyderabad Detachment

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

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Lieutenant Colonel Flyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

It affords me great pleasure to learn, that the additional Guns and Tum=brils have been so soon put in a serviceable condition, and much praise is no doubt due to the Deputy Commissary for his activity on the occasion. —

You will be guided by the Coast Regulations in providing Draft for the six additional Guns and Tumbrils. —

It will be proper that a ? survey be taken of them, and this I appre=hend may be effected without any great degree of publicity. —

I have the honor to be. &c.a

Hyderabad
14th. September 1798. — (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

5523

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Josiah Webbe Esqre.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of my letter of this date to Mr. Secretary Barlow and of the enclosures therein referred to.— I likewise transmit Copy of a Letter I have just received from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts.—

I am, &c.a &c.a

J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

From Captain Kirkpatrick - enclosing Copies of his Letters to the Secretary at Bengal with information of the Field Pieces being repaired and Draft Bullocks, Tumbrils &c.a being provided—

Hyderabad

14th. September 1798.

G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort William

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of Government, a continuation of my Correspondence with the Commanding Officer of

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of the Hyderabad Detachment on the Subject of the Repairs of the six condemned 6 Pounders, and beg leave to mention that the additional Strength thereby secured to the Corps under Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman at this particular Crisis, had no inconsiderable weight with me in directing their immediate repair and equipment. —

I have the honor to be &c.

Hyderabad
14th September 1798. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident
Hyderabad

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you, in further reply to your Letter of the 11th Instant, that the Bullock Contractor has since that time, provided for the service of the

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the old Guns, and Tumbrils, Eighty Draught Bullocks which number having been pro=
=cured in the course of the 11th and 12th. I purpose that the pay for them, the Drivers &c. shall commence on the latter day, in=
=clusive. — The number mentioned, will serve to convey the four old Guns and four Tumbrils. —

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) H. Hyndman
Lieutenant Col. Commanding
Hyderabad Detachment

Hyderabad
14th September 1798. — A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Lieutenant Colonel H. Hyndman
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

I have the pleasure to ack=
=nowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date,
and am much pleased to find, that the
Draft Cattle for the Four additional Field

Pieces

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Pieces with their Tumbrils have been so speedily procured. — Due attention has of course been paid to their being in every respect fit for the Service. — I approve of the additional Cattle and Drivers being on the effective Strength from the 12th Instant. — When Draft Cattle and Drivers for the two remaining Guns under repair are procured (making in all one addition of one hundred and Twenty Bullocks with their proportion of Drivers) I have to request you will send me an Estimate of the additional monthly expence, which will thereby be incurred in that Department. —

You will likewise be pleased to transmit to me as soon as possible the Contingent charge of the Commissary of Stores for the repairs of the additional Field Pieces. — I have the honor to be &c.

Hyderabad
14th September 1798. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

5527 Fort St. George 25th September 17[illegible]

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident

Hyderabad

Sir.

I beg leave to acquaint you that the Deputy Commissary has just been with me, and Reports the (6) old Guns ready for travelling and Five Tumbrils packed with ammunition -- The other (4) Tumbrils he says, will be ready in the course of tomorrow -- It will readily appear to you, that he has been very active in this business, as he had Yokes Spunges staff Dragropes &c. to make up -- For the 4 Guns and 4 Tumbrils, Ninety Bullocks is the Complement allowed by the Coast Regula-tions - One hundred are now forthcoming, but in respect to the number required to be entertained, I beg of you to inform me, that unnecessary expences may be avoided - Do-you wish to have a public Survey taken

of

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Guns &c. The Repairs have been pre=
=vately ordered. —

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) H. Wyndman
Lieutenant Colonel Comm.
the Hyderabad Detachment.

Camp near
Hyderabad
14th September 1798. A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness
the Nizam's Court.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow=
=ledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d
Instant this morning by Express, and to
inform you the Detachment under my Com=
=mand is at present disposed as follows -
— The Artillery Company with three
Brigade of Guns is at Beygoara - One
Battalion and 3 Companies with two Bri=
=gade of Guns at Innecondah - Two Battalions

and

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and 7 Companies at this place — In order to enable me to proceed with the Detachment to the confines of his Highness's Territories with as little delay as possible, I sent im= =mediately orders to Lieutenant Colonel Dalrymple to march with the Troops under his Command at Innicondah to Bejoara where I shall proceed myself with the Troops here and as soon as the whole is collected march with the Detachment to the Boarders to enable me to comply with your directions whenever I may receive your further Instructions to proceed into his Highness the Nizam's Territories. —

I have the honor to be,

&c.

George Roberts

Lieutenant Colonel

Guntoor

7th September 1798. — (Signed)

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Jos:

5530

Fort St. George 25th. September 1798.

Josiah Webbe Esqrs

Secretary to Government

Fort St George

Sir,

From Captain Kirkpatrick - enclosing Estimates of the monthly expence of the above-mentioned Draft Bullocks. →

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council a Continuation of my Correspondence with the Command-ing officer of the Hyderabad Detach-ment on the Subject of the repairs of the Six Condemned 6 Pounders. →

I am,

Hyderabad

16th September 1798. →

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Captain

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Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident Hyderabad

Sir,

Agreeably to your favor of the 12th Instant, I do myself the pleasure to transmit you an Estimate of the Monthly Expence, of One hundred and thirty five (135) Draft Bullocks, provided on the 12th Instant, by the Bullock Contractor, for transporting 6 Field Pieces (Six Pounders) with their six Tumbrils. —

The Estimate is agreeably to the Coast Regulations, and the usage of that Department with the Detachment under my Command. —

I also do myself the pleasure to send you a Memorandum of the Expence of Cattle, which will be required for the other three Tumbrils, should you judge it requisite to

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to have them provided. —

I have the honor to be, &c.

Camp near Hyderabad
15th. September 1798. —

(Signed) H. Hyndman
Lieutenant Colonel Commandt.
Hyderabad Detachment

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

Estimate of the Monthly Expence of One hundred and thirty five (135 Draft Bullocks with Mastries and Drivers complete (agreeable to the Fort St. George Regulations) provided by the Bullock Contractor of the Detachment serving with his Highness the Nizam on the 12th. Instant, for transporting 6 Guns (6 Pounders) with their Tumbrils. —

	P. f.	C. R. as. P.
135 Draft Bullocks at 2 Star Pagodas 8 Fanams each per month		295.30.
3 Mastries with the above at 2 Star Pagodas each per month		6.. ..
Grand Total three hundred and one Star Pagodas thirty Fanams		301.30..

Grand

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H. H. P.

Grand Total reduced to Sonant
Rupees at 320 per 100 Star Pags.
Nine hundred and Sixty five
Sonant Rupees Eleven Annas
and three Pie ——————— 965. 11. 3

Exchange on the above at 14. 1
p Cent ——————— 135. 12. 10

Grand Total one thousand one
hundred and one Hyderabad
Rupees Eight Annas and One Pie ——————— 1101. 8. 1

(Signed) H. Wyndman Lt Col.
Com. Hyd. Detachment

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

Camp Near
Hyderabad
25th. September 1798.

Estimate of Cattle for transporting three
Tumbrils.

	P. P. C. D. and P.
35 Draft Bullocks at 2 Star Pagodas 8 fanams each per month	76. 28. .
1 Mastry with the above at do. do.	2. . .
Total Seventy eight Star Pags. Twenty eight fanams	78. 28. .

Grand Total reduced to Sonant Rupees at 320 per 100 Star Pags. Two hundred and Fifty one Sonant Rupees. Fifteen annas and eight Pie ——————— 251 15. 8

Exchange on the above at 14. 1 P Cent ——————— 36. 7. .

Grand Total Hyderabad Rupees Two hundred and eighty eight Rupees, six Annas and eight Pie ——————— 288. 6. 8

(Signed) H. Wyndman Lt Col.
Com. Hyd. Detachment

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

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Lieutenant Colonel H. Flyndman

Commanding the Hyderabad

Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, enclosing Estimates of the Monthly Expence of Cattle and Drivers for Six 6 Pounders with nine Tumbrils agreeably to the Coast Regulations, and have to desire you will cause Cattle to be procured immediately for the remaining three Tumbrils. —

I have the honor to be &c.

Hyderabad

15th. September 1798. — (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick

Assistant

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the information

From Captain Kirkpatrick enclosing Letters from Colonel Roberts enumerating the difficulties that will retard his march from Bazaar and his intention of proceeding by the route of Mungaul. —

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information of the Right Honorable the
President in Council, Copies of two Letters
which I have just received from Lieutenant
Colonel Roberts, together with Copy of my
answer to the same. —

I am,

Hyderabad
16th September 1798. —

do. . . — do.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident &c. — &c.

Sir.

I am this morning favored
with yours of the 6th Instant by Express. — In
my reply to your letter of the 2d. I stated to you
the Situation of the Troops that compose the
Detachment and of my having immediately
given orders for their assembling which I had
not before authority to do. — Lieutenant Colonel
Dalrymple marches this day from Imaumdeh
with the part of the Detachment assembled
there

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there for Bezoara, what were here have also marched for the same place, where I shall proceed myself this evening. — The whole of the Artillery and the greatest part of the Guns being at Bezoara and Boats being collected there I conceive it will be, tho' not the shortest, the most expeditious route we can take — I am very sorry to be under the necessity of stating to you a number of circumstances that must retard the march of the Detachment into his Highness's Territories and puts it out of my power to conform to your directions in proceed= =ing with that expedition I could wish — The two Battalions from the Southward arrived here the one on the 2d. the other on the 3d. — Instant with all their Tumbrils neither of those Battalions nor the 11th. Regiment have yet received their Pay for last Month — Mr. Cherry the Paymaster and Mr. Goldsworthy the Bullock Agent only joined me on the 5th. the former has as yet been able to procure but

2500

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2500 Madras Pagodas for the whole Detach-
=ment, the latter from the dispersed State of it,
has not been able to arrange the duties of his
Department. - The Brigade Major and -
Surgeon have not yet joined nor am I yet
provided with Camp Equipage for the greatest
part of the Staff Line, but the latter I con-
=sider as small obstacles compared with the
want of Money for the Sepoys to enable them to
settle their Families and even support them-
=selves, without which you must be sensible
of the difficulty or even the impossibility of
attempting to march them out of the Com-
=pany's Territories - The Paymaster having
been informed that an order has been -
sent to Masulipatam for his being sup-
=plied with Cash, I hope on our being
assembled at Bezoara, which I conceive
cannot be till the 16th that we shall be
able to arrange every thing, you may -

depend

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depend on it nothing shall be wanting in my part to accelerate the march of the Detachment. —

You will see from the above the impossibility of my complying for the present with your wishes in — sending a present state and an Estimate of the Sum required for the Monthly — Disbursement of the Detachment as soon as it is in my power I will do it, and shall inform you from time to time of our motions. — I shall pay particular attention to the last Paragraph of your former Letter, as well as what you — recommend to me in my Conduct to the Persons sent by the Minister to meet me, and his Highness's Subjects in general — I purpose proceeding by — the Route of Mungaul unless I receive

my

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any Instructions from you to the con-
=trary. —

I have the honor to be
&c.

Guntoor
10th September 1798. — (Signed) G. Roberts
Lieutenant Colonel

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

Captain Kirkpatrick
Acting Resident at his Highness
the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I have the pleasure to in-
=form you that I arrived here on the 11th
Instant, and am making every exertion
in my power to get the Troops across the
River with as much expedition as poss-
=sible, the whole of the 2d Battalion 2d
Regiment got across yesterday. — I have
six Boats furnished by Mr. Oakes and —
have

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have made an application to Mr. Ram for some from his Division — The wind is so strong and the River so full and rapid we can only make three Trips a day which makes the Embarka= =tion exceedingly tedious — As we are now on the Dawk Road if you think proper to direct the Peons on the Road, or at any particular Stations to receive my Letters and will forward by them in a separate Packet such information as you may think necessary to send me, it will much accelerate our communication with each other. —

I have the honor to be,

Bezeora

13th September 1798. — (Signed) &c. G. Roberts
Lieutenant Colonel

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant
Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Roberts

Commanding the Guntoor Detachments

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 10th and 13th Instant. — I should hope notwithstand=ing the difficulties you enumerate that you will be able to commence your march from Begeorah by the 17th; or 18th at farthest, in which case you will probably be able to reach Nyutnuggur by the end of this Month, the Route having been performed by the Bengal Detachment in thirteen Marches under same disadvantages. —

Under existing Circumstances the ordinary Route by Moongaul is cer=tainly the most eligible, and I approve therefore entirely of your taking it. —

With

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With regard to pecuniary supplies, though it will be fortunate (with an eye to the future regular payment of the Troops under your Command) if they are paid up on your leaving the Company's Territories, yet I would not have this Consideration delay your pro= =gress in the smallest degree, as I shall be prepared to furnish you with a 2d Month's pay and allowances for the whole immediately upon your arrival here, and even more if absolutely requi= =site. —

I have caused directions to be issued at my different Dauke Stations to receive and deliver to you all Packets to and from this quarter, which will of course be made up separately.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Hyderabad
16th September 1798. —

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

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

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Read the following Letter from the Persian Translator in Bengal. —

To J. Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St. George

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General to trans= =mit to you the enclosed letter to the Rajah of Travancore to be forwarded; — Copies in English and Persian accompany for the information of the Honorable Board. — I likewise enclose English and Persian Copies of a Letter from his Lord= =ship to the Coorga Rajah, of which the original has been forwarded to the Com= =manding officer on the Coast of Malabar

I have the honor to be,

&c. — — &c.

(Signed) J.B. Edmonstone

P.S.

From the Persian Translator at Ben= =gal enclosing Copies of Letters sent to the Travancore and Coorga Rajahs in= =forming them of the Alliance made by Tipitoo with the French requesting them to make the necessary pre= =parations for hostilities. —

Fort William

5th September 1798. —

To

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To the Rajah of Travancore

Written 1st September 1798.

Your intimate connection with the Company, the Ties of ancient friendship, and obligations of Treaty subsisting between us, require that I should without loss of time apprize you of the necessity which may eventually occur of carrying into effect your defensive Engagements with the Company. —

You have in all probability been informed of the offensive Alliance lately concluded between Tippoo Sultaun and the French through his Embassador at the Isle of France for the avowed purpose of attacking the British Government in India - You have also heard of the actual arrival of a Party of French Troops

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Troops in Tippoo's Country, in consequence of his engagements with the French, and of Tippoo Sultaun's unqualified declaration that he only waited the arrival of the pro-=mised Succours from the French to com-=mence his projected hostilities against the Honorable Company. —

It must have been apparent to all the Powers of Hindostan that since the conclusion of the Peace of Seringapatam, the Company's Governments and their Allies have invariably adhered to the Engagements then contracted with Tippoo Sultaun and have shewn a constant dis-=position to maintain the relations of Peace and Amity with him. — The measures therefore now adopted by Tip-=poo Sultaun can only be ascribed to his inordinate Spirit of Ambition and revenge

directed

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directed equally against the Company, their Friends and Allies; motives of Self defence therefore call upon them to unite in the adoption of such measures as may be deemed necessary for their common Safety. —

But however great the provocation on the part of Tippoo Sultaun and whatever Military preparations I have thought it necessary to make in consequence of his avowed designs, it is far from my wish or intention to appeal immediately to arms. — It is my first object to preserve the tranquility of Hindostan, nor is it my intention to have recourse to Arms until every other method shall have failed to obtain for the Company and their Allies that satisfaction and Security from the Sultaun which they have a right to demand.

Prudence

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Prudence however requires, that we should be prepared for every exigency and I have in con=
=sequence given orders for assembling the Com=
=pany's Troops in a situation to act upon the shortest notice. — I have likewise called upon the Company's Allies to join in demanding ample Security from Tippoo Sultaun against the execution of his avowed designs of hostility, and to take measures for fulfilling the defensive Engagements by which the Allies are respectively bound. —

I request therefore that you will lose no time in putting your Country in the best state of defence, and as in the event of hosti=
=lities becoming inevitable the Company will have occasion for the assistance of your Troops under the 7th Article of the Permanent Treaty, I request that you will give immediate orders for as large a force as the local duties of your own Country may admit of your furnishing,

to

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to be collected near the Frontier, so as to be in readiness to march at the shortest notice into the Company's Possessions in Malabar, for the purpose of cooperating with the Troops of the Company for the mutual defence of the respective States.

The Commanding Officer in Malabar will give you immediate notice whenever circumstances may render it necessary for him to call for the assistance of your Troops agreeably to the Treaty, and I request that you will apprize him without delay of the strength of the Force which you will be able to furnish, and the period by which it will be ready to take the Field.

I have given directions to the Government of Bombay to adjust with you the pay to be allowed to your Troops whilst they may be entertained in the

Service

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Service of the Company. —

To a Prince of your Wisdom and Foresight it must be evident that in such a Crisis as the present an early State of preparation for War is the most likely means of averting that calamity; you will therefore consider the Preparations which I have requested you to make as merely measures of precaution calculated to enable the Company and their Allies to act with effect should hostilities become inevitable.

In the mean time I must earnestly recommend that you will endeavour to keep the object of your preparations as secret as possible, and that you will not allow any part of the above communications to transpire. —

A true Copy

(Signed) AB Edmonstone

Pt. Sy.

To

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To the Coorjah Rajah

Written 1st September 1798.

You have certainly been in-
-formed of my arrival in Bengal to take
charge of the Affairs of the Honorable Com-
-pany in India. —

I am no stranger to your
character nor to the transactions in which
you have had an opportunity of manifest-
-ing the good qualities of your mind and
your attachment to the Honorable Com-
-pany. By this laudable conduct you have
united your interest inseparably with that
of the Company. —

Considering you therefore as
the firm friend and Ally of the Company
I think it my duty to apprize you of the
necessity that may possibly occur of again

calling

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calling into action those exertions which may become essentially requisite for your own safety and Welfare. —

You have in all probability been informed of the offensive Alliance lately concluded between Tippoo Sultaun and the French through his Ambassadors at the Isle of France for the avowed purpose of attacking the British Government in India. You have also heard of the actual arrival of a party of French Troops in Tip=-poo's Country in consequence of his engage=-ments with the French, and of Tippoos Sultaun's unqualified declaration that he only waited the arrival of the promised succours from the French to commence his projected hostilities against the Honorable Company. —

It

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It must have been apparent to all the powers of Hindostan, that since the conclusion of the peace of Seringa-patam, the Company's Government and their Allies have invariably adhered to the engagements then contracted with Tippoo Sultan, and have shewn a constant disposition to maintain the relations of Peace and Amity with him.—

The measures therefore now adopted by Tippoo Sultan can only be ascribed to his inordinate spirit of ambition and revenge directed equally against the Company, their Friends and Allies; Motives of self defence therefore call upon them to unite in the adoption of such measures as may be deemed necessary for their common Safety.—

But however great the provocation on the

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the part of Tippoo Sultan and whatever
military preparations I have thought it
necessary to make in consequence of his
avowed designs it is far from my wish
or intention to appeal immediately to Arms.
It is my first object to preserve the tran-
=quillity of Hindostan, nor is it my in-
=tention to have recourse to Arms, until
every other method shall have failed to
obtain for the Company and their Allies
that satisfaction and Security from the
Sultan, which they have a right to
demand. Prudence however requires,
that we should be prepared for every
exigency and I have in consequence
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=pany's Troops in a situation to act upon
the shortest notice. I have likewise
called upon the Company's Allies to join

in

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in demanding ample security from Tip=
=poo Sultan against the execution of his
avowed designs of hostility, and to take
measures for fulfilling the defensive
engagements by which the Allies are
respectively bound; and as in the event
of hostilities becoming inevitable (an
event which I most earnestly deprecate)
your territory will unquestionably be
an object of the Sultan's hostility, the
purpose of this Letter is to point out the
necessity of your being prepared to
defend yourself, and to cooperate with
your Friends. — I trust therefore that
you will lose no time in preparing
your Forces to act in concert with the
British Troops and those of their Allies
in the manner that will be most
beneficial to the common cause. — To

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a Prince of your Wisdom and foresight it must be evident that in such a crisis as the present, an early State of preparation for war is the most likely means of averting that calamity. You will therefore consider the preparations, which I have requested you to make, as merely measures of precaution, and therefore it behoves you to confine yourself absolutely to preparation, and to refrain from any movement that can be construed into an act of aggression against the Sultan. —

A true Copy

(Signed) B. Edmonstone
Pr. Fa

Minute thereon —

Ordered that the Letter for the Rajah of Travancore be forwarded by the way of Cochin. —

Read

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Read the following letter

from Bombay. —

The Honble Lieut. General George Harris

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

From Bombay — hoping this Government may be able to procure the release of Doctor Kerr and Lieutenant Moor prisoners of War on their parole of honor. —

In the parole given by the Officers who became Prisoners of War by the Capture of the Raymond and Woodcot — India-men, already transmitted to your Government, we had occasion to observe, when laid before us in May last, that it was a defective document, as the — names of Several Gentlemen were — omitted who fell into the hands of the Enemy on that occasion. — Upon — further enquiry into this omission we are nevertheless now informed, by the

Commanding

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Commanding Officer in Malabar that
Captain L'Hermite was perfectly
satisfied with the Signatures he received,
still, as it appears, that Doctor Kerr,
and Lieutenant Moor, who by mistake
did not Sign the parole, were on board
the Raymond, at the period of her
Capture, and that they consequently
consider themselves Prisoners of War,
we deem it advisable for the greater
future Security of these Gentlemen to
transmit you this intimation thereof,
in the hopes that it may be in your
power to procure their release of these
Gentlemen, equally with that of the other
Passengers and Crew.

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

Bombay Castle
4th September 1798.

(Signed) Jon.a Duncan
J. Stuart
Id
William Page Read

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Read the following Letter from the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay with its enclosures. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive.

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

Fort St. George

25th September 1798.

My Lord,

From the Honble Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay requesting the enclosures relative to Money transactions with the Nabob may be forwarded to the Governor General in Council. —

I do myself the Honor: to lay before your Lordship, the accompanying Letter addressed by me to the Right Honorable the Earl of Mornington &c. Governor General bearing attested Copies of a Bond, granted me by His Highness the Nabob Wallaja Umdut ul Omrah &c. &c. &c. of Arcot and the Carnatic for 97,500 Star Pagodas, together, with other Vouchers Explanatory of the said Bond, and the accompanying Persian

Letter

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Letter, delivered by his Highness the Nabob to me, wherein his Highness requires the Right Honorable Earl Mornington to take the necessary Steps to see me paid, according to the tenor of the Bond.—

I request your Lordship will do me the Honor to forward to the Governor General by the Ships now under despatch for Bengal.—

I have the honor to be, with respect,

&c.a —— &c.a

(Signed) John Lindsay

The Right Honble the Earl of Mornington K.B.
Governor General of India &c.a &c.a &c.a

My Lord,

I do myself the Honor to forward to your Lordship through the channel of the Government of Fort St. George

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George a Letter addressed to your Lordship, by His Highness the Nabob Amdut ul Omrah Bahauder &c. &c. &c. of Arcot and the Carnatic, together with an attested Copy of a Bond granted me by His Highness for Star Pagodas 97,500, dated August the 15th 1798 and payable in Two years. —

His Highness the Nabobs motives and desires are so amply detailed in his Bond and Letter that any observation on my part as further Explanatory of this Subject would be deemed superfluous, the more so, as I have thought it expedient to annex the accompanying Affidavit wherein every Circumstance concerning the Bond in Question is detailed and Sworn to by me with that Precision, which the Nature of the

Subject

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Subject requires. —

The Nabob of the Carnatic Jealous of his Honor and Independance, and in some measure arraigning the late Government of Madras, as one of the Causes of his being prevented from doing Justice to an Individual who he acknowledges having injured, Calls on your Lordship as the Supreme Authority of India to Protect his Honor in seeing ample Justice done me, His Existing Engagements to the Honorable Company being discharged, The Surplus of his Revenues he asserts his Right to dispose of in the mode he deems much advantageous to his Interests, and on this occasion he points out to your Lordship the mode in which he desires that I may be

paid

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paid, and requires the Government to ful-
-fil his wishes. — My Dependance is
therefore on the Honorable Company and
the British Government, as the Nabob
declares, that having been thwarted, in
the Just and honorable intentions he had
regarding me, he now places me under
the immediate protection of the Govern-
-ment, and calls on them to execute those
Intentions, which he has been prevented
from fulfilling. —

I therefore with the highest
Sentiments of Respect lay before your
Lordship all the documents regarding
this Subject, in order that your Lord-
-ship consulting only your Integrity,
and the High Station you are placed
in may decide, whether the nature of

the

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the Case Justifies your Lordship (being thus called on by the Nabob) in pronounc=ing your Sentiments with regard to the said Letter and Bond, Wherein the Prince requires your Lordship to give a full Effect to his demands: I therefore respectfully solicit your Lordship to forward this Letter and all the accompany=ing Papers to the Honorable the Court of Directors, in order that His Highness the Nabob's desires may be fulfilled according to the Tenor of his Letter and Bond, and provided that every thing concerning the said Bond and Letter are strictly con=formable to the Laws of Great Britain --

I remain with the great

Fort St. George respect.

&c &c

the 25th September

1798. (Signed) John Lindsay

His

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His Highness the Nabob Amr=
dut ul Omrah Bahauder
&c. &c. &c. of Arcot and the Car=
=natic. —

To the Right Honble Earl Mor=
=nington. Governor General of India
&c. &c. &c. President and Members
of the Council of Fort William

Chepauk August the 15th
1798

My Lord,

The accompanying Bond amounting to (97,500) Ninety seven thousand five hundred Star Pagodas, which I have thought proper to grant to the Honorable Lieutenant John Lindsay of his Majesty's 71st Regiment, is sufficiently Explanatory of my motives for being under the necessity of granting this Gentleman my Bond, instead of

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of paying him in Cash, which my own sentiments of Honor and Justice incline me to do; But when I reflect on the serious Injury I have experienced in the Diminution of the Revenues of my Country, in consequence of Lord Hobarts prohibition publickly declared in the Common Bazars of Madras and my Country, forbidding all description of People, to lend me Money, I have found it not only extreamly difficult to pay my Rist to the Honorable Company, but I have been prevented from paying several Cre=ditors their Just demands. These Sentiments I have already explained to the British Government, in the full Expecta=tion, that they will suffer me to manage my Hereditary Dominions, in the way I deem best, for my honor, advantage.

and

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and the Happiness of my Subjects. —

The Subject of this Letter I therefore confine to the Honorable Lieute-=nant Colonel Lindsay, Having thus granted him my Bond, for advances of Money he has made me, I earnestly request for the sake of my own honor, and in Justice to that Gentleman; That your Lordship, and Council, will take the necessary Steps to see him paid, according to the tenor of my Bond to him, and that Copies of this Letter, together with that of my Lord, he may be allowed to forward, to the Honorable the Court of Directors, and such De-=partments of the British Government. In order that my Caracter as an In-=dependant Prince, just to my Engage-=ments

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Engagements, may be properly estimated;
that these my wishes may be fulfilled and
that Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, instead of
suffering in his Fortune, which is now the
Case, may have full and ample Cause to
declare that I have acted towards him,
like a Prince Just to my Engagement. —

May your Lordship's Days
be long and happy, what can I say more?

Signed &c. —

A true Translation of the Persian Letter
wrote by His Highness the Nabob, Um=
=dut Ul Omrah &c. — &c. — &c. of Arcot
and the Carnatic, To the Right Hono=
=rable the Earl of Mornington K. P. —
Governor General of India &c. — &c. &c.

Know All Men by these Presents
that I the Nabob Wallajah Umdut Ul
Omrah &c. — &c. — &c. of Arcot and the
Carnatic

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Carnatic, and so forth are held and Firmly bound, unto the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel John Lindsay at Present of Fort St. George in the Penal Sum of Pagodas 19,500) One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Star Pagodas to the Payment whereof well and truly to be made unto the said Honorable John Lindsay, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, I do hereby bind myself my Heirs and Successors firmly by these Presents. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal in Chepauck August the 15th 1798.

Whereas I the above Bound Nabob Wallaja Umdut Ul Omrah &c. &c. &c. of Arcot and the Carnatic having during the year 1797 Borrowed and Received of the above named the Honble Lieutenant John Lindsay at Present of

Fort

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Fort St. George, various Sums of Money which were paid into the Treasury of the Honorable Company in Fort St. George on account of my monthly Rent, and for the due Repay=ment of which Sum or Sums, I the said Nabob Wallajah &c.a -&c.a -&c.a had made Provision to Pay the said Lieutenant Colonel John Lindsay out of the Revenues of such parts of my Countrys, which were not even=tually mortgaged to the Honorable Company and which Countrys would have amply paid him, during this Present year 1798.—

But in consequence of the late Act of Parliament dated 1797 Prohi=biting all British Subjects from being concerned in any Loans of Money to the Country Princes, In consequence of which Prohibition my Credit has been highly injured and has prevented me from Bor=rowing Money as usual not only to pay

my

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my Visit to the Honorable Company but to my Creditors and the said Act of Parliament of Great Britain, further Prohibiting all European Subjects from taking any Funkra, or Mortgages in any part of my Dominions of Arcot and the Carnatic and which Act of Parliament and Prohibition was sent out to this Country for the first time, a few weeks ago. I the Nabob Wallajah &c.a — &c.a — &c.a having therefore no legal mode, wherein I can pay the said Honorable John Lindsay his just demands, and for the Repayment of which I had assigned him certain Revenues from certain Districts, which were not eventually mortgaged to the Honorable Company in order to Pay off my simple Bond to the said Honorable John Lindsay for Cash

paid

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paid by him into the Honorable Company's Treasury in the year 1797, and whereas I the said Nabob Wallaja &c.a &c.a &c.a being desirous of rendering to the said Honorable John Lindsay, every Reparation in my Power, for the Injury he has experienced in his private Fortune, by his being Kept out of his money. I do hereby grant him my Bond for the Sum of Star Pagodas (97,500) Ninety Seven thousand five hundred, bearing Interest at the rate of 12 per Cent per Annum; and which Sum is on account of Cash paid by him in the Honorable Company's Treasury of Madras, during the year 1797, since which Period he has had no Pecuniary Transactions with me, in consequence of the Prohibitions, of any Nature what-

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whatsoever. I do fully engage myself to pay unto the said John Lindsay, his Heirs Executors, Administrators or Assigns in two years from the date hereof, in order further to answer to the said Honorable John Lindsay the said Sum of Ninety Seven thousand five hundred Star Pagodas, together with such Interest as may be due on the same. I do hereby grant him my Letters to the Government of Bengal and Madras, write in Persian and in English, also to the Chairman of the Honorable Court of Directors of the united East India Company, the President of the Board of Controul, and to his Majesty's Secretary of State. For which Letters I do formally declare the Justness of my Debt to the Honorable John Lindsay, and that they will or

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and before Payment becomes due, take the necessary Steps to consolidate the said Bond, with the Interest on it, and that it may be guaranteed, by the Honorable united East India Company, and by the British Government, as a Debt to be paid, out of the Revenues of Arcot and the Carnatic, without any Loss or Injury whatever to the said John Lindsay, in either Principal or Interest.

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above Bound Nabob Wallaja &c. - &c. - &c. of Arcot and the Carnatic and so forth, his Heirs and Successors do well and truly pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Honorable John Lindsay, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns the said Sum of (97,500) Ninety Seven thousand

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five Hundred Star Pagodas, together with such Interest as shall or may be due thereon, then this Obligation to be void and of no Effect, otherwise to continue in full force and Virtue. —

Signed Sealed and delivered, with a Persian Translation of the same equally signed, Sealed and delivered and where no Stamped Paper is to be had in the Presence of. —

(Signed) Sam.l Johnston
Tho.s Barrett

I John Lindsay, Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, and Major, in his Majesty's 71st Regiment, do make Oath in the Presence of William Abbott Esq.r Mayor

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Mayor of Madraspatnam and Francis Lautour Esquire to the following Effect. —

Having received from his Highness the Nabob Omdut Ul Omrah Bahauder &c. — &c. — &c. of Arcot and the Carnatic, a Bond dated 15th August 1798, for (97500) Ninety Seven thousand Five hundred Star Pagodas, bearing Interest at twelve per Cent per Annum, and Payable in two years I feel it in-=cumbent to me, in Justice to myself and my Family, to make Oath on what ac-=count and pretext I have received the said Bond, in order to prove in Cor-=roboration with the Explicit manner that the said Bond is drawn out; that the said Bond has been granted me for advances of Cash paid in the of

Honorable

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"Honorable Company's Treasury of Madras.

I do therefore make affidavit, that having for these last four years been in the habit of borrowing Money from time to time on my Credit, which Cash I lent to the late Nabob Wallaja, and since to his Son the Present Omdut Ul Omrah &c.a — &c.a — &c.a I do further most solemnly make Oath, that whatever Cash I lend, was on Bond, bearing Interest at twelve per Cent per Annum, That any allow= =ance made me beyond the said Interest, was on account of Commission, Peons, Light Money, and various Expences attached to receiving his Revenues from certain Districts in the Neighbourhood where I commanded, (Being the Fort of Permacoil) I was authorised to do: being conscious that I in no shape trans=

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transgressed any Existing Laws or Mili=
=tary Orders in so doing. — I do further
make Oath that in the above mentioned
Loans I derived some advantage inde=
=pendant of the Interest of 12 per Cent.
which advantage was the Recompence
for the trouble and Labour, resulting
from such Transactions. I further
make Oath that the advantage I thus
confess to have made, is infinitely
Inferior to what I would have made,
had I lend similar Sums to the Govern=
=ment of England, during these last
four years, as in such Loans a Premium,
or some advantages, has always accrued
to the Lender Independent of the
Interest, and which advantage always
Keeps pace with the Exigencies of the
times be they great or small. —

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I further declare and make Oath that had I employed the same Money during the last three years, in the Purchase of the Honorable Company's floating Bonds an advantage far beyond any I have gained by dealing with the Nabob, I would have acquired without Risque or trouble — These Observations I thus make on Oath are the more necessary, as it is supposed, all Persons lending Money to the Nabob are guilty of Usurious Practises. I declare on Oath, I have never been guilty of any such Practise in Money Matters that can be termed Usurious and I further declare on Oath that I have in no shape transgressed any Existing Laws, or standing Orders of the Company. —

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I do further declare on Oath, that my whole Fortune including the value of my Commission does not exceed 27,000 £ Sterling, and that I was worth 10,000 £ Sterling and upwards, before I engaged with the Durbar in any Pecu-niary Concerns. Consequently the Bond granted me is more than I am worth, consequently I am in Debt, and that my Debt proceeds from lending the said Nabob Umdut Ul Omrah &c. &c. &c. money on account of his Distresses and to help him to preserve his Dominions from being sequestered, to pay his Stipu-lated Engagements to the Company, which great as his Revenues are, he never can accomplish such Payments, without borrowing Money. That the said

Nabob

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Nabob is sensible of the great Injury I have sustained, is manifested by the Extraordinary Care, he has taken, in ~ worded the said Bond, and by his call- ~ing on the Government of this Country and of England to see Justice done me, so that I may be secured in my Money. —

That I have infringed no existing Law whatever is manifested by the following Paragraph. —

In consequence of an Act of the British Legislature in 1773. Establish- ~ing the Legal Interest in India at 12 per Cent. The Company ordered the Clause thereto, to be translated into the Country Languages and Promulgated, through all their Garrisons, and Settlements, and as no Resolutions were at that time past, or Restrictions urged against Lenders. It

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cannot be supposed, that the Directors or their Governors had a Legal Right, to prohibit their Servants, or others living under their Protection from lending Money, as it would have been stamping a Degree of Ridicule on so solemn an Act, first in publishing it, and secondly in prohibiting the Effect. —

In corroboration of the above and further Proof of the entire Legality of my Demand, a fresh Act has passed the British Legislature dated January 1798. — Prohibiting all British Subjects from lending Money to the Country Princes, on any Pretext whatever, and that whoever transgresses the said Act will be prose=cuted for a Misdemeanor; This Act sufficiently legalizes all Past Pecuniary Transactions like mine so particularly detailed and signed by the Reigning

Prince

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Prince of the Country, and as the Prince
details himself the Reason for not praying me
in Cash, and desires the Legislature to see
Justice done me, I have, in consequence
resolved to sign my Name on Oath, to the
Justice and Truth of all the above Parti-
=culars, in order to enable me speedily to
obtain that Redress and satisfaction from
the British Government, which the Prince
himself demands, and which the Justness
of my Bond, and the Rectitude of my
Conduct entitles me to. —

(Signed) John Lindsay

Sworn to the 25th Sept. 1798 —

Before me —

(Signed) Wm Abbott
Mayor

Witness
(Signed) Fral. Lautour.

Resolved

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Resolved that the fore=

Resolution thereon. —

=going most extraordinary letter upon the —
subject of the Nabob's money transactions
be transmitted to Bengal. —

As the letter affidavit and —
Cond of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay contain
a deliberate and unequivocal avowal of these
transactions contrary to the repeated orders
of the Court of Directors and of this Govern=
=ment regularly announced to the Army,
the Board conceive it their duty to submit
to the consideration of the Supreme
Government the orders of the Court of
Directors upon this subject dated 3d August
1796, and to suggest the propriety of their
requesting the Commander in Chief in
India to take such measures in regard to
Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay as he may
judge necessary in consequence of the

instructions

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instructions he may have received from
his Majesty. —

In respect to Lieutenant Colonel
Lindsay's justification of his proceedings;
it is nearly connected with a defence of the
same nature set up by Lieutenant Colonel
Oliver upon a late occasion that the Board
think it necessary to refer the Supreme
Government to their letter of the 19th February
last to the Court of Directors. —

The Board would not have
made this Government the channel of
transmitting these papers to Bengal ac-
=cording to the irregular request of the
Nabob and of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay
but deeming it impossible for them not to
point out the case to the most serious
notice, they resolve to admit the original
papers upon the records, in order that au-
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authentic copies may be furnished for the information of the Governor General in Council. —

As the Nabob's address to the Governor General has been presented thro' the irregular channel of an indivi= =dual the Board would have thought it their duty not to forward it to his Lord= =ship in Council, but as it must be of importance to the consideration of this Subject that there should be a public and formal account of his Money transactions by the Nabob, the Board think it ad= =visable to transmit his original letter

Ordered that Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay be informed the Board have addressed the Supreme Govern= =ment upon the subject of his Letter. —

Read the following —

draft of instructions to the Commissioners

at

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at Tanjour. —

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

President &c. Commission at

Tanjour.

Gentlemen,

To the Resident & Commissioners at Tanjore with directions to obtain the exactest information of the Cultivation Inhabitants Manufactures &c. &c. of that Country.

According to the notifica-
=tion given to you in my letter of the 31st
July last. —

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to furn-
=nish you with the following instructions
for your guidance. —

As the object of your appoint-
=ment is to establish a permanent basis by
which to regulate the future Subsidy from
the Tanjour Country, it will be necessary for
you to obtain the most exact information
of it's present State and resources. —

For this purpose you will
endeavour to ascertain with all possible pre-
=cision

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precision the produce of the Country the —
number of inhabitants the State of the Ma=
=nufacture the gross amount of the revenues,
the articles from which they are collected,
the charges of collection, the specific pro=
=portion usually received by the Rajah, the
proportion enjoyed by the cultivator, and
the principle, upon which the division —
between the Circar and the Ryotts is made,
and upon which the price of the Circar —
share of the produce is fixed in money.

You will endeavour to as=
=certain with as much exactness as possible
the nature of the power or influence exer=
=cised by the puttaudars, whether they derive
any legitimate authority from the Govern=
=ment, or whether the influence they pos=
=sess results from the weakness of the ad=
=ministration

administration: if the former should be the case, you will ascertain the precise duties, which they are bound to perform: if the latter, you will endeavour to develope the exact predicament in which they stand at present:—

You are to make a particular enquiry into the State of all mancams enams, and Shotrepams as well as of all alienations of lands granted for charitable or religious purposes: you are to report as far as may be practicable the history of such alienations with their date, nominal extent under the grant and real value at present.—

You are particularly to enquire what Security the native has for his property, and what is the authority mode or usage by which the administration of justice is now conducted.—

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In ascertaining these points the Governor in Council conceives that no information can be usefull unless it may be drawn from the authentic records of the Country, and, as there is reason from past experience to apprehend attempts to substitute and impose upon your fictitious accounts, notwithstanding the assistance you may derive from the Rajah or the Collectors, I am directed to enjoin in the most particular manner a scrupulous examination of the documents upon which your opinions may be formed. —

Upon grounds of sufficient authority it will be of great importance to ascertain the quantity of land under cultivation, the quantity remaining uncultivated, and the additional quantity, which in the present state of population could

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be brought under cultivation. —

Your particular attention will be required to investigate the several branches of the Customs and duties, to ascertain the different articles upon which they are levied, and to report whether they are levied upon a general principle or upon partial distinctions. In respect to the different classes of inhabi=tants. —

Having thus obtained the most exact information of the present State and resources of the Country you attention is to be directed to lay a foundation for its future improvement. —

For this purpose you will endeavour to recall the inhabitants, who are supposed to have emigrated from Tanjour during the administration of Amer Sing by offers of pecuniary aid, or by such other measures

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measures as you may deem most likely to prove effectual, but above all you will pay the most particular attention to the repair of the Annacut, the mounds, water courses and other works of a similar nature.-

All oppressive taxes and exactions and other abuses, which may have been introduced under the Administration of Amer Sing, should be abolished and such arrangements as local circumstances will admit, should be made for defining as far as may be practicable the right of the cultivators of the lands, and all other persons, from whom the revenues of the Country of whatsoever nature may be collected.-

With a view of securing to the people the benefit of such arrangements as I have stated, and the advantages of

effectual

effectual protection in their persons and pro-
=perties, you will direct your attention to
the speedy establishment of courts for the
administration of justice in Civil and
Criminal cases. Upon this subject,
which is deemed to be one of the most im-
=portant branches of the powers delegated
to you, it does not at present appear proper or
indeed practicable to give you any detailed
orders; but it will be necessary that it
should be treated with the utmost care in
your report, upon which such a System
for the better Administration of justice in
Tanjore will be founded, as may appear
suitable to the circumstances of that
Country and to the manners and Customs
of the inhabitants.

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

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(Signed)

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Approved.-

Approved and Ordered to
be transmitted to Tanjore.-

The Commander in Chief
delivers in the following Minute.-

Memorandum

From the advices received from Bengal the Commander in Chief presumes that the reinforcement of the Marine Battalion and a Company of Artillery expected from that Quarter will by this time have arrived at Masulipatam, and as Native Troops are much wanted in the Center Division of the Army, he would recommend that the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment distributed at present to different Posts in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Masulipatam Districts should be drawn together and

The Commander in Chief's Minute recommending the 1st Battalion 2d Regiment at present distributed in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Masulipatam Districts to be drawn together and ordered to Vellore.-

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and ordered to Vellore, where the Corps can be conveniently quartered. —

The Troops that will remain in the Circars after the March of the Battalion just mentioned, the Commander in Chief cannot doubt will be found adequate to the protection of those valuable Districts. The augmentation directed some time since for the four Revenue Battalions will ere this have been nearly completed, and the greater part of the Marine Battalion if necessary may replace the details of the 4th Battalion 8th Regiment in the more Northern Districts which may require being most particularly guarded. Besides whilst so large a Detachment continues to the Westward of the Circars, little apprehension he conceives can be felt for their

Security

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Security. — The disposition of the Force which will remain in the Circars after the March of the 4th. Battalion 8th. Regiment the Commander in Chief would leave to Major General Bridges, who may be directed to report the disposition he resolves on for the information of Government. —

R Resolution thereon. — Resolved that instructions conformable to the recommendation of the Commander in Chief be transmitted to the Officer Commanding the Northern Division for assembling the 1st. Battalion 8th. Regiment at Masulipatam. —

The Commander in Chief delivers in the following Memorandum respecting the State of promotion in the Army in consequence of the late Orders of this

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the Court of Directors regarding the absentees who have been struck off. —

Memorandum

The Commander in Chief's minute Arrangements respecting Absentees and Promotion, and the Order that will be necessary should the Arrangements be admitted.

The Orders of the Court of Directors under date 14th March 1798, seem to admit of different constructions — They disapprove of the promotions made in room of absentees struck off; and yet direct that such of those absentees only as have permission to return to India are to be posted to Corps on their arrival — If it be the intention of the Court that the Army List should return to the State it was in previous to those promotions, but by such a process as not to affect the rank obtained by the officers promoted, the matter may be conveniently arranged by

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a resolution of Government that the absentees who were struck off and have returned to India, as well as those at home for whom vacancies have happened shall be brought on the effective Establishment and posted to Corps accordingly, and that those absentees who were struck off and have not returned to India, and for whom vacancies have not occurred, shall stand on the List of the Army as Supernumerary to the Establishment, and not be made effective or posted to Corps until vacancies shall open for them on the effective List.—

On the above principle the Army List will be circumstanced as follows--

Officers struck off by Government--

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Colonel Flint
Captain Hart
Ditto Cunningham
Ditto Griffin
Lieutenant J. J. Meyer
Ditto — Vivian
Ditto Blackburne

Griffin having been present on the Coast when Hart was struck off, was received on the effective Establishment in his room. —

As there were vacancies in the Rank of Lieutenant, when Lieutenant Blackburne returned to the Coast he was of course admitted immediately in the effective List. —

Three vacancies one in the Rank of Major, and two in that of Captain, having happened by the death of Gordon Beazley and Peters since the

receipt

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receipt of the Courts orders of March 1798
bring in Captains Hart and Cunningham
on the effective List and promote Captain
Lieutenant Allan Grant to the Rank of full
Captain and Lieutenant Wynn to that of
Captain Lieutenant in consequence whereof
Lieutenant Vivian succeeds to the effective
List vice Wynn.—

Lieutenant J. J. Meyer is
ordered to be struck off the List of the Army
by the Court of Directors, which, of the
Seven absent officers struck off by Govern=
=ment, leaves only Lieutenant Colonel
Flint Supernumerary to the Establishment,
to be brought in upon the effective List
when a vacancy opens in that Rank.—

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arrangement be admitted in consequence of
the Courts Orders of March 1798 the following
order

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order becomes necessary. —

The following Arrangements and Promotions to take place. —

Captain Thomas Hartford from the Supernumeraries fills the vacancy occasioned by the death of Captain Beazley —

Captain James Cunningham from the Supernumeraries fills the vacancy occasioned by the death of Captain Peters —

Captain Thomas Poole, to be Major vice Gordon deceased date of Rank 18th of September 1798. —

Captain Lieutenant Allan Grant to be Captain of a Company vice Poole promoted date of Rank 18th of September 1798.

Brevet Captain R. N. Wynne to be Captain Lieutenant vice Grant promoted.

date

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date of Rank 18th of September 1798. —

Lieutenant John Vivian from

Supernumeraries fills the vacancy occasioned

by the promotion of Brevet Captain Wynn. —

Lieutenant J. J. Meyer of the

Supernumeraries is struck off the List of

the Army by order of the Court of Directors.

Lieutenant Colonel Flint

continues Supernumerary to be brought on

the Effective List so soon as a vacancy opens

for him in that Rank. —

Minute thereon

Ordered that the promotions

recommended by the Commander in Chief

be published, and that the Subject be ex-

-plained to the Court of Directors. —

Read the following letters

from the Military Board. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c. — &c. — &c.

My Lord,

From the Military Board - recommending an advance being made to the Garrison Storekeeper at the Guntoor Circar station at Trichinopoly - representing the necessity of repairing a redoubt in the vicinity of Chinnandaloor to preserve Grain, the Bill from the Garrison Storekeeper at Arnee for removing Paddy recommended to be discharged - &c

1st We do ourselves the honor to report to your Lordship that, in consequence of the receipt of Government's Letter of the 11th instant, and of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of the 16th, with their respective Enclosures, the requisite communications have been made to the Persons to whom they referred.

2nd We beg leave to recommend that an Advance of Pagodas 2124. 33. 48 be made to the Garrison Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar on account of Grain to be ordered to be laid in by him at Innecondah.

3rd A place for the security and preservation of the Grain belonging to the 4th Regiment Native Cavalry being indispensably

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indispensably requisite, in consequence of the Building allotted for that purpose being in want of repair, and otherwise unfit for holding Grain during the Monsoon, We beg leave to suggest the expediency of our Board being authorized to direct the repair of an old Redoubt in the Neighbourhood of the Cantonment of Chemundalum, which it is reported to us, can be effected at an Expence of about Sixty (60) Pagodas. —

4th. Having found it necessary at the commencement of the last Monsoon to authorize the removal by the Garrison Storekeeper at Arnee of Five hundred (500) Garce of Paddy, which he represented must otherwise be inevitably damaged, and to direct that the Charge for doing so should be attested by him upon honor to have been

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Coña fide incurred, as also, the proces cer-
-tified by the Officer in Command to have
been according to the actual rates of the
Station at the time; and the enclosed Bill
for the same, amounting to Pagodas
1004. 29. 46; and certified in the man-
-ner prescribed, having been submitted to
us, We beg leave to recommend that it be
accordingly discharged. —

We likewise recommend
that authority be granted for an Advance
to the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichino-
-poly of Pagodas 24000. — on account
of Provision Stores ordered to be laid in for
them at that Station. — We have the honor &c
&c — &c.

Fort St George
18th September 1798 (Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jos Richardson
B Close
To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c. — &c. — &c.

My Lord.

From the Military Board - specifying the deviation made by Captain Lieutenant Wood in building the Granary at Arnee - intimating the necessity of the principal Object for Draft and Carriage Cattle being allowed an Office in Fort St George - Major Taylor's Bungalow at Walajahbad an eligible purchase; recommend the discharge of the - =cified Bills. -

1st We have the honor to state to your Lordship in Council that, on examination of the Letter and Papers from Captain Lieutenant Wood to Mr Secretary Webbe, referred to our Report by Government under date the 11th of July last it appears that the first Letter from Captain Lieutenant Wood to the then Chief Engineer (Lieutenant Colonel Gent) on the alteration made by the former in the Plan of the Granary at Arnee (which Letter makes No 1 of his reference to Government) was not written till after the Building was completed, that, in stating in that Letter the inequality of the Ground, and the extraordinary expence occasioned thereby

thereby, he has observed that, in order, as much as possible, to reduce that expence, he had taken upon himself to reduce the thickness of the Walls from 3 feet, to 2 feet, 6 Inches: but that, notwithstanding this diminution, he was convinced they were still of a very sufficient strength, and solidity: and that the above Letter was forwarded to the Board by Lieutenant Cond Geist on the 14th October 1795, with an intimation that the deviation made by Captain Lieutenant Wood from the original Plan for the Granary, was made without any previous reference to him on the subject. —

2nd In reporting on the merits of the Case, it does not seem necessary to

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go into any consideration of the particulars of the Estimate, or whether the quantity of Brick Work was, or was not, correctly stated.

A Plan of the Work was furnished for Captain Lieutenant Wood's guidance, from which Plan, he thought proper to deviate without any previous reference, by reducing the Walls of the Building from 3 feet, to 2 feet 6 inches, and it may therefore be fairly inferred that the Building was weakened by such deviation.

3rd We find it difficult to comprehend the particular matters of imputation which Captain Lieutenant Woods remonstrance is intended to meet: But, if in addressing Mr Secretary Webbe he has it in view to relieve himself from the blame imputable to him for the deviation before alluded

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alluded to. We cannot but be of opinion he has acted in that objection. —

4th In regard to the last Paragraph of Captain Lieutenant Woods Letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe, wherein he renews "his request of being permitted to remedy "any defects that can in any manner be "ascribed to him in such of the new Build-"ings at Arnee as are defective" We have to observe, that the Granary which proved defective, has been repaired by the late Contractors at their own expence, and reported serviceable by a Committee of Survey, as well as by the Engineer: As to any other defects to which Captain Lieutenant Wood may allude, it will be necessary for him to particularize such defects, and the terms upon which he proposes

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proposes to remedy them, before our Board can form any judgement on the Subject. —

5th We beg leave to represent to Government the necessity that there appears to us for the principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Cattle being allowed an office in Fort St. George, with a Centinel for the protection of the Cash Chest of his Department. —

6th With respect to the reference from Government to Our Board relative to the purchase of Major Taylor's Bungalow at Wallajanbad, We have the honor to state our opinion, founded upon the Report of the Superintending Engineer, that it will be an eligible purchase for the Company at the price for which it has been tendered. —

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7th. We forward the inclosed Bill from the Tent Contractor amounting to Pa=godas 3035:12---for Tents supplied by him, and approved upon Survey by a Committee of our Board, and recommend that the Bill be passed for Payment.—

8th. The Gun Carriage & Con=tractors having delivered into the Arsenal of Fort St. George a number of Articles; which, on inspection by a Committee of Our Board, have been found in all respects fit for the Public service; We recommend that the accompanying Bill for the same, amounting to Pagodas 1727, may be discharged accordingly.—

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

Fort St. George
22d September 1798.—

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
In Richardson
B. Close

The