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Diary

Received the following Letters.

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

My Lord,

1st

From the Military Board respecting the Copper hoops taken from the Powder barrels which were sent to Vizagapatam on the Earl Fitzwilliam

According to the directions of Government under date the 29th Ultimo relative to our Proceedings on the subject of the Copper Hoops taken from the Powder Barrels sent to Vizagapatam upon the Honorable Company's Ship Earl Fitz William, We do Ourselves the honor to submit to your Lordship in Council the enclosed Copy of Letter from the Commanding Officer at that Station, which accompanied a Survey Report upon Military Stores forwarded by that Conveyance, and of the Resolution of our Board in consiquence.

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We have the Honor to be

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29th September 1798.

&c. &c. &c.

Geo: Harris

Patrick Ross

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Jno. Richardson

By. Close

In Meeting
31st May 1798.

Read Letter, and Enclosures from the Commanding Officer at Vizagapatam dated 22nd May.

Resolved, that Authority be signified to the Officer Commanding at Vizagapatam for his directing to be received, and brought to account, upon the Books, and Returns of the Station, the Articles of Military Stores delivered by the Ship Earl Fitzwilliam, according to the Report of Committee of Survey held thereon; and, that a Report be made to Government

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of the deficiency of the (24) twenty four Copper Hoops upon the Barrels of Gun powder, with the view that a reference may be made to Bengal, and the Commander of the Ship be called upon to account for such deficiency.—

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board

To The Right Honble Lord Clive
President in Council
Vc. Vc. Vc.
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Brigadier Genl. De Meuron respecting supplies of Rice at Colombo enclosing a letter from Mr. Paymaster Macdonal relative to Money for his department.—

I have the honor to State for the Information of your Lordship in Council that, on Account of the Stock of Rice in Store being only equal to the Expenditure of the Current Month, I have authorized the Commissary of Grain & Provision to purchase Four thousand three Hundred Bags of Rice at the rate of Rix Dollars Nine and one Quarter per Bag, that

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2nd that he may be enabled to issue the Allowance of Grain to the Garrison next Month.—

I farther beg leave to inform your Lordship that the Stock of Rice in the Public Bazar is sufficient to last until the arrival of the Rice Boats usually expected about this Season from the Coast, so that there is no reason to fear a Scarcity of Grain, although its price is immoderately high & may become more so.—

I have the Honor to transmit you Copy of a Letter I received from Mr. Pay Master Mac Douall and remain with great Respect.—

Head Quarters
Columbo September 17th 1798.—

V.e V.e
(Signed) P. F. de Meuron
B. G.
C.

To Brigadier General De Meuron
Commanding on Ceylon

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

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that in the course of last Month 500 Rix Dollars were received from the Revenue Department at Galle for the use of my Employ. ~

Agreeable to your directions I granted bills last Month for such Sums as could be procured, but they only amounted to Pagodas 9,242.. 14.. 79.. and there is not a Sum of Copper Money equal to a proportion of the payments on hand, but I dare say may be collected ~ equal to 3/4 unless the credit of these bills is ~ raised by their being discharged in Cash at the Presidency or Money again sent here, the payments for this Month will nearly drain the Cash Chest. ~ I have to request your Orders for the payments ~ And have the honor to be

&c.. &c..

Columbo
1st. September 1798. ~

(Signed) J. McDouall

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds. ~
Secy.

Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M. B. Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.—

From the Commandant at Jaffanapatam.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Barbut the two Companies of the 1st Regement European Infantry will be sent immediately to Negapatam.—

From the Commandant in the Ganjam District.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Leighton that the contents of the Secretary's letter of the 11th Instant have been communicated to Captain G. Johnston.

From the Commandant at Tanjore.—

From Major Innis, enclosing his letters to Major General Floyd respecting immediate repairs wanted for the barracks at Tanjore.—

From the Commandant at Arnee.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Saxon acknowledging the receipt of the letter to him of the 28th ultimo.—

From Mr. J. Payne Surgeon of the Ship Walpole.—

From Mr. Payne requesting the payment of the usual Allowances to Surgeons coming to India, with troops.—

From the Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore.—

From Mr. Hawkins with a Report of Paddy issued by him to be beat into Rice.—

From Messrs. Kindersley Watts & Co.—

From Messrs. Kindersley Watts and Co.— enclosing a power of Attorney from Mr.—

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Mr. Finch with a Certificate of his existence and a bill for the Arrears of his Annuity for payment.—

To Mr. Taswell, desiring him to survey the extra Ship Busbridge.—

To the Master Attendant.—

To Mr. Roebuck transmitting the Auditor Generals' Report on his general and additional Estimates for September acquainting him that their Amounts will be advanced from the Treasury on his application.—

To the Military Paymaster General.—

Received a letter from the Nabob addressed to Lord Mornington entered in Cl. No. 136, notifying the payment of List for September.—

Substance of a letter from the Nabob.—

Sent the following letters.—

4th

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

Sir,

From the dispatches of this Government to the Honble the Court of Directors the Governor General in Council will have been informed of the Situation and circumstances, in which Sir Paul Jodrell has

To the Secretary at Bengal requesting the enclosed memorial from Sir Paul Jodrel may be laid before the Governor General in Council, likewise the letters and bond from the Attorney of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay.—

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has been placed since his Appointment to be Physician General to his late Highness the Nabob Walajah.—

The total failure of his Highness the present Nabob to execute his engagement to Sir Paul has induced that Gentleman to address the enclosed Memorial, which with a Copy of his letter explaining his motives for doing so, I am directed to request you will lay before the Governor General in Council.—

I am farther directed to request you will submit to his Lordship in Council the inclosed Copy of a letter with Copy of the bond therein mentioned from the Attorneys of Lieutenant Colonel Lindsay, received since the address of this Government dated 26th Ultimo on the Subject of his Highness the Nabobs debt to that Officer.—

I have the honor to be

Fort St. George
3rd October 1798.—

Yc Yc

(Signed) J Webbe
Secretary to Govt

Yrs

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4th

To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the forces on Ceylon

at Columbo

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to desire that the three Companies of the 1st. Regiment European Infantry now Stationed at Point de Galle may be relieved by a detail of his Maysty's 19th Regiment, and Marched to Columbo with as much expedition as possible.

To the Officer Commanding at Columbo desiring the three Companies of the 1st. Regiment of European Infantry at Point de Galle, may be relieved, and conveyed to Tutacoryn.

The Governor in Council also desires that you will take the earliest opportunity after their arrival to convey them to Tutacoryn, and authorizes you to engage a sufficient quantity of tonnage for this purpose.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. Webbe

Sec. to Gov.

Fort St. George

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The following Order of Council was despatched to the Clerk of the Treasury.—

Order of Council

Military Department

4th. October 1798.—

Ordering the advance of 20,000 Star Pagodas to be made to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the horse Agency.—

Ordered that an Advance of Twenty thousand Pagodas (20,000 Pagodas) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of the Horse Agency — According to the Minutes of Consultation dated 28th. Ultimo.—

By Order of the Right Honble the President in Council.—

(Signed) J. Webbe—

Secy. to Govt.—

Received and sent the rendermentioned letters entered in M. B. Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.—

From the Commandant at Jaffanapatam.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Barbut with information of the two Companies of the 1st Regiment.

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4th Regiment of European Infantry having embarked for Negapatam.—

From Captain Ogilby stating

From the Commandant at Namcul.— the decayed State of the Store Rooms at Namcul.—

From Mrs. Mc. Mahon requesting

From Mrs. Mc. Mahon Widow of the late Surgeon Bernard Mac Mahon.— an enclosed Affidavit may be laid before the Governor in Council.—

From the Military Paymaster

From the Military Paymaster General— General with an Additional Estimate of Cash required in his Office for October.—

To Mr. William Walter desiring

To the Governor of his Majesty's Hospital.— him to furnish the Town Major with a return of the whole of his Majesty's Invalid Seamen.—

To Captain T. Dobree directing

To the Commander of the Ship Bushridge. him to prepare to receive on board his Ship the Officers and Men of the 36th Regiment, a proportion of Invalid Seamen and Soldiers— Some Officers of the King's and Company's Service and some Dutch Officers Prisoners of War.—

To Captain A. Grant desiring

To the Town Major— him to make a new distribution of the above mentioned

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mentioned Officers and Men enclosing a List of the Officers of the 52d and 72nd Regiments to proceed to Europe.—

To the Collector at Masulipatam—

To Mr. Oakes satisfaction expressed by Government on his raising a supply of Cash for the Hydrabad Detachment and desiring the Amount and interest to be discharged from the receipts of Revenue.—

To Ditto at Vizianagrem

To Mr. N. Webbe enclosing Copies of letters and papers from the Bengal Government desiring him to furnish his Lordship in Council with information on the circumstances therein alluded to.—

To the Officer Commanding the Southern Division at Trichinopoly—

To Major General Floyd enclosing Copy of a letter from the Nabob concerning the repairs at Trichinopoly desiring him to urge on the execution of them with expedition.—

To the Commander of the Ship Walpole—

To Captain Butler informing him that he will be reimbursed the expence incurred by bringing a detachment of the 19th Dragoons to the Presidency; the regulations regarding the passage Money of Officers cannot be departed from.—

To

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To Major General Lydenham —

To the Military Auditor General.—

desiring him to reimburse Captain Butler for the expences abovementioned, informing him the retrenchment against Mr. Shippard is to be written off to charges general.—

To Major General Sydenham —

To the Military Auditor General

desiring him to authorize an Advance of four Months Subsistence to the Officers and Men of the 36th Regiment.—

To the Military Board enclosing

To the Military Board.—

a bill of Lading of Salt provisions Shipped on board the Princess Charlotte — desiring that means may be taken for landing the Provisions.—

To Mr. Roebuck informing

To the Military Paymaster General.—

him that 20,000 Star Pagodas will be advanced on Account of the horse Agency on his Application at the General Treasury—

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General.—

enclosing the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General on Account of the horse Agency.— Received

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Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38.

From the Military Paymaster General. — From Mr. Roebuck, enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required in his Office for October.

From Ditto. — From Ditto requesting the Sanction of Government for an inclosed Indent for Stationary and Furniture for the Office of the Paymaster at Columbo.

From the Officer Commanding 12th Regiment. — From Colonel Aston respecting the clothing of the Regiment under his Command.

From the Commandant at Ryacottah. — From Major Doveton notifying the Arrival of two Hurkarrahs from Seringapatam with Letters Addressed to Lord Clive and Lord Mornington.

From the Commandant at Cuddalore. — From Lieutenant Colonel Du Pont with information of his having detained a man named Paulo Miguel Brittoff.

From the Garrison Storekeeper at Trichinopoly. — From Mr. Hawkins notifying his having given Orders to Stop the beating out of Paddy into Rice at Tanjore.

From

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From the Resident at Poona.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer

Acknowledging the receipt of Mysore Intelligence.—

From the acting Executor to the Estate of the late Mr. John Wyrch.—

From Mrs. G Wyrch Soliciting that the refund demanded on the Audit of the Accounts of his late Brother may be received in Company's 6 per Cent Certificates.—

To Major General Sydenham

To the Military Auditor General.—

transmitting a Certificate of the Widow of Surgeon Bernard Mc. Mahon entitling her to participate in Lord Clive's bounty Fund.—

Received the following Letters.—

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

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad, enclosing Letter from Lt. Colonel Roberts who complains of a want of Cash & the bad State of the Guns lately Arrived from Innacondah, his answer expresses concern at the difficulties which impede his march—hopes every exertion will be made to reach Hydrabad by the 1st. of October—intends sending 6 Guns within a short distance of that place.—

Sir,

I herewith transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, dated the 23rd. Instant, and of my Answer to the same.—

I am &c. &c. &c.

Hyderabad 24th. September 1798.— (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant Capt.

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No 6.

Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness the Nizam's Court

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th Instant this Morning and to inform you that the whole of the Detachment will be on the North side of the Kistnah this Evening. — I am sorry to say I have not yet received a sufficient supply of Cash to pay the Detachment for last Month, the Sepoys are already much distressed and have not wherewith to subsist them on the March till they receive their Pay. I expect daily a further supply of Cash from Masulipatam, which I hope will enable me to pay them. The Detachment is not yet completed with Bullocks nor with Camp Equipage for the Staff line. — The Guns and Tumbrils received, and which only arrived yesterday from Innecondah, are in a very bad state, which I have represented to the Military Board, one of the latter was left at Guntoor, as it could not be brought on. — I shall not delay my March for them but bring on what

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6th what I have in the best manner I can, when the other deficiencies are supplied.— I do not think it possible the Detachment can move from hence till the 25th, I shall use every exertion in my power to get to Hyderabad with the least possible delay.—

I have the honor to be

Camp near Hyderabad
20th September 1798.—

Sir, &c. &c.

(Signd) George Roberts
Lt. Colo.

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

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Guntoor Detachment

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th Instant, and am much concerned to learn of the unexpected difficulties that continue to impede the early advance of your Detachment to his Highness the Nizam's Territories, but at the same time am very confident, that no exertion will be wanting on your part to reach this Capital as soon as possible.—

If you commence your March from Beroarah on the 25th Instant, as I trust you will

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6" will at all events endeavor to do) you will be-
able I apprehend without any great exertion to
cross the confines by the 1st" of October, so as to-
bring the whole of your Force into the pay of
this State from that period,— A point, the —
accomplishment of which considerations that have
reference both to pecuniary saving, and to the —
accuracy of the new subsidiary Accounts with
this State, render extremely desireable, and I —
therefore beg leave to recommend it to your most
particular Attention.—

When I hear of your Arrival
in the Nizam's Territories, I propose sending
Six, 6 Pounders, with Tumbrils and Ammunition
from hence, so as to meet you within a few Marches
of Hyderabad.— These Guns you will consider
as Attached to you until you hear further from
me on the subject of them; and you will of
course direct such a distribution to be made
of the Company of Artillery, with the Detachment

under

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6th under your Command as may be best suited to such an increase of Ordnance.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

Hyderabad
23rd September 1798.—

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

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

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

Sir,

I herewith transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of a Letter which I have just received from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, and of the enclosure therein referred to, and have the honor to be.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst.

Hyderabad
28th September 1798.—

Captain—

From the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad enclosing a letter from Colonel Roberts, who transmits a return of the Detachment under his command & represents the bad State of part of his Artillery—he has marched from Beroara to Abrampatam.—

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Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness the

Nizams Court.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Return of the Detachment under my Command.— As soon as Mr. Cherry the Paymaster is able to furnish me with an Estimate of the Monthly Disbursement, which I expect in a few days, I shall forward it to you.— I have the pleasure to inform you that I marched from Beroara to Bramputan this Morning, and shall proceed on my March to Hyderabad with as much expedition as possible.—

I think it necessary to inform you that the Detachment is only provided with a Line Equipment, no

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Magazines of either ammunition or Stores nor any Articles whatever for the repair of the Carriages of the Artillery in case of accidents on the road, which from the State of some of the Tumbrils may be expected every day, and which I have represented to the Commander in Chief and the Military Board; but as it appears that it is your wish that the Detachment should proceed to Hyderabad without loss of time, I did not think proper to delay my March on that Account.

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

Camp Abrampatam
25th September 1798.

(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Colt.

a true Copy.
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Aids.
Returns

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Return of the Detachment Commanded by Major ... 24th September 1798.

European

Present for duty

	Captains	Captain Lieutenants	Lieutenants	Lt. & 2d Fireworkers	Sergeants	Drummers	Fifers	Corporals	Gunners	Matrosses	Total	Buckallies
Detachment of the 1st Batt.n of Artillery & Gun Lascars attached	1											
	"	"	2	3	1	1	4	6	55	65	3	

Native

	Present for Duty																						Sick Present				Sick Absent			
	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captain Lieut.s	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutants	Quarter Masters	Serjeants	Total Europeans	Subadars	Jemmadars	Havildars	Naiks	Drums & Fifes	Buckallies	Serjeants	Total Natives	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captain Lieut.s	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Subadars	Jemmadars	Havildars	Naiks	Drums & Fifes	Buckallies	Serjeants	Total	Lieut.t Colonels	Majors	Captains	Captain Lieut.s	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Serjeants	Subadars	Jemmadars
2nd Batt.n 2.d Regiment Native Infantry	1	"	1	1	6	2	1	1	2	15	8	1	1	5	6	5	8	20	"	10	1000	1205																				
2nd Batt.n 7th Regiment Do. Do.	1	"	2	"	10	2	1	1	2	19	9	10	4	4	6	19	"	11	8	4	983												1	"	30	1	"	24	29	"	"	"	1	"	1	"
1st Batt.n 11th Regiment do. do.	"	12	"	4	1	1	1	2	12	8	9	4	4	10	19	"	11	8	5	9	960												2	31	"	27	55	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Batt.n 11th Regiment do. do.	1	13	"	7	3	1	1	2	19	9	10	13	4	4	20	"	12	9	10	5	3												1	"	12	1	"	14	38	"	"	"	"	"	1	"
Total	3	28	1	27	8	4	4	8	65	30	40	19	27	38	71	"	111	5	6	23	4	201											1	"	14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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Staff

1 Lieutenant Colonel Commanding
1 Brigade Major
1 Brigade Dr. Master
1 Pay Master
1 Head Surgeon
1 Commissary of Bullocks
1 Paymaster
1 Regimental Adjutant & Quarter Master

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Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts, Camp near Bezoarah

Gun Lascars

Artillery

	Sick present	Sick absent	on Command	on Leave	Total	Present for duty	Sick Present	Sick Absent	on Command	Total
Sergeants	"	1	3	10	"	"	13	1	1	1
Gunners	6	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Matrosses	95	2	1	5	6	153	163	"	"	"
Puckallies	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	10	11
Total	1	1	1	1	1	3	182			
Capt.s Lieutenants										
Lieutenants										
Matrosses										
Total										
Gunners										
Total										
Non Commissioned Officers & Matrosses										
Drummers										
Sergeants										
1.st Tindals										
2.nd Tindals										
Bhustias										
Lascars										
Total										
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Sergeants										
1.st Tindals										
2.nd Tindals										
Bhustias										
Lascars										
Total										

Infantry

	On Command				On Leave				Not joined				Present	
	Sick present	Sick absent	on Command	on Leave	Sick present	Sick absent	on Command	on Leave	Sick present	Sick absent	on Command	on Leave	Present	Total
Havildars														
Naicks														
Drums & Fifes														
Puckallies														
Serjeants														
Total														
Lieut.s Colonels													79	80
Majors														
Captains													1	1
Capt.s Lieutenants														
Lieutenants														
Serjeants														
Adjutants														
Tomtoms														
Havildars														
Naicks														
Drums & Fifes														
Puckallies														
Serjeants														
Total														
Lieut.s Colonels													79	80
Majors													1	1
Captains														
Capt.s Lieutenants														
Lieutenants														
Ensigns														
Serjeants														
Adjutants														
Tomtoms														
Havildars														
Naicks														
Drums & Fifes														
Puckallies														
Serjeants														
Total														
Additionals													34	34
Serjeants Recruits														
	44	65	75	3	13	2	38	50	63	1	4	1	4	011
													40	52
													2	2
													343	496
													634	

(Signed) George Roberts
Lt. Colo. Commanding

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

Josiah

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

Sir,

From the Asistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of his Letter to Colonel Roberts desiring him to leave the unserviceable tumbrils behind the Guns (6 pounders) to leave Hydrabad the day following the detachment About to accompany them to be sent back respecting his (Colonel Roberts) dispatches and manner of sending them.

I herewith enclose for the information of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of my Letter of this date to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts — The Additional Six 6 Pounders and Tumbrils therein spoken of, together with some European Artillery and Lascars, leave this early tomorrow Morning to join the Guntoor Detachment.

I am,

Hyderabad 29th September 1798. (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asistant

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts
Commanding the Hyderabad Detachment

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Duplicate of your Letter of the 25th Instant from Ibrahimpattam enclosing a Return of the Troops under your Command,

and

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6. And am extremely happy to learn from it, that you had commenced your March from Beroarah on that day, which leaves me little doubt of your being able to reach his Highness the Nizam's Territories by the 1st. of October.—

As from the State you describe some of your Tumbrils to be in, they may perhaps prove an impediment to the celerity of your progress, I would recommend your leaving such of them as you may deem in an unsafe condition for travelling, under charge of the Jemidar's Guard at Mungual.—

I herewith transmit Duplicate of my Letter to you of the 23rd. Instant.— The Additional Guns therein spoken of, leave this tomorrow Morning, under the Escort of two Companies of Sepoys, I have to desire you will be pleased to send back the Detachment to rejoin its Corps with all possible expedition, together with the two Havildars' Guards that proceeded from hence with Hadry ud dowlah and Meer Ale Ahmed Khan; which you can relieve if necessary, by a Party of your own Troops.—

I have to request you will—

direct

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To

Colo. Kirkpatrick

Resident at Hyderabad

Sir

I direct the Paymaster, to Specify in his Estimate of the Monthly Disbursements, the Sum in Rupees that will be required for the Monthly payment of the Detachment under your Command.—

Wherever you have occasion to Address me, I could wish you to send your Packet to the nearest Dawke Station, with directions to forward it immediately Express to Hyderabad.—The mark of an Express is a small brass Bell attached to the outside of the Packet.— a few of these shall accompany this Letter for your use.— a List of my Dawke Stations between the City and Mangul is herewith enclosed for your information.—It is desirable I should be advised as early as possible of your daily progress, and have therefore to desire you will Address me a few Lines each day, as soon as possible after your Arrival at your Ground.—

I have the honor to be

Hyderabad
29th September 1798.—

Sir
Your most obedt Servt
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Asst

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

P.S.—I am this moment favored with the original

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C. of your Letter of the 25th Instant Duplicate of which reached me Yesterday.

To

Josiah Webbe Esq.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I herewith transmit to you for the Notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council, Copy of my Letter of this date, which I have thought it necessary to Address to the Officer Commanding at Ongole, And am &c. &c.

From the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad enclosing his letter to the Officer Commanding at Ongole informing him of a French Officer having a pass to proceed to Masulipatam, but should he take any other route he is to be detained.

Hyderabad

29th September 1799.

(Signed) T. A. Kirkpatrick

Asst.

Lieutenant Colonel Urban Vigors

Or Officer Commanding at

Ongole

Sir,

This is to advise you, that an Officer named Baptiste Talhiade lately belonging to the French Party in the Service of his Highness the Nizam Commanded by Monsieur Piron, left this place Yesterday, avowedly with an intent of proceeding in the first instance for Masulipatam, to which place

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6th I accordingly granted him a Passport, but in reality as I have reason to think direct for Pondicherry — I have therefore to request you will use every means in your power to intercept him on his entrance into the Company's Territories, and either detain him a Prisoner upon the Plea of his having taken a Route which his Pass (as you will perceive by requiring it's production) does not Authorize; or (which perhaps will be more Adviseable) send him under a proper Escort, to his original place of destination Masulipatam. —

As this Frenchman is perfectly well acquainted with all the Roads leading to and through the Carnatic, I should not be surprized at his endeavoring to gain Pondicherry, by some Circuitous Route as far removed as possible from any of our Military Stations, a circumstance, which will suggest to you the expediency of having Scouts on the look out for him on all the Roads within a Convenient distance of the Garrison under your Command. —

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6th I shall send a Copy of this Letter by the present Dispatch to the Government of Fort St. George, and beg leave to suggest your doing the like immediately on receipt of this to the Officers or Sirgants in Command of any Posts along the North Western Borders of the Company's or the Nabob of Arcots' Territories.—

I herewith enclose you a list of Monsieur Baptistes' Attendants and Equipage, and have the honor to be.— &c.a

(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Sec.y

Hyderabad
29th September 1798.—

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

P.S. With a view of preventing ill founded Complaints hereafter, it may perhaps be advisable to take an exact and Minute Inventory before Witnesses, and on his own presence of all the effects and property that may come into your Custody belonging to Monsieur Baptiste Talhiade — Should any Sealed Persian Letters / with or without Khurrectahs / be found among his Papers, or Effects, I have to suggest that particular care may be taken of them for eventual transmission to me, having some reason for thinking, that

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6th

that this Frenchman is clandestinely charged with certain Letters from persons of consequence at this Court, the discovery of which would be highly — acceptable to his Highness the Nizam, and his — Ministers. —

(a true Copy)

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
asst.

List of the Attendants and Equipage &c.a described as accompanying Monsieur Baptiste Talliade. —

Hackeries	2
Palanquin	1
Camels	6
Horses	5
Servants and Coolies	50

a true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
asst.

To Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that on the 25th. Instant I received the Sum of Seventy Thousand Rupees by the Ship Pearl from the Presidency, and immediately forwarded it to Mr. Cherry Paymaster to the Detachment under the —

From the Paymaster at Masulipatam with information of having forwarded to Mr. Paymaster Cherry the Sum of Seventy thousand Rupees received by the Ship Pearl from the Presidency

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6th In Command of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts agreeable to the Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.—

I have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) Wm. Gordon

" In charge of the—

General Treasury.—

Masulipatam

1st October 1798.—

To the Right Honble the Governor in Council

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge Your Lordship's Commands of the 26th Ultimo; and to state, that I have taken measures in consequence, to enable me to report upon the Complaint preferred to your Lordship by Mr. Thomas Conway, against—

Captain Davison.—

Mr. Collector Jackson has sent under a guard here, with a request that he may be kept a prisoner within the fort, until the pleasure of Government be known, Seera, Soobiah, Mooniah, Pillah, the Manager of the Pandalumcourchy Pollam— I beg to be favoured with your Lordship's Commands as to his disposal.—

I have the Honor to be

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) J. Floyd. M.G.

Trichinopoly

3rd October 1798.—

Received

from Major General—
Floyd.— he has taken
measures to enable him
to report on the complaint
preferred by Mr. T.
Conway against Captain
Davidson.— Mr.
Jackson has sent
Seera Soobiah, Mooniah,
Pillah under a Guard
to Trichinopoly—

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos. 39. 40. 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46.

From the Military Auditor General. — From Major General Sydenham — transmitting a Duplicate of the Military Statement for 1797/8 for transmission to Bengal. —

From the Officer Commanding the Northern Division at Masulipatam. — From Major General Bridges — acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Government of the 26th Ultimo. — the orders therein contained shall be punctually obeyed. —

From Lieutenant Moyna of His Majesty's 12th Regiment. — From Lieutenant Moyna enclosing a letter from Captain Hilton refusing him a passage to England unless paid the Sum of 1500 A. Rupees requesting the interposition of Government inconsequence of this refusal. —

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay. — From Mr. Grant requesting an — Accompanying Packet may be forwarded to Admiral Rainier. —

To the Secretary at Bengal. — To Mr. Barlow forwarding a Duplicate of the Military Statement for 1797/8. —

To the acting Executor to Mr. John Wynch's Estate — To Mr. G. Wynch permitting him to pay the retrenchment standing against his late brother in 6 p Cent Certificates. —

To the Military Auditor General. — To Major General Sydenham. —

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17th Authorizing an Advance of four Months Subsistence to the Officers and Invalids of the Kings' Regiments embarking a distribution of Dutch Officers prisoners of War to embark on the Ships under dispatch and desiring the regulated passage Money and one Months Subsistence be paid to the latter, — The Retrenchment standing against the late Mr. Paymaster Wynch is to be discharged in C. C. Cert Certificates.—

To Major General Sydenham —

To the Military Auditor General.— referring to his examination an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for October.— Received letter from Saud ud Dowlah entered in C.C. No. 137 Respecting the

Substance of a letter from Saud ud Dowlah— purchase of Muskets.—

Sent the following Letter.—

To Edward Saunders Esq.r
President &c.a & Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

To the Board of Revenue desiring them to send particular injunctions to all Collectors in the Carnatic to apprehend all Straggling Europeans travelling through the Country.— I am directed to acquaint you that it is of considerable importance to prevent Straggling Europeans, but particularly foreigners, from travelling through

through the Company's territories; the Governor in Council therefore desires that particular injunctions may be sent to all the Collectors for apprehending persons of this description with or without passes.—

In the event of any persons being so apprehended, they are to be carried to the nearest Military Station and delivered over to the Commanding Officer.—

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7th October 1798.—

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

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Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. No. 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52.—

From the Commander of the Ship Busbridge—

From Captain Dobree enclosing a list of Provisions for troops to be embarked on the Busbridge.—

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division at Trichinopoly.—

From Major General Floyd forwarding Estimates of repairs required at Tanjore Trichinopoly and Warriore.—

To the Collector in the Taghire.—

To Mr. Place enclosing a letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad and requesting him to secure the person of M. Baptiste

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8th Taliade should be attempt to reach Pondicherry through the Jaghire.—

To Mr. Barlow transmitting

To the Secretary at Bengal.— a letter from Tippoo Sultaun Addressed to the Governor General, in Council.—

To the Military Board.— To the Military Board enclosing a letter from Captain Dobree and directing that he may be furnished with Articles mentioned therein.—

To Major General Sydenham— desiring that the Captains of the 36th Regiment

To the Military Auditor General.— be permitted to draw their contingent allowances of Arrears up to the 24th December last.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor, President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fallofield } Esquires

Tuesday 9th October 1798.—

Minutes of last Consultation read

and Approved.— The

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The President lays before the Board the following Copy of a letter from his Highness the Nabob to the Governor General in Council in answer to his Lordships request to His Highness entered in Consultation the 2nd. Instant for the discharge of the Cavalry debt (entered also in C. C. No. 138.—

From the Nabob to the Governor General on the subject of his affording pecuniary assistance—desiring his share of the Pearl Fishery be carried to the Account of the Cavalry Loan.—

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic—To the Right Honble The Earl of Mornington K. P. Governor General of India—Dated 27th. Rubbeessauny 1213—Hegery Answering to 8th. October 1798.—

Your Lordship's friendly Letter, in Answer to mine on the payment of the Kist, and desiring that in consideration of the friendship and Alliance of the English Company, I would at this time of War with the French, afford them some pecuniary Assistance to Account of the Cavalry loan, and containing other Sentiments of Friendship and Liberality,—I have received and am made happy thereby—I had hitherto delayed to remind your Lordship on my own necessary Affairs, from the consideration, that you were ingaged in a—

Multiplicity

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multiplicity of business,— but as a fair Opportunity has now presented itself, in replying to your Lordship's Letter, I shall beg leave to enter into some few particulars.— The truth is this— when my— friends The Company first stepped forth to the— assistance of my House, all expences were defrayed by us for many Years,— but afterwards when the disturbances of the French, the Mysorians, and the powers of the Deccan, Namely, The Nawaub Niziam Ud Dowlah and the Mahrattas and the insurrections of the Poligars, had drained our Treasury, my Friends then borrowed Money to— carry on the public Service which was repaid by us— After the taking of Pondicherry, when Hyder Ali Cawn and the Nawaub Niziam Ud Dowlah, who came down to destroy and plunder us and to conquer the Carnatic, were defeated, and the Father of Lord Clive the present Governor of Madras (of glorious Memory) had vanquished Shuja-Ud Dowlah and subdued the Kingdom of Bengal.— these Princes I say whose Names I have now— mentioned

mentioned, having first been defeated by the Company
then entered into friendship with them — after this an
Adjustment of Accounts between us and the Company
was set on foot — Objections to the Accounts were
Started on both sides and they remained in that
State for Years, till at length the Company's
Representatives requested my revered father to make
over to the Company in perpetuity the Peshcush of
Tanjore which was four Laks of Rupees Ummun
in full discharge of all the Debts said to be due
to the Company, to which my Father Agreed, with
the reservation of a Grain of Rice from the said
Peshcush as a token of his Sovereignity over the
Tanjore Country — Thus were the Accounts betwen
us and the Company settled — With respect to
the Cavalry Loan, My Father never acknowledg
it, and the Company's Records bear testimony
to his disavowal thereof, and during the negotiation
of the Treaty betwen us and Lord Cornwallis,
which continued for the space of three Months,
no mention was made of this Cavalry Loan —
when

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When Lord Hobart however made the requisition of the whole Carnatic from me, and shutting his Eyes to the good or bad consequences of such a measure had determined to carry his point I considered that if I did not acknowledge the Cavalry Loan he would be sorely mortified, and at the same time wishing to preserve the friendship of my friends The Company, I consented to discharge the Amount of the Cavalry Loan in such mode as should be consistent with the payment of the Kist, after the liquidation of the Consolidated Debt—

When the Accounts between Us and the Company were thus done away by the Assignment of the Tanjore Peishcush, the Company's Servants then brought forward other Accounts against Us,— those Accounts attested by Gentlemen of the English Law, I have now ready to produce, both in England and here, to shew that there is a balance against the Company in my favor of Eighty Lacks of Pagodas— The Accounts—

below—

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between friends are known to each other— When my Grand father sacrificed his life to the English Friendship of what consideration can Money be"— It is necessary however to answer a question— Which I proceed to do, and to State other instances of Injustice which I have experienced in regard to my Share of the Pearl fishery which my friends have possessed themselves of for these last three Years through the medium of Lord Hobart: they have also retained the Tribute of Sadras, to the Amount of Pags. 5538.5 altho' I consider it as my right appertaining to me for a period of Seventy years standing, when I am treated in this Manner by my Friends, should ever the Dutch be in possession of the Island of Ceylon, which God forbid, they will have a Strong precedent to urge for withholding from me my Rights,— they may say, your Friends the English did not give you any share in the Pearl Fishery therefore we will not— I submit it to your Lordships judgement, how much I shall thereby be injured, both in my honor and my Revenue—

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My Situation with my friends The English Company is as if we were both embarked on the same Ship— if, which God avert, the Ship should founder, we would both Sink with her— and if she arrive at her desired Port, after having captured a Ship of the Enemy, my friends are to reap the benefits and advantages thereof, and I am to look on as an hungry, disappointed Spectator— Since the demise of my venerable Father, I have experienced many difficulties and hardships, but the powerfull and merciful hand of the Almighty, the kindness and benevolence of the King of Great Britain and his illustrious family, the presence of Sir John Shore and after him Your Lordship, and now the arrival of Lord Clive who is a Noble-man of Justice, have upheld me and sustained my Life for which I offer up my thanks to the Almighty Lord of the Universe.—

In consequence of your Lordship's Request and of Lord Clive's repeatedly reminding me thereof, I shall subject myself to every personal Inconvenience, and in consequence request

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Request your Lordship will be pleased to direct that the Amount of my Share of the Pearl Fishery for three Years which is now in the Company's Treasury and is a few thousand Pagodas less than two Laks of Pagodas be carried to the Account of the Cavalry Loan, and God willing, I will pay into the hands of Lord Clive († to assist in carrying on the War) One Lak of Rupees in the latter end of the Month of January 1799— and another Lak in the latter end of the Month of February 1799. which Money is not to be carried to any Account, but considered to have been paid Solely in consequence of your Lordship's desire. —

† the Words in parenthesis not in the original persian. —

I assure your Lordship that, whilst a drop of blood remains in my body or in those of my Offspring and a Single Pagoda is in my Treasury, they shall be devoted to the Service of my friends— But I invoke my God that so long as I shall survive, I may see your Lordship in the Government of Bengal and Lord Clive in that of Madras,— for

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— at this advanced age, I do not wish to be — involved in hardships from a change of Government.

May God preserve both you and me.

a true translation

(Signed)

A. Falconar

Pr. Pr. to Gov.

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing letter be forwarded a Number in the packet by the present dispatch and that it be pointed out to the particular notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors. — Read the following letter from —

Resolved that a Copy of the Nabobs Letter be transmitted to the Court. —

Tippoo Sultaun / entered also in C. C. No. 139. /

Translation of a Letter from the Nabob Tippoo Sultan Bahadur To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 23rd September
Received 8th October } 1798.

The Right Honorable Lord Mornington Governor

From Tippoo Sultaun respecting the Talooks of Kaulmongul Vizlarbajee stating the time they have belonged to Kanial

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Governor General having written me respecting Amura and Sooliah, in which the villages of Kautmongel and Golarbajee are situated, I have addressed him a letter in reply stating that — "The aforesaid "Talooks have belonged to Koreal (Mungalore) from "the year Raja 1070, until the year Shadeb 1226, "comprizing a Series of 156 years — that upwards "of 36 years ago a body of 2000 Korgah peons "were retained in Service — and in lieu of their pay, "certain villages yielding 3,423 Pagodas had been "for some time assigned them, in the aforesaid Talooks — "36 years have elapsed since that (assignment) "also has ceased — that these trivial Matters arise "from the insidious designs of disaffected people, "whose constant view is to excite dissention and discord: but that I am convinced the circumstances will have been ascertained — that the person at present in Korgah is not descended from the Korgah line of Rajahs but from other extraction." — this letter I request may be transmitted to Calcutta. —

Your Lordship, on your arrival, has learnt with satisfaction that the Amity, Friendship and

Treaties

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Treaties between our respective States had been preserved entire and uninterrupted, and thro' the divine blessing their encrease and continuation will be the object of our mutual regard.— I am confident that your Lordship also will investigate and ascertain the particulars of the abovementioned villages—

Consider me ever Solicitous to hear of your Welfare, and make me happy by frequent friendly communications.—

What more need be written.?

a true translation

(Signed) C. A. Falconar
Pr. Pr. to Gov.

The President is requested to assure the Sultan that the enquiry into the affair of Soolea &c. will be conducted under the Orders of the Governor General upon the same Grounds of Candor, justice and liberality which have hitherto been observed in determining the right of property to the district of Wynad.— Read the following letter from the Assistant Resident at Hydrabad.—

Josiah

The Sultan to be assured that the affair of Soliah &c. will be conducted in the justest manner.—

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Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Assistant resident at Hydrabad enclosing Copy of his letters to Mr. Secretary Barlow with an Account Current of Peishcush for the 1st Kist and an account of Cash issued to the Commanding Officer of the Hydrabad Detachment.

I herewith transmit to you 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 two Enclosures therein referred to.

I am

Hyderabad
30th September 1798.

&c. &c.

(Signed) T. A. Kirkpatrick
Assistant

G. H. Barlow Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort William

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the notice of Government Account Current of Peishcush for the 1st Kist of the Fusly Year 1207, together

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together with a Receipt in full for the same from his—
Highness the Nizam authenticated by the Minister's
Seal.— I likewise herewith transmit for
the Notice of Government an Account of Cash issued
by me to the Commanding Officer of the Hyderabad
Detachment since the Month of April last being
a continuation of the Account (No. 2) transmitted in
my Letter to you of the 10.th of that Month.—
I shall just further beg leave to Notice, for the—
information of Government, that the last issue of
Cash Specified in this Account, being Subsidy
for the Month of June, pays up the
Hyderabad Detachment to this day.—

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

Hyderabad
30.th September 1798.— (Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
asst.

A true Copy
(Signd) J. A. Kirkpatrick
assistant
D.r

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Dr. Captain James A. Kirkpatrick in Account Current with The Nizam

1798

k To Balance last Account dated 26th June 1798 ..... 79.-.-

March 12 To a Bill drawn by me this day on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight, payable to Bearer for value received here, of Nobut Roy Murmoolah 20,000.-.-

Premium 400.-.- 20,400.-.-

k 13, To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Honble the Governor General in Council at 25 days Sight payable to Messrs. Cockerell & Trail 5000.-.-

Premium 100.-.- 5100.-.-

To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Honble the Governor General in Council at 25 days Sight payable to Messrs. Cockerell and Trail 1500.-.-

Premium 30.-.- 1530.-.-

To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Honble the Governor General in Council at 25 days Sight payable to Messrs. Barbor & Palmer 1000.-.-

Premium 20.-.- 1020.-.-

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22, To Amount of Bills transmitted to me by Colonel Palmer 33,000.-.-

25th To Do. ..... Do. 18,000.-.-

30 To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Honble the Governor General in Council at 31 days Sight payable to Bearer, value received here of Bemwaredoss Dwarkdoss 20,000.-.-

Premium 400.-.- 20,400.-.-

k Sight payable to Bearer value received here of Maltradoss Bindrabun 5000.-.-

April 4, To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Collector of Moorshedabad at 31 days sight, payable to Hajee Ahmed Hamdanie value received here of Ishmael Baig for 5000.-.-

Premium 100.-.- 5100.-.-

k 13, To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days sight payable to Bearer, Value received here of Nobutroy Murmoolah 20000.-.-

Premium 150.-.- 5,150.-.-

To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight payable to bearer, value received here of Bumwaredoss Dwarkadoss 10000.-.-

Premium 500.-.- 20,500.-.-

To a Bill drawn this day on the Honble the Governor General in Council payable at 31 days sight to Messrs. Cockerell and Trail 10000.-.-

Premium 250.-.- 10,250.-.-

21 To the Amount of Bills transmitted by Colonel Palmer 6060.-.-

25 To Do. ..... Do. ..... Do. 38560.-.-

Premium 100.-.- 5,100.-.-

May 1st To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight payable to bearer, value rec.d here of Nobut Roy Murmoolah 23,750.-.-

Premium 300.-.- 62,310.-.-

To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight payable to bearer, value rec.d here of Nobut Roy Murmoolah 15000.-.-

Premium 300.-.- 15,300.-.-

8 To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight payable to bearer, Value rec.d here of Kishoo Muddeme 10000.-.-

Premium 200.-.- 10,200.-.-

k 11. To a Bill drawn this day by me on the Resident at Benares at 31 days Sight payable to Bearer value rec.d here of Bumwaredoss Dwarkadoss 10000.-.-

Premium 200.-.- 10,200.-.-

23 To Cash taken up by the Resident at Poonah at the Requisitions of Dreu ab Conrad as mentioned in my Letter to Col. Palmer of the 30th April 98 ..... 6313.12.-

Premium 126.4.-.- 6440.-.-

To Balance due me 100000.-.-

Hyderabad 30th September 1798. 2.11.-.-

(Sign'd) J. A. Kirkpatrick

E. & O.E. Total Hyd.d Rupees

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The Honble Company for Acct. of Kist of Paishcush due to His Highness } Cr.
for A. F. 1207

1798 April 13th By Cash paid to the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment being the Amount of an Assignment on this Kist granted by his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for January and February 1798 ..... 107426.10.6

May 10th By Cash paid to the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment being the Amount of an Assignment on this Kist granted by his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for March and April 1798 ..... 107426.10.6

21st By Cash paid by Colonel Palmer to Shesaudry Pendit at Poonah as per that Vakeels Receipt of this date, at the requisition of Azim ul Omrah as mentioned in my Letter to Colonel Palmer of the 30th April 1798 ... 10,000.—.—

July 4th By Cash paid Azim ul Omrah being the Balance of the 1st Instalment of Paishcush for A. F. 1207 ... 35,146.11.—

By Cash the expence of Bags, Shroffage and Conveyance ..... 85.11.—

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

Total Hyd. Rupees ... 3,50,085.11.—

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Account of Sums actually received by the Commanding Officer of the Bengal Detachment from the 31st March 1798—whether from the Treasury of His Highness, from his Highness's Managers (by Tunkha) or otherwise.—

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April 13th Cash from the Resident being produce of an Assignment granted by his Highness the Nizam, on the 1st Kist of Pausheash for A. F. 1207 in full of Subsidy for January and February 1798 ..... 107,426. 10. 6.

May ... 10th Cash from the Resident being produce of an Assignment granted by his Highness the Nizam on the 1st Kist of Pausheash for A. F. 1207 in full of Subsidy for March and April 1798 ..... 107,426. 10. 6

July ... 12th Cash from the Resident being produce of the following Bills drawn upon the Resident at Benares .....

A Bill at thirty one days Sight payable to bearer for Benares Sicca Rupees Ten thousand value received here of Moonuchjee Byajs ..... 10,000. — —

Premium ..... 400. — — 10,400. — —

A Bill at thirty one days Sight payable to Bearer, for Benares Sicca Rupees Eight thousand value rec.d here of Bunwaridoss Dwarkadoss 8000. —

Premium ..... 320. — 8,320. — —

A Bill at thirty one days Sight payable to Bearer for Benares Sicca Rupees Three thousand value rec.d here of Dooby Hurry Kishen ..... 3000. —

Premium ..... 120. — 3120. — —

A Bill at thirty one days Sight payable to Bearer for Benares Sicca Rupees Two thousand value received here of Simbomath ..... 2000. —

Premium ..... 80. — 2080. — —

A Bill at Thirty one days Sight payable to bearer for Benares Sicca Rupees Two thousand value received here of Surajee Mull ..... 2000. —

Premium ..... 80. — 2080. — — 26,000. — — —

August 8th Cash from the Treasury of His Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for May 98 ..... 53,713. 5. 3.

September 19th Cash from the Resident being the produce Sale of Sixty nine Condemned firelocks, having been valued by a Committee of Survey at ten Rupees each ..... 690. — —

27th Cash from the Treasury of his Highness the Nizam being Subsidy for June 1798 ..... 53,713. 5. 3.

Total Hyd.t Rupees 318960. 15. 6

Hyderabad the 30th September 1798.

E.E. (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick asst.

a true Copy (Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick — asst.

ordered

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Minute thereon—

Ordered that the Account of Peishcush received with the foregoing Letter be referred to the Accountant General.—

Read the following Letter from his Excellency Admiral Rainier.—

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

My Lord,

I have the Honor to inform your Lordship that from the Weak State of His Majesty's Ship La Virginie, which will expose her to some danger or at least encrease her defects in beating round Ceylon at this Season, I have Appointed her to remain for the Eastern Service in lieu of the Victorious which Alteration will also be of great use should I be necessitated to send the Trident to Dock at Bombay on Account of the damage She may have sustained by getting a Shore on the Molewalle Shoal last Month.—

From Admiral Rainier that he has Appointed the Virginie for the eastern Service in lieu of the Victorious.

I have the Honor to remain

&c. &c. &c.

Suffolk at Sea
October 1st. 1798.—

(Signed) Peter Rainier.

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Commander in Chiefs minute enclosing a list of Foreigners in the Artillery, and stating the necessity of their removal from that Corps A Letter from Major General Sydenham with further remarks on the same subject.

The Commander in Chief delivers his Opinion on the following Minutes.—

The Commander in Chief takes occasion to lay before the Board a Letter Addressed to him by Major General Sydenham, whom some time since, he thought proper to place in the general Superintendence of the Artillery as Senior Officer of the Corps on the Coast.—

The observations which this Officer has submitted relative to the present constitution of the Corps, the propriety, of its being Augmented, the disadvantages which it is subject to from its present composition, from having a large, proportion of foreigners of a bad description, and the necessity of these exceptionable Characters being removed from the Corps when circumstances will permit, are in the Commander in Chiefs' Opinion strong indications of Major General Sydenhams diligence in making himself minutely acquainted with the present State of the Artillery and the Zealous part which he takes in every matter tending to improve their discipline and otherwise promote

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promote their welfare.—

The Commander in Chief cannot but lament that circumstances should have rendered it expedient to recruit the Artillery Corps with Foreigners of any description,— the Men however first enlisted for the Corps from amongst the foreign Prisoners, were selected with great care, no Man having been then taken for it, who was not of the proper Size or who appeared to be French or otherwise exceptionable in regard to place of Birth,— He can perceive however, that Zeal to keep the Corps complete, has been the cause of some foreigners having been entertained for it who notwithstanding the want of Recruits at the time, it would have been more eligible to reject.— The exceptionable Men therefore now particularized in the List delivered in by Major General Sydenham, the Commander in Chief agrees with him should be removed from the Corps— At present to dispose of them elsewhere, would certainly be attended with all the difficulty that Officer foresees.— To send them to Europe the—

Commander—

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Commander in Chief conceives would be most eligible but as this cannot be effected immediately, he imagines that all that can be now done regarding them, is to prevent their being employed in the Field, and to observe the precaution of keeping them at those Stations where they will have least means of being hurtful, & the least temptation to draw them off from the Service. No irregular behaviour in them has been reported of late, and the Commander in Chief would almost indulge the hope, that the Attention now paid to every part and concern of the Artillery, and the encreasing discipline of the Corps at large, may be productive of divesting some of the Men in question of their worst habits, and in some degree attaching them to the Service— Mean while in Order to supply as much as possible the want of Artillery that would probably be felt should the troops take the Field, measures have been adopted for perfecting one hundred of the Stoutest men of His Majesty's 29th Regiment Dragoons in the Artillery Exercise.—

The different points submitted by Major General Sydenham relative to the Corps

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of Gun Lascars may be conveniently considered at a future day; his ideas however regarding the expediency of the Coast Artillery being augmented to the Establishment detailed by him,— the convenience which might result from having the Pay of the Artillery augmented to the degree that may have taken place in the pay of His Majesty's Artillery at home, & the extreme difficulty which will probably be felt from this period in every endeavour to keep the Artillery complete unless recruits of a proper description be sent out in sufficient Numbers from Europe, seem to merit the serious attention of Government and should perhaps be brought under the immediate view of the Honorable Court of Directors.—

Under this impression the Commander in Chief recommends that Major General Sydenham's Letter with this Minute, may make a Number in the ensuing Dispatch.—

The Commander in Chief is perfectly sensible of the essential benefit which the Artillery Corps is likely to derive from the measures taken by the Honble Court of Directors to procure Cadets for it from the Academy at Woolwich— and

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has paid particular Attention in communication with the Senior Officer of Artillery, to Select for vacancies occurring in this Corps, such of the Gentlemen Cadets as have appeared best qualified from apparent capacity & the particular line of their education.—

(Signed) Geo. Harris.—

To the Hon.ble Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Having been placed by your Orders of the 24th. April last in the general superintendence of the Artillery on the Coast, I consider it to be my duty to submit to you, with the present State of the Corps such Observations & Remarks thereon as appear calculated to promote its credit & respectability as well as the good of the Service at large.—

The 1st. Battalion under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Saxon appears by the last Return to have 10 Serjeants, 8 Corporals, 8 Gunners, 13 Drummers & Fifers and 50 Matrosses Supernumerary to the Establishment — 1 Lieutenant Fireworker wanting to complete.—

The 2d. Battalion Comonanded by Colonel

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Colonel Smith has 11 Serjeants, 1 Corporal & 5 Drummers & Fifers, Supernumerary to the Establishment — 1 Lieutenant Fireworker, 1 Surgeon's Mate & 55 Matrosses wanting to complete. — Hence it appears that the two Battalions including Supernumeraries have rather more than their complement of Europeans, but that there is a disparity between the Numbers in the 1st & 2d Battalion; the former having 50 Matrosses besides several Non Comissioned Offecins Supernumerary to, & the latter 55 Matrosses less than the Establishment — There are however in the 1st Battalion 110 & in the 2nd Battalion 67 Foreigners of different Nations mostly enlisted among the French & Dutch Prisoners at Madras, of whose individual characters I have obtained particular information, & find — that of the former 35 & of the latter 6 are from Countries entirely Democratical & being otherwise remarked for bad behaviour, or undersized and unfit for the Duty of the Artillery, ought not in my humble Opinion to be continued in the Corps. — I have the honor to enclose a Description Roll of of the Men thus selected from the whole, & who —

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together with Seven others of the 1st. Battalion / who tho' not Foreigners are in general Men of such profligate Characters that neither Indulgence or Severity have been found capable of reclaiming / I beg leave to recommend may be removed from the Corps of Artillery when a favorable occasion may offer for that purpose.

It is unnecessary for me to point out the dangerous consequences which might be produced by having with the Artillery in the Field a set of Men who being entirely destitute of principle & feeling no Attachment whatever to the Service, are likely to take the first opportunity of deserting to the Enemy, for as the European Artillery in Camp are necessarily posted over the park & Guns in the line it must be obvious that the mischief which they may have the power of doing before the information which they would give, after Deserting might be of very serious consequence to the Army Under these considerations I am humbly of opinion that too much Attention cannot be paid to the Characters of each Individual in the Corps of Artillery & to the Country in which they were born & educated, and consequently that no Man whose fidelity cannot be

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be depended on Should be allowed to remain ch it—
I am aware of the difficulty of disposing of
Foreigners who have been enlisted from the Prisons,
as they cannot consistently with the good Faith—
implied in the Compact under which they engaged
in the Service, be returned thither against their—
consent & on the other hand, as their Removal from
the Artillery would mark them as being undeser=
=ving of Trust or confidence, they could not be—
usefully employed in any other line; But I am
persuaded Sir, that you will be induced for the
reasons which I have taken the liberty to offer, to
have them struck off the Strength of the Corps by
the first opportunity, & at all events direct that—
none of these Men shall be employed on Field
Service.— In the mean time strict justice combined
with strict discipline on the part of the Officers—
will I have no doubt keep them in some order, & at
least prevent their Example from having an—
unfavorable operation on the conduct of the other
Men.— But the object which I conceive
to be deserving of the most particular consideration
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is to ascertain how the Artillery in India are to be kept complete, in the event of Recruits not being sent from England for the Company's Troops, which has been the case for several Years, a circumstance which led to the enlisting of the Foreigners before mentioned:— The Numbers in each Battalion are decreasing daily, not only from ordinary Casualties but from the Men whose time of Service is expired preferring to renew it in other Corps, the object of superior pay which they had before in the Artillery no longer existing in consequence of the increased Subsistence which has been lately granted to the Infantry to put them on a footing with His Majesty's Regiments serving in this Country, and as the Service of the Artillery is generally considered more laborious than that of the Infantry, it is probable that a great part of the Men whose time of Service expires in the former, will for these reasons prefer the latter Corps:— It has been understood from the public prints that His Majesty has been pleased to augment the pay of his Artillery in the same proportion as the pay to the Infantry & Dragoons

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and I have no doubt that on the same principle as the pay of the Company's Infantry has been encreased that of the Artillery will at a future time be made equal to the pay of the King's Artillery, but so long as the pay of the Matros & of the private of Infantry in this Country shall continue to be the same, there is every reason to believe that the Number of Men in the Artillery will be much decreased by a preference given to the Infantry from the circumstances above mentioned.— I beg leave therefore earnestly to solicit your Attention to the probable situation of the former Corps if some means are not fallen upon to recruit it, & to keep it regularly supplied with Men of proper Size & Strength for the Duties of that line of Service.— It was proposed I understand by the Marquis Cornwallis, that the Establishment of the Artillery in India should be equal to the War Establishment of His Majesty's Artillery, which would be a measure highly desireable, considering the great extent of Country to be protected, and the necessity of being from the Situation of the Neighbouring powers, at all times prepared in a certain degree for

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encouragement that can be devised for obtaining Recruits Attached to the Service; I beg leave further to recommend that a Native Adjutant on the usual Allowance of 5— Pagodas P Month may be appointed to the 15 Companies of Gun Lascars Attached to each Battalion of European Artillery, as a Measure that will be highly conducive to their Discipline.—

It has given me great satisfaction to observe that the Honble the Court of Directors, have Agreed that an Allowance shall be made to the Royal— Academy at Woolwich, for the Education of such a— Number of Cadets as the Company may have— occasion to send to the different Presidencies for the Corps of Artillery and Engineers, & that such— Cadets shall produce a Certificate from the Academy of their Qualifications before they can be entitled to— Appointments in their Corps.— This necessary Regulation the want of which has been so long felt & lamented, cannot but be attended with the happiest effects to the public Service, & I beg leave earnestly to— Recommend that until Cadets of the above description can be sent from England, none should be appointed to the Artillery in this Country, before it shall be— ascertained that they have received in some respects

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a suitable education for it, & Should you be pleased Sir, to let this rest on my Inquiry & Report, I trust you will have no reason to regret having bestowed this Confidence, impressed as I am with an Opinion, that no Young Man who does not enter the Artillery with such a foundation, will ever make an accomplished Officer or contribute to establish that knowledge in the Corps, which alone can make it truly respectable. ~

In having thus fulfilled the Duty encumbent on my present Situation by the foregoing detail of the Actual, and probable State of the Corps of Artillery on this Establishment, I trust Sir you will do me the justice to believe, that I have been actuated by no other considerations than those which regard the public Service, and I am no less persuaded, that you will give the Subject that Attention and Support, which under the same considerations, it may appear to deserve. ~

I have the honor to be with great respect. ~

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(Signed) W. Sydenham
M.G. Senior Officer
of Artillery. ~

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A List of Foreigners belonging to the 1st & 2nd Battalions Countries entirely Democratical are judged unfit

1st Battalion

	Names	Rank	Age	Height Feet	Height Inches	Place of Nativity	In what province
	Dupree John		32	5	7	Brabant	Brussels
	Durand John		29	5	5¾	Switzerland	Cantonlarn
	Frickoo I. N.		27	5	9	France	Paris
	Fonderlaine		35	5	7	Holland	Swoll
5.	Fellers Anthony		26	5	3¼	Germany	Paderborn
	Freely Martyn		40	5	5½	Do	Alsace
	Groaff John		38	5	9½	Holland	Rotterdam
	Hendrick John		27	5	7	Germany	Nerpelet
	Harrings Klaas		34	5	2½	Do	Allangham
10.	Hovenstryd Peter		34	5	6¾	Holland	Hague
	Heiper I. P.		25	5	9	Do	Shereningen
	Lenburn John		28	5	6½	France	Paris
	Lewin D.		29	5	8½	Holland	Haarlem
	Leben Lodewyk		32	5	5½	Germany	Hofgeismar
15	Muller John		27	5	5	"	Hesse Casel
	Moor David		42	5	5	"	
	Martins C. J.		34	5	3¼	"	Hanover
	Montagon Christian		35	5	6	Holland	Leyden
	Nagel John		39	5	9½	Germany	Helhaasesein
20	Neymayers Christian		23	5	4½	"	Lorck
	Pelman Wilhelm		34	5	4½	"	Leipsick
	Peiroo Joseph		32	5	11	France	Arnon
	Rofseck John		37	5	6	Germany	Saxe
	Roots Claas		24	5	8½	Holland	Buyksloot
25	Raifell Jacob		24	5	8	"	Haigue
	Roales William		39	5	11	"	
	Rapine Joseph		47	5	6	Savoy	Chambery
	Shellens Derrick		29	5	10½	Holland	Sexbierum
	Sponhoth Peter		27	5	7	Ceylon	Columbo
30	Sonnaive Frances		25	5	8	Brabant	Defselgam
	Timman Christian		35	5	3	Germany	Hamburgh
	Vrold Nicholas		41	5	8	Hungary	Tamasie
	Valenstraud Augt	"	22	5	5¼	Sweeden	Stockholm
	Werts Thomas		38	5	4	Germany	Wakermandkeik
35	Yarques Andrew		22	5	6¼	Holland	Amsterdam

The following men tho' not Foreigners born under Tenets and unfit as well as bad Characters, should be removed

	Bennett William		24	5	1½	England	Norfolk
	Dawson William		30	5	3½	"	Lincoln
	Dawson Samuel		19	5	7	"	Stafford
	Johes Richard		21	5	4	"	Lancashire
40	Ormond Peter		23	5	3½	Ireland	Dublin
	Pitchford William		21	5	5¾	England	
42.	Thomson John		28	5	5	"	Middlesex

2nd Battalion

	Beukes Barend	Matross	39	5	9½	Sestien	Holland
	Derk Berkhaar	"	31	5	8½	Hague	
	Famingdon Lambert	"	27	5	4½	Strausburg	Land of Alsace Circle of upper Rhine
	Goldberg Petrus	"	25	5	9	Dasseldorf	Duke of Berg. C. of Westphalia
	Mendel Paulus	"	34	5	9	Burghouse	Palatine
6	Pinion Caesar	"	29	5	6	Nion	Canton of Soiber

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of Artillery who from being undersized or infirm, or coming from
for the Corps.

Empire or Kingdom	Place Enlisted	Date of the time taken into the Service. —	General character since in the Battalions. —	Remarks
Austrian Netherlds	Dutch Prison Madras	October 1795	Besides being a Native of a province of Belgium he is a Man of a very bad Character	
Switzerland	Do	Do " April 1796	Mind & Size & unfit for the Artillery	
France	Do "	Do " August "	Has deserted already since joining the Corps	
United Netherlds	Do "	Do " September 1795	A Dutchman, and of bad Character	
"	Do "	Do " April 1796	Under Size & unfit for the Artillery —	
Germany	Do "	Do " April 1796	old unfit for the Artillery	
"	Do "	Do " August 1796	Has deserted since he joined the Corps	
United Netherlds	Do "	Do " November 1795	Unfit for Service being Ruptured	
"	Do	Do January 1796	Under Size & unfit for Artillery Exercise	
Germany	Do "	Do " August 1797		
"	Do "	Do "	Natives of Holland & Men of bad Character	
United Netherlds	Do "	Do "	" 1796	
"	Do "	Do " March 1796	A Native of France and of bad Character	
"	Do "	Do " September 1795	of a Sickly constitution & too weak for the artillery	
France			Under Size & unfit for Artillery duty	
United Netherl.	2 Prisoners	Cape G. H. January 1797	Has deserted since he joined the Corps & is also Ruptured	
Germany	Dutch Prison Mad.	August 1796	Under Size & too feeble for Artillery duty	
"	Do "	Do " April "	Ditto	
"	Do "	Do " "	Subject to Epilepsy	
"	Do "	Do "	Ruptured	
"	Do "	Do " August 1797	Under Size & unfit for the Artillery	
United Netherl.	Do "	Do " January 1796	Ditto & feeble	
Germany	Prisoners	Cape G. H. January 1797	Has deserted twice since he joined the Corps	
"	Dutch Prison Mad.	April 1795	Weakly & unfit for Artillery Exercise	
"	Do "	Do " August "		
"	Do "	Do " Septem. "		
France	Do "	Do " "		
Germany	Do "	Do " "	" 1796	
United Netherl.	Cape G. H.	by M. G. Geils "	" 1795	very irregular in their conduct & are all Dutchmen
"		St. Helena "		
"	Dutch Prison Mad.	"	1796	Ruptured & unfit for the Artillery
"	Do "	Do " April		Has deserted since he joined the Corps
United Netherl.	Pris.	Cape G. H. January	"	Ruptured & unfit for the Artillery
Coast of Malabar	Dutch Prison Mad.	April	"	Ditto Ditto
Austrian Netherl.	Do "	Do " "	" 1797	Much under Size & unfit for the Artillery
Germany	Do "	Do " August	1796	Worn out thro' Age & former long Services
Hungary	Do "	Do " April	"	Under Size & unfit for the Artillery
Sweden	St. Helena	Septem.	"	Do Do Do
Germany	Dutch Prison mad.	April	"	A Man of very irregular Conduct
United Netherl.	St. Helena	October	"	
for Artillery	Duty			
Great Britain	Madras	June	1795	
"	"	"	"	Greatly under Size & unfit for the Artillery
"	"	"	1796	Has deserted repeatedly
"	"	Septem.	1797	Under Size & unfit for the Artillery
"	"	June	1796	Ditto Ditto
"	"	October		Has deserted repeatedly
"	"	June	1795	under Size & a bad Character
"	"			
			1796	A Man of bad Character, deserted, once
United Netherl.	Cape Good Hope	January	1795	of indifferent character, always Sickly & unfit for Artillery Exercise
"	Dutch Prison	September	1796	under Size & unfit for Artillery
"	Do "	Do " October		A good Man, but disabled by a bad leg from doing effective duty
Germany	Cape of Good Hope	January	"	An indifferent character has deserted once.
"	St. Helena	Septem.	"	Ditto Ditto
Switzerland	French Prison	"	1795	

(Signed)
W. Sydenham
Mily. Senior Officer
of Artillery

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Resolved, that a Copy of the minute be transmitted to the Court of Directors and the recruiting the Artillery to be referred to their consideration.—

Resolved that a Copy of the foregoing Minute be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the present dispatch, and that the difficulty of recruiting the Artillery, as pointed out by the Commander in Chief and Major General Sydenham, be referred to their most particular Consideration.—

Orders to be issued for the disposal of the Foreigners, to be removed from the Corps of Artillery

Resolved that the Commander in Chief be requested to issue such Orders as he may judge necessary for the immediate disposal of the foreigners, when he judges it necessary to remove from the Corps of Artillery.—

The several points suggested by Major General Sydenham relative to Gun Lascars to be postponed.—

Resolved that the several points suggested by Major General Sydenham in regard to the Corps of Gun Lascars be postponed to a future Opportunity.—

Commander in Chiefs' Minute

Commander in Chiefs' Minute enclosing letters from the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General of the Army relative to the measure of Government that consolidated their Staff Pay &c.a into a Salary being disapproved by the Court of Directors.—

The Commander in Chief submits to the Board an Address which he has just received from the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General of the Army manifesting their disappointment at the Orders recently received from home disapproving

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disapproving the Arrangement that consolidated their
respective Staff Pay and Allowances into a Salary and
thereby enabled them to benefit by Half Batta an-
Allowance Established universally by the new Arrangements.

The Grounds on which Government
were induced to pass the Measure Alluded to were
fully set forth at the time for the information of the
Honorable Court but the charge & duties of the
Quarter Master General and consequently his Allowances
have been encreased by the adoption of an Arrangement
which appeared to be indespensible for the better regula-
tion & care of the Camp Equipage & Military Buildings
and although Government were not prevailed on to
acquiesce in a request received nearly at the same
time from the Adjutant General, a resolution passed that
the subject of it should lie over until the next dispatch
should be received from England which it was suppo-
sed would probably contain some Arrangements
favorable to the General Staff consequent of the
Sentiments which had been previously recorded
by Government but particularly by General Clarke
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the Commander in Chief who strongly marked the unfavorable situation of the General Staff on the Coast & especially when viewed relatively with the General Staff at Bengal.—

The trusts committed to the General Staff— the qualities requisite for the proper discharge of them— the labour attending the duties which they have to fulfill both in their respective departments & as Members of the Military Board are considera-tions which in the Opinion of the Commander-in-Chief should induce the measure of placing the Offices of the Adjutant General & Quarter Master General on a footing that would render them an Object of Attainment for the choicest Characters amongst the Officers of Rank & Standing upon the Establishment.—

The effects of the late Orders in disapproval can scarcely be more forcibly shewn than by the Statement now presented for considera-tion.—

In determining the Claims of

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one description of public Appointments it is perhaps impossible to avoid a comparative view of the consider-ation had for others.— Under the Orders in question the Monthly Sum derived from their Offices by the Quarter Master General & Adjutant General in the field is reduced to 89 Pagodas.—

A result so Striking & unexpected as well as the other considerations alluded to oblige the Commander in Chief to bring this subject once more under the view of Government in order that some measures may be taken for the relief of the General Staff, or that such further explanation regarding it may be conveyed to the Honorable Court as the good of the Service may require.—

(Signd) Geo: Harris

Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief

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Sir,

We are just informed of the— Paragraph contained in the last Dispatch from the Honorable—

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Honorable Court of Directors by which they have disapproved the measure of Government that consolidated our Staff Pay and Allowances & thereby enabled us to benefit by the Half Batta establish-ed universally as a Regimental Allowance by the new Arrangements.—

In addressing you Sir it is needless for us to embarge on the trusts committed to the Offices we respectively hold, or on the import-ance of the duties we have to discharge, both in our departments as General Staff and as Members of the Military Board.—

Under the present Orders of the Court of Directors We only derive from our Staff situations while in Garrison 185 Pagodas pr. Month and while in the Field 89 Pagodas pr. Month.—

In laying this Statement before you We cannot help adverting to the General Scale of the Service touching the allowances made to Appointments of trust in general and submitting how far the claims of our Offices

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can be supposed to have consideration under the allowances above mentioned.

We have to request Sir that you will lay the substance of this Statement before the Right Honble the President in Council with such support, as you conceive it deserves.

We have the honor to be with respect

&c. &c. &c.

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(Signed) Jno. Richardson
D. M. G. of the Army
By. Close
Adjt. Genl. of the Army

Though the Board feel a strong disposition to grant the general Staff at this Presidency an allowance equal to that enjoyed by the same description of Officers in Bengal, yet under the positive tenor of the orders lately received from the Honble Court of Directors, & the assurance, which the Board feel that this case will yet be favorably considered in the expected separate dispatch from the Honble Court upon the Military Arrangements, they are

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are Apprehensive that their immediate interference may prove injurious to the cause, which they are desirous of Supporting: — Resolved therefore that a Copy of the foregoing Minute be transmitted to the Honble Court, that the particular hardships of the case be pointed out to their serious Notice, that they be Apprized of the Serious injury which the Service may sustain by the resignation of the present Staff, and that it be Recommended to the Honble Court to put them upon an equal footing with the Bengal Staff by granting the Adjutant General and Quarter Master General a Staff allowance of Six hundred Pagodas per Month with a reasonable portion of Arrears to Lieutenant Colonels Richardson and Close.

Resolved that a Copy of this Minute be transmitted to the Court of Directors and the hardships of the case pointed out to their Notice.

Memorandum

The Commander in Chief is induced to Notice an inconvenience which is felt at Ganjam from the Arrangement subsisting with respect to the Officer Commanding in the Ganjam District. — It has always been usual for an Officer having the general charge of a District

Commander in Chiefs Minute — inconvenience arising from Lieutenant Colonel Leightons not having fixed head Quarters in the Ganjam District. — remarks on the difficulty of supplying the Native Battalions with Staff Serjeants recommends that Lieutenant Fowler 2nd Battalion of Artillery be allowed to charge

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change Situations with Lieutenant Fireworker Wildon of the 1st Battalion

District to have also the immediate Command of such Post in it as his fixed Head Quarters, but this rule has not yet had effect with regard to Lieutenant Colonel Leighton,— who though Commanding in the District has never been Nominated to the charge of any particular Station belonging to it, by which the Communication of Orders has been sometimes obstructed from the Engineer of the District being Senior to the Officer Commanding the Fort of Ganjam, — with a view to remedy this inconvenience the Commander in Chief recommends the subject to the consideration of the Board.—

As the greater part of the Company's European Infantry are employed upon foreign Service, it has of late been found difficult to keep the Native Battalions supplied with Staff Serjeants.— In some cases it has been impossible to fill the vacancies happening in the Station of Serjeant Major, from which some of the Adjutants to Native Corps have experienced an increase of duty, and been subjected to extra expence in paying Writers to assist them in keeping up the Regimental Books and pay Accounts

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of those Companies which occasionally come under their charge from the absence or Scarcity of Officers, or other Casualties.— Persuant to such Circumstances the Commander in Chief has now to Submit to the Board two Applications which he has lately received from Lieutenant Bryce Adjutant to the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment and Captain Haddow Commanding 3 Companies of the 1st Battalion 9th Regiment.— In respect to these requests the Commander in Chief would recommend that where a Native Battalion cannot be supplied with a proper Man to fill the Station of Serjeant Major, the Adjutant shall be permitted to draw a Sum equal to the Pay & Allowances of a Serjeant Major till the vacancy can be properly filled up.— The same rule to Apply to Detachments of Native Infantry to which the Appointment of Serjeant Major is deemed to be necessary.—

In regard to Lieutenant Bryce's case, the Commander in Chief would recommend that

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that he should be allowed to draw Arrears of the Pay and Allowances of a Serjeant Major from January last, inclusive. —

Lieutenant Fowler Quarter Master of the 2nd Battalion of Artillery, and Lieutenant Fire Worker Welsh Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of Artillery having applied thro' the Channel of their Commanding Officers for permission to exchange Situations, the Commander in Chief recommends that their request may be acquiesced in, as tending to the convenience of the public Service. —

(Signed) Geo: Harris

In consequence of the Commander in Chief's Suggestion the President proposes that Lieutenant Colonel Leighton be Appointed to Command the fort and Garrison of Ganjam, and that Captain Henry Webber be Appointed to the Command of Aska vice Poole removed to a Corps in the Southern Division. —

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly. —

Resolved in compliance with the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that — Adjutants

Lieutenant Colonel Leighton to be Appointed to Command the Fort and Garrison of Ganjam and Captain H. Webber to the Comonand of Aska

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Resolved that — Adjutants of Native Regiments to which Serjeant Majors are not attached be permitted to draw the Allowances—

Adjutants of Native Regiments, to which Serjeants Majors may not be appointed, and which cannot supply a proper Man to fill that Station, be — permitted to draw the Allowances of a Serjeants Major, Viz.t., five Pagodas per Month, untill the vacancy may be filled.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Fowler and Lieutenant Fireworker Weldon be permitted to exchange Situations at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief.—

Resolved that Lieutenant Fowler & Lieutenant Fireworker Weldon be permitted to exchange — Situations.—

The President proposes that —

Lieutenant Colonel Wahab appointed to Command in the Guntoor Circar.

Lieutenant Colonel Wahab be Appointed to command in the Guntoor Circar and at Guntoor in the — Room of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts, and that

Lieutenant Hall to act as Commissary of Stores at — Masulipatam.—

Lieutenant Hall be Appointed to do duty as — Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam during the Absence of Lieutenant Beaumont.—

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly

Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

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My Lord,

1st We have the honor to report to your Lordship in Council that the necessary measures have been adopted in consequence of the receipt of Government's Letter of the 18th Instant.—

From the Military Board, enclosing a Statement of Materials and Workmanship for the repair of the Fort of Dindigul made by Lieutenant Colonel Bowser—remarks on this subject—recommend the payment of a bill for Firewood—recommend an Advance being made to Lieutenant Colonel Murray—and the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George

2nd In considering the reference from Government to our Board of Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, under date the 6th of July last, and Bills which accompanied it for Repairs made to the Fort of Dindigul, and for sundry Military Stores supplied by him at that Station, We have thought it necessary to enter into a particular examination of the rates charged by that Officer for the repairs stated by him to have been made to the Fort of Dindigul—contrasted with the general prices of Materials, and Workmanship, and find the result to be as follows as per detailed particulars in the accompanying

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Accompanying Statement A

	Pags.	Fans.	Cash
Rates Charged by Lieutenant Colonel Bowser in Bills No. 182 for Materials and Workmanship	2110	27	110
General rates of each	1082	14	-
Difference	1037	13	110

3rd " It is probable however that the difficulty of obtaining Materials, and Workmen, at a Post which had been recently captured from the Enemy might have occasioned a considerable difference in the rates, but We have no means of estimating the extent to which such difference may be Admitted, nor is it in our Power to establish any principle upon which a judgement may be formed on the Subject.

4th " The same difficulty occurs in regard to the Bill, No. 4, for Stores supplied by Lieutenant Colonel Bowser, amounting to Pagodas 366. 15. and on a reference to the Records of the Arsenal, to which formerly all Returns of Stores from the Out Stations were sent, We have not been able to ascertain whether the Stores Charged for by Lieutenant Colonel Bowser were, or were not regularly brought on the Returns

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Returns of Dindigul.—

5.th It appears from Lieutenant Colonel Bowser's Letter to Government under date the 6.th July last that he made application for payment so far back as the Month of February, 1795. and that he was required in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter of the 28.th of that Month in Answer to such application "to state "by what authority the Sum of 3489 Pagodas, 15 Fanams, "was disbursed by him in repairing the Upper Fort of "Dindigul, and the Sum of 902 Pagodas, 20 Fanams, "in the purchase of sundry Articles, that although he "produced sufficient authority for the expenditure, the rules "could not be admitted in their then Form, that a detailed "Account of each Item was therefor to be transmitted to "enable Government to judge of the different Charges he "had made," and it was further intimated in the same Letter— "that any Charge in the said Bills contrary to "the Book of Regulations would not be admitted."—

6.th It becomes therefore our Duty to State that the Bills which Lieutenant Colonel Bowser has lately presented for Materials, and Workmanship, Amount only to Pagodas 2361...37...— and for Stores Supplied to Pagodas 366...15...— that he has not, in conformity to the requisition of Government before Stated, produced

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any Authority under which the Repairs were made, or Stores, supplied, or any Document to shew that such Repairs were duly executed, that the rates charged in the Bills now produced differ considerably from the rates established by the Regulations, and that an interval of upwards of Seven Years has elapsed between his former, and present Application.—

7th. Under all these circumstances, We do not feel Ourselves Warranted to recommend the payment of the Bills in question, but should Government be pleased to consider Lieutenant Colonel Bowsers claim, though so long protracted, to be still deserving of Attention, it will no doubt Appear expedient that he should produce satisfactory proof that the Repairs stated to have been made by him to the Breach &c.a at Dindigul were duly executed, and that he should substantiate the Charges for the same by an affirmation on Honor, and if required, on Oath— "that the several Sums charged "were actually, and bonâ fide disbursed for the purposes "expressed against each: that the rates of Materials, and "hire of Workmen, were the lowest that could be obtained, "and that he has not had, nor shall have, any Interest, "or Advantage, directly, or indirectly, therein."—

8th. We beg leave to recommend that payment be authorized of the enclosed Bill, amounting

to

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to Pagodas 48..5..14., for a quantity of Firewood laid in by the Garrison Storekeeper in the Guntoor Circar at Timricotah, previous to the receipt of the Government Order for the evacuation of that Post.—

9th Lieutenant Colonel Murray, Commanding the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry at Connatore, having applied to us for a further Advance of fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas on account of the Buildings carrying on under his direction at that Cantonment, and represented that, from the Palmirah Trees in the vicinity of Connatore being unfit for the purposes of Building, it is necessary to obtain another Dustuck for felling Trees near Amboor, We recommend in consequence that an Advance to that Amount be ordered to Lieutenant Colonel Murray, and that Application be made to His Highness the Nabob for an additional Dustuck.—

10th Application having been made to our Board by the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George for an Advance of four hundred (400) Pagodas on Account of Provisions which he has been directed to put on board the Honble Company's Ship Earl Fitz William for the Draft to from

His

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His Majesty's 36th. Regiment ordered to proceed thence to Bengal, We recommend that such Advance be accordingly authorized.—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
26th. September 1798.—

E.C. &c. &c.

George Harris
Patrick Ross
(Signed) W. Sydenham

"By. Close—

Statement A

Referred to in the Military Board's Letter of the 26th. Instant to Government upon Lieutenant Colonel Bowsers Claims.—

On a moderate calculation, and allowing the work to be on an Elevation— a Bricklayer should lay 350 Bricks at least per diem— the usual allowance is 3 Coolies and 4 Boys to 2 Bricklayers— but on account of the height we will allow 4 Coolies and 5 Boys to 2 Bricklayers— and 2 Chunam Beaters to 3 Bricklayers.—

250,000— Bricks and 30,000 Tyles have been used which is equal in Workmanship and Materials to

265,000—

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265,000 Bricks 810½ Bricklayers.—

810½ Bricklayers	at 4 fanams	P Day		77	6
1621 Coolies	at 2	Ditto	Ditto	77	6
2026 Boys	at 1½	Ditto	Ditto (highest price)	27	15
33 Drivers	at 3	Ditto	Ditto	2	15
1 Conicoply	at 4 Pagodas	per Month for 3 Months		12	—
1 2nd Ditto	at 2	Ditto	Ditto	6	—
			Star Pagodas	247	—
540 Chunam Beaters	at 1½ fanams each			19	12
				266	12

For Answer the Expence of Materials Star Pagodas 816 2 —

Workmanship is generally estimated at nearly 1/3rd of the Materials,— which in the present instance would be exactly 272 Pagodas 5 Pagodas 30 Fanams — more than the above Calculation which I therefore judge to be Correct.—

N.B. There is afterwards in November 1790 a — further Sum of 242 9 40 for Workmanship against which no Materials appears — as the above 250,000 Bricks and 30,000 Tiles &c. appear to have been used from the 31st August to the 31st October 1790.—

According to the above Remark		
Materials	816 2	—
Workmanship	266 12	—
	1082 14	—

Total

3.

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Total Amount of Colonel Bowsers Account.

	Materials	Workmanship	P. F. C.
1st Paper	508.. 2..	695.. 19.. 60.	1203.. 21.. 60.
2nd Ditto	308..	608.. 5.. 60.	916.. 5.. 60.
Total	816.. 2.. ..	1303.. 25.. 60.	2,119.. 27.. 60.

According the above Remarks made..... 1082.. 14.. ..

Difference Pagodas 1037.. 13.. 48.

N.B. In the first Paper there are. 4000 Baskets at 50 pr. Pagoda..... Pagodas.... 8.. .. ..
Which no doubt was intended to be 400 Baskets.

A true Copy

(Signed) Frederick Pierce

Secy. Mil. Board.

To The

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To the Honble Company Dr.

To Bricklayers Coolys and Work People in Repairing the Barracks Works Damaged during the Seiges Magazine Store Room &c.a &c.a in the Garrison of Dindegul.—

				H.P.s	f.s	C.	H.Pags	f.s	C.
1790									
August	31st	To 2 Bricklayers	at 4 fanm.s each		8	—			
		To 52 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		2	20			
		To 20 Womens	at 1½ f.s Dr.			30			
		To 4 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.			4		3	20
	1st	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			12			
September	1	To 42 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		2	—			
		To 104 Womens	at 1½ Dr.		3	30			
		To 31 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.			31			
		To 7 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.			21		7	10
	2nd	To 5 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			20			
	2	To 120 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		5	30			
		To 106 Womens	at 1½ Dr.		3	33			
		To 101 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		2	17			
		To 15 Coolys Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		1	3		13	19
	3rd	To 5 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			20			
	3	To 179 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		8	22			
		To 156 Women	at 1½ f.m Dr.		5	15			
		To 112 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		2	28			
		To 20 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		1	18		18	19
	4th	To 8 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			32			
	4	To 231 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		11	—			
		To 140 Womens	at 1½ Dr.		5	—			
		To 195 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		2	57			
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		2	6		21	13
	5th	To 10 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			40			
	5	To 273 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		13	—			
		To 170 Women	at 1½ f.m Dr.		6	3			
		To 88 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		2	4			
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		2	6		24	11
	6th	To 10 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			40			
	6	To 293 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		13	20			
		To 162 Women	at 1½ f.m Dr.		5	33			
		To 62 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		1	20			
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		2	6		24	13
	7th	To 10 Bricklayers	at 4 f.s Dr.			40			
	7	To 294 Coolys	at 2 f.s Dr.		14	—			
		To 162 Women	at 1½ f.m Dr.		5	33			
		To 64 Boys	at 1 f.m Dr.		2	22			
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f.s Dr.		2	6		24	17
			Carried over		—	—		136	38

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				Rup.	f.	C.	Rup.	f.	C.
			Brought over				136.	38.	—
September	8.	To 12 Bricklayers	at 4 f. each		1.	6.			
		To 285 Coolies	at 2 f. each		13.	24.	—		
		To 181 Women	at 1½ f. each		6.	19.	40.		
		To 82 Boys	at ½ f. each			41.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f. D.		2.	6.	—		
	9.	To 12 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	6.	—	25.	11.	40.
		To 293 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	40.	—		
		To 174 Women	at 1½ f. do.		6.	9.	—		
		To 39 Coolyboys	at ½ f. do.			39.	—		
		To 3 D. di.	at 1¼ f. do.			3.	60.		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	6.	—		
	10.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	10.	—	24.	19.	60.
		To 285 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	24.	—		
		To 181 Women	at 1½ f. do.		6.	19.	40.		
		To 42 Boys	at ½ f. do.		1.	—	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	6.	—		
	11.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	10.	—	24.	17.	40.
		To 284 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	22.	—		
		To 176 Women	at 1½ f. do.		6.	12.	—		
		To 57 Boys	at ½ f. do.		1.	15.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	6.	—		
	12	To 12 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	6.	—	24.	23.	—
		To 277 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	8.	—		
		To 165 Women	at 1½ f. do.		5.	37.	40.		
		To 130 Boys	at ½ f. do.		3.	4.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	6.	—		
	13	To 12 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	6.	—	25.	19.	40.
		To 293 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	40.	—		
		To 166 Women	at 1½ f. do.		5.	39.	—		
		To 78 Boys	at ½ f. do.		1.	36.	60.		
		To 34 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	18.	—		
	14	To 11 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	2.	—	25.	13.	60.
		To 275 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	4.	—		
		To 161 Women	at 1½ f. do.		5.	31.	40.		
		To 132 Boys	at ½ f. do.		3.	6.	—		
		To 33 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	15.	—		
	15	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	10.	—	25.	16.	40.
		To 277 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		13.	8.	—		
		To 161 Women	at 1½ f. do.		5.	31.	40.			
		To 121 Boys	at ½ f. do.		2.	39.	—			
		To 33 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	15.	—			
	16	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f. do.		1.	10.	—	25.	17.	40.
		To 271 Coolies	at 2 f. do.		12.	38.	—			
		To 173 Womens	at 1½ f. do.		6.	7.	40.			
		To 77 Boys	at ½ f. do.		1.	35.	—			
		To 33 Drivers	at 3 f. do.		2.	15.	—	24.	21.	40.
			Carried over				—	361.	30.	40.

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1798				Mo. Fs. C.	Mos. Fs. C.
		Brought over			361.30.40.
September	17th	13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. each		1.10.—	
		To 283 Coolys at 2 fs. each		13.20.—	
		To 172 Women at 1½ fs. each		6.6.—	
		To 56 Boys at 1 fs. each		1.14.—	
		To 33 Drivers at 3 fs. D°		2.15.—	24.23.—
	18th	To 13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 275 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		13.4.—	
		To 144 Women at 1½ fs. dº		5.6.—	
		To 110 Boys at 1 fs. dº		2.26.—	
		To 33 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.15.—	24.19.—
	19th	13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 272 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		12.40.—	
		To 179 Women at 1½ fs. dº		6.36.40.	
		To 99 Boys at 1 fs. dº		2.15.—	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	25.3.40.
	20	To 13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 293 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		13.10.—	
		To 162 Women at 1½ fs. dº		5.33.—	
		To 61 Boys at 1 fs. dº		1.19.20.	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	24.24.20.
	21	To 13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 285 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		13.24.—	
		To 175 Women at 1½ fs. dº		6.10.40.	
		To 55 Boys at 1 fs. dº		1.13.—	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	24.23.40.
	22	To 13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 297 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		14.6.—	
		To 184 Women at 1½ fs. dº		6.24.—	
		To 57 Boys at 1 fs. dº		1.15.20.	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	25.19.20.
		To 13 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 261 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		12.58.—	
		To 175 Women at 1½ fs. dº		6.10.40.	
		To 52 Boys at 1 fs. dº		1.10.—	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	23.12.40.
	24	To 12 Bricklayers at 4 fs. dº		1.6.—	
		To 264 Coolys at 2 fs. dº		12.24.—	
		To 172 Women at 1½ fs. dº		6.6.—	
		To 96 Boys at 1 fs. dº		2.11.60.	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dº		2.6.—	24.11.60.
			Carried over		557.39.20.

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1790				Hon. f. c.	Hon. f. c.
September			Brought over		557. 39. 20.
	25.	To 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. each		1. 10. —	
		To 273 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		13. — —	
		To 154 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		5. 21. —	
		To 60 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		1. 18. —	
		To. 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	23. 13. —
	26.	To. 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. dr.		1. 10. —	
		To. 270 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		12. 36. —	
		To 153 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		5. 19. 40.	
		To. 66 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		1. 24. —	
		To 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	23. 11. 40.
	27.	To. 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. dr.		1. 10. —	
		To 271 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		12. 38. —	
		To. 154 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		5. 21. —	
		To. 65 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		1. 22. 60.	
		To. 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	23. 13. 60.
	28	To. 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. dr.		1. 10. —	
		To. 250 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		12. 14. —	
		To. 171 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		6. 1. 40.	
		To. 22 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		— 22. —	
		To. 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	22. 14. 40.
	29.	To. 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. dr.		1. 10. —	
		To. 281 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		13. 16. —	
		To. 161 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		5. 31. 40.	
		To. 21 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		— 21. —	
		To. 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	23. — 40.
	30.	To. 13 Brickayers at 4 fs. dr.		1. 10. —	
		To. 250 Coolys at 2 fs. dr.		12. 14. —	
		To. 170 Women at 2½ fs. dr.		6. 3. —	
		To. 20 Boys at 1 fs. dr.		— 20. 20.	
		To. 30 Drivers at 3 fs. dr.		2. 6. —	22. 14. 20.
			Total Pagodas		695. 19. 60.
		To 150000 Bricks at 1½ Pagodas P. 1000		225. — —	
		To. 1000 Collums of Chunam at 6 ½ Coll. P. Day		160. — —	
		To. 1116 Bullocks Loads of Sand at ½ f. P. a bullock Load		26. 24. —	
This must have been intended for 400 Baskets		To. 60 Maunds of Jaggery at ¾ Pag. P. a maund		45. — —	
		To. 1000 Baskets at 50 Baskets P. Pagoda		8. — —	
		To. 60 large Rope at 12 Rope P. Pagoda		5. — —	
		To. 150 Bamboos at 10 Bamboos P. Pagoda		15. — —	
		To. 880 Potts at 2 fs. 2 Potts P. Pagoda		10. 20. —	
		To. 1 Conicoply		8. — —	
		To. 1 Second Conicoply		5. — —	508. 2. —
			Grand Total Pag.		1203. 21. 60.

To

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To Bricklayers Coolies and Work People in Repairing the Breach Works damaged during the Seige Magazine Store room &c.a &c.a in the Garrison Dindigul.—

					P. F. C.	Pags. F. C.
1790						
October	1st	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 fan.s Each		1..10..—	
		To 253 Coolies	at 2 f.s Do.		12..2..—	
		To 110 Women	at 1½ do. do.		5..—..—	
		To 35 Boys	at 1 f.s do. do.		..35..—	
					2..6..—	21..11..—
	2d	To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
		To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		12..4..—	
		To 254 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..27..—	
		To 130 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..8..—	
		To 50 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	21..13..—
	3d	To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..6..—	
		To 12 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		11..24..—	
		To 243 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..36..—	
		To 136 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..23..—	
		To 65 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	21..11..—
	4th	To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
		To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		12..6..—	
		To 255 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..30..—	
		To 132 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..9..—	
		To 51 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	21..19..—
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	5th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		13..20..—	
		To 283 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..18..—	
		To 124 Women	at 1½ do. do.		..44..20.	
		To 41 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	22..11..20.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	6th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		11..12..—	
		To 237 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		3..31..40.	
		To 105 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..1..—	
		To 43 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	19..18..40.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	7th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		12..12..—	
		To 258 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		5..3..—	
		To 142 Women	at 1½ do. do.		..30..20.	
		To 30 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	21..19..20.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	8th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		12..10..—	
		To 257 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		3..22..40.	
		To 99 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..5..—	
		To 47 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	20..11..40.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	9th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		11..30..—	
		To 246 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		3..19..60.	
		To 98 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..26..—	
		To 68 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	20..7..60.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	10th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		10..30..—	
		To 225 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..18..—	
		To 124 Women	at 1½ do. do.		..33..20.	
		To 33 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	19..13..20.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	11th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		10..30..—	
		To 225 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		4..4..60.	
		To 115 Women	at 1½ do. do.		1..2..—	
		To 44 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	19..10..60.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
	12th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do. do.		10..20..—	
		To 220 Coolies	at 2 do. do.		3..27..—	
		To 102 Women	at 1½ do. do.		..32..20.	
		To 32 Boys	at 1 do. do.		2..6..—	18..11..20.
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do. do.		1..10..—	
				Carried over Pagodas		245..31..40.

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1790					H.P. f. c.	H.P. f. c.
			Brought over			557. 39. 20.
September	25.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	each	1. 10. —	
		To 273 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	13. — —	
		To 154 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	5. 21. —	
		To 60 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	1. 18. —	
		To. 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	23. 13. —
	26.	To. 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	dt.	1. 10. —	
		To. 270 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	12. 36. —	
		To 153 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	5. 19. 60.	
		To. 66 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	1. 24. —	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	23. 11. 60.
	27.	To. 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	dt.	1. 10. —	
		To 271 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	12. 38. —	
		To 154 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	5. 21. —	
		To. 65 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	1. 22. 60.	
		To. 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	23. 13. 60.
	28	To. 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	dt.	1. 10. —	
		To. 250 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	12. 14. —	
		To. 171 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	6. 1. 40.	
		To. 22 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	22. —	
		To. 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	22. 14. 40.
	29.	To. 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	dt.	1. 10. —	
		To. 281 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	13. 16. —	
		To. 161 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	5. 31. 40.	
		To. 21 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	21. —	
		To. 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	23. — 40.
	30.	To. 13 Bricklayers	at 4 f.	dt.	1. 10. —	
		To. 250 Coolys	at 2 f.	dt.	12. 14. —	
		To. 170 Women	at 1½ f.	dt.	6. 3. —	
		To. 20 Boys	at 1 f.	dt.	20. 20.	
		To. 30 Drivers	at 3 f.	dt.	2. 6. —	22. 11. 20.
				Total Pagodas		695. 19. 60.

	To 150000 Bricks	at 1½ Pagodas Pr. 1000	225. — —
	To. 1000 Collums of Chunam	at 6 Pr. Coll. Pr. Pay.	160. — —
	To. 1116 Bullocks loads of Sand	at ½ f. Pr. bullock load	26. 24. —
This must have been intended for 400 Baskets	To. 60 Maunds of Jaggry	at ¾ Pag. Pr. maund	45. — —
	To. 11000 Baskets	at 50 Baskets Pr. Pagoda	8. — —
	To. 60 large Rope	at 12 Rope Pr. Pagoda	5. — —
	To. 150 Bamboos	at 10 Bamboos Pr. Pagoda	15. — —
	To. 830 Potts	at 2 f. 2 Potts Pr. Pagoda	10. 20. —
	To. 1 Conicoply		8. — —
	To. 1 Second Conicoply		5. — — 508. 2. —
		Grand Total Pag.s	1203. 21. 60.

To

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

To Bricklayers Coolays and Work People in Repairing the Breach Works damaged during the Seige Magazine Store room &c.a &c.a in the Garrison Dindigul.—

					P. F. C.	Pags. F. C.
1790						
October	1st	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 fan.s Each		1.10.—	
		To 253 Coolays	at 2 f.s D.o		12.2.—	
		To 140 Women	at 1½ d.o d.o		5.—.—	
		To 35 Boys	at 1 f.a d.o		.35.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	21.11.—
	2d	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 254 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		12.4.—	
		To 130 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.27.—	
		To 50 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.8.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	21.13.—
	3d	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.6.—	
		To 243 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		12.24.—	
		To 136 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.36.—	
		To 65 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.23.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	21.11.—
	4th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 255 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		12.6.—	
		To 132 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.30.—	
		To 51 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.9.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	21.19.—
	4th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 283 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		13.20.—	
		To 124 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.18.—	
		To 41 boys	at 1 d.s d.s		.41.20.	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	22.11.20.
	6th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 237 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		11.12.—	
		To 105 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		3.31.40.	
		To 43 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.1.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	19.18.40.
	7th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 258 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		12.12.—	
		To 142 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		5.3.—	
		To 30 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		.30.20.	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	21.19.20.
	8th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 257 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		12.10.—	
		To 99 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		3.22.40.	
		To 47 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.5.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	20.11.40.
	9th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 246 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		11.30.—	
		To 98 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		3.19.60.	
		To 68 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.26.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	20.7.60.
	10th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 225 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		10.30.—	
		To 124 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.18.—	
		To 33 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		.33.20.	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	19.13.20.
	11th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 225 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		10.30.—	
		To 115 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		4.4.60.	
		To 44 Boys	at 1 d.s d.s		1.2.—	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	19.10.60.
	12th	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 d.s d.s		1.10.—	
		To 220 Coolays	at 2 d.s d.s		10.20.—	
		To 102 Women	at 1½ d.s d.s		3.27.—	
		To 32 boys	at 1 d.s d.s		.32.20.	
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 d.s d.s		2.6.—	18.11.20.
				Carried over Pagodas		245.31.40.

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Fort St. George 9th October 1793.

1790					P.	F.	C.	Pags.	Fs.	C.
		Brought over Pagodas						215.	31½	40.
Octbr	13.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 fans Peach		1.	10.	—			
		To 230 Cooleys	at 2 fans do.	do.		10.	40.	—		
		To 116 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		4.	6.	—		
		To 30 Boys	at 1 do.	do.			30.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
	14	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.					19.	8. —
		To 215 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 116 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		10.	10.	—		
		To 30 boys	at 1 do.	do.		4.	6.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.			30.	—		
	15.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 220 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					18.	20. —
		To 134 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 37 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	20.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	33.	—		
							37.	—		
	16.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 228 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	22. —
		To 126 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 32 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	36.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	23.	—		
							32.	—		
	17	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 218 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	21. —
		To 114 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 30 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	16.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	3.	—		
							30.	—		
	18	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 227 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					18.	23. —
		To 128 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 30 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	34.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	24.	—		
							30.	20.		
	19.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 230 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	20. 20.
		To 92 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 37 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	40.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		3.	12.	—		
							37.	20.		
	20.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 229 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					18.	21. 20.
		To 123 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 31 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	38.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	16.	40.		
							35.	—		
	21.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 225 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	17. 40.
		To 124 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 38 boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	30.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	18.	—		
							38.	20.		
	22	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 225 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	18. 20.
		To 123 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 35 boys	at 1 do.	do.		10.	30.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		4.	16.	40.		
							35.	—		
	23.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 237 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.					19.	13. 40.
		To 103 Women	at 1½ do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 40 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		11.	18.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		3.	22.	40.		
	24	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.		1.	4.	—		
		To 229 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 124 Women	at 1½ do.	do.					19.	18. 40.
		To 29 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		10.	38.	—		
							4.	18.	—	
	25	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 do.	do.			29.	—		
		To 219 Cooleys	at 2 do.	do.		2.	6.	—		
		To 103 Women	at 1½ do.	do.					19.	17. —
		To 45 Boys	at 1 do.	do.		1.	10.	—		
		To 30 Drivers	at 3 do.	do.		10.	18.	—		
							3.	28.	40.	
							1.	3.	—	
						2.	6.	—		
		Carried over Pagodas						18.	23.	40.
								494.	23½	20.

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

P. F. C. Pags. F. C.—

Brought over Pagodas ..... 1091. 23. 20.

1798						
October 26.	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 fan. Each		1. 10.—		
	To 217 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	10. 14.—		
	To 96 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	3. 18.—		
	To 60 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	1. 18. 20.		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	18. 24. 20.	
27	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 ds.	ds.	1. 10.—		
	To 226 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	10. 32.—		
	To 125 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	4. 19. 10.		
	To 28 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	„ 28.—		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	19. 11. 10.	
28	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 ds.	ds.	1. 10.—		
	To 230 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	10. 10.—		
	To 124 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	4. 18.—		
	To 31 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	„ 3½ 20.		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	19. 21. 20.	
29	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 ds.	ds.	1. 10.—		
	To 224 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	10. 24.—		
	To 124 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	4. 18.—		
	To 37 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	„ 37.—		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	19. 11.—	
30	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 ds.	ds.	1. 10.—		
	To 251 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	11. 10.—		
	To 103 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	3. 36.—		
	To 36 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	„ 36.—		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	19. 40.—	
31	To 13 Bricklayers	at 4 ds.	ds.	1. 10.—		
	To 198 Coolys	at 2 ds.	ds.	9. 18.—		
	To 87 Women	at 1½ ds.	ds.	3. 4. 40.		
	To 116 Boys	at 1 ds.	ds.	1. 4.—		
	To 30 Drivers	at 3 ds.	ds.	2. 6.—	17. 4. 40.	
					608. 5. 60.	

To 100,000 Bricks at 1½ Pag. Pa 1000	150.—	
To 500 Calums of Chunam at 6¼ Calum Pag.	80.—	
To 40 Maunds of Jagery at ¾ Pagoda Pa maund	30.—	
To 516 Bullocks Load of Sand at 1 fan. Pa B. 6	13.—	
To 100 Baskets at 50 Baskets Pa Pagoda	2.—	
To 30,000 Tyles at 1500 Pa Pagoda	20.—	
To 1 Conicoply	8.—	
To Second Conicoply	5.—	308.—

Grand Total Pagodas 916. 5. 60.

To

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To Bricklayers Coolys and Working People in Repairing the Barrack Works Damaged during the Seige Magazine Store Room &c.a &c.a in the Garrison of Dindigull.—

1790				P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
November 1st	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4 fan.s per each			12	—			
	To 70 Coolies	at 2 fan.s per each		3	14	—			
	To 50 Women	at 1 fr.	do.	1	33	—			
	To 13 Boys	at 1	do.		13	—			
2	To 6 Drivers	at 3	do.		18	—	6	6	—
2	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 76 Coolys	at 2	do.	3	26	—			
	To 42 Women	at 1½	do.	1	21	—			
	To 20 Boys	at 1	do.		20	—			
2	To 6 Drivers	at 3	do.		18	—	6	13	—
3	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 96 Coolys	at 2	do.	4	24	—			
	To 89 Women	at 1½	do.	2	19	40			
	To 16 Boys	at 1	do.		16	—			
2	To 10 Drivers	at 3	do.		30	—	8	17	40
4	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 110 Coolys	at 2	do.	5	10	—			
	To 48 Women	at 1½	do.	1	30	—			
	To 15 Boys	at 1	do.		15	—			
2	To 10 Drivers	at 3	do.		30	—	8	13	—
5	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 105 Coolys	at 2	do.	5	—	—			
	To 29 Womens	at 1½	do.	1	1	40			
	To 22 Boys	at 1	do.		22	—			
2	To 10 Drivers	at 3	do.		30	—	7	23	40
6	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 99 Coolys	at 2	do.	6	30	—			
	To 45 Women	at 1½	do.	1	25	40			
	To 21 Boys	at 1	do.		21	—			
2	To 10 Drivers	at 3	do.		30	—	7	34	40
7	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 105 Coolys	at 2	do.	5	—	—			
	To 50 Women	at 1½	do.	1	33	—			
	To 21 Boys	at 1	do.		21	—			
1	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	8	6	—
8	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—			
	To 92 Coolys	at 2	do.	4	16	—			
	To 54 Women	at 1½	do.	1	39	—			
	To 24 boys	at 1	do.		24	—			
			Carried over				52	29	40

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					P. F. C.	Page	Fan. C.
		To 8 Drivers	at 3 fan. per each		" 24 "	7 " 31 " — "	
	8.	To 8 Drivers	at 4	Do.	" 32 "		
Nov.	9.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	4 " 20 "		
		To 94 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 15 "		
		To 38 Women	at 1	do.	" 37 "		
		To 37 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 24 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	10.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	4 " 18 "		
		To 93 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 9 "		
		To 34 Women	at 1	do.	" 33 "		
		To 33 boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 12 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	11.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	4 " 8 "		
		To 88 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 36 "		
		To 52 Women	at 1	do.	" 23 "		
		To 23 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 19 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	12.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	4 " 22 "		
		To 75 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 18 "		
		To 4 Women	at 1	do.	" 23 "		
		To 23 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 15 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	13.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	3 " 38 "		
		To 82 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 37 " 40		
		To 53 Women	at 1	do.	" 22 "		
		To 22 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 7 " 40 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	14.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	4 " 10 "		
		To 89 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 30 "		
		To 48 Women	at 1	do.	" 47 "		
		To 17 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 9 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	15.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	3 " 38 "		
		To 82 Coolys	at 1½	do.	1 " 27 " 40 "		
		To 47 Women	at 1	do.	" 46 "		
		To 16 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	6 " 34 " 40 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
	16.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2	do.	3 " 40 "		
		To 83 Coolies	at 1½	do.	1 " 28 " 40 "		
		To 47 Women	at 1	do.	" 30 "		
		To 30 Boys	at 3	do.	" 24 "	7 " 8 " 40 "	
		To 8 Drivers	at 4	do.	" 32 "		
				Carried over		118 " 22 " — "	

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				P. P. C.	Pags.	Fs.	C.
		Brought over			118	22	—
November 17th	To 3 Bricklayers	a 4 Fans.	per each	12	—		
	To 99 Coolies	at 2	Do.	4	30	—	
	To 71 Women	at 1½	do.	2	22	40	
	To 38 Boys	at 1	do.		38	—	
17th	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					9	—	40
18th	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 91 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	16	—	
	To 77 Women	at 1½	do.	2	31	40	
	To 35 Boys	at 1	do.		35	—	
18th	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					8	32	40
19th	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 103 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	34	—	
	To 57 Women	at 1½	do.	2	1	40	
	To 27 Boys	at 1	do.		27	—	
18th	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					8	14	40
20th	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 88 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	8	—	
	To 64 Women	at 1½	do.	2	12	—	
	To 27 Boys	at 1	do.		27	—	
20th	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					7	43	—
21st	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 87 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	6	—	
	To 67 Women	at 1½	do.	2	16	40	
	To 34 Boys	at 1	do.		34	—	
21st	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					8	8	40
22nd	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 88 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	8	—	
	To 66 Women	at 1½	do.	2	15	—	
	To 29 Boys	at 1	do.		29	—	
22nd	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					8	4	—
23rd	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 91 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	14	—	
	To 74 Women	at 1½	do.	2	27	—	
	To 32 Boys	at 1	do.		32	—	
23rd	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					8	31	—
24th	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 90 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	12	—	
	To 52 Women	at 1½	do.	1	36	—	
	To 20 Boys	at 1	do.		20	—	
24th	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					7	20	—
25	To 3 Bricklayers	at 4	do.		12	—	
	To 89 Coolies	at 2	do.	4	10	—	
	To 54 Women	at 1½	do.	1	39	—	
	To 21 Boys	at 1	do.		21	—	
	To 8 Drivers	at 3	do.		24	—	
					7	22	—
		Carried over			192	28	—

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				Pt. F. C.	Pt. F. C.
		Brought over		192. 28. —	
		at 4 fan. per each	12. —		
Novem.r 26.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2 Ditto	4. 36. —		
	To 92 Coolys	at 1½ do.	1. 36. —		
	To 52 Women	at 1 do.	19. —		
	To 19 Boys	at 3 do.	24. —	7. 23. —	
th	To 8 Drivers	at 4 do.	12. —		
27.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2 do.	4. 12. —		
	To 90 Coolies	at 1½ do.	1. 30. —		
	To 34 Women	at 1 do.	21. —		
	To 21 Boys	at 3 do.	24. —	7. 24. —	
th	To 8 Drivers	at 4 do.	12. —		
28.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2 do.	4. 6. —		
	To 87 Coolys	at 1½ do.	1. 36. —		
	To 52 Women	at 1 do.	23. —		
	To 23 Boys	at 3 do.	24. —	7. 17. —	
th	To 8 Drivers	at 4 do.	12. —		
29.	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2 do.	4. 14. —		
	To 91 Coolys	at 1½ do.	1. 30. —		
	To 48 Women	at 1 do.	15. —		
	To 15 Boys	at 3 do.	24. —	7. 15. —	
	To 8 Drivers	at 4 do.	12. —		
th	To 3 Bricklayers	at 2 do.	3. 38. —		
30.	To 82 Coolies	at 1½ do.	1. 22. 40.		
	To 43 Women	at 1 do.	20. —		
	To 20 Boys	at 3 do.	24. —	6. 32. 40.	
	To 8 Drivers			229. 9. 40.	
	To Conicoply for November		8. — —		
	To Second Do. for Do.		5. — —	13. — — —	
		Total Pagodas		242. 9. 40.	

Grand Total for 3 Months Pagodas 2361. 37. — —

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E. E. (Signed) T. Bowser
Lieut. Col. Late Commr. of
Dindegull.—

To

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To the undermentioned Articles for the Use of the Garrison of Dindigull purchased in the Months of August September October & Novr. 1798.

	Pags.	Fans.	Cash
To 30 Pieces of Wax cloth at 2 Pags. 13 fans. 10 Cash ea.	69	27	—
To 38 Pieces of Cloth for Cartridge Bags	19	—	—
To 65 lbs. Cotton thread for the Store	9	12	—
To repairing 50 Ammunition Boxes at 1/2 Rupee	7	6	—
To Small Rope for Lashing Bamboos	4	4	—
To 14 Gunny Bags for Ammunition	10	25	—
To 17 Do. do. for Powder	8	25	—
To one Coil of 4 1/2 Inch. Country Rope	6	25	—
To Small Do. Do.	3	—	—
To Ginger Oil for the Store	2	33	—
To one Store Book of a Middle Size	3	—	—
To two Small Do.	3	—	—
To two Maunds of Country Twine	4	—	—
To 500 Baskets	10	—	—
To Large Bamboos for Ladders	5	6	—
To Shot brought by the Village People 174 — 180 lbs.	10	24	—
To Do. Ditto 143. 6 do.	6	34	—
To Do. do. of sorts 56	1	24	—
To Cooly hire Carrying Grain to the Lower fort to be sent to the Army	80	—	—
To 50 Quire of Cartridge Paper at 13 fans. per Quire	15	20	—
To two Maunds of Candles for the Grand rounds to the upper Fort	11	14	—
To 44 Pieces of Gunny at 3/4 Pagodas each	33	—	—
To repairing the Detachments Tents	30	—	—
To Erecting a Garrison Flag Staff	12	—	—
Total Pagodas	366	15	—

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July 6th 1798.—

(Signed) Thos. Bowser
Lieut Colo. late Commander of Dindigul
Resolvd

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Resolved that the consideration of

Resolution thereon.

Lieutenant Colonel Bowsers Claim be postponed.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

From the Military Board enclosing a letter from Captain Carruthers of the Ship Henry Dundas relative to certain copper hoops a return of all Fire Arms Swords &c. &c. in the Arsenal at Fort St. George and a General Annual return of Ordnance and Military Stores enclosed.

May it please your Lordship

1st. We have the honor to report to your Lordship that, in consequence of the Receipt of Government's Letter of the 6th. Ultimo; and of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters under date the 28th. Ultimo and 1st. Instant, with their Enclosures, the necessary directions have been given on the several Subjects to which they respectively relate; and, with respect to the Boats ordered to be stationed upon the River Palar, We beg leave to suggest that as there is already an established Ferry at Sadras, which appears to us to afford ample means for crossing the River at that point, it may not be necessary at present to adopt any measures for that purpose.

2nd. In compliance with the instructions of Government, We called upon the Commander of the Honble Company's Ship Henry Dundas to account for the deficiency of Copper Hoops, and of other Articles, sent to Vizagapatam upon that Ship;

and

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And as, from the Letter which has been received from that Officer in consequence, Copy whereof is enclosed, it seems impracticable to ascertain in the present case where the responsibility should attach, We propose, on all future occasions of sending Gun Powder, and other Stores, by Sea to out Stations, whether on the Company's, or other Ships, to order a Conductor from the Arsenal to be sent expressly in charge of them, and who shall have previously superintended the package of every Article.—

3rd. We have the honor to forward herewith in duplicate for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors a General Return for the Year 1797 of Fire Arms, and Swords in the Arsenal of Fort St. George—at all the Subordinate Stations—and in use with the different Corps of the Army under this Presidency: Also in Duplicate, and for the same purpose, a General Annual Return of Ordnance, and Military Stores, exhibiting the Stated proportion, the Remains, and wanting to complete.—

We have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
3rd October 1798.—

&c.a &c.a
Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
Bt. Close.—

To

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To Frederick Pierce Esq.r
Secretary to the Military Board

Sir, I have this Instant received your's of the 18th., in reply to which, I beg leave to acquaint you there were no Copper Hoops sent on board the Henry Dundas except those on the Powder Barrels, which were carefully coverd, and sewd over with Gunny Powder being so dangerous a combustible it was immediately on coming on board stowd away, and kept securely under Lock, till it was necessary to land it, at which time I was witness to the Barrels being uncased by the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam, who remarked in the presence of Mr. Davies the Purser, and myself, that the Hoops could never have been sent on board, and which is my solemn belief, for farther particulars respecting the Hoops I beg to refer you to Mr. Davies who is on shore; respecting the deficiency of Linseed Oil, the Dubbers in which it was, were so rotten that the two Gallons must have leaked out, a confirmation of which, I beg to refer you to the Commissary of Stores at Masulipatam.—
The Tarpaulins were made use of to cover the Gun
Powder

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Powder to prevent it from getting wet, in landing that part of the Consignment which was for Mootapilly, the receiving Officer having promised to send them on board again, but which never came— all the Spun Yarn was landed Agreable to what was received by our Gangway Book.— I am,

&c.a &c.a

Ship Henry Dundas (Signed) Wab: Carruthers
September 27th.— 1798.—

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board

To Captain Frederick Pierce
Secretary to the Military Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit the Proceedings of a Committee of Inspection on Camp Equipage and Stores, received from the Arsenal of Fort St. George per the Honble Company's Ship Earl Fitzwilliam— I have also the honor to enclose Copy of a Bill of lading, which was the only Document received, at the time the above Stores had been landed— Viz.t at ½ past 9— A: M: on the 18th Instant, a List has however been received since, on the 25th of the same Month, with which every Article agrees, with the Exception

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Exception of 24 Copper Hoops on Powder Barrels, which you will perceive marked in the Proceedings of the Committee as Defficients— The Deputy Commissary of Stores reported this Deficiency to me, before the Ship sailed on the Evening of the 18th Instant— but as no Copper Hoops had been specified in the only Document, then in my possession it was, I thought improper, or at least unnecessary, to take any Notice of it— The Mark of a fourth Hoop, on the Barrels deficient which have only three each, is very discernible.—

I have to request that you would be so good as to Communicate to the Board, the Proceedings of the Committee, as well as this Letter.—

I have the Honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) Geo: Fotheringham
Lieut. Col.
Commd. Virugapatam

Virugapatam
22d May 1798.—

A true Copy.
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Sec. to Mil. Board.—

Memdm. Mem.— The Board concur in the recommendation of the Military Board that it is at present unnecessary to increase the establishments of boats at Madras; and approve their intention of sending on future a Conductor on board such Ships as may in future

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future be freighted with Military Stores.—

Ordered that the returns of fire—

The Returns of Fire Arms Swords &c. &c. to be transmitted to the Court of Directors.

Arms, Ordnance and Swords be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors by the present dispatch.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

1st. A Committee of our Board, as—

From the Military Board—reports on damaged Salt provisions, letter—from the Superintendant of the Stud in Ganjam relative to completing its recommend hiring a building to preserve the Grain &c. The 19th Regiment Dragoons a Certificate of Stores Musketry &c. &c.—landed from the Ships Earl Howe, Good Hope Princess Charlotte & & Dover Castle.—

directed by Government under date the 17th of May last, having been Appointed to "examine the causes of the damage to the Salt Provisions put on board the Success Galley "by the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George for a Detachment of Europeans."— to ascertain the means "hitherto used for preserving them", and to enquire— "into the best method of preserving those valuable— Stores at this Presidency—" We have now the honor to submit the accompanying Copy of their Report,— which We trust will afford satisfactory information on the different points referred.—

2nd. Government having signified to Us. in their Letter of the 16th March last that, the'—Superintendent of the Honorable Company's breeding

Stud

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Stud in the District of Ganjam had been Authorized to complete the Stud to the Establishment proposed by him, and, it appearing from a letter which he has addressed to our Board on the subject that the most eligible mode of effecting that object will be to make the purchases in the upper provinces of Bengal, where it is understood that Mares fittest for the purposes of the Stud are procurable about this time, We forward the enclosed Copy of that Letter for your Lordship's determination on the application contained therein.—

The Officer Commanding His Majesty's 3d. 19th Dragoons having represented to Us the absolute want of a place to contain the Grain, Camp Equipage, and Regimental Stores, of the Corps, during its continuance at St. Thomas's Mount, and Stated that a Building suitable to such purposes can be procured for the Monthly Rent of fifteen (15) Pagodas. We are induced, from a conviction of the necessity of the case, to recommend that the hire thereof be authorized from the 1st Instant.—

We have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Duplicate, for transmission to the Honorable Court of Directors, the prescribed

Certificate

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Certificate of Musketry, Ordnance, and Military Stores, which have been landed at this Presidency from the Honorable Company's Ships Earl Howe, Good Hope, Princess Charlotte, and Dover Castle.—

We have the honor to be

&c.a &c.a

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5th October 1798.—

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W Sydenham
Jno Richardson
By Close.—

Report of a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Chief Engineer, Military Auditor General, Quarter Master General, and Adjutant General, Appointed in Meeting 24th May 1798, to examine the causes of Damage to the Salt Provisions sent on board the Success Galley for a Detachment of Europeans &c.a, to ascertain the means hitherto used for preserving them, and to enquire into the best method of perserving these valuable Stores at the Presidency.—

The Committee having applied to the

Garrison

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Garrison Storekeeper for Information respecting the Unserviceable Salt Provisions sent on board the Success Galley have been informed by him that on the 30th May last he received an Order from Mr. Secretary Webbe to put Provisions for a Detachment of Europeans, and Lascars, immediately on board that Ship, that in consequence he directed the quantity of Beef required (viz. 18 Casks) to be sent on board, and on being informed by the Town Major a day or two afterwards that it was reported Unserviceable the Garrison Quarter Master Serjeant and one of his, the Garrison Storekeepers' people were sent off to ascertain it's actual State, who reported that Two Casks only were found bad, and which were immediately replaced.— The Garrison Storekeeper further acquainted the Committee, that the Beef Shipped on the Success Galley was part of the Quantity which a Committee of the Military Board held in the Month of April to examine the State of the Stores, had judged to be, with the addition of fresh pickle, fit for immediate use, and that he cannot therefore account for two of the Casks proving bad otherwise than from

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the reliance his people had of their being all in good condition as these Casks had received fresh pickle at the same time with the other 16th. Casks that were found to be Serviceable.—

With respect to the means which have been hitherto used to preserve Salt Provisions in Store, the Committee find that the Casks have been occasionally inspected, and when necessary, filled with fresh pickle— but that the Godowns in which they are kept are under the North Ramparts, and very close and hot which the Committee from subsequent information, and enquiry, have every reason to believe is a situation unfavorable to its preservation—

The Committee, as the most likely means of obtaining Satisfactory information in regard to the best mode of preserving this valuable Article of Provisions, Applied to Mr. Cochrane who has had the Contract many Years for victualling His Majesty's Ships in India, and consequently must have acquired more experience on the Subject than any other person in the Settlement.—

They accordingly put the—

following

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following Queries to him, which he has answered distinctly and in a manner which the Committee conceive cannot fail of being as satisfactory to Government as it has been to themselves.—

Quaries to, and Answers from The Honble Basil Cochrane on the Subject of Salt Provisions and the best means of preserving them in Store.—

Quaries.

1st What is the best mode of keeping Salt Provisions good on Store, the kind of Godowns best adapted for that purpose, and their situation, whether to admit or to exclude it freely?

Answers

1— Salt Provisions ought to be kept in the coolest & possible Godowns, and I have ever found the Banksalls in the Black Town the Cheapest, and best for the purpose— the Casks ought to be put upon Palmiras, and only two Tier of Casks to be placed one above another.—

2d How often the Pickle is to be changed, or the Casks filled up with fresh Pickle.—

2— The Pickle ought never to be changed, but the Casks filled with fresh pickle once in Six Months.—

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3— How often these Casks are to be inspected if the Bungs is to be opened, thus frequently opened.—

3— Cooper ought to inspect the Casks once in a Month in order to replace and the Pickle tasted each any Hoops that may be time to see that it is fresh; decayed, and caulk such and if the meat is likely Casks as are in a leaky to suffer by the Casks being State; the Bungs ought only to be opened in Six Months, at the same time that the Casks are filled up with pickle— the meat will not suffer from the Bungs being opened twice in the year Some-times in the very hot weather when the meat in the Casks Appears to ferment much, I make a small vent hole about an Inch and a half from the Bung, which prevents the Hoops from flying and to hinder the Air getting in much, a Wooden Spike is put loosely in the vent hole.—

4— What number of Pieces of Beef, or Pork, are contained in each Hogshead, or Tierce, and what is the nett weight of the whole contents.—

4— The Victualling Office pack their Salt Beef in Hogsheads, each containing

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66 Eighth bl. Pieces, the
net weight of which, will
be about 466 lbs after
deducting 12 Per. Cent for
Wastage, as allowed by the
Navy Regulations; and
as they generally lose an
addition of 5 per Cent
from keeping, and the heat
of the climate in this Country,
each Hogshead may be ~
averaged at about 444 1/2
lbs when issued to the
Seamen, or Troops. — The
Pork is also packed in
Hogsheads, each containing
120 Navy, 4 lb pieces,
net weight, after deducting
8 per Cent allowed by the
Regulations: about 442 lbs,
as a further deduction of
2 per Cent, from the above
cause may be allowed in
India, each Hogshead ~
may be averaged at ~
432 lbs when issued. ~

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A Tierce of Beef contains from 38, to 42, Eight lb Pieces; and a Tierce of Pork from 50 to 53, 4 lb pieces: the former weighing on an Average 320 lbs., and the latter 206 lbs.— from which, the above deductions should be made to admit of the regulated Weight being issued to the Troops.—

5 How long will Salt Provisions (Beef & Pork) keep good in Store in this Country, if properly attended to, and taken care of.?—

5 Fresh newly salted Pork, and Beef, well taken care of will keep good 3, or 4, Years.—

6 The best preparation for Pickle, or brine, for Salt Beef, and Pork.—

6 The Pickle I have made use of hitherto, which I conceive to be the best, is made of the following articles—

To make 675 Gallons of good Pickle, take—

3934 Pounds of Clean Salt.
250 Do. ..... Salt Petre
31 do. ..... Pepper
16 ... do. Cinnamon leaves
2 ... do. ... Cloves
120 ... Whites of Eggs.—

filled up with good Sweet water.

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Water equal to 900 Gallons;
and boil it down to 675 Gallons:
after which, it ought to be
exposed in Tubs for 3 days
until perfectly Cool; and then
put in Casks. the Pickle—
ought to be made at least—
15 days before it is used.—

The Committee have to remark that
it has been occasionally the practice to obtain a
supply of Salt Beef, and Pork, cured in Bengal.
but as it has been found to keep good only for a
short time, it will necessarily occur that, such
Provisions should only be provided in cases of
Emergency; and when a supply of Salt Provisions
from Europe cannot be obtained.—

It appears by an account received
from the Garrison Storekeeper that the quantity of
Salt Beef; and Pork, issued from the Stores at the
Presidency, during a period of seven Years has been
as follows.—

Amount of Salt Provisions issued—
from the Public Stores at Madras from the
year

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Year 1790 to 1797 inclusive.—

		Salt Beef	Salt Pork
1790/1	Issued	67.. 24..	67.—
1791/2	Ditto	33.. 8	33..
1792/3	d°..	33.. 25..	46..
1793/4	d°..	2.. ..	14..
1794/5	d°..	6.. 31..	5..
1795/6	d°..	903.. 6..	217..
1796/7	d°..	774½ 8½..	51..
Total of each		1820½.. 22½..	433.. —

or, upon an Average, 260 Casks of Beef, and 62 of Pork, per Annum, which Quantity, is so inconsider-able that it can scarcely be necessary to lay up any large Stock in the Garrison Store espicially as the Navy have hitherto supplied, and it is believed can continue to supply, the Company from their Surplus Stores with the quantity that may be occasionally required for the public Service the price of which, is adjusted between the Court of Directors, and the Commissioners for victualling the Navy, in the same manner as the price of Military Stores supplied from the Company's Arsenal, and Magazines, to His Majesty's Ships in India, is settled—

between

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between the Court of Directors, and the Board of Ordnance.—Viz.t at the prime Cost of the several Articles.—This Supply of Salt Provisions cannot, it is presumed, at any time fail, except on the sudden ordering out a considerable reinforcement to the Fleet from England, without an Adequate Store of Provisions (which can seldom ever happen) as the Quantity sent annually to India for the Squadron is calculated on a constant daily consumption throughout the Year for the whole Number of Men, who are generally one third of the time on Fresh Provisions.—

As it is however probable that Government may be of Opinion that the Company should always have in the general Store at the Presidency a small quantity of Salt Provisions, for cases of particular Emergency, the Committee in this case, beg leave to suggest that 300 Hogsheads of Beef, and 150 of Pork, of the first quality the former containing 66 Eight lb Pieces; and the latter 120, 4 lb Pieces, the whole at the average

before

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before Stated containing about 1,32,520 lbs of Beef & 64,800 lbs of Pork (equal to 11 Months consumption for 2,200 Men, at 3/4 lb P. Man each day) be sent out Annually from England in the Company's Ships, or if Tierces should be judged more convenient, that the Number of Pieces should produce a Net weight upon the foregoing principle of 1,32,000 lbs of Beef and 68,000 lbs of Pork.—

This Quantity, if not required, and well taken care of, can, it is supposed, be sold off annually without any, or at least a very inconsiderable, loss to the public, while it will always secure a Sufficient Supply to answer the demands of the Service; and any additional Quantity that may be required can no doubt be always procured from the Navy Stores as heretofore.—

The Committee in concluding their Report, which has been unavoidably delayed by the necessity of obtaining complete information on the Subject, have the pleasure of laying before the Board an Extract of Instructions to the Pursers of His Majesty's Navy, which they

conceive

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conceive may be very useful to the Commissaries in Serving out Salt Provisions to the European Troops, by enabling them to account satisfactorily for the difference between the computed, and actual, Weight of the contents of each Cask of Beef, or Pork; it appearing, that the Beef is to be calculated at 32, and the Pork at 8. per Cent, less than the marked Contents on the heads of the Casks. —

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board

To Lieutenant General Harris.
President and Members of the
Military Board

Gentlemen;

Having taken every possible Step to ascertain from whence I could procure / upon the best terms / the principal Number of Mares ~ wanting for the Breeding Stud, at this time, I find that the most favorable purchases can now be made in the upper provinces of Bengal, I have therefore employed a person there, on whom I can rely to purchase and dispatch them to me, who gives me hopes

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hopes that the Commission shall be very soon executed, and, if possible, before the Fair, which is held in the Middle of November, where it is apprehended they will bear a high price as they are in much demand. —

I beg leave Gentlemen to request that you may be pleased to Apply to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for a Bill on the Bengal Government for Seven thousand Pagodas for this purpose, that I may be enabled to remit it to Bengal, so as to insure the purchase of the Mares before the Season for the Horse Fair was passed over. —

I have the honor to be

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17th September 1798.—

Gentlemen
Your &c &c
(Signed) H. Evans
Supt of the Stud

a true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy Mil. Board.

By the foregoing report the Board observe that it has not been the practice of the Officer

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Officer in charge to pay that attention which was necessary for the preservation of the Salt provisions in Store.— Without further comments however Resolved that the suggestion of his Majesty's Naval Storekeeper and of the Military Board be adopted; and that the Honorable Court of Directors be requested to furnish this Government with the quantity of beef and pork, which the Military Board have recommended to be kept in Store.—

Resolved that the suggestions of his Majesty's Naval Storekeeper and of the Military Board be adopted.—

Meanwhile it is resolved to desire that the Military Board will furnish the present Garrison Storekeeper with orders for removing the Salt provisions now into the Store (if they should be worth the expence) into banksals in the Black Town, & for packing it in the manner recommended by Mr. Cochrane, of whose ready and usefull information the Board are sensible.—

Resolved that the Military Board be desired to furnish the Garrison Storkeeper with Orders to move the Salt Provision into Banksals in the Black Town.—

Ordered that a Bill for Seven—thousand Pagodas be drawn upon Bengal at 385 Rs. in favor of Lieutenant Evans Superintendant of the Company's Studd at Ganjam, according to the foregoing recommendation of the Military Board; best as the Board

Ordered that a Bill be drawn on Bengal in favor of Lieutenant Evans Superintendant of the Company's Studd at Ganjam.—

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Board have already Ordered the Agents for the ~ purchase of Horses, to procure fifty Mares from the other side of India, Resolved to direct that Lieutenant Evans may not Authorize the purchase of more ~ Mares in Bengal, than those for which engagements may have already been made by his correspondents.~

Lieutenants Evans not to Authorize the ~ purchase of more ~ Mares in Bengal.~

Ordered that the several bills and Advances Recommended by the Military Board be passed for payment.~

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

V C. V C. V C.

My Lord,

1st. We have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letters of the 3rd. and 8th. instant, with enclosures in the former.~

From the Military ~ Board ~ enclosing a Statement of Salt Provisions remaining to be accounted for between the Company and Commissioners ~ for Victualling the ~ Navy Bills for ~ repairing a granary on the Hill of Raycottah and for Military ~ Stores provided on extraordenary Indents recommended to be ~ Discharged.~

2nd. In obedience to the directions of Government contained in their Letter of the 1st. August last, for our furnishing, previous to the first dispatch for England, a Statement of the whole of the Provisions remaining to be accounted for between the Courts of Directors, and Commissioners for Victualling the Navy

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Navy, We do ourselves the honor of enclosing a Statement of such Provisions, which has been laid before Us by the Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India, with Certificates from 1 to 6 of the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George for the quantities received by him on Account of the Company.—

3rd The accompanying Bill, amounting to Pagodas 36..6..7 for Repairs made under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Fotheringham of Engineers to the Granary on the Hill of Pycacottah having been supported by the requisite Voucher, We recommend that Payment of the Bill be accordingly authorized.

4th The Agent of supply at Fort St. George having laid before Us the enclosed List of Military Stores which he has provided on extraordinary Indents from the 17th March to the 14th of July last, and the same having been found on examination to be supported by corresponding Indents, and receipts, for the different Articles, We recommend that Authority be granted for the Cost thereof, amounting to Pagodas 1521..24..16. to be discharged.—

We have the honor to be

&c. &c.

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9th October 1798.—

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm. Sydenham
Jno. Richardson
Br. Close.— Statement

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Statement of Salt Provisions delivered on Account for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India, Commissioners for Victualling his Majesty's Navy.

Date when delivered	Place.	To whom.
1796 July 6th	Fort St. George	Mr. James Brodie Garrison
Augt 9th	Ditto	Ditto
Septem. 22d	Bombay	Mr. Philip Dundas, the Superintendt
October 14th	Fort St. George	Mr. James Brodie Garrison Storekeper
1797 January 11th	Ditto	Ditto
16th	Ditto	Ditto
Augt 28th	Ditto	Ditto
1798 Febry 20th	Ditto	Ditto
May 30th	Ditto	Ditto
June 30th	Ditto	Ditto
July 3rd	Ditto	Ditto
Augt 7th	Ditto	Ditto
Septem. 30th	Ditto	Ditto

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of the Honble East India Company by the Honble Basil Cochrane, Contractor which remain to be accounted for between the Court of Directors, and the

	Salt Beef		Salt Pork				date of the Certificate granted by the Governor in Council of Fort St. George
	8 Pounds Pieces	Hogs.	4 Half Tons Hogs.	4 Tons 11 Pounds Hoops	Pieces	Hogs.	4 Tons Hoops
							1796
Storekeeper	3311a.	50l.	1 Ton	16a.	"	"	"
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" No 3	2772.	42.	"	336.	"	"	"
" No 4	10230.	155.	"	1240.	"	"	"
" No 5	132.	2.	"	16.	240.	2.	16.
" No 6	1716.	26.	"	208.	"	"	"
Total	24882.	377.	"	3016.	8280.	69.	552.

(Signed) Basil Cochrane
Contractor for Victualling
His Majesty's Ships in India.—

A true Copy
(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil. Board.—

I

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Pork.—

English Salt Pork.... Eight Thousand and forty Double Pieces of four Pound Pieces each in Sixty Seven Hogsheads with five Hundred and thirty Six Iron Hoops.—

being all in good order and Condition and I do hereby engage to return the above quantity of Salt Pork on or before the 20th May 1798 and in case the Salt Pork so tendered by the Honble Company shall appear to the said Basil Cochrane or Officer surveying the same by order of the Commander in Chief or Senior Officer on the Station not to be equal in quantity to what was delivered in that case I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that Certificates shall be granted on the 20th May 1798 in favor of the Honble Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London on the Honble the Court of Directors for the said Salt

Pork

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Pork to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such rate as the respective Parties may determine upon.—

Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 20th day of February 1798— three Receipts of the same tenor and date having been Signed by me.—

(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef.—

English Salt Beef— Ten thousand and thirty two Double Pieces of Eight Pound Pieces in one hundred and fifty two Hogsheads with one thousand two Hundred and Sixteen Iron Hoops— being all in good Order and Condition— And I— do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company, that Certificates shall be granted on or before the next Dispatch to England, in favor of the Honble Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy London, on the Honble the Court

6002 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.-

Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such a rate as the respective Parties may determine. -

Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 31st Day of May 1798 - Three receipts of the same tenor and date having been Signed by me. -

(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef. -

English Salt Beef - Two thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Two Double Pieces of Eight Pound Pieces each in forty two Hogsheads with three Hundred and thirty Six Iron Hoops. -

being all in good Order and Condition - And I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that Certificates shall be granted on or before the next Dispatch to England, in favor of the Honorable Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy

London

6003

Fort St. George 9th. October 1798.—

London, on the Honble the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such rate as the respective Parties may determine.— Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 30th. day of June 1798 three Receipts of the same tenor and date having been Signed by me.—

Signed James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef:—

English Salt Beef.— Ten thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Double Pieces of Eight Pound Pieces each in one Hundred and fifty five Hogsheads with One Thousand two hundred and forty Iron Hoops.—

being all in good order and Condition and I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that Certificates shall be granted on or before the next Dispatch to England in favor of the—

Honble

6004 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Honble Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London, on the Honble the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such a rate as the respective Parties may determine.—

Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 3rd Day of July 1798— Three Receipts of the same tenor and date having been Signed by me.—

(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeper—

I do hereby Acknowledge to have received upon my Books Agreeable to an Order of Government of this date, Two Hogsheads of Salt Beef and Two Hogsheads of Salt Pork delivered on Board the Honble Company's Ship Alfred as per Certificate of Mr. Edward Atkinson the Commissary of Grain and Provisions— dated Columbo 18th November 1796 from out of the Kings Provisions Shipped on Board the Honble Company's Ship Canton Viz.—

English Salt Beef.— One Hundred and thirty two— double Pieces of Eight Pound Piece each in Two Hogsheads with— Sixteen Iron Hoops.—

English Salt Pork— Two hundred and forty Double— Pieces of four Pound Piece each in Two Hogsheads with Sixteen Iron Hoops— being

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Fort St George 9th October 1798.—

being all in good order and Condition and I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that Certificates shall be granted on or before the next Dispatch to England in favor of the Honble Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London, on the Honble the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef & Pork to be paid for to the said Commissioners at such a rate as the respective Parties may determine.—

Given under my hand in Fort St George this 7th Day of August 1798 three receipts of the same tenor and date having been Signed by me.—

(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

I do hereby acknowledge to have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for Victualling His Majesty's Ships in India the following Salt Beef.—

English Salt Beef.— One thousand Seven hundred and Sexteen Double Pieces of Eight Pound Pieces each in Twenty Six Hogsheads with Two hundred and Eight Iron Hoops.— Being

600 6 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Being all in good Order and Condition — And I do hereby engage on the part of the Honble Company that Certificates shall be granted on or before the next dispatch to England in favor of the Honble — Commissioners for Victualling His Majesty's Navy London, on the Honble the Court of Directors for the said Salt Beef to be paid for to the said — Commissioners at such a rate as the respective parties may determine. —

Given under my hand in Fort St. George this 30th day of September 1798 — three Receipts of the same tenor and date having been signed by me. —

(Signed) James Brodie
Garrison Storekeeper

This Statement to be forwarded to the Court and a Certificate to be granted to Mr. Cochrane. —

Ordered that the Statement of Salt Provisions furnished by the Contractor for supplying His Majesty's Navy be transmitted to the Honble the Court of Directors and that a Certificate in triplicate according to the following form, be granted to Mr. Cochrane in order that the Court may adjust the Amount with the Commissioners for victualling his Majesty's Navy. —

This

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Fort St. George 9th. October 1798.—

Certificate granted to the Honorable Basil Cochrane for Salt Provisions.

This is to Certify that We have received from the Honble Basil Cochrane Contractor for victualling His Majesty's Ships in the East Indies, the following Salt Provisions for and on account of the Honorable Company.—

Salt Beef — Three Hundred and Seventy Seven Hogsheads containing Four thousand Eight Hundred and eighty two Double Pieces of eight Pounds each, with three thousand and Sixteen Iron Hoops.—

Salt Pork — Sixty nine Hogsheads Containing Eight thousand two hundred and Eighty Double Pieces of Four Pounds each, with Five Hundred and fifty two Iron Hoops.—

All of which were in good Order and Condition, And We do hereby Agree that the Honorable Court of Directors shall Pay the Honorable Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy in London, for the same, one Year after date hereof, at such rate as the Honorable Court of Directors may determine upon with the Honorable Commissioners for victualling His Majesty's Navy in London.—

Given under our hands in Fort Saint George this Ninth Day

6008 Fort St George 9th October 1798.—

Day of October 1798. in Triplicate of the same Tenor and date the one of which three being accomplished the other two to stand void.—

(Signed) Clive
Geo: Harris
Edw.d Saunders
E. W. Fallofield

Read the following letters from the—

Military Auditor General.—

The Right Honble Lord Clive
President & Governor in Council
Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General— transmitting the— Annual Statement of the expence of the Military establish—ments under the— Presidency of Fort St. George to the 30th April 1798.—

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, in order to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors, the Annual Statement of the Expense of the Military Establishments under the Presidency of Fort St. George, as they stood on the 30th April 1798. compiled upon the same principle as the Statements of former Years.—

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.

2 The result of this Statement on a
Comparison with that for the Year 1796/7 is as follows-

	1796/7 P.	F.	C.		1797/8 P.	F.	C.
Establishments	38,57,698	5	56	Establishments	37,93,141	8	77
Extra Charges	96,879	15	72	Extra Charges	8,63,323	14	47
Pagodas	48,20,577	21	48	Pagodas	46,56,464	23	44

3 Hence it appears, that the Expense of
the Establishments in 1797/8 as shewn in the abstract of
the Comparative Statement prefixed to this Work have
increased on a comparison with the Statements for the
preceding Year Pagodas 64,556 38 59 and the Extra
Charges Pagodas 99,556 1 25 both occasioning a Net
reduction in the Military Expenses in 1797/8 of Pagodas
1,64,112 40 4

4 Altho the Comparative Statement of
the Expence of the different Corps & Departments which
forms a part of this Work, Shews the causes of increase
& decrease in each, yet as the Amounts of such decrease
appears very considerable, it becomes necessary to point
out the particular circumstances which have occasioned
it, both in the Establishments & Extra Charges.

The departure of the whole of the
First
Royal Artillery for the Cape of Good Hope, & the Drafting
of

60.10 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

of His Majestys 52d. 71, and 72nd. Regiments, whose Officers, together with the Non Commissioned Officers, Drummers and Men Invalided from these Corps, have returned to Europe.—

Second——— The Arrears of Batta payable to the Officers promoted on the publication of the new Military Arrangements in July 1796, Amounting to Pags. 110856. 13..39.... which was disbursed & included in the last Years Statement, but as no Arrears of this kind became payable in 1797/8 it has of course occasioned a — proportionable difference in the Military Expenses of the latter Year, these circumstances, together with a decrease in the Amount of Bills passed on account of the Contractors for the Repairs of Fortifications &c Military Buildings, Gun Carriages, and Tents, may be considerd as the chief causes of the decrease in the Statements of Establishments.—

5 The difference between the Extra charges of the present & preceding Years Statement, is principally to be ascribed to the large Supplies of Provisions and Stores of every description sent to the Dutch Settlements on Ceylon and to the Eastward during the course of the year 1796/7, which rendered any very considerable — expence

Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

expence on that head in the present year unnecessary,
and to the difference in the Amount of Advances to
the Eastern Paymasters.— This reduction in the Extra
Charges of the present Year's Statement would have
been much greater, had not the expence of the projected
Expedition against Manilla (as seen in Page 164)—
been included, and as a detailed Account of the—
Charges incurred on that Service has been already
laid before Government, with my Letter under date
the 8th February last, it is only incumbent upon me
further to observe, that the difference between the—
Amount of the Statement which Accompanied that
Letter, & the Amount included in this Annual Statement,
arises from my not having been at that time furnished
with the quantity and price of the Spirituous Liquors
Shipped at Madras for the Troops embarked on the
Expedition, which is comprehended in the gross Sum
charged under that head in the present Statement,
& this, together with an inconsiderable time passed
in the Pay Department, Accounts for such—
difference.— I have been enabled by the regular

transmission

60.12 Fort St George 9th October 1798.

transmission of the Accounts Disbursements of the Paymaster on Ceylon, to compile a Separate Statement of the additional Expense incurred there, as detailed from Page 139. to 157, in which all extra & local allowances applicable to the situation of the Troops &c. on that Island have been only included, as the fixed pay and Allowances which the different Corps would have received had they Served on the Coast have been entered in the Statements of the Establishments, & consequently are not chargeable under the present System to the Head of "Expedition against the Dutch Settlements", but as I have not received the Accounts of the Paymasters of Malacca, Amboyna & Banda up to the 30th April last, which has been in a great Measure owing to their great distance from, and irregular communication with, the Coast, it has not been in my Power to compile a detailed Statement of the Extra Expenses on account of those Possessions, in the same manner as for Ceylon; I have therefore, as in last Year's Statement, entered the Aggregate Amount of Advances made to the Paymasters to the Eastward together with the Amount of Bills drawn in 1797/8 as the nearest Estimate that

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that can be formed of the expence of the Dutch—
Settlements in that quarter, & have considered two thirds
of the Amount as the proportion which is likely
ultimately to be charged to that head, & for payments
of Prisoners of War &c.a.—

7 The whole Expense of the Swiss
Regiment De Meuron is included in the gross Sum
stated in Page 59 under the head of Expedition
against the Dutch Settlements", and in Page 137
is entered the Establishment, and detailed Monthly
Expense of that Corps.—

8 The Detachment which formerly
served under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel
Roberts in His Highness the Nizam's Territories,—
having been recalled in May 1797, One Months'
Subsidy has been deducted from the Total Amount
of the Statement of Establishments, as explained
in the General Abstract, in consequence of the—
Detachment having been paid for that Month—
from His Highness's Treasury, as Appears by
the Account Current of the Paymaster of
that Detachment.— This

6014 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.

9 This Statement being compiled not only with a view of exhibiting the Expence of the Year 1797/8, but also to serve as an Estimate on which to ground an Opinion of the probable expense of the present Year 1798/9, it may be expected that I should state such circumstances as are likely to increase or diminish the expence of the Current Year.

10. The late Regulations published in the Government Orders of the 28th February and 14th March last, respecting the encreased rates of pay both to His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's European Troops will, on a computation of the European Force, increase the Military Charges of the present Year by Pagodas 129,263.. 4.. 3¾ (F. C.) independent of the Arrears due to the Kings Troops from the date of His Majesty's Warrant Viz. 5th July 1797, to the publication of the foregoing Orders, Amounting to Pagodas 14275....22..57⅓ which, as it must necessarily be discharged in the present Year, will increase the Military Charges of the Year 1798/9 by the Amount of these Sums, add to which the

Extra

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Extra Expences of the Troops lately ordered to march from different Stations, and to be kept in readiness for Field Service, together with the Extra Expense of the Detachment lately ordered to Assemble in the Guntoor Circar, the latter of which has been Stated at Pagodas 16,003. 29. 74 per Month, but the extent of the former must depend on circumstances which cannot be foreseen; on a supposition however that the Army should be Assembled in the Field during any part of the present Official Year, that expense has been estimated at Pagodas 109209. 55. 39. Per Month.—

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An Analysis constructed on the same principle as that transmitted with the last Years Statement accompanies this Work, and will I trust be found equally useful and convenient.—

I have the honor to be with great respect

+. Y.C. Y.C.

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 4th October 1798. (Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Y. Asst. Genl.

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reporting his having closed the books in his Department for.

1.

I have the honor of reporting to your Lordship that the Books of my Department for the offerial

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Fort St. George 9th. October 1798.

for the Year 1797/8 Stating reasons for not having closed them at an earlier period.

Official Year 1797/8 were closed on the 11th. Instant, an Authenticated Copy of which, is now preparing for the Accountant General, and will be forwarded to him without delay.

2. Although it would have afforded me great pleasure to have compleated these Books at the period Stated in my Letter, to Government under date the 30th. of June last, yet your Lordship will perceive by the enclosed Copy of a Letter which, I addressed to the to the Secretary and Accountant of the Military Board on the 18th. of August, with his Answer of the 17th. September that it has not been in my power to close them earlier, owing to my not having been furnished in sufficient time with the required Statements from that Office, but as it clearly appears from the causes assigned in Captain Pierce's Letter, that such delay has been unavoidable, and as the same causes are likely to occur and must consequently operate the same effects in future, it is my intention to suggest to the Military Board the adoption of the alteration which, probably under similar circumstances, has been found necessary at Bengal, respecting the period for closing the Books of that Department Viz. at the

end

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

end of the 3rd Quarter, or the 31st January in each year,
as the Adjustments in consequence of the Annual Surveys
will thereby fall into the next Quarter, and Ultimately
make no difference to the Company, while it will enable
the Secretary and Accountant of that Board to furnish
the necessary Statements for the Military Books in the
Time required.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Sir,

Your most
Obedt Servt

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mily. Audr. Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George 6th October 1798.—

Captain F. Pierce

Secretary Military Board

Sir,

Having in a Letter to Government
under date the 30th June last engaged to close the Books
of my Office for the Official Year 1797/8 on or before the
31st of the Current Month provided I am furnished in
due time with the Statements required from the other
Departments for that purpose; I have to request that
you will transmit to me as soon as possible an Account
Valuation of the Military and Provision Stores remaining
on the 30th of April last at the Presidency and at
the several out-Stations conformably to the 5th Article of
the

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

the Regulations Approved by Government on the 5th May 1797, to which Account you will be pleased to add the value of the Arrack remaining in the hands of the Agent for Spirituous Liquors on the above date.—

It will be also necessary that I should be furnished at the same time with Accounts of the Amount of Stores furnished in the Course of the Year 1797/8, to the Kings Regiments, to either of the other Presidencies, or to the Civil Departments, Agreeably to the 10th Article of the Regulations before mentioned.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. General

Mily. Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 18th Aug. 1798.—

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General—
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Ultimo— which I have deferred Answering in hopes, that I should

have

Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

have been enabled to furnish you with Statements of the Amount valuation of the Military, and Provision, Stores, remaining on the 30th of April last, at the Presidency, and at the several Out Stations, conformably to the Regulations established by Government. but, although the Statement of Provisions has been completed in the Manner directed by these Regulations, yet, I am, still prevented from sending you any other Statement of Military Stores than the Amount Valuation of the quantities which were supplied in the course of the Year 1797/8 to His Majesty's Ships, and Regiments — to the other Presidencies — and, to the Civil Departments — Owing, in a great measure, to the Committee Appointed to take the Accounts remains of Ordnance, and Military Stores, in the Arsenal, not having been able, from the great extent of the business, to complete the Survey Report, and which I am led to believe cannot be accomplished for — Some time to come. Add to which, that many of the Annual Returns from Corps &c.a at distant Stations have not yet been received at this Office. I have therefore thought it best not to delay any longer

forwarding

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

forwarding the accompanying Amount Valuation of Provisions, with the Amount of Stores Supplied, as before mentioned in the Year 1797/8, in Order that you may be in possession of all the information which it is at present in my power to furnish on these Subjects respectively.—

I have the honor to be

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) Fred. Pierce
Secy. & Accountant Mil. Board

Fort St. George
Military Board's Office
17th September 1798.—

A true Copy
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily. Audr. Genl.

Ordered that the Military Statements for 1797/8 with the Analysis of the Auditor General be transmitted to the Hon'ble Court of Directors by the present dispatch; and the Board have no doubt that the Hon'ble Court will feel as much satisfaction, as they themselves have derived, from the perspicuous manner, in which General Sydenham has executed this laborious Work.—

The Military Statement to be transmitted to the Court.—

The

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

The Board — satisfied with the reasons given by the Auditor General for protracting the closing of his books.—

The Board are perfectly satisfied with the reasons, which the Auditor General has assigned for protracting the close of his books; and hope that the remedy, which he has proposed to adopt upon the example of the Military Board in Bengal, will prevent the repetition of this inconvenience.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Statement of Charges incurred for Soldiers of the 52d Regiment left Sick in the Madras Hospital — letter from General Fox relative to the embarkation of the 36th Regiment for India — and on account of Bonds granted to the Court of Directors by the Specified Gentlemen.

1, Agreeably to the Suggestion contained in my Letter of the 3rd July last, I have the honor to enclose a Statement of Charges incurred on Account of Soldiers of His Majesty's 52d Regiment, who were left Sick in the General Hospital at the time that Corps embarked for Europe in the Month of February last, which ought to have been paid either by the Regimental Paymaster or the Captains of Companies to whom the Men belonged, an Advance of 4 Months pay up to the 24th June 1798 having been made for the whole at that period.— I

60.22 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

2, I consider it to be my duty to State to your Lordship, that I have been furnished with Copy of a Letter from General Fox to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 36th Regiment dated — Chatham Barracks 2d March 1798 / Extract of — which is enclosed / which mentions that the Recruits who had been embarked that day for India on the Dover Castle, had received an Advance of 3 Months pay at the rate of 8½ ₱ Diem, leaving only a deduction of 3½ ₱ Diem from their full Pay of One Shilling ₱ Day on Account of Provisions Supplied to them at the Public Charge while on board Ship, instead of 6½ ₱ Day as expressly directed by his Majesty's Warrant dated 5th July 1797 when his Troops shall be on board Transports & furnished with Provisions at the Expense of Government and as the payment of 8½ instead of 5½ ₱ Day on board Ship to Recruits sent from Europe for His — Majesty's Regiments, may be productive of discontent among the Men who are put under a different rate of Stoppage, conformably to His Majesty's Warrant before mentioned, when conveyed in the Company's

Ships

60.23

Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Ships from place to place in India, unless the cause of such distinction shall be satisfactorily explained. I have no doubt that your Lordship will deem it expedient to bring the subject to the Notice of the Honble Court of Directors by the present Dispatch, with a view of having the Pay & Allowances to be issued to His Majesty's Troops in every situation clearly & expressly defined, & in order that every Regulation effecting any, the most trifling change in such Allowances, may be punctually communicated thro' the Court of Directors to the several Governments in India, for their Information & guidance.—

3 I have the honor to lay before your Lordship in Council, for transmission to the Honble Court of Directors (as directed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 5th Ultimo) an Account in Duplicate, of the — periods to which the Advances made to Officers in — England have been liquidated.—

4. It may be proper likewise to State, that His Majesty's 36th Regiment about to embark for Europe, has received an Advance of 4 Months Subsis-tence from the 25th October 1798 to the 24th February 1799, & that the Officers will be paid the Company's — Allowances up to the day of their Departure.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.

&c &c

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 5th October 1798.— (Signd) W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud. Genl.

Statement

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.

Statement of Charges incurred on account of Soldiers of His Majesty's 52nd Regiment left Sick in Madras General Hospital after their Corps had Embarked for Europe.

1798	P.	F.	C.
Corporal Henley for 28 Days in July at 2 Fanams forty Cash per Diem	1	28	—
Funeral Charges on account of John Schooler and John Baxter	4	24	—
Fort St. George 4th October 1798. Total Pagodas	6	10	—

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

Extract of a Letter from General Fox to the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 36th Regiment dated 2nd March 1798.

Herewith I have the honor to transmit you the Return of a Detachment of the 36th Regiment, who Embark this Day on Board the Dover Castle, with other detachments under the Command of Lieutenant Brown 61st Regiment.

The

60.25. Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

The Men have been Settled with for every thing here, and have received Subsistence for this day inclusive, and three Months Advance pay has been drawn, for them at the rate of 8½ Pr. Diem, for the purpose of Supplying them with Sea Necessaries; five Shillings for each Man is paid into the hands of Lieutenant Brown— for providing them with refreshments at such places as they may touch at during the— Voyage; the remaining Balances are paid unto the Men.—

A true Extract
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy. M. Agt.—

Account of Bonds granted to the Honble the Court of Directors by the following Gentlemen.—

Mr. Thomas Thackary's 100 Guineas discharged.—
Captain Samson's 100 Guineas unliquidated— that Gentleman having died prior to its becoming due— Wrote to Mr. C. Baker the Administrator— his— reply stating that there was little prospect of the— Estates being able to discharge the same— reported to Government the 21st December.—

Lieutenant

6026 Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Lieutenant Griffin 400 £ not due, the first Instal-
-ment 100 £ due the 1st November and the Second —
300 £ the 1st December.—
Lieutenant C. Boardman's 105 £ in a train of
liquidation Mr. Hawkins addressed 8th March 5. 16. 8.
Monthly Credit given by him in July Account —
Crorrent for Pagodas 29...6...10..—
Lieutenant Peter Smith 100 £ not arrived in
the Country.—

(Signed) B. Roebuck
Mily. Pay. Genl.

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Brunton
Depy. Mr. Genl.

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

From the Military Auditor General referring a representation from the (Captain Chamber's) — Paymaster of the 36th Regiment respecting certain deductions.—

My Lord

I have the honor to refer to your Lordship's decision the enclosed representation — communicated to me this day thro' the Deputy Paymaster General of the Kings Troops from — Captain Chambers Paymaster of the 36th Regiment, respecting the deductions required by this Office to be made from the Subsistence of the Recruits for —

that

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

that Regiment lately arrived in the Dover Castle, from the period to which the Advance was made to them as shewn in General Fox's Letter enclosed in mine to Government under date the 5th instant to that of their landing at this Presidency, Viz.t at the rate of 6 1/2 d. per day as directed in His Majesty's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797 to be made from the full Pay of His Troops on board Transports, or on Ships of War but not Serving as Marines when supplied with Provisions at the public charge, as I do not consider Myself warranted to Admit of a less deduction unless Authorised by Government.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.—

&c.a &c.a

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

Military Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Colonel Geo: V. Hart
Deputy Paymaster General Kings Troops
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive from

Your

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Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Your Office Copy of Remarks made by the Military Auditor General on my Distributions of Subsistence to His Majesty's 36th Regiment, from the 25th September to 24th October 1798, which are herewith returned with my Answers Annexed.— I cannot, however, in justice to the Souldier, avoid remarking that the Stoppages of 3d/2 per day on account of Provisions on Board Ship made by General Fox, from the Advance Subsistence to each Recruit was meant to Apply to the whole of their passage to India, and not a part.— His Majesty's Warrant being in full force at the time of their Embarkation, and their distination known, a greater Stoppage consequently would have been made, had it been deemed necessary or proper,— however, Should the Auditor General not think the Sum of 3d/2 p day from each Recruit sufficient Stoppage, I have to request the decision of Government thereon.—

The Men are finally Settled with, Drafted and gone to Bengal, I therefore humbly Solicit in consideration of the above circumstances, that Government will be pleased to extend its indulgence to the Men in question; and not allow any further Stoppage to be made from their Pay, and that

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that some Regulations may be adopted to prevent
similar mistakes happening in future.—

I have the honor to be,

&c.a &c.a

Camp neare Fort St. George
October 9th 1798.—

Signed W. Chambers
Paymr. 36th Regt.

A true Copy
(Signed) G. V. Hart

Resolution thereon.

As the Board apprehend the most serious inconvenience from any deviation, however trivial from the King's Warrant for regulating the encrease of pay to his troops, and as it is of the utmost importance that complete uniformity should be established in this important point, Resolved to bring the forgoing case under the particular consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors and to recommend that every regulation, the most minute, respecting a change of allowances may be punctually communicated through them to the several governments in India for their guidance and information.—

Resolved that agreeably to the—
King's Warrant 6½d per day instead of 3½d may
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in consequence of having observed, that they were rendered distinct Offices by Marquis Cornwallis during the last War, from the experience — obtained that it was impossible for one person to execute the Duties of both in the Manner which the public Service required.—

3 . . . I have also stated the Salaries of Commissary of Grain, Commissary of Provisions & Paymaster to the Army at 600 Pagodas ℘ Month each, upon the Idea, that as the Regulations for those Departments will no doubt be so constituted as to preclude their deriving any unauthorised advantages whatever, Your Lordship may be of Opinion, that their public Allowances should be such as to compensate for the great trust & responsibility attached to their respective Appointments, which consideration appears to have weighed with Government in granting the above Salary to the Commissary of Grain & Provisions & to the Paymaster at Pondichery, whose Accounts were delivered in upon

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upon Honor,— as the enclosed Statement, may be regarded as an Estimate of the probable Expense of an Army of the Strength detailed, I have thought it necessary to enter into the foregoing explanation, of the reasons which have operated with me, respecting the Allowances before mentioned, but your Lordship will best judge how far they ought to be adopted.—

4. I beg leave to enclose Copy of a— Letter from Mr. Shardon Paymaster of Vellore &c.a dated 1st. Instant, and being persuaded that it was the intention of Government, that the Orders communicated to this Office in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 28th. August last, for discontinuing all Extra Charges with the several Corps lately Arrived in Cantonments at Arnee, Walajabad & Vellore, except for Tent Lascars & Carriage Cattle, should equally extend to the whole of the Corps under Orders for Field Service, I lost no time in communicating this Interpretation to the Paymaster, and trust that my having done so will meet with Your Lordship's Approbation.—

I have the honor to be with great respect.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) W. Lydenham
Mily Aud. Genl

Military Auditor Genl's Office
Fort St. George 6th October 1798.—

Statement

Statement of the expence of the Under-mentioned Corps & Departments on field Service, (not receiving Tent allowance) Showing the fixed pay & allowances, and the additional expence that will be incurred in the above situation with explanations of the field allowances Opposite to each Corps, and Department.

Numbers and Corps	For a Month of 30 Days.	Fixed pay & Allowances	Additional in the Field.
		Pagodas Fanams Cash.	Pagodas Fanams Cash.
1.	Lieutenant General Commander in Chief		144. 213. 48.
2.	Aids de Camp	199. 21.	30. 399. 64.
1.	Secretary		154. 213. 32.
1.	Persian Interpreter	200.	114. 258. 12.
2.	Major Generals on the Staff	1875.	375.
2.	Aids de Camp	199. 21.	30. 399. 64.
2.	Majors of Brigade	155. 10. 40.	98. 432. 40.
1.	Adjutant General	266. 36. 60.	295. 623. 64.

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1. Deputy	Ditto	200.	6. 15.	172.	337. 12.
1. Deputy	ditto Kings Troops	200.	6. 15.	132.	321. 52.
1. Quarter Master General		266.	36. 60.	664.	1057. 64.
1. Deputy	ditto	200.	6. 15.	172.	337. 52.
7. Majors of Brigade, being 1. for the Cavalry, 1 for the Artillery, and 1 for his Majesty's troops		1155.	183. 60.	127.	1513. 60.
1. Major of Guides		180.	16. 13. 50.	275.	2934. 2.
1. Captain of	ditto	76.	15. 60.	112.	153. 20.
6. Quarter Masters of Brigade		276.	20. 40.	384.	777. 40.
1. Judge Advocate		99.	31. 10.	21.	215. 72.
Carried forward		4399.	14. 65.	3966.	20. 58.

Statement &c.ª Continued:—

Numbers & Corps	For a Month of 30 Days.—	Fixed pay & Allowances.—		Additional in the Field.	
		Pagodas	Fan.ª Cash.	Pagodas	Fan.ª Cash.
	Brought forward:.....	1899.	14. 65.	3966.	20. 58.
1.	Muster Master.....	122.	37. 40.	31.	310. 72.
1.	Paymaster.....	"	" "	1014.	523. 72.
1.	ditto, Kings troops.....	"	" "	234.	358. 40.
1.	Commissary of Provisions.....	"	" "	1196.	523. 72.
1.	ditto of Grain.....	"	" "	1046.	523. 72.
1.	Principal Agent for D.ª C. Bullocks.....	"	" "	794.	523. 72.
1.	Commissary of Ordnance.....	65.	½. 20.	593.	14. 43. 68.
1.	deputy ..... ditto.....	37.	21. "	30.	168. 40.

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6.	Conductors of Ordnance	174	15.60	113 342	60
6.	Subconductors of ditto	"	"	36 "	"
1.	Captain of Engineers	116	26 20	270 1328	12
2.	Lieutenants of ditto	75	" "	70 357	64
1.	Provost Martial	"	" "	163 792	24
1.	Head Surgeon, field hospital	208	14 "	500 304	2
2.	Surgeons ditto	ditto	152 73 "	98 442	24
4.	Asistants ditto	ditto	180 " "	113 380	"
1.	Feild Apothecary	"	" "	132 395	12
4.	Feild Officers, on Brigadiers allowances	"	" "	372 126	"
	Carried forward			6033 18 45 11700	2 114

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Statement &c.a Continued.—

Numbers & Corps	For a Month of 30 days.—	Fixed Pay & Allowances			Additional in the Field		
		Pagodas	Fanm.s	Cash.	Pagodas	Fanm.s	Cash.
	Brought forward	6033	18	15	11700	2	14
	Corps						
	European Cavalry						
1st	19.. Regiment of light dragoons	6216	68	66	1834	24539	52
2d	25.... Ditto..... Ditto.....	7062	13	26	1876	24838	22
	—Carriage of Gram for 110 days.....				3850		
	Native Cavalry.—						
1st	1.. Regiment of Native Cavalry	5381	163	34	1205	23728	42
2d	2.. ditto....of.....ditto.....	5832	383	45	13145	23985	72
3d	3.... ditto....of.....ditto.....	5461	158	39	12330	24520	2
4th	4.. ditto....of.....ditto.....	5323	436	4	1177	23392	22
	Carriage of Gram for 110 days.....				8435		

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Artillery—

1st Battalion	1193	242	10	815	3338	—
2d Ditto	2222	346	66	1412	5380	28
1477 Gun Lascars, including Europ.ns off.s	1933	106	—	[illegible]	6895	—

European Infantry—

12th Regiment of foot		5033	—	70	3455	6 60
73d ditto	ditto	4422	29	76	2954	35 20
74th ditto	ditto	5087	27	25	3364	22 40
His Majesty's Swiss Reg.t de Meuron		5483	35	13	3445	39 70
Carried forward		66736	35	35	53371	4 74

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Statement &c.a Continued.—

Warrant & Corps — For a Month of 30 Days — Fixed pay & Allowances — Additional in the Field — Explanations

			Pagodas	Fan.s	Cash	Pay.s	Fan.s	Cash
	Brought forward		66756	35	35	53373	11	74
	Native Infantry							
2d	2	Battalion, 5th Regiment	2839	187	13	798	5496	54
1st	1	Ditto 6th ditto 8 Companys	2123	157	75	605	3959	69
2nd	2	ditto 9th ditto	2376	545	36	849	3972	64
1st	1	ditto 12th ditto	2567	193	48½	997	4076	44
2d	2	ditto 12th ditto	2864	175	119	874	5088	54
	Native Pioneers							
579	Native Pioneers		5459	216	12	233	2852	60
	Tent & Store Lascars							
300	Tent and Store Lascars		—	—	—	568	5372	—
	Victualling department							

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Expence of Victualling the non Commissioned & Private Europeans, Calculated on the Numbers herein Specified at 1 lb. 1 Pd. Pr Man, for a Month of 30 Days ..... " " " 13345. 30 " "

Carriage of Provisions.

Expence of the Carriage of Rice, Salt and Arrack for the Europeans and Rice for the Native Troops for 10 days ..... " " " 14574. 21 " "

Ditto ... Ditto for the Public followers for 20 days ..... " " " 2708. 21 " "

Carried forward 82,048. 13. 21½ 95358. 8. 19.

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Statement &c.a Continued

Numbers & Corps	For a Month of 30 Days	Fixed Pays & Allowances	Additional in the Feild
		Pagodas Fan.s Cash	Pagodas Fan.s Cash
	Brought forward....	81048. 13. 21½	95,358. 8. 19.
	Ordnance Department		
—	Expence of Draught Bullocks for the field Artillery for a Month.....		2853. 26. —
	Gallopers		
	Expence of 32 Horses for 4, 3Pr.s Gallopers, with Tumbrils, Attached to the Cavalry.....		222. 1950. —
	Magazine		
	Expence of Draught and Carriage Bullocks to transport Stores to from a Magazine.....		5729. 5. —

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Undefined Contingencies

Under this head is included the — probable expence of Secret Service Money, Working of every description Small Supplies of Stores, which the Paymaster Acting as Commissary of Supply may be called upon to furnish, with every other Contingent Charge liable to be incurred by Army Serving in the field estimated for a Month at ..... 5000 ..

Totals ... 8,048 . 13 . 24½ . 109,209 . 15 . 19 .

Abstract

	Pags	Fas	Cash
Total fixed pay and allowances P Month	8,048	13	24½
Ditto ... Ditto additional in the field P Month	109,209	15	19
Total ...	190,257	28	43½

(Signed) W. Sydenham —
Milty Audr General —
Major

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Major General Sydenham

Military Auditor General—

Sir,

I think it necessary to inform you, That Orders have been sent to His Majesty's 12th Regiment and to the Artillery lately Arrived at Arnee from the Southward, to dismiss their Camp Equipage, (Tent—Lascars and Carriage Cattle only excepted) which has been done accordingly; but as no Orders of the kind have been given to the Cavalry and Native Infantry within my Range of Payment, they of course retain their Field Establishment complete.—

I have the honor to be

Vellore
1st October 1798.—

&c &c &c

(Signed) J. H. Scanlon
Paymaster

a true Copy
(Signed) H. Brunton
Depy. M. Alt.

Copy of the foregoing Statement to be transmitted to Bengal and England.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Statement be transmitted to Bengal and England.—

Read

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Read the following letter from Brigadier General De Meuron.—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive.

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

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Brigadier General De Meuron with enclosures relative to the Paper Currency of the Island of Ceylon.—

I have the honor to receive Mr.— Secretary Webbe's letter of the 18th July last with enclosures, Agreeable to the Orders of Government I have endeavoured to remove the Objections urged by the Advocate General, for which purpose I addressed a letter to Mr. Van Angelbeck, the late Governor Copy of which is enclosed (No. 1) together with a Translation of Mr. Van Angelbeck's Answer to my Queries (No. 2) accompanied by a letter from the Chief Administrator in Ceylon (No. 3) and one from the Cashier (No. 4) I have no doubt but these Vouchers will exhibit to the Satisfaction of the Advocate General that the Dutch paper Currency called Credit Brevin and Kafs Nooten which was found in the Treasury of Columbo and—

Amounting

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Amounting to Rix Dollars 308,121. was actually the property of the Dutch E.I. Company and that no Objection exists to the said Paper Currency being cancelled by the British Government.—

The Paper Currency found in the Hands of Public Officers at Trincomalle and Point de Galle was of the same description, and in the same predicament as that found at Columbo.—

I hope that the declarations contained in the above Papers will be found sufficient to do away the difficulties which have hitherto existed.—

And I have the honor to be

Columbo
the 22d September 1798.—

Sir
Your most
Obedient Humble Servant
(Signed) P. T. De Meuron
Brig.

To the Honble J. G. Van Angelbeck
Ordinary Councellor of India & late Governor
and Directer of the Island of Ceylon
and its Dependencies

Hble Sir,

Certain Arrangements necessary to the Settlement of the Accounts of the Paper Currency of the Dutch East India Company on Ceylon

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Ceylon, so as to ensure the regular payment of the Claims of those possessing such part of this Currency as was Guaranteed by the British Government by the Capitulation, of Columbo, oblige me, by desire of the Government of Fort St. George, to request you will furnish me with Official Answers to the following Queries.—

1st Was the Sum of Rix Dollars —

308,121 found in the hands of the Treasurer, and by him delivered to Major Agnew as Agent for the receipt of Captured property, the actual property of the Dutch Company, and not in any Shape the Property of Individuals deposited there for Security or Mortgaged on certain Conditions.—

2nd Did the Dutch Company or Your Government as their Representatives at the time of Surrender of Columbo, possess the undisputed right to cancel or Annul all such paper — Kiaps Noten & Kredait Brieven as were then in the Treasury and delivered to the Agent abovementioned as Captured Property of the Company.—

3rd Can you State any Objection to the

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the measure proposed by the British Government, of cancelling all the Dutch paper Currency found in the Treasury and delivered up as the Property of the Dutch Company, on the Ground of such paper being in any Shape the property of Individuals and not Bonâ fide the property of the Dutch Company unclaimable by any other Persons.—

I request to be honoured with your Speedy Answer to these Queries, and trust you will see no Objection to making the proper declarations on this subject, I should be happy to have such Declarations,— Signed by you as Governor and by the Chief Administrator and Kaffier.—

I have the honor to be with Respect &c.

Columbo (Signed) P. T. de Meuron
22d August 1798— B. G.

a true Copy
(Signed) J. Reynolds
Sect.

To Brigadier General P. T. De Meuron
Acting Governor of the Island of Ceylon
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Official letter of the 22d Instant and to reply as follows to the questions put to me, in my public capacity

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Capacity of Governor on the part of the Honble ~
Dutch Company at the time of the Surrender of Columbo,
concerning the Krediet Brieven and Kas Mooten. ~

1st " The Krediet Brieven which we ~
commonly call Kas Brieven and Kas Noten ~
Amounting to R.D.s 3,08121. which our Kassier
(treasurer) delivered over together with the Kassa ~
reckoning (Cash Account) to Major Agnew as
Agent for the receipt of Captured property, were
the real property of our Company; and did not
in any shape belong to Individuals nor were they
lodged for Security or Mortgaged under any ~
Conditions. ~

2nd " The Honble Dutch Company or the
Government which represented them at the time of
the Surrender of Columbo, had the indisputable right
to cancell and annull all such Krediets Crieven
and Kas Mooten as were then found in the treasury
and delivered to the aforesaid Agent as Captured
property. ~

3rd " I know of no Objection to the ~
measure

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Measure proposed by the British Government of cancelling all the Krediet Brieven and Has- Notem that were found in our Companys treasury and given over as their property; because they were bonâ fide the property of the Company and no Individuals could have had any claim upon them.— In Order more fully to Comply with your request I demanded from the Chief administrator Van Angelbeck and Treasurer Wickerman Written replies to the above questions of which I now enclose the Originals.—

I have the honor to be with respect

Columbo
29th August 1798

&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) J.G. Van Angelbeck

True Translation from the Dutch—

(Signed) John Mc. Dowall—

a true Copy

(Signed) H Reynolds—Secy.

To the Honble Johan Gerard van Angelbeck
Councellor of India and late Governor of the
Island of Ceylon.—
In the Capacity of late Chief—
administrator

Hon'ble Sir,

Fort St. George 9th October 1798.—

Administrator under this Government & in —
Obedience to your desire, that I should reply to
the Questions put to you by Brigadier General
De Meuron in a letter of the 22d. Instant concern-
-ing the Ras Nooten and Krediet Brieven found
in the Company's Treasury at the Surrender of
Columbo, I have the honor to State. —

That the afore mentioned Ras —
Nooten and Krediet Brieven together with the
remaining Cash, were the real property of the
Dutch Company, on which no Individual had
any Claim or pretension: also that the Dutch
Company from lawfull possession had the —
power and right to cancel and Annull these
Ras Nooten and Krediet Brieven as has often
been done with former papers of Credit: for these
reasons, I do not know any Objection to the —
measure proposed by the British Government,
of cancelling and annulling these Ras —
Nooten & Kredit brieven. — I have

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I have the honor to be with Respect &c.

Columbo
29th August 1798.— (Signed) C. Van Angelbeck

A True translation from the Dutch.—
(Signed) John McDowall

a true Copy
(Signed) T. Reynolds.—
Secy.

To the Honble J. G. Van Angelbeck.—
Councellor of India and late Governor
of Ceylon &c. &c. &c.—

Honble Sir,

In Obedience to your desire that I should reply to the questions put to you on the part of the Madras Government by Brigadier General De Meuron, in his letter of the 22d Instant concerning the Krediet Brieven and Kas Nooten which after the Surrender of Columbo were delivered by me in the Capacity of Treasurer of the Dutch Company to the English Agents for Captured property, I have the honor to State.—

That

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1.st That the Amount of Rix —
Dollars 308121.— — in Krediet Brieven and Kas
Mooten delivered by me agreeably to the Cash Account
closed the 15.th of February 1796 together with the —
Amount of Copper Money and other Coins, was the
real property of the Dutch Company upon which
no Individual had any Claim, the Dutch Govern-
-ment having introduced this paper Currency in
Order to supply the Scarcity of Cash, and issued
it in payments from the Treasury and again received
it on Account of the Company in Payment from —
Individuals in lieu of Cash, from whence this —
Balance proceeds. —

2.d That it is indisputable that the
Dutch Government on this Island had the right
to cancell all the aforesaid Krediet Brieven and
Kas- Mooten, which they themselves made and —
issued, and which were again received in the —
Company's Treasury in the same Manner as this
Government from time to time have drawn in and
cancelled Krediet Brieven, when they thought it
necessary. —

That

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3d That in my humble Opinion there can be no Objection to the Resolution of the English Government to Cancell those Kredit Brieven being as I have Stated above, the sole property of the Dutch Company upon which no Individual can have any Claim.—

I have the Honor to be with great Respect,—

Columbo 28th August 1798.—

(Signed) C. S. Wickerman

A true Translation from the Dutch
(Signed) John Mc. Dowall

a true Copy
(Signed) T. Reynolds Secy.

Ordered that a Copy of the foregoing Letter with its enclosures, which appear to entertain all the information which can be obtained upon the Subject of cancelling the Dutch papers, be transmitted to the Supreme Government.—

Copy of this letter and its enclosures to be transmitted to Bengal.—

Read the following letters from the Chief Engineer.—

To

6055 Fort St. George 9.th October 1798.—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
Governor in Council

My Lord,

Permit me to call your Lordship's

From the Chief Engineer respecting the road making between the Parish Mitta Choultry and the New Bridge.

attention to the Road now making, under the direction of the Road Committee, between the Parish Mitta Choultry and the new Bridge near to the Church Yard on the Island; which is forming at a height that may yield cover to an Enemy Approaching the Hospital Bastion.—

As that Ground has been considerably raised of late by People hutting there, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship whether the Opportunity be not favorable for having the Road lowered, all the huts within the prescribed distance, of Six Hundred Yards from the Black Town Wall cleared away, and the superfluous Earth disposed of either in forming the Glacis before the Hospital Bastion, or in filling in such of the other Black Town Bastions as are in want of Earth.— I have the honor to be &c. &c.

(Signed) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer M.S.

Fort St. George
26.th September 1798.—

To

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To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

My Lord,

From the Chief Engineer requesting the Attention of Government to certain points in the Enginar's Department.

In consequence of your directions that immediate Preparations may be made for putting a Battering Train of Artillery, equal to that employed by Marquis Cornwallis, in a State of complete readiness, with Ammunition and Stores and all other necessary Equipment, except Bullocks.

I am induced to request your Attention to the Engineer's Department, which I had the honor to conduct with the Marquis Cornwallis, in Mysore Country, respecting which I am yet unin~~st~~structed on the part of Government, It will however require considerable previous preparation and Arrangement to render it efficient — and as Communication with the other Presidencies may be necessary on the Subject, I hope, I shall be excused the Liberty of this Address.

Although the Strength of the Corps of Engineers for Field Service, on leaving the

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the Presidency, consisted of Eleven Officers and that we were joined by Six Engineers on the Bengal ~ Establishment, yet, from the Number of Casualties before the Seige commenced, we were obliged to have recourse to the Infantry for Assistant Engineers in the conduct of it. Six Engineers came with the ~ Bombay Army But as that Army was ~ detached, and a Second Attack mediated from their Quarter, they would not have been more than equal to the relief of their own Trenches. It therefore becomes my Duty to Apprize you of these ~ circumstances that, in case of any similar Service being intended, a timely Arrangement may be made for ~ obtaining a sufficient Number of Gentlemen experienced in that Line. ~

In my Address, of the 10.th August, to your Honble Board, I beged Leave to acquaint you there were not any Serviceable Mathematical Instruments left in the Engineers Store; and therefore took the Liberty to Submit to you the propriety of authorizing some to be provided for the Exigencies of the Service. ~ When, I likewise requested, your permission to prepare a Complete Sett of Boring Irons ~

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Irons, of the most Approved construction, they being very useful in trying for Water, and in examining the nature of the Soil wherever it may become ~ necessary — On these Subjects I wait your Instructions.

To the Engineers Department ~

Artificers, Lascars and Facine Makers, are necessary. But, they will be of little use, for a long time, if they are new Men — Every one acquainted with the Natives must know, that these Workmen should not only know their trade, but to render it useful, should also know, and be known by their superintendants; for this reason, Artificers sent from the Corps of the Army are seldom of much use on the Spur of the Moment. ~

In my Address to Government of the 18.th May 1798 while on the Subject of Artificers, I took the liberty to suggest the propriety of forming such as were established for the Enginuer's Department, on the plan of the Artificers Companies attached to the British Engineers, thereby to ensure their Services in the Field and on foreign Services, without being put to the necessity of pressing the

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first unfortunate People of the East that are met with, a circumstance but too general in every Equipment I have ever seen in this Country.—

It being of much consequence on such occasions, that a certain Number of well instructed Artificers, Lascars &c.a be provided for the Service of Seige.—I beg leave to propose, that the two Companies of Lascars, Consisting of one Syrang, one first and one Second Tindal, each Employed on the Fortifications at the Presidency, be encreased to One Hundred and Fifty, or two Hundred Men each, and that the Artificers requisite for Field Service should likewise be immediately entertained and practiced in that description of Work for which their Services may hereafter be wanted, and for which there is ample employment on the Fortifications of Fort St. George and its Environs.—

A Quantity of Intrenching Tools, Artificers' Tools, Scalling Ladders, Baskets, Hides, Ropes, useful in carrying or dragging and for binding Fascins, small Stors and various other Instruments

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Instruments particularly required in the Engineers ~
Department, together with some Boards, Planks and
Joists were carried on the Bandies with the Corps.—
These Stores being always at hand and kept ready for
Service, were found particularly useful on some Sudden
Emergencies, as at Nondydroog &c.a where the Operations
of the Seige were accelerated, and indeed begun ~
by means of them, and the time thereby Saved, that
would have been otherwise lost in getting them ~
from the General Stores and preparing them for use—
I could, therefore, likewise wish that this part of
the Equipment received your early approbation.—

The scarcity of Materials about
Seringapatam, and the time we had to Spare
Suggested the preparation of Materials for its ~
Seige at Bengalore; and some precaution of this
kind will be again necessary, as it is probable
the Wood and Gardens, which were never abundant
may be destroyed.—

I have the Honor to be

Fort St. George
27th September 1798.—

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

(Signd) Patrick Ross
Chief Engineer Mg
Orders

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Resolution thereon.

Ordered to lie on the table for consideration.— Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer of the Ceded districts.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President & Governor
Fort St. George

My Lord, Sensible how many things must press themselves upon your Lordships attention, at this early period of your administration, I would delay the doing myself this Honour, did not some matters intimately connecting with the general oeconomy, & more immediately with the affairs of the districts under me, require my Addressing your Lordship on their Subject.—

From the Commandant in the Ceded Districts to paying the Troops Statement of Stores in the different Garrisons remarks on the revenue of the districts.—

Having understood lately,

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the probability there was, from the aspect of affairs, that the public funds would be inadequate to the demands upon them, I undertook to

obviate

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obviate, if possible, any draft upon the Presidency from these districts, by defraying, their expence from their own resources. — As the Balance of Cash in my hands after the remittances that had been recently made, & the expected Collections till December, were inconsiderable, that was only practicable, by immediately putting a Stop to all Revenue Extra disbursements, that could be postponed and letting all Establishments fall gradually into Arrears. —

3 By these Means I shall be enabled, I find, to pay up the Troops for this Month, & by beginning my collections as early as can be done, without anticipation of the Crops, that is, Six Weeks sooner than usual, I hope to pay them up for every ensuing Month, instead of my Cash in hand falling 60 or 80,000 Pagodas short of the demands, which, in probability would be the case, were my receipts and disbursements to be regular, or according to custom. —

To

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4. It is not however practicable to pay the Troops, which I consider a primary object, object, without stopping, for the present, all advances to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions.— If therefore Government be desirous of laying up more grain in these Districts, it will be necessary to supply him with Cash from another quarter, perhaps till December, when my Monthly Instalments beginning to exceed my Ordinary disbursements, I shall be again able to make him Advances.—

5 In the event of collecting more Grain, I recommend that the Commissary be directed to ascertain & Report what places there may be fit for the reception of Grain at each depot, previous to its Purchase, for inconvenience has been experienced of late, from the want of such a precaution.—

6. About 300 Garce of grain has been purchased within these two Months and as your Lordship may wish to be informed how much there is at every Station, I shall subjoin

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Subjoin a Statement, showing the quantity in Store, the Stock I propose for every post, Agreeable to the Strength of Garrisons, as proposed in my letter to General Harris of the 26th July last, & the Excess or deficiency.—

7. Conceiving that the period for which places should be stored ought to be apportioned to their Strength and Situation, or the probable times of their holding out against a Seige, and their distance from the grand Routes of the Army, I shall allot a Years Stock for Ryacotta, Risngeery, and Sankaridroog, Six Months for Ahtoor, and three Months for all the rest.—

Post—

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Posts.	Quantity in Store	Prop. Gar. Stock	Overplus	Deficiency
	G. M. G.	M. G.	M. G.	M.
Kisngeery	230 65 108	120 121	345	—
Ryacotta	56 361 108	360 —	—	51 399
Chenrydroog	7 396 6	115 1	281	—
Cungoondy	7 349 3	90 4	259	—
Veraduddroog	10 21 6	115 3	306	—
Penagra	32 68 0	0	32 68	—
Salem	12 197 13	35 —	—	238
Sanklidroog	236 41 109	310 176	121	—
Ahtoor	83 258 64	230 19	28	—
Namcul	24 376 6	315 18	61	—
Totals	613 133 427	100 326	269 52	237

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8 It appears there is little more than half the Stock required at Pyacotta, & from its advanced Situation, & vast importance, it ought, in my Opinion to be Stored for two Years at least. If Government resolve to augment the Garrison Stock, or lay up Grain there for the Army, it will be necessary first, to erect a granary for its reception, as there is not room for the quantity there at present. — There is also a small deficiency at Salem, but in its present State, that place is not tenable. — All the Stores at Penagra are to be removed to Sankledroog's Government has likewise resolved on the demolition of Chenrydroog, & the removal of the Stores there, but the requisite Orders have not yet been given for carrying those measures into execution — The quantities of Grain at Penagra & Chenrydroog being added to the

above

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above over plus & the deficiency at Ryacotta
deducted from it, leaves a remainder of 313 garce
for the use of the Army in these Districts.—

9 As Consonant to the purpose of
their observation, your Lordship may be pleased
to be further informed that since my commu-
-nications with General Harris on procuring
supplies for the Army, I have required the head
Benjarries or dealers in grain who supplied it
chiefly with provisions last War to give me
Proposals for doing that again at any future
period, by which it appears, that between
30 & 40,000 Bullocks may be collected in the
course of three or four Months, to serve as
carriers, for hire, or follow the Army with
provisions of different kinds, the property
of private Traders.— Their being able to
perform engagements conformable to these
proposals, may be much doubted but the
past has shown their ability, & half the
number would perhaps be sufficient.—

This

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This intimation is only to show that I am not unprepared for furnishing more particular information on this head when occasion may require it. -

10. Returning to the affairs of these Districts, I have to observe of the present restrictions in regard to disbursements, that the withholding advances for Tank repairs & cultivation, is extremely detrimental to Revenue, & that the bringing all establishments of Servants into arrears, especially the Troops, is attended with great inconvenience, & no doubt in some cases, distress; which, unless Government require every possible aid from these Districts to support its present expence, or answer future exigencies, must be unnecessary. - I therefore request I may be honoured with your Lordships instructions on this Head, that if the Service require it, the present plan may be pursued, & if not, that all arrears may be paid up, & matters restored to their usual Routine as soon as possible. -

I am,
&c &c &c

Baramahl
3rd October 1798. -

(Signed) Alex Read.
Superintendent &
Lieut. Col. Comg
this District

6069 Fort St. George 9th October 1793.—

The Board are of Opinion that a sufficient quantity of grain appears from the foregoing Statement to have been provided for the garrison Store from the several posts in the Baramahal and as there is no place for depot untill the pettah of Kisnghury may have been put in a State of repair, it is resolved to direct that no further advances of Money may be made for the purchase of Grain.—

Resolved, that no further advances of Money be made for the purchase of grain in the Baramahal.—

It is in consequence become material that no time should be lost in determining the best plan for that pettah; resolved therefore to direct that the communications for this purpose between the Military Board and Lieutenant Colonel Read may be expedited.—

Resolved that the communications relative to the repairs of the pettah be expedited.—

The Board are exceedingly well pleased with the prospect which Lieutenant Colonel Read holds out of engaging a considerable Number of Benjarries for the Service of the Army, if it should be found necessary to employ them hereafter; and though circumstances do not yet admit of any absolute

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communicating their Sentiments on the Address.—

Ordered that a Copy of the Address be kept in the Secretary's Office.—

Read the following Letter from the Officers Commanding the Honble Company's Ships under dispatch.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

It being in order to send a certain Number of Officers, on board our respective Ships returning to Europe, to be accommodated at our Tables

And we are informed by Mr. Secretary Webbe, that we shall only be allowed the Sums allotted for outward bound passengers, according to their respective ranks.—

We beg leave humbly to represent to your Lordship, That according to the regulations made by the Honble the Court of Directors bearing date the 27th June 1796, and delivered to us, on our taking leave, We are allowed to ask from each passenger returning to England from Madras,—

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From the Officers Commanding the Ships Lord Camden Dover Castle, Good Hope, Busbridge & Henry Dundas respecting passage Money to be paid homeward bound

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holding the Rank of Captain, or Factor, the Sum of Two thousand Arcot Rupees, and from each Writer, Subaltern &c.a Fifteen Hundred Arcot Rupees.—

And We are under a Bond of One thousand Pounds Sterling, for our just compliance with those Regulations.—

We therefore with due difference to Your Lordship, humbly conceive it was the intention of the Honorable the Court of Directors, that We should be paid those Sums respectively, for passengers homeward, according to their Rank,

—And as Captains Ramsden & Captain Shelton, one of the Commanders is now present,—were permitted to draw those Amounts from the Bombay Government, We must naturally conclude, there must have been some omission at home, in this Government not having received the Regulations.—

And We further beg permission to observe to your Lordship, that the present Advanced price of the greater part of the Articles, necessary to be laid in here for passengers homeward bound, makes the expense of our Table fall very heavy, and that

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in case we are not paid the Allowance so Specified by the Court of Directors, in said part of our Instructions, we must inevitably be great Losers—

Under these considerations we presume to hope, your Lordship will be pleased to take the matter into consideration— and permit us to draw for the same.—

With all due respect We main

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8th October 1798.—

V. V.
(Signed) Nath.l Dance
Peter Sampson
John Woodbridge Hilton
John Dobree
Walter Caruthers—

The Board cannot depart from the rate of passage Money established by order of the Honorable Court of Directors at this Presidency because it never have been intended by the Court that a greater Sum should be demanded of an Officer for his passage than, that which they have allowed him to defray it— Resolved that positive Orders be issued to the several Commanders for receiving on board their respective Ships— the

Resolved— that positive Orders be issued to the Commanders to receive on board the Officers under Orders for embarkation at the regulated price

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the Officers under Orders of embarkation at the — regulated price. —

As the case however does admit of a doubt— Resolved that it be explained to the Honble Court of Directors, & recommended that, if it should have been their intention to allow the Commanders to demand as much as the several Sums Specified in the printed regulations of 1796 the Court will reimburse the Captains in the Amount of difference, between those Sums and those which they have been now Ordered to receive. —

Resolved that the Court be recommended to reimburse the Commanders should there be any mistake in their Orders —

The Board proceed to read and — pass Orders upon the following Proceedings of the — Medical Board. —

Medical Board

Resolution of Government in Council 9.th October 1798. —

5.th October 1798. —

The following Gentlemen having Arrived from Europe with — Indentures from the Honorable the Court of Directors as — Assistant Surgeons upon this Establishment, We recommend that

From the Medical Board, that the Specified Assistants Surgeons be appointed to their respective Stations list of Casualties, Apology from Mr. Betty recommend his being Appointed to the Garrison of Condapilly. —

Approved. —

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that they be admitted accordingly; and Appointed to the Stations Annexed to their respective Names.

William Ingledew.
6th Regiment Native Infantry.

Macduff Cordiner
5th Regiment Native Infantry.

Aron Tozer
4th Regiment Native Infantry.

Gavin Trotter
13th Regiment Native Infantry

John Hary
2nd Regiment European Infantry.

David Scott
12th Regiment Native Infantry.

John Grant
Garrison of Cuddalore.

We have the honor to forward, for transmission to Europe by the present Despatch, a List of Casualties since the 29th of January last.

We

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Approved

Mr. William Colhoun
Assistant Surgeon at Jaffnapat-
-am, and Mr. John Carnie
Assistant Surgeon to the 5th
Regiment European Infantry,
having mutually requested to
be allowed to Exchange Situations;
and having obtained the concur-
-rence of their Commanding
Officers; We recommend that
their request may be complied
with. ~ We have the honor to
forward Copy of a Letter from
Mr. Betty to the Secretary
to the Medical Board, and are
happy to find that he has at
length come to a proper
sense of the impropriety of
his late conduct. ~

Should this Apology
appear adequate We
Recommend that Mr.
Betty may be appointed
to the Garrison of Condapilly ~

Mr. Dalton appointed to the Garrison of Nellore ~

We recommend
that Mr. James Dalton,
Assistant Surgeon, be
appointed to the Garrisons
of

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of Nellore and Rampore; and
Mr. Arthur Connell to the
3rd Regiment Native Cavalry
(in his room.)

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician General

(Signed) W. Raine
Chief Surgeon

List of Casualties in the Medical Department from 29th of January to the 5th of October 1798.—

John Casterade — Assistant Surgeon — died 5th February
Archibald Spiers — Surgeon ——— died 14th May
Bernard Mc. Mahon — Do. ——— do. — 5th June
Alex.r Noble Brown — Assistant Surgeon — do. — 22d June
Charles Oram — Do. ——— do. — 12th August
Michael Corbit — Surgeon ——— do. — 9th May

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(Signed) J. Connolly
Secy. M. Bd.
Medical.

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Resolutions of Government in Council 9.th October 1798.—

Medical Board 8.th October 1798.—

From the Medical Board—Mr. Pollard Surgeon, permitted to proceed to Europe recommends that Mr. Hay be appointed to the Cavalry at Vellour & Mr. Sub Assistant Surgeon Peters be ordered to proceed to Vellore to take care of the Medical Stores at that place.—

Approved—

Mr. Pollard—Surgeon, of the 12.th Regiment Native Infantry having—applied for leave to come to the Presidency to prepare for a Voyage to Europe, and considering the urgency of time the Medical Board—have granted the permission he requests.—

Mr. Connell to remain with the Battalion to which he is Attached.—

Mr. Connell Recommended in our last Proceedings for the 3.rd Regiment Native Cavalry having Stated a wish to remain with the Battalion of Native Infantry to which he is attached, the—Medical Board Recommend that Mr. Hay may be relieved from the European Regiment

Mr. Betty appointed to 3.rd Regiment Native Cavalry Mr. Hay to remain Attached to the European Regiment at Masulipatam.—

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Regiment at Masulipatam,
and Appointed to the Cavalry
at Vellore.~

Mr. Watson ~
Head Surgeon at Vellore
having reported the danger-
ous state of health of
Thomas Patterson the ~
present Sub Assistant
Surgeon and the Necessity
of a Person to take care
of the Stores; the Medical
Board Recommend that
William Peters Sub ~
Assistant Surgeon at
Chingleput be ordered
to proceed without loss
of time to Vellore for that
duty. ~

Approved and ordered.~

(Signed) Ja.s Anderson
Physician General
" W.m Raine
Chief Surgeon.

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Read the following letter from—

Major General Nixon, which the Commander

in Chief lays before this Board—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

My Lord,

From Major General Nixon requesting permission to proceed to Europe

I request of your Lordship in Council to be permitted to proceed to Europe on one of the Ships now under despatch; upon the terms and Agreeable to the existing regulations of the Company's Military Service: and that you may be pleased to direct the discharge of the accompanying Bond to— enable me to defray the expence of my passage to England, without which I shall suffer great inconvenience and loss.— In submitting this circumstance to your consideration, I am induced to hope for a favorable reply— And have the honor to remain.—

&c.a &c.a

October 3rd 1798.— (Signd) E Nixon

Resolved—

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Resolved that Major General Nixon be permitted to return to Europe on furlough.— Read the following letters from the Town Major.—

Resolution thereon

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose a list of the Dutch Officers Prisoners of War who are to be sent to Europe by the Ships now under dispatch— in consequence of your Lordship's Orders that the whole of the Men of the 36th Regiment be embarked on the Busbridge I have not Allotted any proportion of the Dutch to that Ship as the Number of Officers that will necessarily accompany the Men of the 36th will give her a full share of Passengers.—

From the Town Major enclosing a List of Dutch Prisoners of War to embark for Europe.—

Your Lordship will observe that

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That there are four European Servants whom the Dutch Officers wish to take with them, and as these Men are all Prisoners of War, it will be a saving of expence to the Company and a great conveniency to the Officers to permit them to Embark. — I am also requested to solicit your Lordship to allow Ensign Goldenstein to take his Wife. — It has been usual to allow Prisoners of War a gratuity of One Months Pay on their being Embarked for Europe or the French Islands, the Dutch Officers hope this Indulgence will be extended to them, — and I have to request your Lordship's Orders on the Subject. —

I have the honor to be —

Fort St. George
5th October 1798. —

V.c. V.c. —

(Signed) A. Grant
Town Mayor

Roll

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Roll of Dutch Officers Prisoners of War to Embark for Europe — Fort St. George 3d Oct. 1798.

No.	Rank	Names	Ship to Embark on	Remarks
	Captains	Hoffmann		and a European Servant
	"	Von Reizenstein		
	Lieuts	Von Stamann	Dover Castle	
	Ensign	Keytel		
	Cadets	Brigers		
6	"	Towell		
	Captain	Segrevesse		and a European Servant
	Lieuts	Hoffmann		
	Ensigns	St. Soo		
	"	Deville	Drundas	
	"	Spanoghie		
6	"	Blesch		
	Captain	Von Frangumont		
	Lieuts	De Contamine		
	"	Meyers		and a European Servant
	Ensign	De Contamine	Lord Camden	
	"	Cranenburgh		
6	"	Lindayer		
	Captain	Koch		and a European Servant
	Ensigns	Neuffer		
	"	Goldenstein		Mrs Goldenstein the Wife of Mr Goldenstein
	"	Oliver	Good Hope	
	"	Rodeman		
6	"	D. Heldret		
17	Monsr	Dermsiaen		

(Signed) A Grant
Town Major
Resolved

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Resolved that the Dutch Officers with their Servants who are desirous of returning to Europe be embarked on the Ships under despatch, that they receive an advance of three Months Subsistence, and that they be allowed the usual rate of passage Money according to their respective Ranks.—

Resolved that the Dutch Officers & their Servants be embarked on the Ships under dispatch for Europe and that they receive an advance of three Months Subsistence.—

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c. &c.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose a list of Dutch Officers prisoners of War who instead of availing themselves of the Capitulation of Trinquamalee by returning to Europe or Batavia request to be permitted to remain on Ceylon on Dutch Pay during the War.— I have subjoined to the list an abstract of the difference between Dutch and English Pay, by which your Lordship will perceive that there will be a saving to Government of nearly one half of the present expence by allowing these men to return to Ceylon; most of them are old men, and I understand with large families, for whom it would be difficult to make any provision, or to provide with a passage, should your Lordship insist on a compliance with the terms of Capitulation.—

From the Town Major inclosing Lists of Dutch Officers prisoners of War who wish to reside on Ceylon on Dutch pay and of those who wish to go to Batavia.—

I have also the honor to enclose a list of those who prefer going to Batavia.— I have the honor to be.—

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(Signed) &c. &c. Agnew
Town Major

List

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List of Dutch Officers who wish to Reside on the Island of Ceylon on Dutch Pay 8th October 1798.

No.	Rank	Names		No.	Rank	Names
	Captain	Kornmann			Cadets	Oppenhuyser
	"	Divise			"	Lindeman
	"	Diebert			"	Frouw
	"	Behon		11	"	Kahlie
	"	Dolberick				
6	"	Schrender		1	Assistant Surgeon's	Vanderwall
	Lieuts	Frekkoo				
	"	Temmer				
	"	Vugstman				
	"	Veinekam				
	"	Veldman				
	"	Boegman				
7	"	Frouw				
	Ensigns	Sprikee				
	"	Vanderworff				
	"	Adrichan				
	"	Fresett				
	"	Axen				
6	"	Hodhamier				

Abstract of the Difference between English & Dutch Pay P.r Month

		English Pay P.	English Pay P. C.	Dutch Pay P.	Dutch Pay P. C.	Difference between English & Dutch Pay P.	Difference between English & Dutch Pay P. C.
6 Captains	P.r Month	232	21	120	"	112	21 "
7 Lieutenants	Ditto	135	36	70	24	65	11 60
6 Ensigns	Ditto	93	"	49	3	43	39 "
4 Cadets	Ditto	20	"	"	Paid by Comp.y		
1 Assistant Surgeon	Ditto	5	"	3			
Total Saving to the Company P.r Month				Pag.s		224	29 60

(Signd) A Grant Town Major

List

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List of Dutch Officers, (Prisoners of War)

Who wish to go to Batavia.

Captain	J. D. Bleume	1
Lieutenant	Bartel	"
"	Sadlo	"
"	Fretz	"
"	Opel	5
Ensign	Friffs	"
"	Elikey	"
"	Langwaldt	"
"	Malchaw	"
"	Schmidt	10
"	Roeman	"
"	Vr. Hangerland	"
"	Lakkie	"
"	Styglier	"
"	Deedricks	15
"	Vanderwaff	"
"	Goldier	"
"	Oppermare	"
"	Engeland	"
"	Auman	20
"	Bruger	"
"	Weerman	"
Cadet	Frekkoo	"
"	Diederiskn	"
"	Valenhover	25
"	Frederick	"
"	Stroom	"
"	Halie	"
"	Frank	"
Surgion	Jaux	30
"	L. P. Leonard	31

(Signed) A Grant Town Major

Resolved

Fort St. George 9th October 1798.

Resolved that the foregoing list be transmitted to Brigadier General De Meuron, and that he be desired to report whether there are any personal objections against the residence of any of these Officers on the island.—

Resolved that this list be transmitted to Brigadier Genl. De Meuron and that he be desired to report thereon personal objections to the Officers residing on Ceylon.—

Resolved that measures be taken for transporting to Batavia those of the Dutch Officers who may be desirous of going thither.—

Read the following letter from the Commanding Officer at Pondicherry.—

Josiah Webbe Esq.r
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Major General Braithwaite enclosing a letter from Lieutenant Coursons a french Officer prisoner of War.—

The enclosed letter has been sent to me by Major Tolfrey, covering a request of Lieutenant Coursons, a french Officer of the Regiment serving in India, and now Prisoner on his Parole at Pondicherry to proceed to Europe for the benefit of his health. As he is a young Gentleman of good Conduct and Character, I shall be obliged to you Sir, to lay this request before the Right Honble the Governor in Council.—

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

Madras
October 3.d 1798.—

(Signed) John Braithwaite

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To Major General Braithwaite

&c.a &c.a &c.a —

Sir,

At the desire of Lieutenant Courtan I hereby have the honor to prefer an Application from him for Leave to procead to Europe for the Benefit of his health, and, have thereon to observe, that from his emaciated Figure it appears greatly impaired. —

Yesterday, Sir, I had the Satisfaction of making known to M.r de Chermont, the purport of an Official Address from Mr. Secretary Webbe; importing, that "In consideration of the distressed Situation in which you had represented her to be left, the Right Honble the Governor in Council, had been pleased to grant her a Monthly Allowance of Fifty Pagodas, until she might have the means of returning to the Isle of France, or, untill the pleasure of the Court of Directors should be known." —

With

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With every Respect, I have the

honor to be,

30th September 1798.— (Signed) &c. &c. &c.
E. Golfrey
Major Com.g at
Pondichery

To Major Golfrey
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir

Having for a long time been very

ill, and wishing to return to Europe, for the benefit

of my Health, on the first Vessel which may

sail, I have the honor to entreat that you will

have the Goodness to write to the Government of

Madras respecting this my wish, and at the

same time to enforce it will your Recommendation

by observing the Condition in which I am you

will render me the most essential Service.—

I have the honor to be

30th September 1798.— &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) P. Courson
Lieutenant in the Regt.
Serving in the East Indies

A true Translation
(Signed) F. F. Keble
French Translator
Resident

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Resolved that Lieutenant Courson be permitted to embark for Europe upon his parole, and that the usual Advance of three Months Subsistence and passage Money be allowed him.

Resolved that Lieutenant Courson be permitted to embark for Europe an advance of three Months subsistence and passage Money to be allowed him.

Read the following letter from the late Captain P. Moore.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

&c &c &c

My Lord,

From a knowledge of your establish

From the late Captain P. Moore stating his pecuniary embarrassment and soliciting to be placed on the Invalid List.

-ed Character, I have presumed to address your Lordship, under circumstances some what unfavor -able and inauspicious — You will not I am persuaded, my Lord, take your impression of my Character from present appearances and disadvantages, but from its general merit, whatso -ever that may be, and under this conviction, I shall briefly state to your Lordship, the length and nature of my Services, to the Company

on

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on which I mean to rest the little pretension, which I have to your Lordship's favor.—

I entered into the Service of the Honorable Company, about Nineteen (19) Years since, in the quality of Cadet; and rose after having gone through all the intermediate Gradations to the rank of Captain, and Conducted myself on all occasions with Zeal and fidelity, for the honor and advantage of my Employers, and it was my good fortune at the Seige of Wandewash, to have an Opportunity to shew an Ardour and readiness in my Profession, which obtained the marked approbation of my immediate Commanding Officer, and General Sir Eyre Coote.

I consider this as the most happy circumstance of my Life, as it has been recognized to my advantage by the late Honorable the Governor at the moment of Approving a Court Martial, which excluded me from any further Share, in a Profession to which I have been long and Zealously Attached.—

I will not, my Lord, call your Attention to the Merits of the Sentence of that Court Martial, nor Attempt to justify myself, where an Opinion has been so Solemnly given. All I have to request is, your Lordship's reference to the length

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of time I have served, and to my behaviour in a situation of great difficulty and hazard, and if I could entreat, that your Lordship, would be pleased to make some small addition to the Bounty, which General Harris has been so good as to extend to me.—

The Pension of Thirty Pagodas per— Month, which has been afforded me by Government,— adverting to the mode of Life to which I have been used, and to the state of my Circumstances which are not— unembarrassed— the dearness of Provisions, and necessary Attendants, together with my unfitness for any other Employ will scarcely seem sufficient in your Lordship's estimation to preserve me from inconvenience and want. And although I must and ought to express myself grateful for these Exertions in my favor, yet I would indulge a hope, that without much burthen to the— Company, I may be provided for in such a manner, as to insure to my remaining Years, personal Comfort and a certain degree of Ease.—

All I would ask (if it should not seem to direct your Lordship's kindness) is to be placed on the Invalid List— Where I may at one time or other hereafter, have a chance of rendering myself useful— and have a prospect of some Opportunity of rising— superior to my present adverse fortune— as well as be immediately relieved from great uneasiness and— Embarrassment.— I have the honor to be— &c.&c.&c.

(Signed) P. Moore
late Capt. 1st Batt. N.I.

Madras
8th October 1798.—

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In granting a pension to the late Captain Moore the Board paid particular Attention to his former Merits and Services; but under the Orders of the

Minute thereon— Court of Directors in the case of Captain Brouncker they do not feel themselves at liberty to increase the Pension of Captain Moore.—

Read the following letter from the Reverend Mr. Ball.—

The Right Honble Edward Lord Clive

Governor, and President in Council

From the Reverend Mr. C. Ball— requesting that his Memorial may be forwarded to the Court of Directors.—

I herewith have the honor of delivering in my Memorial, and a Copy of the Letters to which it refers, on the subject of my appointment of Captain at Fort St. George, by the Honorable the Court of Directors— Permit me to hope that my request of having it transmitted

in

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in the first Packet to England, will be
granted by the Honorable the Government at
Madras— I have the honor of subscribing
myself with respect and obedience.—

Trichinopoly
1st October 1798.—

I &c. &c.
(Signed) C. Ball

The late Orders of the Honorable
Court of Directors in the public department
render it unnecessary to trouble them with Mr.
Minute thereon. Balls' Memorial: Ordered therefore that it be
returned to him.—

Read the following Letter
from the Military Auditor General.—

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

From the Military Auditor

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary
Webb's

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Auditor General reporting on the Additional estimate sent in by the Military Paymaster General.

Webbes Letter of the 6th. Instant, Accompanying an Additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month, Amounting to Six Thousand Six hundred and fifty Pagodas (6650,) I have the honor to report that this Sum may be issued from the Treasury at the Presidency, for the purpose of paying four Month's Subsistence to the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers &c.a of His Majesty's 36th. Regiment, and the Invalids of the Kings Corps under Orders to proceed to Europe, and to comply with the

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the Indent of the Garrison Storekeeper

for the probable expense of his Department

for the Current Month, which does

not appear to have been included in the

Military Paymaster Genirals Estimate

reported on the 29th Ultimo.—

I have the honor to be with great

respect.— &c. &c.

Military Auditor Generals office Signed W. Sydenham

Fort St. George 8th October 1798.— Mily. Aud. Genl.

Ordered that the Sum of Six

thousand Six hundred and fifty Pagodas (6650)

be Advanced from the Treasury to the Military

Paymaster General on Account of the Additional

Estimate

Cash Ordered to be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on the above Account.—

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Estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 5th Instant.—

Mrs. Mary Daniell Widow

Mrs. Mary Daniell admitted to participate of Lord Clive's Country—

of the late Assistant Surgeon Daniell having taken the Oath entitling her to participate in the Bounty Commonly called Lord Clive's Fund is accordingly admitted.—

The Secretary reports the death

The Secretary reports the death of Captain John Mc. Intosh of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment Native Infantry and of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Smart of the 1st. Battalion 3rd. Regiment Native Infantry.—

of Captain John Mc. Intosh of the 1st. Battalion 6th. Regiment Native Infantry and of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Smart of the 1st. Battalion 3rd. Regiment Native Infantry.—

In consequence of a strong

The Commander in Chief to desire of the Military Board—: that the Battering train may be conveyed to Vellore before the Monsoon.—

desire expressed by the Governor General that the Military preparations at this Presidency should be carried on with the greatest alacrity and dispatch the Presidency proposes—

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Proposes, that the Commander in Chief be requested to communicate to the Military Board the desire of this Board that the Battering train should if possible be conveyed to Vellour before the Monsoon.—

The President also proposes that the Commander in Chief should be requested to give in a plan for a speedy increase of the Native establishment of Infantry according to the latitude allowed by the Supreme Government in the event of the detachment under Lieutenant Colonel Roberts entering the dominions of His Highness the Nizam.—

The Commander in Chief to be requested to give in a plan for the increase of the Native Infantry.—

Agreed

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Agreed to and Ordered accordingly.

Messrs Edward Cove and William Dodwell assistants under the Secretary in the Military, Political and Secret Departments attending the Board, the usual Oath of Secrecy is administered by the President.—

Messrs Cove and Dodwell assistants under the Secretary in the Military Political and Secret Departments take the Oath of Secrecy.

" Cove

" Geo: Harris

" Edw Saunders

" E. H. Townsend

Comp.
C. Strachey.

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Diary

11
9th Sent the following letter

To Captains Nath: Dance
Peter Sampson
John W. Hilton
John Dobree
Walter Carruthers

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 8th Instant and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot depart from the rate of passage Money established by the orders of the Honorable Court of Directors at this Presidency; because it never could have been intended by the Court that a greater Sum should be demanded of an Officer for his passage than that which they have allowed him to defray it; Therefore enclose the rates of passage Money as regulated under this Government, and convey to you the positive Orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that

To the Commanders of the Ships Lord Camden Dorrecastle Goodhope Busbridge and Henry Dundas. Informing them that no greater allowance of passage Money can be granted than is authorized by Order of the Court of Directors.

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9. That you do receive and accommodate on board your respective Ships the Officers returning to Europe for the Sums corresponding with their different Ranks.

As the case however does admit of a doubt, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has by the present dispatch particularly explained it to the Honorable Court of Directors; and has recommended that if it should have been their intention to allow you to demand as much as the several Sums specified in the printed Regulations of 1796, they will reimburse you in the amount of difference between those Sums and those which you have now received.

You will readily perceive that this Government cannot grant a greater allowance of passage Money than is authorized by the existing Orders of the Court of Directors; and that, if Officers under the necessity of returning to Europe are not provided with passages at those rates, they must remain at the risk of their lives.

I am &c &c

(Signed) J Webbe
Secy to Gov.

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Received

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

From the Military Paymr. General — From Mr. Roebuck with an additional estimate of Cash required by the Paymaster at the Presidency.

To Major General Nixon — To Major General Nixon permitting him to proceed to England on furlough his request for the discharge of his Bond cannot be Complied with.

To the Town Major — To Captain A Grant informing him that the wife of Ensign Goldenstien and four European Servants are permitted to embark with the Dutch Officers prisoners of War. One months subsistence to be advanced to the Dutch Officers.

To the Actg Auditor Genl. — To Major General Sydenham transmitting a Certificate entitling the widow of the late J. Daniel (Assistant Surgeon) to participate in Lord Clive's bounty Fund and referring the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster to his Examination. —

To the Military Paymr. General — To Mr Roebuck transmitting the report of the Auditor General on his additional Estimate of the 5th instant informing him that the Amount will be advanced from the Treasury on his Application.

To

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To the Secretary at Bengal

To Mr. Barlow - enclosing two letters from the Nabob addressed to Lord Mornington.

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Sent the following letters

To Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Read

Commanding in the Ceded Districts

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 3d Instant

To the Officer Commanding in the Ceded districts - requiring the Grain in Store in the Ceded Districts and the Necessity of the immediate repair of the Pettah of Krishnagherry - desiring him to keep up his correspondence with the Banjaries - no farther advances to be made for tank repairs a supply of Cash will be sent if found absolutely necessary for the payment of the several Departments under him. -

As the Governor in Council is of Opinion that a sufficient quantity of Grain appears from the Statement with which you have furnished him, to have been provided for the garrison store of the Rueral posts in your districts; and as there is no place for depot untill the pettah of Krishnagherry may have been put in a state of repair, his Lordship in Council desires that no farther advance of money may at present be made for the purchase of Grain.

It is in consequence become material that no time should be lost in determining the best plan for the defence of that pettah; and his Lordship in Council directs in consequence that you will expedite your communications with the Military Board

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Board for this purpose according to the orders which have already been issued.

The Governor in Council is exceedingly well pleased with the prospect which you hold out of engaging a considerable number of Banjarees for the Service of the Army, if it should be found necessary to employ them hereafter, and though circumstances do not yet admit of any absolute engagements he yet desires that you will keep up your correspondence with these people.

The Governor in Council is aware of the inconvenience of witholding the usual advances for Tuccary and Tank Repairs, as well as of throwing the several departments into Arrear, but he continues to think that it will be imprudent to issue any considerable Sum on the former account, and in respect to the latter he will endeavour to remove the difficulty by sending you a small supply of Cash, if after stopping all advances for grain you should still require it.

I am &c &c

(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy to Govr.

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To Brigadier General De Meuron

Commanding the troops on Ceylon at Columbo

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated 17th and 22d Ultimo.

Under the circumstances which you have stated the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves the authority which you have granted to the Commissary of Grain and Provisions for a further purchase of Rice; and has no doubt that the markets will be amply supplied upon the change of the Monsoon.

In regard to future supplies of grain and money for the use of the island, the Governor in Council thinks to leave the subject for the consideration of Mr. North.

I enclose a list of Dutch Officers who are desirous of retiring to Ceylon upon Dutch pay instead of proceeding to Batavia or Europe according to the capitulations of Columbo and Trincomale; and am directed to desire that you will report your opinion whether there are any personal objections to their residence on the Island.

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

To the Commanding Officer at Columbo – approves the Authority he has granted to the Commissary of grain and Provisions for a further purchase of rice – list of Dutch Officers desirous of remaining on Ceylon on Dutch pay in preference to going to Batavia or Europe the subject of supplies in grain and Money for the use of the Island left to the consideration of Mr. North –

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Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M B Nos. 59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66.

To the Accountant General

To Mr. Woolf with an Account Current of Peishcush for the 1st Kist of the Fusley Year 1207 and Receipt in full for the same from the Nizam. account of Cash issued by the Assistant Resident at Hyderabad to the Commanding Officer of the Detachment since — April last.

To the Secretaries at Bengal & Bombay — Residents at Hyderabad and Poona.

To Messrs. Barlow Ricketts Kirkpatrick and Palmer transmitting intelligence from Mysore. —

To the Officer Commanding Southern Division at Trichinopoly

To Major General Floyd transmitting Letters and papers from Captain Davison

To the Officer Commanding at Cuddalore

To Lieutenant Colonel Du Pont desiring that Paulo Miguel Brittoff may be sent to the Presidency

To the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry and Residents at Cuddalore and Nagore

To the Officer Commanding at Pondicherry and Residents at Cuddalore and Nagore desiring that the Agent from the Nizam may receive no molestation while employed in purchasing fire arms.

To the Officer Comm.g at Pondicherry

To Major General Braithwaite informing him that Lieutenant Courson is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough.

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To Capt. W. Godfrey

To Captain W. Godfrey directing him to repair to his Station at Pulicat and on his arrival to send to the Presidency Mr. Shaw, Lieutenant Hankey McGregor and the Slave of the late Lieutenant Stankell.

To the Reverend Charles Ball

To the Reverend Charles Ball returning his memorial addressed to the Court of Directors.

15th Sent the following Letters

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

Gentlemen

We have received your letters of 26th ult. & 3d & 5th Inst.

To the Board

To the Military Board postponing the consideration of Lieutenant Colonel Bawser's claims approving their intention of sending a Conductor on board Ships freighted with Military Stores — necessity of the speedy fortification of the Pettah of Vizianagram — remarks on Salt Provisions — bills drawn upon Bengal in favor of the Superintendant of the Company's land at Ganjam — building to be erected at St. Thomas's Mount for the Regimental Stores of the 19th Dragoons.

We are under the necessity of postponing the consideration of Lieutenant Colonel Bawser's Claim and have authorized the several payments and advances which you have recommended.

We concur in your suggestion that it is unnecessary to increase the establishment of boats at present at Madras. — and approve your intention of sending in future a Conductor on board

Wm.

board such Ships as may be freighted with Military Stores.

As we deem it expedient that the plan for fortifying the pettah of Vizianagherry should be determined as speedily as possible we have directed Lieutenant Colonel Read to expedite his communication for that purpose to your Board.

We refer for your examination and Report the enclosed Copy of a letter from Major General Floyd with the estimates therein mentioned of the repairs required at Tanjaur and Trichinopoly

By the report of the Committee of your Board appointed to report upon the Salt provisions we observe that it has not been the practice of the Officer in charge to pay that attention which was necessary for the preservation of this Article. Without farther comment however we shall adopt the suggestion of His Majesty's Naval Storekeeper and of your Board; and shall request that the Honorable Court of Directors will furnish us with the quantity of beef and pork which you have recommended to be kept in Store.

Mean while we desire you will

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We will furnish the present Garrison Storekeeper for moving the Salt Provisions now in Store (if they should be with the expence) into Bankshalls in the black Town, and for packing it in the manner recommended by Mr. Cochrane of whose ready and usefull information we are sensible.

We have ordered a Bill to be drawn upon Bengal in favor of the Superintendant of the Company's Stud at Ganjam for the Sum of Seven Thousand Pagodas; but as we have ordered the Agent for the purchase of horses to procure fifty Mares from the other side of India, which may be soon expected to arrive, we desire that Lieut. Evans may not authorize the purchase of more Mares in Bengal than those for which engagements may have already been made by his Correspondents.

We consent that a building be rented at St. Thomas's Mount at the Monthly Sum of fifteen (15) Pagodas for the Regimental Stores of his Majesty's 19th Dragoons.

We refer for your consideration a Copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding at

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at Nameul.

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Weare &c &c
(Signed) Clive &c Council

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters dated 4th 5th 6th and 9th Instant with their respective enclosures.

To the Military Auditor General the Military Statements for the Year 1797/8 will be transmitted to the Court of Directors incumbent
~~apprehended~~ ence from any deviation from the Kings Warrant Relative to the Payment of the 36th Regiment. His communication to the Paymaster at Vellore respecting extraordinary expences approved desiring the payment of specified bills may be authorized

The Military Statements for the Year 1797/8 will be transmitted by the Ships now under dispatch to the Honorable Court of Directors, who, the Governor in Council has no doubt, will feel as much satisfaction as he himself has derived from the perspicuous manner in which you have executed this laborious work

His Lordship in Council is perfectly satisfied with the reasons which you have assigned for protracting the closing of your books; and hopes that the remedy which you propose to adopt upon the

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the example of the Military Board in Bengal will prevent the repetition of this inconvenience.

It is his Lordship in Council apprehends the most serious inconvenience from any deviation however trivial from the King's Warrant for regulating the encrease of Pay to his Troops, and as it is of the utmost importance that complete uniformity should be established on this important point, I am directed to desire that 6 p. per day instead of 3 ½ may be deducted from the pay of the recruits lately arrived who have been subsisted at the public expence.

In regard to the Paymaster of his Majesty's 36th. Regiment the Governor in Council consents that the amount actually paid to the Recruits of that Regiments after deducting only 3 ½ per day may be passed in his accounts; but that you will furnish a return of those Recruits with an Abstract of the Amount to be deducted from their pay on this account in order that it may be transmitted to Bengal for that purpose: for this amount therefore you will be pleased to debit that Presidency.

The Governor in Council approves

Your

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Wt. your early communication to the Paymaster at Vellour of the Order for discontinuing the extra expences of the Corps warned for Service. As Mr. Sharon reported that no dooky Bearers could be procured but from Madras, it was thought unnecessary to countermand a charge which apparently had not been received; but as expences are reported to have been actually incurred — particularly by the Officer Commanding 2d Batt.n 12th Regiment I am directed to desire that those actual charges certified upon honor may be admitted up to the time that the Order for discontinuing them was communicated to the respective Officers in Command by the Paymaster at Vellour.

I am directed to desire that — payment of the following bills and advances may be authorized viz.t

Inclosed bill amounting to Pagodas 48.5 for a quantity of firewood laid in by the — Garrison Storekeeper at Tinnicotah.

A further advance of fifteen hundred /1500/ pagodas to Lieutenant Colonel Murray for the

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11th The buildings carrying on unser his direction at Connatore.

In advance of four hundred Pags. to the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St George for provisions shipped on the East Fitz William for the drafts of his Majestys 36th Regiment.

The Governor in Council has authorized a building to be rented at St Thomas's Mount for the use of his Majestys 19th Regiment Dragoons at the Monthly expence of fifteen pagodas untill further Orders.

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

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12th Received and Sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.B. Nos 67 68.

From the Secretary to the Medical Board — From Mr Connolly - Enclosing a Duplicate Indent for Medicines and Stores for the year 1799 for transmission to Europe Requesting that orders may be given to one of the Commanders of the Indiamen to receive a box of useless Instruments.

To the Secretary at Bengal — To Mr Barlow - transmitting a Statement of the whole expence of moving into the field the Corps warned for Service.

Sent

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Substance of a letter to Tippoo Sultaun

Sent a letter to Tippoo Sultaun entered in C.C. № 140 respecting the Villages of Kautmongal and Golosbagee Informing him that his letter addressed to Lord Mornington has been forwarded to Bengal.

Received and sent the undermentioned letters entered in M.D. № 69-70-71.

From the Commandant at Wallajahbad

From Lieutenant Colonel Shawe representing the decayed state of the barracks at Wallajahbad.

From Ditto

From Ditto on the same subject as the above, and offering to Superintend some temporary repairs of the roofs.

To the Commander of the Ship Bustridge

To Captain Dobree ordering him to receive on board his Ship a box containing Chirurgical Instruments

Sent the following letter

To G. H. Barlow Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Fort William

To the Secretary at Bengal requesting him to lay before the Governor General in Council the inclosed Copy of a letter with papers from Advocate General Dealtry on the subject of the Paper Currency at Ceylon.

Sir

Having referred to the Officer Commanding in Ceylon the doubts of the Advocate General in Bengal upon the expediency of cancelling any further quantity of the Dutch paper Currency found in Ceylon, I am directed to

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12th to request that you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the inclosed Copy of the Letter from Brigadier General De Meuron with the papers therein referred to, which appear to contain all the information that can now be obtained on the Subject

I have the Honor to be

Sir &c

(Signed) J Webbe

Sec^y to Government

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General Letters on the Mily Pol. & Secret Depart. to go by the Lord Camden Read & approved

The Draft General Letters in the Military Political and Secret Departments to go by the Lord Camden having been sent in Circulation for the perusal of the Members of Council and Approved, are ordered to be Copied fair, and the Packets to be closed on the 15th Instant

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders &
Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires

Friday 12th October.

Minutes of last Consultation Read & Approved

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The President's Minute in Council the 12th. October 1798

The President's Minute stating the difficulties attached to his situation and detailing the actual state of this Presidency with a view to its finance, means of defence &c. &c. —

In signing the dispatches I trust it will be thought reasonable that I request to be considered as subscribing to those measures only, which have been adopted since my arrival here:— I have hitherto abstained from giving my sentiments upon the important Points which have occupied and still continue to engage the attention of this Government, least upon subjects of so much magnitude, and which require so much consideration and information, I should have been led prematurely to adopt erroneous Opinions.— But as the time for closing the dispatch for Europe is now come I think it right to state that it was not without extreme solicitude that I entered on the important charge intrusted to my care.— Difficulties I naturally expected to meet with, but the peculiar state of Embarrassment, under which I found this Government, so far surpassed what I was led to expect when I left Europe, or what could have

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have entered into the conception of the most enlightened Persons at Home, that I think it highly necessary for my own Character and for the satisfaction of my Superiors that the actual situation of this Presidency with a view to its Finance and its means of Defence should be now recorded.

In treating these Subjects the most urgent Consideration, which presents itself to my mind is the prospect of our being engaged in a War with our most inveterate, but still powerfull Enemy Tippoo Sultaun without our possessing within the Carnatic the means of immediately prosecuting it to effect. —

But as a War with the Sultaun must in our present state of Preparation bring the most serious Calamities upon the Carnatic, And the Supreme Government is fully apprized of the extent and nature of those difficulties, in which I found the affairs of this Country involved I am convinced that if Peace can still be maintained with safety, and without a Sacrifice of national Honor no means will be omitted to preserve so invaluable a Blessing —

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When I see the Army in the Pay of this Government consisting of nearly forty thousand Men when I know it commanded by Gallant, & experienced Officers I am led to think no atchievement beyond its Prowess but when the large Portion of it, that is employed in Guarding Ceylon, and the Dutch Conquests, the number of men employed in the necessary Garrisons, and the four thousand men detached to the Northward is taken into Consideration, I find the main Army reduced to eleven thousand Men, including Prisoners and Lascars, a force totally inadequate to Offensive Operations

The situation of our Finance is most discouraging. A Debt of fifty Lacs of Pagodas, our twelve per Cent Bonds at the Discount of 5 ℔r. Cent eight per Cent Bonds at 25 ℔r Cent discount our Credit nearly gone, our ordinary Expences exceeding our Revenues by about twenty Seven Lacs without allowing for any further advance for the Investment and an actual deficiency in our Revenue for the last Year of nearly six Lacs.

I have stated these facts with no

view

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view of exaggerating the Difficulties of my Situation but for the purpose of their being clearly understood I mean not to shrink from any part of my Duty and I call upon my respectable Colleagues in Council for what I am sure they will readily grant that Cordial assistance, which their integrity and experience will enable them to give me so long as I shall make the welfare of the Company, and the happiness of this Country the object of my Administration.

Tho' it was not my intention to have discussed the political state of India, yet having recently received advices from Lord Mornington informing me of the successful Issue of the Negotiations at Hyderabad, and of there being a fair prospect of those carrying on with the Court of Poonah, and with Scindia being brought to a favorable termination, I think it right to express my concurrence in the policy and wisdom of the attempt to restore the simple alliance to Vigor and Effect, and my sincere satisfaction at the Progress which has been made towards the attainment of that important Object. Although it is much to

to have been wished that the additional Force sent to
Hyderabad could have been drawn from Bengal instead
of from the Coast, yet having already stated my sense of
the Policy, which dictated that measure, and being
sanguine that it will be followed by the most important
and beneficial Consequences to the British Interests
I shall confine myself to the actual Situation in which
we are now placed.

The Armament ordered by the Supreme
Government has been accelerated as far as we have
had means in Men and Money, and there can be no
doubt since the late Intelligence from Suez that no
exertion should be omitted to equip an Efficient and
Independent Army in the Carnatic. With this view
we have already availed ourselves of the Latitude
allowed us by the Supreme Government to raise an
additional Regiment of Native Infantry, and I am
assured from the Vigor and decision of the Earl of
Mornington in ordering the present Armament at so
early a period, and from the assurances he has given
of our receiving from Bengal effectual supplies
of Men and Money, that this Army will soon be
made capable of Offensive War. In the present
Situation

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situation of Affairs this appears to me so absolutely necessary, that it will be the indispensable duty of this Government not to relax in its endeavour for a Moment in the preparations, which are now going on.

The Communication, which has been made to his Excellency the Admiral in consequence of the late despatch from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors will enable him to take the most effectual means in his power for preventing the Communication between Suez and the Malabar Coast and as the present Season is unfavorable for the Navigation down the Red Sea, I trust the French will not be able to collect sufficient Shipping for the transporting of any considerable Body of Troops before a sufficient British force shall reach that Quarter to frustrate their attempts.

(Signed) Clive

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Ordered that a Copy of the Presidents Minute be transmitted a number in the packet to the Honorable Court of Directors and that their attention be particularly attracted to it

According to the resolutions of last Council

Resolutions thereon -

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Plan delivered in by the Commander in Chief for forming the 35th and 36 Battalion of Native Infantry into a Regiment and for raising two extra Battalions

Council the Commander in Chief delivers in a plan for forming the 35th and 36th battalions of native Infantry into a Regiment to be called the 13th Regiment Native Infantry and for raising two Extra Battalions

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G. O. By Government

G O by Government that the 35th and 36th Battalions be formed into a Regiment and denominated the 13th Regiment Native Infantry the specified Arrangements and Promotions to take place in consequence

The Right Honorable the President in Council having resolved to increase the Native Establishment under this Presidency is pleased to Order that the 35th and 36th Battalions be formed into a Regiment and denominated the 13th Regiment Native Infantry the Commander in Chief is therefore requested to issue the Necessary Orders for Completing this Corps to the Strength of a Native Regiment with 20 Additionals to each Company

In consequence of the foregoing Resolution the following Arrangement and Promotions to take place date of Rank 12th October 1798

Colonel A. Wynch is removed from the 11th and posted to the Command of the 13th Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel George Roberts to be Colonel and appointed to the Command of the 11th Regiment

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Regiment Native Infantry —

Majors ——— Edward Gibbings
Robert Mackay
J. T. Evans
} To be Lieutenant Colonels

Captains ——— John Cuppage
Ross Lang
Adam Lindsay
P. C. Desse
Arthur Gibbings
} To be Majors

Captain Lieutenants ——— H. Hall
R. Robinett
Robert Munro
Michael Schoy
Mark Wilks
D. Wolford
William Dowse
David Ogilby
Robert Ridge
R. M. Wynn
Wm. T. Girand
Charles Rand
} To be Captains of Companies

Brevet

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Brevet Captains	James Leith	To be Captain Lieutenants
	James Read	
	Patrick Bruce	
	Nat. Forbes	
	Strickland Kingston	
	Charles Trotter	
	Charles D. Bruce	
	Charles Sympson	
	Edward Batchelor	
Lieutenants	Peter Hutland	
	Pat. Joyce	
	Thomas Gunnell	
	William Prescott	
Ensigns	Mungo Campbell	To be Lieutenants
	G. M. Gibson	
	H. C. Jones	
	M. L. Pereira	
	I. K. Grand	
	John Blake	
	T. H. Bell	
	John Walker	
	John Turner	

Richard

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Ensigns — Richard Dawson
C. P. Clarke
M. H. West
Thomas Kier
John Falconar
S. M.c Donall.
Charles Burrow
Baynton Foster
George Wilson
Thomas Webster
Thomas Dickson
John Moodie

} To be Lieutenants

The Right Honorable the President in Council is also pleased to Resolve that Two Battalions of Native Infantry each to consist of the following Establishment, and to be denominated the 1.st and 2.nd Extra Native Battalions shall be formed, the 1.st at Trichinopoly and the 2.nd at Vellore, by drafts from the Native Corps in the Southern and Center Divisions of the Army in such proportions as shall be hereafter directed. —

Establishment of the Extra Native Battalions

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Battalions to consist of ten Companies each.—

10 Subidars

10 Jemidars

40 Havildars

40 Naigues

20 Dram and Fifes

680 Privates

10 Puckalies

allowed for each of the Extra Native Battalions.—

1 Serjeant Major

1 Quarter Master Serjeant

1 Native Adjutant Non Effective

1 Black Doctor

1 Drum Major — Non Effective

1 Fife Major — Non Effective

1 Drill Havildar — Non Effective

1 Drill Naigue — Non Effective

1 Vakeel

To Command the 1st Extra Native Battalion

Major Adam Lindsay

Adjutant to the 1st Extra Native Battalion

Lieutenant

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Lieutenant Robert Scott
To Command the 2.d Extra Native Battalion

Captain George Marten
Adjutant to the 2.d Extra Native Battalion

Lieutenant Thomas Boyle

The Commander in Chief is requested to issue the detail Requisite for the formation of the two Extra Native Battalions and for completing them to the above Establishment without delay.—

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council.—

(Signed) J. Webbe
Sec.y to Govern.t

Minute thereon

Ordered that the Commander in Chief's plan be adopted and that the arrangement above proposed be published in general Orders.—

The Commander in Chief delivered in the following Minute.—

Minute of the Commander in Chief
October 12.th 1798

The Commander in Chief's Minute containing matters relative to the Abstract of the Review Reports which accompanies it.—

Some time since the Commander in Chief had great satisfaction in submitting to Government

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Government Major General Floyds Review Reports of
His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Cavalry on
the Coast. Most of the Regiments European and Na-
tive were then reported by him to be highly dis-
ciplined and in a State perfectly efficient for Service
in the Field, and although the 3d. Regiment in particu-
lar was in a less forward State than the other Corps in
respect to the System of Cavalry exercise in force, Major
General Floyd reported it to have the advantage of
the Other Native Regiments in Regard to the Size and
appearance of the Men and horses.

Major General Floyds Suggestions
for improving the Native Cavalry were also taken into
consideration by Government and the Measures which
were adopted in consequence have been productive of
the most desirable effects on a Corps, which from its
real Value and the heavy expence at which it is upheld merits
every possible attention to its improvement and welfare.

Such having been the Results of the
Cavalry Reviews the Commander in Chief now takes occasion
to lay before Government an Abstract of the Review Returns
and Reports of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's
Infantry

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Infantry received during the last Season from Major Generals Braithwaite, Floyd and Bridges who inspected the Corps in the Northern and Southern Divisions respectively, and those in the Western part of the Center Division.—

From this Abstract the Board will perceive that the Several Corps reviewed to the Northward and in the Center, are in all essentials well commanded and disciplined the few distinctions Noticed in some of them arising from the circumstance only of some of the Battalions having had More opportunities from having been less dispersed or employed in the Field than others, of acquiring a proficiency in the present System of Field Exercise, which has not been very long introduced upon the Coast.—

Major General Floyds Review returns only have yet come in to Head Quarters but from them the Commander in Chief has the pleasure to observe that the Southern Corps are in general complete and well composed and from the Reviewing Orders of Major General Floyd he can perceive that the state

of

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of discipline in which that Officer found these Corps
was such as to merit his extreme Satisfaction but —
particularly in respect to His Majestys 12th. Regiment
Commanded by Colonel Aston — the 1. Battalion
1. Regiment Native Infantry commanded by Lieutenant
Colonel Oliver, and the 36th. Battalion Native Infantry
Commanded by Major Innes which three Corps he
had an opportunety of seeing in a collected State —

It is the intention of the Commander in
Chief to continue to have annual Reviews of the Troops
as regularly as circumstances will permit — These Reviews
do not only go to ascertain and promote the discipline of
the Troops but also to ascertain by the most satisfactory
Means the periods to which the Men are paid up
and Cloathed whether they are regularly accounted —
with and whether in regard to any matter they have
cause of complaint —

The present constitution of the Esta=
=blishment allows of the Commander in Chief employ=
=ing intelligent experienced Officers of Rank on the
Reviewing Service, and indeed this essential convenience

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may be considered as one of the greatest publick advantages obtained under the late reform of the Honorable Compa=ny's Military Establishment.—

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Minute thereon

The Board have great Satisfaction in transmitting to the Honorable Court of Directors a Copy of the foregoing Minute of the Commander in Chief and of the Review Reports— By these papers the Honorable Court will observe the high state of discipline on which the several Corps of Infantry have been formed; and the Board are Sanguine that by the continuance of these perrodical Reviews their Army on this Coast will be kept up to the high state of discipline and Order for which it has been justly distinguished.—

Read the following letter from the Officers Cadets of the Season 1792.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

Fort S.t George

From the Officers Cadets of the Season 1792 - Selecting to be promoted to the Rank of Captain by Brevet—

My Lord,

Though sensible that the engagements of

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of Government must be Materially encreased by the
pressure of Business that usually precedes the dispatch of
a Packet to Europe we the undersigned Lieutenants
Cadets of the Year 1782, in behalf of ourselves and our
Brother Officers remaining upon the Establishment of the
same Cadet List are induced to address your Lordship
on the subject of the following Claim which We trust
will not appear to your Lordship to be in any
respect unreasonable.

To have Served so large a portion
of our days My Lord in the Subaltern walk We
conceive to be a severe lot but under this dearth of
preferment We have been subjected to further disad-
vantage by the drafting of His Majesty's Regiments
and the consequent arrivals from home to supply their
room which have had effect to place under this Presi-
dency a Number of Officers holding certain Rank
Many of whom can scarcely have served half the time
in the Army that We have been Resident in India

As promotion had been unusually
slow amongst the Junior Ranks of the Army
Government in the Year 1790 at the breaking out
of

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of the late Mysore War was pleased under the sanction
of the Government General to Order a Promotion of
Seventy Ensigns to be Lieutenants although at the
time there were no vacancies in the Subaltern Rank upon
the Establishment and at the adoption of the New
Arrangements the Honorable Court of Directors on a
consideration of the Slow Rise which had been ex-
perienced by their Subaltern Officers were pleased
to promote to the Rank of Captain by Brevet all
their Lieutenants of Fifteen Years standing - and -
although this attention to Officers, who were so peculiar-
-arly situated, after so long a period of Service, was in
some degree limited to the Occasion in question We
nevertheless flatter ourselves that such attention will
be viewed as equally called for by the Occurrence at any
time of similar circumstances upon the establishment -

The promotion of Lieutenants to the
Rank of Captain by Brevet can be attended with but
little expence and the whole of the Lieutenants who
were made Captains by the new Arrangements have
now attained to a higher gradation of Rank -

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A large proportion of the Army my Lord are now in a state of preparation to Move and we the undersigned and other Lieutenants of the same Cadet List have served the Honorable Company full Sixteen Years — We have to solicit therefore that — your Lordship in Council will give our claims a — favorable consideration and by promoting us to the — Rank of Captain by Brevet allow us to experience — that indulgence which has been shewn to our Brother Officers at different times who had claims of a similar kind though perhaps not quite so urgent. —

We have the honor to be

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S.r S.r

(Signed) Jd.l Montgomery Lieutenant Cavalry
" Will.m Macgreggon Lieutenant Cavalry
" Alex.r Strahan Lieutenant
Brigade Major Cavalry
" Geo. Keppin Lieutenant Cavalry
" W.m Stretch Lieutenant Cavalry
" H. Smith Lieutenant and Fort
Adjutant Trichinopoly
" R. Barclay Senior Lieut. of Infantry
" John Browne Lieut. Infantry
" T. K. Crewe Lieut.t Infantry
" Alex.r Bryce Lieutenant Infantry

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Minute thereon —

Ordered that Copy of the above Letter be transmitted by the present opportunity and recommended to the favorable consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors. ——

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Letter from the Officer Commanding his Majesty's 29th Dragoons. ——

General Harris

Commander in Chief

&c &c &c

Sir,

Being informed by Major Gale who sailed with the Command of the 29th (Light) Dragoons from England; that the Sum of Four thousand — Pounds nearly is due to the Officers and Men of the — Regiment and that as they are much distressed for Cash We should esteem it a favour if you would be — pleased to Order £3500 to be paid to us on account which shall be refunded here or in England by Our Agent as soon as the Accounts of the Regiment can be investigated and Settled for which purpose I have Ordered a — Committee

From Lieutenant Colonel Gordon requesting the Sum of 3500 may be paid to the Officers and Men of his Regiment on Account — Stating the absence of Mr Olney — the Paymr and that the — Regiment only wait for Camp Equipage to proceed to — Mallajahbad —

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Committee of Officers to Assemble and take them into consideration.——

There has been no Paymaster to the Regiment during the last Six Months. Mr. Olney who held that Appointment upon the New Establish=ment having Resigned it very abruptly and lodged the Cash due to the Corps in the Agents hands.——

The Regiment only waits for Camp Equipage to enable it to proceed to Wallajabad in consequence of the Orders it has Received.——

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

(Signed) George Gordon
Lieut. Col. 29th Regt.

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Under the peculiar circumstances above

Resolutions thereon

States Resolved that a Sum of Money be advanced sufficient to settle the accounts of his Majesty's 29th Dragoons from the period to which they have been subsisted and paid in England Credit being given for all Advances Made by this or the Government of Bombay.——

In Order to indemnify the Company for

this

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Resolved that the Commanding Officer of the Regiment be required to grant bills upon the Agent of the Regiment

this Amount Resolved that the Commanding Officer of the Regiment be required to grant bills upon the agent of the Regiment in favor of the Honorable Court of Directors and to pass an indemnification to this Government in case the bills should not be accepted.

Read the following letter from

Mr. G. S. Marten late Paymaster at Palamcotah

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

From Mr. G. S. Marten relative to the Reaudit of his Accounts and Retrenchments outstanding against him

As I fear it will not be in the power of Government, finally to decide upon the Reaudit of my accounts previous to my Departure from India, I have in Conformity to the usage of the Service lodged ample Security with the Paymaster General for the full Amount under reference in every one of my late Departments as you will observe by the inclosed letter and Certificate; and which, I hope, will be sufficiently satisfactory to permit of my receiving back Mr. Torin's Security Bond, placed I believe in your Office.

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I have also to request from the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that after
His final decision upon the Items of my accounts
he will be pleased to afford my Agents Messrs Kindersley
Watts and Co. the support of Government in recovering
those Sums that may have been improperly drawn
from my late Offices as I am endeavoring heavy loss
and inconvenience by leaving the Amount of Star
Pagodas 14000 behind me, a very small portion of which
am I solely responsible for—

I hope I am not guilty of
irregularity in further begging of His Lordship in
Council to direct the Auditor General to furnish my
attorneys both with the Sums Admitted and those
finally Retrenched by Government that I may not
detain a larger Sum than necessary in this Country
and that no time may be lost by Messrs Kindersley
Watts and Co. in putting those parties under re-
stoppages whose Retrenchments may be confirmed

In Justice to Myself I must
add that had the disbursements remaining to my debit
since

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since 1792 - been Noticed by the late Auditor as they are in the present Standits My accounts would have been adjusted long before this date but I was ignorant such Sums existed against me until last March; they were all returned for reference in the following April; but unluckily for me an uncommon press of business in the Audit Office has prevented their submission to Government at this Moment of a Dispatch.

I have the honor to be

Sir Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Geo. Sull.n Marten

Madras
10th October 1798

To
Mr George Sulivan Marten
late Paymaster &c. at Palamcotah

Sir

I have been favored with your letter of this date covering One addressed to you from Messrs Kindersley Watts and Co. offering themselves as Security to the Amount of Pagodas Fanoleen Thousand 15000 to answer such Retrenchments as shall finally be confirmed against you by Government As Paymaster &c. to the Detachment under the late

Colonel

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Colonel Maxwell in the Tinnevelly Country, Paymaster
Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provision and
Bullock Agent at Palamcotah, which I consider as
ample and which shall be transmitted to the Military
Paymaster General who if equally satisfied as I am
will furnish you with the necessary Certificate to enable
you to take up Mr. Torrin's Security Bond.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your
Most obedient
Humble Servant
Signed W. Sydenham
Mily. Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort S.t George
10.th October 1798

Military Paymaster Generals Department
Fort S.t George 11.th October 1798

This is to certify that there are no demands against Mr.
George Sulivan Martin late Paymaster to the Detach-
ment under the late Colonel Maxwell in the Tinnevelly
Country Paymaster Deputy Commissary of Grain and
Provision and Bullock Agent at Palamcotah in my
Office except what he has found ample Security to
answer on the final determination of Government on
the Re-Audits.

Signed Benj.n Roebuck
Mil.y Pay.r Gen.l
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Resolution thereon

In consideration of the Security offered by Mr. Marten for the Retrenchment Standing against him — Resolved that he be permitted to embark for Europe and that the Military Auditor General be Authorizes to afford his attornies such reasonable assistance as may be required in recovering the Amount Standing against individuals now in the Service —

Read the following letter from the Civil Paymaster General —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

Sir,

From Mr. Balfour transmitting Statements of Disbursements on account of French and Dutch Subjects on the Coast of Coromandel —

Agreeably to the instruction in Mr. Secretary Jackson's Letter Dated 19th November 1795 I have the honor to transmit to you in Order to their being forwarded to the Honorable Court of Directors two Sets of Statement of Disbursements appearing in the Books of my Office on account of French Subjects on the Coast of Coromandal from the 31st Oct. 1797 to 30th June 1798 - 14454.42.57

And a Similar Statement of Disbursements on account of Dutch Subjects for the same

Period

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Period Amounting to ---------- 4535.26.44

The Amount of Payments
on Account of French Subjects from the
Month of September 1793 to 31st October
1797 as Per Statement Comprized in my
Predecessor's letter of the 13th February 1798 -- 88447.2.60
Amount from 31st October 1797 to 30th
June 1798 as Per accompanying Statement 14454.12.17

Total Payments on Account of French
Subjects from September 1793 to 30th
June 1798 ---------- 102901.14.77

The Amount of Payments
on Account of Dutch Subjects from the Month
of August 1795 to 31st October 1797 as Per State
-ment Comprized in My Predecessor's Letter
of the 13th February 1798 ---------- 17787.22.63
Amount from 31st October 1797 to 30th June
1798 as Per Accompanying Statement ---- 4535.26.44

Total Disbursements on account of Dutch
subjects from the Month of August 1795
to 30th June 1798 ---------- 22323.7.27

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Fort St. George
11th October 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) Walter Balfour
Com.d Pay.r Gen.l

Resolution thereon

Ordered that the Statement of Money Advanced to Dutch and French subjects by the Civil Paymaster General be transmitted to the Honorable Court of Directors

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following Certificate from Lieutenant Kingdon of his Majesty's 80th Regiment and Recommends that he May be permitted to draw the usual allowance of passage Money

Captain Keith Young
Deputy Adjutant General

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From Lieutenant Kingdon enclosing Sick Certificate and Requesting leave of absence and passage Money

Enclosed I send you My Sick certificate and beg that you will be good enough to take the Necessary steps to procure me leave of absence and the Passage Money

Fort St. George
October 8th 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir Sir
(Signed) Dennis Kingdon

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We do hereby declare on Oath that We are of Opinion it is absolutely necessary that Lieutenant Kingdon of His Majestys 80th Regiment should leave this Country and go to Europe for the Recovery of his Health—

Sworn to the 8th October 1798 before Me— (Signed) W. Abbott Mayor

(Signed) Andr. Berry Surgeon

" Thos. Thackeray Surgn

Trincomalie September 28th 1798—

I do hereby certify that Lieutenant Kingdon of H. M. 80th Regiment has suffered much during his stay in India from repeated attacks of the Liver complaint and that his Health is now in such a precarious state that I consider it absolutely necessary for the Recovery of his health that he should proceed by the first opportunity to the Cape of Good Hope or eventually to Europe—

(Signed) Thos. Chuske
Surgn 80th Regiment

Minute thereon—

Ordered accordingly that Lieutenant Kingdon be permitted to draw passage Money—

The Commander in Chief lays before the Board the following letter from Lieutenant Burdett of his Majesty's 52nd Regiment and recommends that his application be complied with—

To

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To Lieutenant General Harris

Commander in Chief on the Coast &c &c &c

Sir,

I beg leave to lay before you my claims for
Company's Allowances which have been refused payment for
the Months August and September such as paid to My
Brother Officers who did not proceed to Bengal — it was at
Your Recommendation Sir that I went, in hopes of procuring
a speedier passage to Europe nor have I lost any opportunity
to effect it I enclose Sir, a Certificate I received from the
Paymaster of King's Troops in Bengal.

From Lieutenant Burdett — stating his claims to Company's Allowances —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

Fort St. George
October 8th 1798

(Signed) W. Burdett Lieut
H. Majs 52 Regt

Lieutenant Burdett permitted to draw the Company's Allowances up to the time of his embarkation —

As Lieutenant Burdet actually proceeded to Bengal in search of a passage while the Officers of his Majesty's 52 Regiment who remained in the Coast have drawn the Company's allowances up to the day of their embarkation the Board think it just that Lieutenant Burdett should be permitted and he is accordingly permitted to draw Company's allowances up to the time of his embarkation —

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive.

President and Governor in Council

Fort S.t George

My Lord,

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbs Letter of the 9.th

Instant accompanying an additional Estimate of Cash from the Military

From the Military Auditor General— reporting upon the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster at the Presidency

Paymaster at the Presidency for the current Month Amounting to Ten Thousand Eight hundred and Seventy eight Pagodas Nine fanams and Four Cash, Pagodas 10878.9.4./ I have the honor to report that this Sum does not appear objectionable and may therefore be issued from the General Treasury being required for the purpose of discharging Bills for the Passage of Officers of the 36.th Regiment and others about to embark for Europe, as well as Sundry Bills which have been Audited and passed in my Office—

I have the honor to be

S.r S.r

(Signed) W. Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor Generals Office Fort S.t George 12.th October 1798—

Order thereon

Ordered that the Sum of Ten thousand eight hundred and Seventy Eight Pagodas Nine fanams and four Cash Pagodas 10878—9—4—/ be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the Additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 9.th Instant—

Resolved—

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To Lieutenant General Harris
Commander in Chief on the Coast &c &c &c

Sir,

From Lieutenant Burdett stating his claims to Company's Allowances

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Fort St. George
October 12th 1798

&c &c

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H. Majs 52d Regiment

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Fort S.t George

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I have the honor to be

S.r S.r

(Signed) W.m Sydenham

Mil.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military Auditor

Generals Office

Fort S.t George

12.th October 1798

Order thereon

Ordered that the Sum of Ten thousand eight

hundred and Seventy Eight Pagodas Nine fanams and four Cash

Pagodas 10878-9-4 / be advanced from the Treasury to the Military

Paymaster General on Account of the Additional estimate enclosed in

his Letter of the 9.th Instant.

Resolved

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Resolved that Captain Astle of his Majesty's Ship La Virginie be requested to take under convoy according to the instructions of his Excellency the Admiral the Honorable Company's Ships now under orders of dispatch.

Resolved that Captain Astle of the Virginie be requested to convoy the Company's Ships now under dispatch

" Clive

" Gen. Harris

" Edw. Saunders

" Ellis

Comp Cuthbert