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Diary

Received and Sent the undermen=
=tioned Letters entered in Mtb. Nos. 149-150-151-
152-153-154-155.

From Major Chas. Bladen - en=
From Major C. Bladen of the 19th Dragoons. =closing four Certificates, regarding the death of two Horses belonging to Lieutenants Sale and Wilson with a recommendation that those Officers may be reimbursed.

From M. G. Casenter - acknow=
From the Superintendent acting at Prince of Wales Island. =ledging the receipt of 900 Pagodas from Mr. Sparrow afterwards forwarded to the Paymaster at Malacca.

From Lieutenant Colonel Campbell
From the Commandant at Malacca - intimating his having appointed Lieutenant Little Acting Master Master at Malacca.

From Mr. Roebuck transmitting a
From Military Paymaster General - further estimate of Cash required by him for the Current expences of October.

From

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Petition from the different Bullock Mastries who served in Sir Eyre Coote's Army—

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From different Bullock Mastries — stating that 30,106 Pagodas, 29 fanams are still due to them on account of Bullocks supplied Sir Eyre Coote's Army, and requesting to be reimbursed. —

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

To Messrs Barlow — Rickards — Palmer — and Kirkpatrick — forwarding Copies of intelligence received from Major Doveton.

To the Commandant at Trincomalé

To Colonel Champagné — informing him that Salt provisions, Rice and Arrack have been sent on board of the Osterly for his Garrison. —

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Received the following Letters

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

From the Sub-Secretary at Bengal authorizing the Governor in Council to employ the Company of Bengal Artillery, at present on the Coast, in the manner that may appear to him proper —

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 18th Ultimo, and to desire, that you will acquaint his Lordship that, as a Company of

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Artillery on the Madras Establishment, has marched with Lieutenant Colonel Roberts's Detachment, he conceives that the Company of Bengal Artillery, will not be required with it; and therefore requests that, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will employ it, wherever its Services may be deemed necessary.

I have the honor to be,

Fort William
5th October 1798. (Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

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

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to request, that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the President of the Commission in Malabar, dated the 3d ultimo, with

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From the Sub Secretary at Bombay - enclosing papers of Intelligence, which had been received from the Malabar Coast regarding Tippoo Sultaun.

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the transcript of the Translation of a Letter from the Coorga Raja mentioned to accompany it. —

Bombay Castle
6th October 1798. —

I have the honor to be
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. A Grant
Sub Secy

To the Honble Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor in Council

Honble Sir,

Bombay

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a paper of Intelligence received this day from Major General Hartley, and to subscribe myself very respectfully. —

Calicut
3d September 1798.

&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. Spencer.

Head Quarters Calicut
2d September 1798
(12 oClock at Noon)

A Man is just arrived from Mangalore; this is the fourth day, since he left that place. He came in a Manchee,

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as far as Barraguerry; no vessels had arrived at Mangalore, previous to the Informant's departure; a fleet of French Ships were, however, daily expected, and preparations making for their reception: about 14 days previous to the present date - the Sadree left Mangalore for Seringapatam; he was attended by Rustum Beg, an Assistant, or deputy Collector, and about 200 followers; Sheir Khan was at Nagur, whither he had repaired some time before from Nagoor. The Troops at, and immediately about, Ismaulabad, do not exceed one Cushoon, and a force little exceeding this body reported to be at Nagur - Troops are expected to arrive shortly from Seringapatam at Mangalore. The French-Men left at the latter place, consisting of One Officer; a European under him as a Writer, and 5 or 6 privates, call out loudly against the treatment their Country-Men lately experienced

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experienced on board Ship from the English Moplahs, and declare a determination to be revenged of them. —

At Dekul Nellisor and Mangalore, trifling reinforcements have been lately received in men: Rustum Beg, who accompanied the Sadree to Seringa-patam is succeeded by Abdul Rehman, this latter is placed immediately under the Sadree in the Collections of Mangalore.

The Rice Bazar at Mangalore is open but two days in the Month. and a most positive prohibition prevails, as to exporting Grain towards any part of the English Territory. —

It was said at Mangalore, when the Informant left it, that the Sultaun's Standard had been hoisted: but no mention was made, whether the Army intended directing its course. —

(Signed) D. Mahony A.D.C.
A true Copy Jas. Lawtey
(Signed)

True Copies
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secy

To

0395 Fort St. George 24th October 1798.-

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

Sir,

From Dito Dr. endorsing papers of Intelligence, which had been received from the Malabar Coast regarding Tippoo Sultaun.-

I am directed to request, that you will be pleased to lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the President of the Commission in Malabar, dated the 3d. ultimo, with the Paper of Intelligence mentioned to accompany it.-

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Bombay Castle
the 6th. October 1798.-

To the Honble. Jonathan Duncan
President and Governor &c. &c. &c.
Bombay

Honble Sir,

I have the honor to enclose copy of a paper of information this day received

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received from the Coorga Rajah, and to subscribe myself. —

Calicut
3d. September 1798.

&c.a &c.a

(Signed) John Spencer

Chinghom 13ta - 973 or
August 26a - 1798. —

Cooriya Rajah

I now transmit you a paper of Information, on the perusal of which you will understand the contents. —

Information given by three of five parties, consisting of two persons each, sent into the neighbouring Country to obtain information, whence they returned on the 11a Instant (24a August) having been absent from 20 to 25 days. —

That, on their first leaving the Coorga district, and entering Tippoo's Country the Sultaun was at Honoora Chora (or Tank) where his Tents were pitched

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and his Army stationed; and where they learnt, that Tippoo having been informed, that Lord Cornwallis on his return from Shreerungapatam, after concluding the Peace there, finding himself incommoded by the transportation of his large Guns to Madras had buried them in the Konoora Tank, with the intention of weighing and making use of them at any future period, in case of the necessity of marching again to Shreerungapatam. Tippoo was, therefore very eagerly employed, in searching for these Guns to defeat the purpose of the English General, and had drained the Tank, and stationed a guard round it to prevent any persons observing what was doing, and it was reported some thing had been found - That the Sultaun having a suspicion that some Artillery may also be buried in where the English Army was encamped, had ordered a number of Kamatees to dig,

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and examine the ground - that the French Officers, and Soldiers, that I mentioned in my last letter by Matchoy, had gone to Konoora Tank to visit the Sultaun, who was much pleased with them, and appointed the Officers to Commands, and sent them to Erota, a Hill called so, where the Sultaun went and visited, and held a Conference with them. During his Stay on this visit, news was brought him of the decease of his new married Wife, the daughter of Sisesawa, and he immediately set off and did not stop till he arrived at Shreerungapatam, where he spent a few days in grief for his loss, and then returned to Erota - The Deponents likewise say that Tippoo had already resolved to take another wife, and that things were preparing for the Celebration of his Nuptials; that with the French Officers there were 200 Soldiers, 900 Sepoys and 900 Chattahaars (other regulars)

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the greatest number that I have yet heard them estimated at, was 7 Officers, 200 Soldiers, and a few Sepoys; Having asked the people who have brought the above news, where the 900 Chattahaars came from, they say they heard from some people that they landed at Mon= =galore; at the same time that the 7 Officers, and French Soldiers did; and from others they heard that they were provided by the Sultaun from Sheer Kaun's detachment, as a guard, and for other purposes to the French; but that they could get no satisfactory answer to their questions on this head - Besides there is a great deal of intelligence - That the French= =men now arrived are only come as a mark of assurance to Tippoo, and after the rains, a large force both of Soldiers, and Sepoys will arrive that the intention of the expected force is an expedition against the Portuguese Settlement of Goa, after which, leaving a Garrison in that place 12,000 Men are to proceed

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proceed to Mangalore, to take possession of that place, and Onore, which, and all the Territory below the Ghauts belonging to the former place, Tippoo is to relinquish to the French, in consideration of which the French promise to fortify Mangalore, Onore, and Goa, provided Tippoo shall continue to allow them the revenues of the Mangalore district; and they will be at all times ready to assist him in all his expeditions whatever, for which, and all purpose of assisting him, they come, and promise to restore to him all the Territories that he has lost. — Tippoo promises on his part, that as soon as the French have possessed themselves of Goa, and arrive at Mangalore, he will cede to them that place, and Onore, and all the Territories belonging to both places. — These it is said are the terms of a Treaty between the Sultaun, and the French; it is also the

Current

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Current report in the Bazar, that not less than 12,000 Men are to come the next fair season; and that about this time an English Officer, and a Company of Sepoys are expected at Shreeringapattanam from Madras. —

This news having obtained personally by the persons whom I sent, and having reason to confide in it consequently, I give it to you: two other parties that I sent out, are not yet returned, when they come, I will com= =municate the result of their enquiries

I myself am of opinion that Tippoo will make an Attack this fair Season, and whether he does it alone, or with assistance, or affords his assistance to any other enemy, the attempt will be made on the Mangalore and Kakanakota frontiers; As now the rains are nearly over, and there is no difficulty in travelling, if you send out two bodies of Harkarrahs

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on the Kakanakota Hegana Devan Hota, and Gundoolapetta Roads, and two more towards Mangalore, you will be enabled to procure every particular concerning Tippoo, which will afford me very sincere satisfaction. — I request you will rest assured that, I will not neglect informing you of every thing I hear. —

A true Copy

(Signed) John Spencer.

Received 3 September 1798. —

True Copies

(Signed) J. A. Grant

Sub Secretary

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

at

Fort St. George

From Dito. &c. enclosing Copy of a paper of information which was received from Francbar, regarding different privateers fitted out from the Mauritius. —

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward to you, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the enclosed Copy of

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a paper of information communicated by
a respectable Merchant of this Settlement.

I am, at the same time, ins=
=tructed to notice, that L'Unic did not, o
however, proceed to the Bay of Bengal,
as stated in the Intelligence in question,
but proves to be the same Ship that, some
time ago, made prizes of so many of the
returning Mocha vessels, and from o
whose Captures, the Booby of Cananore,
in particular represents her Losses, in a
Letter lately received from her, as amount=
=ing to two Lacs of Rupees. —

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

Bombay Castle
the 6th October 1798. —

(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Extract of a Letter from Tranquebar,
dated 9th September 1798. —

"I have the honor to acquaint
"you of my arrival here this day from the
Isle

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"Isle of France: in the Inon Experience, I
"have no doubt, but you have received my last
"Letter of the 21st July, acquainting you of the
"unfortunate Confiscation of the Helsingoor,
"the Sentence, or Act of Condemnation is grounded
"on the English officers being on Board of her;
"and on the same grounds two American
"Ships were condemned a few days before we
"left the Island. —

"I sailed from the Isle of
"France on the 13th of August; The Frigate
"Prudente went on a Cruize about three
"weeks before we sailed, said to be gone to
"the Gulph of Persia. Le Mene about a
"fortnight before we sailed, went out as a
"Privateer, called the L'Uni mounting
"26 Guns, said, bound on a Cruize off the
"Sand Heads and Ballasore Roads - another
"little Privateer about 50 Tons Burthen,
"manned with about 40 Europeans mostly
"officers left the Island ten or twelve days

before

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"before us, not known where, to. their plan
"is to Board some large Ships in the night.
"as Mons. Le Bath's intention was when
"once on the Malabar Coast: part of his
"Companions are in this Vessel again - The
"Apollo was ready for Sea, when we left the
"Island and would sail in a day or two,
"and several other priwateers were fitting out.-
- The La Forte was getting new Copppered,
"and would be ready for Sea this Month,
"her destination not known, the two English
"Company's Ships taken on the Malabar Coast
"was laid up with all the rest of the Neutral
"Prizes, none of them fitting out for Sea". -

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Received and Sent the under-
-mentioned Letters entered in M.B. No. 156 -

157-158-159-160-161. -

From Military Pay-
-master Generals

From M^r Roebuck transmitting
a further estimate of Cash required for the
current

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current expence of October. —

To the Military Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham - enclosing additional estimates for October - for his Examination. —

To the Military Paymaster General To M.r Roebuck - enclosing Copy of the Auditor General's report on the additional estimate, which accompanied his letter of the 16th Instant, and acquainting him that Pagodas 11,865 will be issued to him from the general Treasury. —

To the Military Board. To the Military Board - directing that the Battering train in readiness may be sent to Vellore, and authorizing the erecting of Sheds, if necessary. —

To Commandant at Rypeottah. To Major Doveton enclosing Copies of Tippoo's Letter to Lord Clive and the reply to it. —

To the Secretaries at Bengal, Bombay, Residents at Poona, Hydrabad, and Malabar Commissioners To Messrs Barlow - Richards - Palmer - Kirkpatrick, and Spencer, transmitting Copies of intelligence received from Major Doveton and Captain Macleod relating to the Mysore Country -

Received

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Received the following Letter.

To the Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George.

My Lord,

From Bombay - enclosing copies of Letters they had received from H. Majesty &c. relating to Admiral Nelsons Victory

We avail ourselves of the arrival, this Morning, of an express from the Company's Resident at Bussora to advise your Lordship of the important intelligence conveyed to that Gentleman, by the Consul at Aleppo of the entire defeat of the Toulon Squadron, by Rear Admiral Nelson at Bequier, near Rosetta on the 1st. of August, after an action of eighteen hours. - The Account states, that the enemy had nine Sail of the line captured, and the Flag Ships, L'Orient of 118 Guns Admiral Brueys, and another blew up - Two only escaped. - This interesting

intelligence

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intelligence is accompanied by communi=
=cations of the utmost National importance,
from the British Minister, at the Sublime
Porte, and by three intercepted French letters
from a person attached to General Buona=
=parte's Army; But unwilling to withhold
from your Lordship a Moment the Comm=
=unication of the foregoing event in abstract,
we transmit it without loss of time, and
shall follow it up, by further particulars
as soon as translations shall have been
prepared. —

We have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
the 9th October 1798. —

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jont. Duncan
I. Stuart
William Page

To

0409 Fort St. George 25th October 1798

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan Esqr.
President and Governor &c.a in Council
at
Bombay

Honble Sir.

With duplicates of my last Advices dated the 31st. Ultimo, I have the honor to transmit you, by express Boats, viâ Muscat, Extract from a letter from the Honorable Company's Agent at Aleppo, to my Address dated the 23d. ultimo received the 5th. Instant a copy of a Letter to him from Sir Horatio Nelson K.B. dated the 9th. ultimo, a plan of a Sea Engagement, and Copies of three French intercepted Letters, from which Papers your Honorable Board will observe, the Progress of the French in Egypt, the Capture of Cairo by General Buonoparte, and the Capture, and Destruction by a British Squadron under the Command

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Command of Admiral Nelson, of the principal part, of the French Toulon Fleet, under the Command of Admiral Brueys, on the 1st. ultimo in the Port of Bequier near the Mouths of the Nile

I am with the greatest respect.

Bufsora
the 7th. September 1798.—

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

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

True Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Extract from a Letter from Robert Abbott Esq. dated the 23d August 1798.—

I have now the highest pleasure to be able to give you the most agreeable Intelligence of a most glorious Victory gained by His Majesty's Squadron.—

On the 19th. Instant in the Evening Lieutenant Daval of his Majesty's Ship Zealous arrived at my House, dispatched to me by Sir Horatio Nelson K.B.

Rear

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25th Rear Admiral of the Blue commanding a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships, in the Mediterranean with a letter to me to dispatch him to Bombay with every necessary for the Route. Lieutenant Duval informed me of the Signal Victory obtained by Admiral Nelson, by compleatly defeating the French Squadron, commanded by Admiral Brueys, on the 1st Instant, in the Port of Bequier, near Rosetta. By attacking them, while they were at Anchor, in the Evening, and the Battle continued eighteen hours, in which time they took nine Ships of the Line, burnt two Ships of the Line and two Frigates, and the two other Ships of the Line, and two Frigates escaped; L. Orient of 120 Guns as well as one of the Frigates, blew up. He tells me the Slaughter was very great among the French, and he believes the Loss, on board His Majesty's Ships will be about 500 or 600 Men — I sincerely congratulate you on this

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this happy Event. —

The English Squadron consisted of thirteen Ships of the Line, and one fifty Gun Ship, and one Brig of 18 Guns and the French Squadron consisted of thirteen Ships of the Line and four Frigates. I enclosed, send you the Names of the Ships of both the Squadron, Copies of three French Letters intercepted, and the Copy of the Letter wrote to me by Admiral Nelson, you will see by the contents of the French Letters, Cairo was absolutely fallen into their Hands, and the disagreeable Situation, they found themselves in Egypt. —

I shall in a day or two dispatch Lieutenant Doval to you at Bussora by the way of Bagdat, over the Desert with about twenty Arabs to escort him, and he will be about 25 Days on his Journey. —

True Extract
(Signed) Samuel Manesty

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To His Britannic Majesty's Consul
Vice Consul, or in their Absence
Merchants residing at Aleppo. —

Sir.

Having occasion to forward with the utmost haste to India Lieutenant &. Duval, an officer of the Navy, who will deliver you this; he being charged with Despatches of the greatest Consequence to our Possessions in that Country; I am to request, you will be & pleased to furnish him with every thing, that may be necessary to forward him as fast as possible, particularly with Money of the & Country, and letters of Recommendation on the Route, also a proper person to go with him, as customary in cases of Officers and others going with Dispatches your way over land to India, and he will give you Bills on the East India Company. In doing this you will not only be of infinite Service to our Country &

particularly

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particularly the East India Company.
but greatly oblige. —

Vanguard in the Road of Begnier at the Mouth of the Nile the 9th August 1798. —

(Signed) Horatio Nelson

True Copy
(Signed) Samuel Manesty

True Copy
(Signed) J. S. Grant Sub Secretary

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Received and sent the under-mentioned Letters entered in MB. Nos. 162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176. —

From the Adjutant General. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Close intimating the Commander in Chief's recommendation of Lieutenant Innes to the command of a Company, and of Lieutenant Mc Cauley to a Captain Lieutenancy. —

From the Resident at Poona. —

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer forwarding the Peishwa's answer to the intimation sent him of Lord Clive's arrival. —

From

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From Military Paymaster General

From Mr. Roebuck—enclosing a Statement of the expence of the Madras Army for November.—

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell.

From Messrs. Stephens and Cockell requesting that the 2d and 3d Officers and boatswains of the Susanna Amelia who have been detained at Point de Galle may have some allowance granted them.—

To the Secretary at Bengal.—

To Mr. Barlow—transmitting list of the recruits of the 36th Regiment destined for Bengal, from whom only 3½ per day instead of 6½ had been deducted on account of the provisions issued to them during their passage from England, in order that the difference may be deducted in Bengal.—

To the Military Board.

To the Military Board—

Lieutenant Colonel Bowser's claim inadmissible—the Collector of Masulipatam to be consulted as to the supplying the Garrisons of

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of Imaeondah and Guntoor with Grain-
their recommendations of advances of Cash
complied with - report required of the cor-
-ronades that can be supplied by the Arsenal
- copies of Letters from the Commandants
at Trichinopoly and Coimatore trans-
-mitted to the Board for their report. -

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham -
retrenchment against Mr. Surgeon Little of
36th Regiment confirmed - Captain Mac-
-Kenzies Claim to the batta of his brevet
rank cannot be determined till the ar-
-rival of the decision of the Court of Directors
on this Subject - Captain Malcolm's Salary
as Persian Translator to cease - Three
thousand pagodas to be advanced to the
Storekeeper at Fort St. George; 18,650 Pagodas
to be advanced to the Agent for draft and
Carriage Cullochs; the Amount of a Bill for
Buildings at Wallajanbad to be paid - Copies
of Letters from the Paymasters at Masulipatam

and

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and Hydrabad Detachment transmitted, and to be reported on; Lieutenant Colonel Cotton's claim for full batta, admitted.

To Mr. Roebuck - giving permission to the Paymaster at Vizagapatam to visit the Presidency.

To the Military Paymaster General.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bowser - his claims on account of repairs and stores during his Command at Dindigul cannot be admitted.

To Lieutenant Colonel Bowser.

To Ditto - Lieutenant McMillan not entitled to any compensation for the loss of his Horse.

To D° D° 2d Battn 2d Regt N. I. at Hydrabad.

To Majors Bladon - Lieutenants Sale and Wilson not entitled to any compensation on account of the death of their horses.

To the officer commanding His Majesty's 19th Dragoons.

To Captain John Malcolm - intimating to him his appointment as Assistant to the Resident at Hydrabad.

To Captain John Malcolm.

To Lieutenant Colonel Tothonigham - he is authorized to draw the Subsistence of the

To the Commandant at Vizagapatam

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26th. the prisoners sent to Vizagapatam by Lieute-
-nant Colonel Mucat. –

To the Commandant at Mount. – To Colonel D. Smith – one compl-
-ete Company of gun Lascars to be sent to
Fort St. George to accompany the Cattering
train to Vellore. –

To the Military Auditor General. – To Major General Sydenham –
-referring for his examination the estimate
of Cash required by the Military Pay-
-master General for November. –

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. – Sent a Letter to the Nabob –
entered in C.C. N°. 144 – satisfaction ex-
-pressed at the regularity of the payment
of his last Kist. and the part-payment
of the expences incurred for the Detach-
-ment of Korrorepollam and Amboor. –

27th. Letters. – Received the following

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at

Fort St. George.

Hon.ble Sir,

From Bombay - forwarding Copies of intelligence regarding the French expedition against Egypt - Letter from the English Ambassador at Constantinople &c. &c.

As a Sequel to the Advices for= =warded to your Lordship in Council, under yesterday's date, We have the honor to trans= =mit the promised continuation of the im= =portant Intelligence included in that Dis= =patch, as received from the Company's Resident at Bussorah. -

We have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle
10th October 1798. -

&c. ---- &c.

(Signed) Jon.a Duncan
J. Stuart
Jam.s Rivett
William Page

To

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To Samuel Manesty Esqre

British Resident

at

Busora

Sir,

The multiplicity of laboriouses &
Duties incidental to my position, rendered me
utterly incapable of writing to you by the
Bagdad Express a few days ago, I however Com-
-missioned your Honorable Company's Agent
here Mr. Tooke, to give you some useful pre-
-liminary information, and now hasten, to
use the first moment of ability to complete
the body of information necessary to be trans-
-mitted to the Governments of India at the
present Conjecture, which I beg leave in
His Majesty's name, to recommend to the
utmost Employment of that Zealous, and
intelligent activity for the public Services, by
which your Name is so deservedly famed.

The Common observations
you have taken the trouble to impart to me,

in

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in your Letter of the 22d June, upon the Subject of the French Armament in these Seas, are entitled to my Complimentary acknowledgements. Subsequent Facts dispense me from further Discussion of Probabilities with respect to its destination. Many Rumours have prevailed here, upon that Subject; My individual opinion aided by incidentary Intelligence, and strong internal Evidence, has ever been uniform in favor of an Eastern Direction. I now proceed to give you the most direct information of all that is said to be ascertained as matter of fact - which is comprized in the attack, and Success of the Enemy upon Alexandria on the 1st Instant, and their immediate movement towards Cairo - Their Fleet consisted of near 400 Sail, according to the most intelligent Computation; and the Force they are said to have disembarked is called 35,000 Men.

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but that I think must be exaggerated. - Be it, as it may, I trust they will soon be surrounded by a Host of Opponents. The Beys of Egypt, I understand, had collected 60,000 of their armed Followers, and had summoned into the Field, an Arab Militia of 100,000 while the Sheriff of Mecca has orders to do the like, and Jezzar Pacha of Syria, is named Serasheir, was ordered to march with an Army, hardly inferior. - I am happy to add that Military arrangements of equal energy are adopted for the other most valuable, and vulnerable Parts of the Ottoman Empire.

I have further the knowledge of a respectable British Squadron of observation in the Mediterranean, which the activity of His Majesty's Commanders, enabled to get the start of the unwieldy French Armada, so far as to reach the Coast of Egypt five days before them. The Commanding Officer, sent some packets for India on Shore, to the acting Deputy of our Consulship there,

and

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and after only a few hours stay, on sight of
made sail again, in search of the Enemy —
I have made it my business to get sight
of the Dispatches received on this Subject,
by the Imperial Minister here, from the
Vice-Consul of this Court upon the Spot, and
I have some satisfaction in offering a Copy
to your perusal, and to that of your Superiors —

And this brings me to the
most essential object of my present Corres=
=pondence, which is to corroborate my
former Hint relative to the expediency of
the Government of India, directing it's
attention, more particularly to the Red Sea,
by informing you, that such is moreover
the wish of this Government, as has been
conveyed to me in very explicit terms by
Ly. Res Effendi, at a Conference from
which I am returned this afternoon, and
which has been held for the express pur=
=pose of organizing the Concert and
Co-operation

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Co-operation of the two powers, in a com-
-mon Cause. —

The Language held by me upon the Subject was as I took, and signi-
-fycant as follows, that even before the Senti-
-ments of the Porte, were satisfactorily made known, we could have but two ways, of considering the question of the French pas-
-sage by Egypt namely that it must be either with or without the assent of the Grand Signior. In the first case, I had only to observe, that on whatever place we could find our Enemy, that place, would become the Field of Battle, whether it were on the Atlantic Ocean, upon the plains of Hindoostan, or upon the Isthmus of Suez. In the negative position, we could not but be equally active in the Certainty of the good will of the Territorial Govern-
-ment for the expulsion of an Invader. But that since the latter was made more

clear

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2d clear, I should lose no time, in giving a more specific form to my Communication on the Subject Eastward, I am therefore authorized to announce that the Porte will look with Impatience, for the arrival of a British Force, in the Red Sea, and view, with pleasure, the Success of our Arms against the Common Enemy, on that Side, in every Situation that the Country may afford, for Military operation, and while I have not failed to express my promptest acquiescence, to this Requisition in perfect Confidence of the Reception of the British Flag in that Quarter, which is due to an auxiliary Friend, and the proper safe guard against fanatical misunderstanding, I have not hesitated, equally to pledge myself for the most exact, and Scrupulous respect on our Side for every thing that relates, (according to Mussulman opinion) to the

Sanctity

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Sanctity of this new Theatre of War, I assured the Reis Effendi, not only of the severe discipline of His Majesty's Fleet, and Troops, but moreover of our morality, as a people to set the edifying example in such times of respect for religious Institutions of every persuasion, as the History of our Establishment, and present existence in India offered sufficient Instances of. In mentioning this to you, Sir, I feel it incumbent on me to claim your best assistance towards convincing the Government of India of the necessity of bestowing more than usual attention to the inculcating such Doctrine amongst such of the King's and Company's Officers, as may be employed on the Coast of Yemen.

This communication naturally comprehends the pleasing Information, that His Majesty's Ministers here, has

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27th has at length not only been successful in detaching the Porte from our Enemy, but that it has been so far favored by circumstances as to be Crowned, with an Event of such a magnitude, as the acquisition of the whole weight of this Empire in our scale. In fact a project of the strictest alliance is in train of negociation; mean while I offer to you the Share of such Honorable Labours that is suitable to your Station, as the best Aliment to that Zeal by which you are distinguished. That is to say, the moment is come, when the due employment of our power in India, may not only save this Empire from the Whirlpool of Destruction, with which Europe is menaced, but even strike such a fatal Blow as can be struck against the Enemy as may essentially change the aspect of the War — To these momentous Considerations I therefore invite or incite the utmost exertion of your Faculties,

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as well as the most continued and Con-
-fidential Intercourse.

I have the honor to be with
great truth & regard &c &c &c

Constantenople
28th July 1798. (Signed) Spencer Smith

P.S. At midnight, almost Just at the
moment of closing my Packet, I was informed
by one of my Confidential Agents, that a
person of Credit, is just arrived from the
Island of St. Cruz in the Archipelago, who
deposes to have seen with other inhabitants,
from a mountain of the Island, a Battle
between a Squadron of 35 Sail, supposed to
be English, and a Fleet, judged to be French
from the Circumstances of having under
its Convoy an innumerable Number of
Transports, and other small Craft, that
the Smoke of the Cannon prevented, any
accurate Discernment of the objects, but
that the Eye-Witnesses, judged in common

that

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27th that the little Fleet was Victorious, and des=
=troyed, or Captured at least 150 of the Convoy,
while in sight of the Island, which it quitted
the neighbourhood of, in pursuit of the Van=
=quished Enemy. If this is true it must have
been the Squadron of Admiral Brueys,
returning from Alexandria to Corfu, met
with that of Admiral Nelson.-

It moreover occurred to me to
mention for the guidance of the Governments
in India, that the Governor of Judda is
Yousouf Pacha who was Supreme Vezier in
1791 distinguished by an intimate Friendship
with our Mission and general predilection
for the Nation - He was educated in such
Habits, in the Household of the great Admiral
Ghazi Hassan Pacha); and carried the same
Sentiments into a higher Sphere where he
laboured hard to bring about an alliance
with the Northern powers, and England

against

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against Russia during the last War. He is very old, but still I am told, of vigorous intellects, and capable of being an useful Friend, in his present reduced situation.

30th July. A Circumstance, which has occurred to operate a further Detention of this Express, enables me to annex an Extract of a dispatch this moment received by express from the Consul at Smyrna. -

Extract of a Letter from Consul Werry to Mr. Spencer Smith dated Smyrna 21st July 1798.

I avail myself of this occasion to give your Excellency the information brought by a Danish Ship which anchored yesterday on the 12th. Instant, He was brought too by a Ship of 74 Guns off Cape Malapan, Part of a Fleet then in sight of 14 Sail, apparently of the Line. They told the Master

of

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27th of the Dane they came from Alexandria. When the separated they stood S.W. he had not heard of, or seen the French Armament, which the Captain of our Ship was particular in enquiring after. —

Information has just been brought to me, that an Express is come in from Scala Nuova with certain advices that the French have taken the Town of Rosetta after a Smart Engagement with the Inhabitants, and that upwards of a 1000 Arabs have been Killed. —

True Copies

(Signed) Samuel Manesty

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Extract

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Extract from the Original

Rosetta in Egypt

the 9th Thermidore

6th Year

I hope, good Friend, this Letter will arrive with thee it being sent by a par=ticular opportunity and it may be the only one of all those that I have written to thee since we were at Malta that thou wilt receive; for my part I have not had the happiness of receiving any from thee altho three arrived six days ago two Couriers by which many letters were received, I presume that the letters were sent by the Brig that was taken by the English in which case I am not to expect to receive any soon which makes me despair; my situation is so cruel that I shall succumb if I am deprived of this consolation; Endeavour, good Friend, to write often enough for me to receive now and then news of thee; you may well think of

that

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- that my inquietude about thee is very great:
I don't know what may be thy resources, I
was not able to send thee any money by
Citizen Colat, and just now I have no oppor-
-tunity of sending thee any; I am situated
at the distance of 35 Leagues from Citizen
Magalore, and I foresee that until I arrive
at Grand Cairo I shall not be able to send
thee any - I fear that we are all extremely
deceived concerning this enterprise, so fonic,
so much boasted, I even think that should
we succeed in conquering Egypt, we shall
scarcely be able to draw from the enterprize,
we experience every where a great deal of -
resistance and still more treachery - It is
impossible for a French Man to go alone
the space of a few Gun shots from the habi-
-tations without incurring the risk of
being assassinated or becoming a victim to the
ferocious passions common in this Country,
especially

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especially with the Mamelukes and other Bedouins. I know several Persons who even in the City of Alexandria have been carried away in the Evening and have undergone that dreadful fate. Rosetta is much more quiet than Alexandria, the inhabitants are more mild and we have less risk to run; at the same time we observe the greatest circumspection in our private Conduct and the utmost Policy and even severity in the general Administration

Their boasted Country does not deserve the reputation it has. The place the most savage and the least tolerable in France is a thousand times preferable nothing can be more miserable, disagreeable or unhealthy than Alexandria the most Commercial Port of Egypt / house of mud without any other Windows than holes covered with a wicker work, no

Chimneys

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Chimneys to the Houses, the doors so small that you are obliged to stoop to enter them in short figure to yourself a collection of villainous Ice built Pidgeon Houses and you will have a just Idea of Alexandria the Streets narrow and unpaved so that one is continually incommoded with the dust and excessive heat; and even if you are at the Pains to water the Streets before your houses we pass from a lesser to a greater evil, the dust becomes mud, and it is then no longer pos-sible to walk; every thing here is extremely dear, and very scarce, add to this the dif-ficulty of making ourselves understood - and a thousand unpleasant Circumstances which I cannot describe; and then you may con-ceive the situation we are in. -

Nevertheless it must be allowed since I have been at Rosetta I find circum-stances improved, the Country is more

cheerful

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cheerful; the Nile causes here some degree of Verdure and the appearance of the Palm trees altho' without variety, since it is the only Tree which appears here, relieves a little the eye, but there is nothing capable of diverting the Imagination, and you may well conceive that in a Country like this under such trouble and inquietude, we experience the greatest hardships in our duty, and as the appearances are melancholy our Ideas correspond with them, and we live under perpetual uneasiness. —

We are not yet informed whether Cairo is in our possession, or not, General Bounaparte went from Alexandria the 14 Messidor, and since his departure we have no accounts of his arrival, we have found that the Inhabitants of the banks of the Nile intercept all the Couriers but we have just dispatched a small Flotilla very well equipped for the purpose of

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27th. of protecting the Correspondence.—

We learn a few days ago by an Inhabitant of the environs of Cairo arrived at Rosetta on Business, that the French Army was in profession of the Fortress which Commands the City, and the Aqueduct which furnishes it with water, he also told us that the Mamalucs and the Inhabitants were in the utmost alarm and Consterna=

=tion.—

According to this report which may be considered as authentic I hope and presume that at the moment of my writing we are in profession of that Place, on the first communication of which from the General, we shall immediately repair thither. I am exceedingly satisfied at having accepted the employment under Citizen Poussielgue; his Courteousness, his Character, his desire of obliging and to be useful to those under him, fully prove him an excellent

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man, besides his talents render him of much consequence, and very essential to the Expedition; besides his situation as Comptroller General of the Eastern Army, he has just been appointed Administrator General of Finance. —

This situation empowers him to nominate to all the offices of Finance, and had it not been for my Illness, he told me that I should have been appointed — Agent General of Finances at Alexandria.

I am in hopes that the first captured town which required an Agent, I shall be appointed, we lodge, and live together; In any other Country than this, provided I had your Company I should — esteem myself extremely happy in my — present situation. —

At this instant an Aide De Camp from General Bonaparte — arrives with the news of the Capture of Cairo

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27th Cairo, so that we shall immediately set off for that town.

A true translation
(Signed) H. Cruiz

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Rosette 10th Thermidor 6 year
28th July

I confirm, my dear Valette, the letter which I wrote you from Malta, which informed you of the reduction of that Island Gorze &c. and the terms which were made with the order of the Maltese Knights as well as of the importance of such a situation for the Commerce of the Levante.

The Squadron and the Convoy having passed the Tower of the Arabs, and cast anchor two leagues from Alexandria, the landing took place without opposition. Alexandria was taken by assault, it is a wretched place which was only defended by

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by a few bad Cannon without Carriages, the Garrison shewed great bravery and a fanatical desparation: if the Turks ever become experienced in tactics, they will equal the French — —

General Buonaparte publ=ished a Proclamation in Arabic by w. which he informed the inhabitants especially the Turks that as friends of Mahomed and of the Grand Segnior, we only came to destroy the Mamalucks and their Tyranny. — A tribe of Bedouins Arabs came 2 days after bringing our Prisoners, and for the purpose of treating for Peace with the Commander in Chief — The Town of Rosetta sent to meet our Troops, all the Bedouins would probably have joined, but for the hope of plunder of the Mamalucks had not spread a report that we were deceiv=ing them — that if we had come with the

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the consent of the Sultan we should have had a Turkish Army with us, that after we should become Masters of the Country, we would carry off the Inhabitants to sell them — this reasoning which was not adopted without foundation in certain points, had kept back the Bedouins and the people in general which would not decide in our favor, until they should be convinced that we would not take advantage of our conquest, but for the purpose of improving the Country, and the situation of the Inhabitants in causing their property to be respected. —

The French Army left Alexandria and took possession of Damanhour situated 8 Leagues from that City. The Army went up the Nile above 40 Leagues on that Route, they experience

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no other difficulty than the distance, althi the Bedouin Arabs attempted several times to haraſs them, a species of Attack which is advantageous to them, but the Cautious march of the Army, which constantly maintained the most excellent order rendered vain all their efforts, which indeed are only dan=gerous to cowards for a good Countenance obliges them to fly. .

At some Leagues from Cairo Mourat Bey, Ibraim Bey, and several other Beys at the head of 6000 Cavalry Mama=lucks attacked our Army with their usual impetuosity, a Strong division received them, whilst two other divisions marched to the right and left to enclose them, between the Nile, and the 3 Columns: that man=oeuvre having perfectly succeeded, our Troops charged them with the Bayonet,

the

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27th. the Mamalucks, forced upon and van=
=quished on all sides, were alliged to throw
themselves into the Nile, with the inten=
=tion to escape by swimming, in which
they would have succeeded, if we had not
established Batteries, upon the left Bank
of the River, which by a very hot fire of
Grape Shott seconded by the Musketry of
the Troops which lined the Edge of the
River almost totally buried them in the
Waves - It appears that the few who
escaped had fled towards Said. - The
able Commander in Chief lost not a moment
after this, he appeared before a village
where 6000 more of the Mamalucks had
fortified themselves and carried the Place
a la Francoise Killed and wounded the
greater part of them took from 8 to 900
Prisoners, the rest are very few, made
their

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their escape without doubt they will proceed to join their Comrades in upper Egypt, where we shall soon follow to drive them into the desert. —

The people of Cairo trans-
-ported with Joy at the defeat of their Ty-
-rants set fire to some of their Palaces,
and came welcoming the Army of
Liberty; now, that we are assured of their
Charming Country no doubt we shall put
in execution the grand projects of improve-
-ment, which have been determined on
- Soon this Superb land will acquire the
perfection of which it is Susceptible - Soon
the Canals which are in existence will be
cleared and Navigable, then the Commerce
of India may once again have its ori-
-gin in Egypt. —

Tomorrow or next day we
proceed towards Cairo, there I shall exert
myself

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myself to effect some business: the only mis-
=fortune is that the English are always in the
way, it is to be hoped that they will be of
drawn out, then I shall address you again to.

(Signed) Cesar Inard de Montpellier

A true Translation

(Signed) I. V. Cruiz

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Grant
Sub Secretary

Extract from the Original
Rosette the 14th Thermidor 6 year.
1st August

To Citizen Nicholas Fauchey
at
Montpellier

You will have seen, my Dear
Fauchey, by my letter from Malta, that it was
my constant opinion, that we were destined
to Egypt, I have not been deceived - Arrived
at two hours sail from Alexandria opposite
the

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27th the Town of Marraboute, near that of the Arabs; Orders were given for the disembar=
=kation, which took place immediately with success - We marched to Alexandria, which was attacked and carried by afsault in spite of the resistance of the Turks, a small detachment was directed towards Rosette which sent to submit to our Troops; without loss of time, the General in Chief Bounaparte marched across the Desert, with all the Army, took posfession as he passed of Damanhour, arrived on the borders of the Nile, which he ascended upon the left bank of the branch of Rosetta. At some distance from Cairo the Ma=
=mlucks to the number of twelve thousand Cavalry, and their people having all the Beys at their head attacked us with their usual impetuosity, a Strong colemn of our

Army

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27th Army constantly presented to them a formidable front of Bayonets which they never could approach, the Battle lasted 4 hours, their attacks were frequently repeated, but always repulsed with great loss from the terrible fire kept up by our brave Frenchmen, during the Battle two Columns succeeded in surrounding the Mamalucks, who beaten on all sides and in the greatest disorder found no other resource but to attempt to cross the Nile by swimming. —

After that we established Batteries upon the Bank from whence we for a long time kept up a fire upon the fugitives, the greatest part of them perished in the River, their loss exceed, 800 Men, ours not considerable, as we were never prosed by the mamalucks whose force was all Cavalry.

Two Divisions marching towards Damietta in returning will take possession

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27th possession of the Delta, another Division has taken Fooslat (improperly called old Cairo) the rest of the Army is cantoned at Boulacat, Geize, and at Grand Cairo; & General Bounaparte lives in the Palace of Morad Bey thus are we Masters of lower Egypt - Ebraim Bey saved himself in Syria, Morad Bey in upper Egypt, there are none of the Mamalucks remaining in these parts.

We are already employed upon the fortifications of Alexandria, this Port is very well situated, and capable of being made much more secure, we are assured that the ancient Canal of communication, which Alexander Dug from the Nile to Alexandria, has been commenced, it easily cut through the Rock, but filled up with sand and Clay, the work will be much easier, than if it were to be made a new, at present however it

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it is of more consequence to discover the
Canal of Amrow, which joined the Red
Sea to the Nile; if we succeed in that, Cairo
will once more become the emporium of
the three quarters of the Ancient world —
we shall set out in a few days for Cairo,
I will inform myself exactly, concerning all
the means of Commerce that I can possibly
discover, and will make you acquainted
therewith, in order that if there is any thing
to be done, we may undertake it; wine seems
likely to be a good Article, for besides the
Consumption of the French, it will be
augmented by that of the Turks, who
begin to take a liking to that Beverage —
Cloths, Paper, and hard-ware may answer,
I will speak more positively from Cairo; as
well on this Subject, as on that of the Means
for returns, in the mean time it appears to

me

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me that those who may come within Six
or eight Months will arrive at the lucky
Moment for at present it would be too
soon considering the disorder inevitable
after Conquest. —

At 6 oClock in the Evening
Our Squadron at Anchor and Shut in at
Boudieer (Canapus) make Signal, not-
-withstanding our distance we perceive
that a Squadron approaches from the
Seaward. — It is the English — The
Battle begins — It is terrible — at 8 oClock
the Battle continues furiously — One
Vessel Burns — at 10 oClock the Vessel has
just blown up — we do not know to to
which Squadron it belongs — The Fire
Continues — Several Musquetts announce
Night Signals — The Firing is ceased
— at 11 the Battle begins again with
Fury

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27th Fury at 3, the Fire abates - Signals - we hear nothing now - good night I am going to bed. -

The 15th - 2d August 5 o'Clock I thought the Battle over, but it begins again with fury; one vessel is on shore, it seems to have English Colours - at 6 one Vessel is on fire - It has just blown up, may it be one of the English! It has burned only 10 Minutes. - We are so far off that we saw both the explosions, three minutes before we heard the reports. and the fire continues - at 10 they fire but less violently - at 2 the English Squadron is going off full Sail - Ours are weighing anchor, and pursues them. -

After an Engagement of 18 hours our Squadron is completely beaten and taken, that of the English in no better

Condition

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Condition, it has not been able to follow the Jew Vessels that escaped — I embrace thee; regards to thy Wife, our Kindred and Friends — —

Signed on the Original

Cesar Inard

A true Translation

(Signed) J. C. Crevor.

A true Copy

(Signed) J. A. Grant

Sub Secretary

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord,

I have the honor to ac=
=knowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webb's
letter under date the 24th Instant, accom=
=panied with two additional Estimates
of Cash required by the Military Pay=
=master General for the present Month.

upon

From Military Auditor General, reporting on two additional Estimates of Cash required by the Military Pay=master General for the current expences of October.

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upon which I have the honor to report as follows. —

2 The Additional Estimate for Pagodas Twenty five thousand, one hundred, and Seventy Six, Forty Fanams, and Fifty nine Cash (Pagodas 25,176-40-59) does not appear to be objectionable; this Sum being required to discharge Bills drawn by the Military Paymasters of Columbo and Trincomalee, and an advance directed to be made to Lieutenant Colonel Murray for Work executing under his Superintendence at Connatore. —

3 The other Additional Estimate amounting to Pagodas Six thousand, four hundred and fifty three, and Twenty two Fanams (Pagodas 6453-22-) is admissible, with the exception of

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1000 Pagodas. included in the Indent of the Garrison Storekeeper on account of an advance to be made to the Owners of 500 Carriage Bullocks, which, he states, to have been ordered by the Military Board, but I find on enquiry that these Bullocks & were provided in consequence of the first Order of Government, which was afterwards countermanded. - that the Garrison Storekeeper asked the directions of the Military Board with respect to the disposal of them; and as they were supposed to be Bullocks furnished on Indents under the Authority of that Board, but not afterwards wanted, he was directed in consequence to deliver them to the Principal Agent: as these 500 Bullocks have not yet been mustered

and

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and are surplus to the number required —
with the different Corps, it rests with your
Lordship to determine, whether such of them
as are found fit for the Service shall be en-
=tertained, or the whole rejected, as no express
authority appears to have been given either
by Government or the Military Board for
their being provided, altho' the Letter directed
their being transferred to the Principal
Agent on the Idea that they were the
Bullocks furnished on approved Indents
but not afterwards required: in the event
of their being retained for the Service, the
advance will be necessary, or otherwise to
be deducted from the Garrison Storekeeper's
Estimate. —

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
26th October 1798. —

The

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The following Order of Council sent to the Clerk of Treasury. —

Order of Council
Military Department
26th October 1798. —

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

Ordered that an Advance of Thirty One thousand, Six hundred and thirty Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and Fifty Nine Cash (31,630. 20. 59) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 22d and 24th Instant. —

By Order of the Right Honorable the President in Council —

(Signed)

Received

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Received and Sent the
undermentioned Letters entered on MB Nos
177. 178-179-180-181-182-183-184.

From the Secretary at Bengal
- enclosing a Letter for Admiral Rainier.

From the Secretary at Bengal.

From the Sub Secretary at
Bengal - forwarding a Letter from the
Military Board at Fort William to the
Military Board at Fort St. George.

From Do. Do.

From Major General
Bridges - enclosing Copy of a Letter he
had received from the Resident at
Hydrabad, regarding M. Baptiste and
Copy of his Letter to Mr. Secretary Barlow
- M. Baptiste sent on the Bombay
Frigate from Masulipatam to Bengal.

From the Officer
Commanding
Northern Division

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing
a further estimate of Cash required by
him

From Military
Paymaster General.

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2d. him for the Current expence for October.—

To the Military Paymaster General. To Mr. Roebuck — enclosing Copy of the Auditor General's report on the additional estimates which accom=panied his Letters of the 22d and 24th Inst., and acquainting him that Pagodas 31,630.20.59 will be issued from the General Treasury.—

To the Military Auditor General. To Major General Sydenham — forwarding to him an additional estimate of Cash for his report.—

To the Military Board. To the Military Board — the Second train of Cattering guns to be dis=patched to Vellore as soon as possible.—

To the Secretary at Bengal. To Mr. Barlow — transmitting Copies of the Letters in the Military, Poli=tical and Secret Departments sent by the Lord Cavedon to England.—

Recd.

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Received the following Letters entered on M.B. Nos. 185-186-187.—

From Colonel Sale - recommending that Mr. Surgeon Watson be allowed the usual Medical allowance for attending on Natives, in consequence of his being employed in attending on the Sick of the 2d extra Battalion.—

From the Commandant at Vellore.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Murray - intimating that he had received an authority from the Military Paymaster General to draw on him for 1500 Pagodas, and making a second request for permission to cut down Palmyras at Amboor.—

From the Commandant at Coimatore.

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer - acknowledging the receipt of Mysore Intelligence transmitted to him on the 28th ultimo.—

From the Resident at Poona.—

Sent

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To the Commandt at Arcot. Sent a Letter to Colonel Smith entered in M.B. No. 188 - two compleate Com=panies of Gun Lascars to accompany the Second Division of Battering train to Vellore. —

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Received the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. Nos. 189. 190. —

From the Com=mandant at Walajanbad. From Lieutenant Colonel Shaw=enclosing a Letter from Lieutenant Colol Gordon of 29th Dragoons applying for a Quarter for the Quarter Master of his Regiment - Colonel Shaw's suggestion in consequence. —

From the late Deputy King's Paymaster General. From Captain Young - enclosing different Accounts in his Department from the 25th of July to the 24th September 1798 - and stating the balance due to the Company at the end of that

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honble Lord Clive

Governor - President

Tuesday 30th October

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders and

Ernst William Fullofield } Esqrs

Minutes of last Consultation

read and approved. —

Read the following Letter

from Bengal. —

To the Right Honorable

Lord Clive

Governor in Council

at

Fort St George

From Bengal - enclosing Copy of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Roberts to the Resident at Hyderabad, stating various difficulties he had met with on his march - Supreme Government require that an enquiry be instituted. —

My Lord,

We have the honor to transmit

to

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to you a copy of a further letter from Lieute=
=nant Colonel Roberts dated the 20th Ultimo,
from which it appears that at that late
period the Supply of Cash which he had
received, was so inadequate as to be in=
=sufficient for the Subsistence of the Troops
on their March, that the requisite number
of Bullocks for the detachment had not
been completed, that the Camp Equipage
for the Staff line was still deficient, that
the Guns and Tumbrils (which had
arrived only the day before) were in
a very defective State, and that one of
the latter was in so unserviceable a
condition that it could not be brought
away from Guntoor. — —

2d We make it our earnest
request to your Lordship that the causes
of

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of this further delay in supplying the
detachment with Money, Bullocks, and
Camp Equipage, and also of the late ar-
-rival of the Artillery, and the very
defective State of it, may form subjects of
your enquiry into the causes which have
retarded the March of the Detachment
into the Territories of the Nizam. —

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 11th October 1798. —

&c &c

(Signed) Mornington
Alured Clarke
P. Speke
Wm Cowper

Captain

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Captain Kirkpatrick

Acting Resident at his Highness the
Nizam's Court.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknow-
-ledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th.
Instant this Morning, and to inform you
that the whole of the Detachment will be
on the North side of the Kistonah 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 I 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 the Camp Equipage for the
Staff

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Staff Line. - The Guns and Tumbrils received, and which only arrived yesterday from Innicondah, 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 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 Fly - derabad with the least possible delay. -

I have the honor to be &c.

Camp Near Bezoara
20th. September 1798. (Signed) George Roberts
Lieutenant Colonel

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

A true Copy
(Signed) John Stracey
Sub Secretary

Resolved

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Resolutions thereon. —

Resolved, in compliance with the desire expressed by the Supreme Government that Colonel Roberts be called upon to state, whether the several Officers in public trust with the detachment have or have not executed their respective duties with Zeal and activity.

Resolved that Colonel Roberts be particularly directed to state whether there was any delay in the Bullock department after the arrival of the Agent in Camp, whether there was any delay in adjusting the pay to the troops and their families after arrival of money in Camp, whether there was any actual delay caused by waiting for Supplies of Cash, whether it was possible for the detachment to have crossed the river at Benoara at an earlier period after Colonel Roberts

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Roberts received the orders of the Board dated 2d September; and whether the March of the detachment could have recommenced after passing the river on the 20th. at an earlier day than the 26th of that Month. —

Resolved - also, that the Military Board be called upon for an explanation of the apparent defective State of the Cudlocks, Camp equipage, and Ordnance department, as well as for a report whether there has been any neglect in the Subordinate Officers, to whom the execution of the orders in question may have been entrusted. —

The President delivers in the following Minute. —

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President Munro, giving it as his opinion that in consequence of our Success at Hyderabad we should now redouble our exertions against Tippoo Sultaun, and in this view suggesting different plans, the laying up Stores of grain - appointing a Commissary of Stores &c.

The Complete and immediate Success, which has followed the arrival of our Detachment at Hyderabad in suppressing the French Party at that Court and in relieving his Highness the Nizam from the Large Body of Troops lately under the Command of M.r Perron, is an Event of so much Importance that I cannot doubt the Supreme Government will avail themselves of it to urge on the Demand, which it is their Intention to make upon Tippoo Sultaun for Satisfaction, I therefore think it right that we should in compliance with their Directions proceed with alacrity and Dispatch to hasten our Preparation and and the Equipment of Our Army for eventual War.

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In the present Stage I con=
=sider the Department of Ordnance and
Grain to be of the most essential Impor=
=tance. — One Division of Cattering
Guns has already moved, and a Second is
upon the Point of following under the
Direction and Superintendance of the
Military Board; but I am clearly of
opinion that to the Complete Arrange=
=ment of this Department, the Appoint=
=ment of a Commissary General of Stores
is necessary. I therefore recommend that
Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle be appointed
Commissary General in the Field. —

In regard to the Grain
Department I conceive that it is become
Incumbent upon us to provide as far as
our Means will admit that we should
endeavour

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endeavours to have a sufficient Stock in an advanced Post to replace any Quantity, which the Army, if it should take the Field after the Monsoon may consume in its March towards the Frontier, or to supply it, if necessary, with a Considerable Increase of the Stock, with which it is first to commence its March; I therefore recommend that the Collector of the Baramahal and the Garrison Storekeper at Vellour should be authorized and enabled to throw a large quantity of Grain into Kistnagherry and Vellour.—

With the same View I conceive it to be of material Importance that our Stock of Gunny Bags should be made as large as possible; in addition therefore to the Quantity for which applic=ation has been made to Bengal I think

that

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that means should be taken for procuring a Supply of that important Article from the Southern Districts, where I understand it may be provided in considerable quantity and good Texture. —

(Signed) Clive

Resolutions in consequence of the foregoing Minute

Resolved accordingly that Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle be appointed Commissary General of the Ordnance, which may eventually be ordered to the field with a Salary of 250 Pagodas per Month and an allowance of 50 Pagodas per Month in lieu of all contingent charges. —

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle be directed to take charge of the whole department at the several Stations at which the field equipment may

at

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at present be dispersed: and to provide that the whole preparation may be made as complete as possible for moving the Stores and Ordnance into the field at an early period.

For this purpose Agreed that he be directed to correspond with the Military Board, report to them whatever deficiencies he may observe, and to suggest such Arrangements, as he may deem expedient for the complete equipment of the field and battering trains with a proportionate Magazine of Ammunition

Resolved that the Military Board be informed of the foregoing resolutions, and directed to furnish Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle with such instructions and afford him such assistance as may be necessary to the complete accomplishment

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accomplishment of this equipment. —

Resolved also that in=
structions be sent to the Military Board
for providing the grain and gunny bags
recommended by the President. —

Ordered that P. M. Pagodas
30,000 be dispatched to the paymaster in
the Baramahal and P. Pagodas 15,000 to
the paymaster of Vellour for the purchase
of Grain. —

The Commander in Chief
delivers in the following Minutes. —

Commander in Chief's Minute
October 22d 1798.

Commander in Chief's minute, taking a comprehensive view of the Military force of the Carnatic, pointing out proper stations for defence & circulating statements elucidatory of those subjects.

My Lord,

The Board having in
consequence of the Supreme Governments
letter of 7th August last requested that I
would

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would lay before it such a Plan for the Protection of the Company's Territories on the Coast as should appear to me most consistent with the declared intentions of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, I have now the honor to submit my ideas on this important object.

It appears to me that the points on which my opinions are particularly expected are 1st on a Plan for the protection of the Company's Territories, which may allow of a large Portion of the Army to be inconstant readiness to move against an Enemy on a sudden emergency. 2ndly From whence such portion of the Army might occasionally be reinforced and 3dly. That every regard to economy,

compatible

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Compatible with the object, is to be kept in view. —

The General terms in which the Supreme Board have signified their wishes, no doubt in the design to give the freer scope to the Subject, will induce me to take it up in two points of view. —

1st — — — — As the Troops are situated at the present juncture — and 2dly on more general grounds comprehending the several branches of the Service and keeping in view the Establishment as fixed by the Court of Directors in 1796 with its increase since. —

The Establishment as may be seen in Return No. 1 is detached in no small proportion to Ceylon, to Malacca, and the spice Islands, and a Detach = = ment of four native Battaleons consisting of

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of 4,300 Rank and File with a Com=
=pany of Artillery in the Guntoor Circar
under marching orders in the prospect
of soon proceeding beyond the limits of
the Company's Territories. —

I conclude the 35th Native
Battalion and two Companies of the 1st
European Regiment arrived at Trichi=
=nopoly from Ceylon — His Majesty's
33d Regiment and the Bengal Marine
Battalion arrived, the former at the
Presidency, and the latter at Masuli=
=patam, the 29th Regiment Dragoons
to remain dismounted on the Coast
and that we shall lose His Ma=
=jesty's 36th Regiment, and further
that the portion of Troops to be kept
in a state of readiness to move against
an Enemy, however desirable it should

be

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be large) must be regulated in it's extent by the numbers, which under a Survey of Circumstances, are thought requisite for the defence of the several Military Posts and the protection of our Districts. —

These several points assumed — I am of opinion, that for the defence of Posts and Districts in the Southern Provinces, there should be one European Regiment about 500 strong, one Company of Artillery and five Battalions of Sepoys; Should this Force appear to be large, it will still be considered that the Communication between the Southern Provinces and the Mysore Country is short and easy — That these Provinces are in themselves highly valuable and on account of their destance from the seat of Government and the natural impediment of the swelling of the Cavary

Return of present Strength of Corps in the Southern Division accompanys under N. 2 —

to

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to a speedy communication with them,
require being jealously guarded and that
of the four principal posts they contain,
scarcely one is in a proper State of Defence
- Tanjore even wants repairs, Trichino-
=poly is in many parts open - Din-
=digul requires repairs, and Madura
is in a State of ruin - all these Posts
should be immediately attended to -

Under these considerations
I could not recommend less force should
be kept up for the Southern Division,
nor do I see any case in which there
can be drawn any reinforcement from
it to the Army, except we should proceed
by the Cavery poram pass to Seringapatam.

For the protection of the
Northern Circars and to preserve them

Return of present Strength of Corps in the Northern Division No 3.

in

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in a State of tranquility, there should be allotted a Regiment of Europeans about 600 Men strong a Company of Artillery four Battalions of Sepoys including the Bengal Marine Battalion and the four Revenue Corps at present in the Circars.—

For the Barramahal including Tiagar there should be allotted near a Company of Artillery and three Battalions of Sepoys.—

At the Presidency there should be one European Regiment about 700 Strong a detail of Artillery — say half a Company with some Invalid do. and two Strong Battalions of Sepoys and so long as the French Prisoners remain there the Number of the Madras Battalion in addition.—

For

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For Amboor, Vellore and Arnee there should be at least two or three hundred European Infantry and One thousand Sepoys and these Garrisons should be occasionally strengthened if the Army commenced offensive operations. —

These allotments being adjusted as per Return No 4, the Statement which will remain for Field Service accompanies under No 6. —

Under the impression of Keeping Economy in view, The whole of this force might be Cantoned in the Center Division, as they are actually distributed at present in Statement No 5 — By which Arrangement the Amount of the difference of full instead of half Batta to the Officers, provisions to the Europeans, and the Batta to the Natives

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Natives when in the Field would be saved. ~

The Carriage for the Camp Equipage with the Tent Lascars and Dooley Bearers and a Field Train for the whole to be in readiness to move on the shortest notice, the Field Train to be kept at the Mount, Wallajahbad and Arnee as at present Stationed: ~

A Return of the Field train at the several Stations

To enable this force to assemble with facility, it might have two points of rendezvous so as to form at first two Divisions. ~

The Corps to the Westward of Wallajahbad to assemble at Wallajah Nuggur. — Those more Easterly at Wallajahbad. The two Divisions subsequently to join at such point as the Circumstances of the times may suggest.

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The Posts of an Army in Cantonments should be connected by direct and easy Communications —

By the foregoing Arrange= =ment the Troops would be cantoned on each side of the Pallar which fills with the Monsoon and generally continues unfordable from the end of October to the middle of December — —

The means of passing it therefore at convenient places when Sull should be at Command, on this account Boats of a proper Cons= =truction should undoubtedly be placed with a proper Complement of Gun & Lascars near the Fords at Arcott, Shev= =elmedoo and Sadrass and as the roads between the several Posts of

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enumerated above, are but indifferent
and in some parts during the wet
weather scarcely passable for wheel
Carriages, the whole of them should
be particularly examined, and Pioneers
employed on such parts of them as
require being repaired. —

These Measures when
carried into effect it is presumed would
admit of the proposed force assembling
with certainty and promptitude. —

From being centrally
situated it would be enabled to reach
any given point within the Territories
under this Presidency with the least
possible delay. —

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To allow of its operating for defensive purposes, it should be enabled to move at all times with at least 20 or 30 days provisions, besides which considerable quantities of Grain should be kept in Store at Arnee, and Vellore for the use of the Centre division.

At Trichinopoly and Tanjore for the operations to the Southward, at Masulipatam for the use of the Circars, at Kistnagerry and Sancredroog for the Barramahal.—

The second point which I proposed for consideration is the reinforcement of the portion of the Army here supposed ready to take the Field, either in consequence of the Enemy being in very great force in the Carnatic

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Carnatic or with a view to offensive operations. —

I have already stated that no force should be taken from the Southern Division unless in the event of marching to Seringapatam by the Caveryporam Pass In which Case I have no doubt, we might take to the Amount of a Regiment so as to meet the Army at Caveryporam — But it certainly would not be advisable to withdraw a Man from those Garrisons, if the Enemy was in great force in the Carnatic (if it was even possible for them to join) nor do I conceive we should lessen our Garrisons in the Centre with the Enemy in it, for the same reasons as would prevent the propriety of any reduction

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to the Southward, as although the
Army is in the Field it is still very
possible that a place weakly Garrisoned
should be surprized or carried before
it could arrive to prevent it — We have
then only to look to the Barramahal
and to the Northward, from the former
in case of marching Westward we
might either draw a thousand Natives
or a small Corps might be formed
to assist in forwarding Convoys or to
take possession of the bordering Country
and from the Circars, on emergency,
I conceive we might draw the 8th
Native Regiment. —

The Circumstance of so
large a Detachment as that under
Lieutenant Colonel Roberts being near
the borders or in any part of the Nizams
dominions

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dominions gives full protection to the Carnies from a foreign Enemy on that side and considering that the Revenue Battalions are to be augmented to 600 Men each, I am of opinion One Battalion of the 8th Native Infantry cannot only be spared but should be ordered immediately to Masulipatam with a view of proceeding to the Centre as soon as the Monsoon is over, in order to be ready to take the Field - Even with this addition the force on readiness would be found seriously <u>different</u> in Native Troops and under all proportion to our Europeans.

Should the force in question be destined for Offensive operations, The object of its efforts would determine

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determine the degree to which it should be reinforced from the other Presidencies, and eventually by the Armies of some of the Native powers. —

The heavy Train with which it should be Equiped, the Magazines which should be established for its support on the line of advance — and the Magnitude of the Enterprize in view, would of course suggest the necessary preparations for its success, whilst past experience would probably allow of the period being justly estimated on which they could be so far advanced as to admit of the Troops being put into motion and consequently commencing the destined operations. —

Having thus to the best of my abilities and keeping in view the Supreme Board's Suggestions stated my ideas for the protection of the Company's

Territories

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Territories on the Coast, as the Troops are distributed at the present juncture, and shewn the portion of the Army, which may be held in preparation for the Field with every reinforcement which the Coast can in my opinion supply. I think it necessary to call the attention of the Board to the Situation of Ceylon before I proceed to take up the Subject on more general grounds.—

Ceylon from its vicinity to the Southern Coast of the Carnatic will, I should suppose, if it remains in our Possession at the conclusion of a peace, be merely considered an extension of our Garrisons and having in view the circumstances of the times I do not see why we should not consider it in that light at present and endeavour to ascertain whether any Reinforcement to our Army can

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can be drawn from thence either preparatory to a war with Tippoo Sultaun, or if actually engaged in war with him. —

In respect of our Native Infantry on Ceylon it does not appear to me that any can be withdrawn from it unless replaced by Corps of Malays or by Corps formed of the Native Cyngalese as we become better known to each other. —

Nor do I think, under the idea I have of the present Strength of Fort Osnaburgh and Trincomallee that any part of their Garrisons can be withdrawn, at the same time from the best information, particularly from Rear Admiral Rainier, I am led to conclude that Fort Osnaburgh which entirely commands the Harbour might by the addition

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of a small Redoubt to cover the land face, with Bombproofs built in the Garrison, be made perfectly secure, and allow of the lines of Trencomallee being levelled as having nothing to do with the defence of the Harbour but merely Kept up to protect Annaburgh. —

This carried into effect & would relieve the Company of an enormous expence in repairs, publick Buildings, and provisions, and the Carnatic Army would gain a strong Reinforcement as instead of the present Garrison of the 80th. Regiment, a Battalion of Native Infantry and 70 Artillery Fort Annaburgh would not require at the most, more than 250 European Infantry, 40 Artillery and two Companies of Natives. —

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In the event of a War taking place with Tippoo Sultaun we shall pro-
-bably be obliged to withdraw His Ma-
-jesty's 19th Regiment from Columbo and in that case I should suppose that we can-
-not afford more than two hundred Eur-
-peans for that Garrison and that those must be taken from Point de Galle from the 1st European Infantry. —

Even in the present situa-
-tion of affairs and notwithstanding the little Confidence we can put in the Dutch Inhabitants, as there is little pro-
-bability the French will be able to get out a force sufficient to besiege Columbo it may be a point to consider whether it will not be advisable to bring the 19th Regiment at present into the Carnatic,

either

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either to Garrison Trichinopoly and Tanjore,
which are now left too weak in Europeans or
to join the Army as occasion may
demand -- however before this point is
determined it would perhaps be advisable
to communicate on it with the Officer
Commanding on Ceylon. -

I shall now proceed to state
a Plan on more general grounds - Com=
=prehending the several Branches of the
Service and Keeping in view the Establish=
=ment as fixed by the Court of Directors
in 1796 with its Encrease since. -

Proposed Plan for the
better protection of the Company's
possessions on the Coast by
having a large proportion of
the Army constantly prepared
to assemble on an Emergency -

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Keeping in view every regard for
Oeconomy Compatible with the
Object. —

To render this Subject as clear and
concise as possible it occurs to devide it —
under Six general Heads. —

1st The Number of his Majesty's Re-
-giments which may be supposed alway
on the Coast, and their probable Stations,
and the present Establishment of the
Honorable Company's Forces, with their
probable Stations. —

2d The Increase that it would appear
necessary to make, or if any, in the fixed
Establishment, to meet the proposed Plan,
of Keeping a Force always ready for —
Service. —

3rd

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3d. The means that have been taken to supply the places of those Men, who have been employed on Foreign Service, and thoughts on the best mode to be hereafter pursued, the best stations to recruit Men, the policy of Constant reliefs - necessity of Reserve Corps.

4th. Ordnance to be kept ready and at what Station - Depots for Stores, Provisions and Camp Equipage, Stations at which the Army should assemble. -

5th. - Draught and Carriage Bullocks for Ordnance and Camp Equipage. -

6th. - - - Banjarries, what encouragement necessary to encline them to settle in the Country, alternate importance of attending to this point as one essential to a state of Constant preparation. -

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The Numbers of his Majesty's Regiments which may be supposed always on the Coast, and their probable Stations, and the present Establishment of the Company's Troops with their probable Stations. —

1st. He may estimate the Number of his Majesty's Regiments that will probably be always on the Coast at 6 of Infantry and two of Cavalry; the Infantry Corps complete would be 1000 Rank and File - the Cavalry 438; but as it is scarcely possible to Keep them recruited it will be found a very high Average to call the Infantry 700 and the Cavalry 400. —

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2nd — The Stations that would appear best adopted for the Disposal of this Force to meet the object of the proposed plan are as follows —

Infantry

One Regiment — — Fort St. George
One do 5 Compys — — Poondamallee
One do — — do — — Wallajahbad
One do — — — — — Arnee
One do — — — — — Trichinopoly or Tanjore

Cavalry

One Regiment — — — at or near Wallajahbad or Mount
One do — — — — — Arcot

3rd — By this Arrangement 4 of his Majesty's Regiments of Infantry and the two Corps of European Cavalry might join in three days at one point, which would constitute a sufficient European Force

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Force to take the Field on Emergency, and as it is an understood principle, that our Cavalry from their small Numbers must ever act in one Body, the keeping of any part of them at a great distance from the main Body will ever be attended with considerable inconvenience and some danger — For example, on the late order for assembling the Army. Two Regiments of Cavalry were 10 days in crossing the Coleroon and Cavery from 17th to 27th July 1798. —

4th The present fixed Regular Establishment of the Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel is as follows —

2 Battalions of Artillery	386	Strong each
2 Regiments of Europn Infy	1000	do. do.
12 Regimts of Native do. each Regt consisting of two Battalions of	950	Rank & file each
4 Regts Native Cavalry	426	do. do.

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E. The subjoined Disposition of this Force would appear to meet the object proposed —

Artillery

Two Battalions
- One at the Mount — One Company Detached to the Northward and one to Madras
- One at Arnee — One Company Detached to the Southward and one to the Barramahal

European Infantry

One Regiment — at Masulipatam

½ — do. — at Vellore

½ — do. — at Trichinopoly or Tanjore

Native Infantry

1 Regiment — at Madras

2 — do. — Wallajahbad

1 — do. — Vellore

1 — do. — Arnee

1 Battalion — Arnboor

1 do. — Tyagar

1 Regiment

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1 Regiment — Trichinopoly & to Garrison Dindigul

1 Battalion — Tanjore

1 — do. — Madura & Palamcotah

3 — do. — In the Ceded Districts

3 Battalions — For Masulipatam its Districts and the Guntoor Circar and to Garrison besides Ongole, Nellore, Tumericottah —

1 — do. — In the Vizagapatam District.

1 Battalion — In the Ganjam District

Cavalry

1 Regiment — at Arcot

1 — do. — at Connatore

1 — do. — at Chenundaleem

1 — do. — at Velout

6 — In the above Arrangement the two Battalions of Artillery are Stationed at Arnee and the Mount, as two places Convenient

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Convenient to one Common Centre, and
from whence they could join any Army
formed in a Centrical part of the Carnatic
at a short period. — The possibility of an
European Enemy attacking the Northern
Circars from Sea, — their value and several
other Considerations, will always render it
politic to have a Regiment of Europeans
and a Company of Artillery stationed
at or near Masulipatam — The im-
portance of Vellore requires a Garrison
of at least half a Regiment of Europeans
and our Southern Provinces should never
be left with a less respectable European
Force than this Arrangement allotts. —
7th — With respect to the disposition
of the Native Infantry, I have given to
the Southern and Northern provinces and

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the Ceded districts only what appears to me sufficient for their Security and protection, and have agreeably to the object of the Plan drawn as many Corps as possible near one Common Centre in the Carnatic &c. — In the disposition of the Native Cavalry I have had in view the same object as in that of the European Viz.t Their being near each other, ready to join and to act in body on an Emergency. —

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The increase that would appear unavoidable to make in the fixed Establishment to suit the proposed plan of keeping a respectable force always ready for Service. —

Before

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1st --- Before I enter further on this Article it will be necessary to review the Stations allotted, and what number of Troops could be drawn together at a short notice to any Station fixed on the Carnatic, as the Arrangement made will admit of more being drawn from the Northern, Southern or Western Provinces, unless it be the intention to attempt offensive operations, in which event it will not probably be possible to avoid leaving them more exposed. --

2nd --- The following Troops might assemble in 3 or 4 days --

Artillery --- --- 462

Foot: European Regiments --- 750

Cavalry: Four of Native --- do. --- 1704

European

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European Infantry

4 Regiments from
Wallajabad and Arnee
and Pondamallee — 2800

Native Infantry

Two Regiments from
Wallajabad — — 3800

One d.o from Vellore and
one from Arnee which
would leave one battalion
to each of these Garrisons
that of Vellore would —
detach 4 Companies to —
Arnboor and that of Arnee —

3 Companies to Tyagar — 1900

One Battalion from Tyagar 950

One d.o Arnboor — — 950

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Abstract of force that could be held in constant readiness to assemble agreeably to the above Arrangement. —

Artillery.	Cavalry		Infantry		Total
	Europeans	Natives	Europeans	Natives	
462	750	1704	2800	7600	13,316

3rd — This force which consists on paper of 13,316 Men can never be reckoned or higher than 11,285 Men ready for field Service, a number which probably will be thought rather inadequate to the object proposed. —

4th — The primary deficiency appears in that most essential of all Corps the Artillery - two complete Battalions of that should certainly be with the Army; This deficiency would perhaps best be remedied by the formation of two additional Companies

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Companies to each Battalion, as the necess-
-sity of a Company being detached to the
Northern and another to the Southern
division is obvious - and the propriety of
having one at Fort St. George, and one in
the Barramahal is equally apparent -

5 -- The European force of Infantry
and Cavalry would appear sufficient, as
it would be always possible to draw a
complete Regiment of European In-
-fantry from the 2 Corps allotted to the
Southern Provinces and Fort St. George -

6th If the Native Infantry should ap-
-pear deficient the addition of one Regi-
-ment to the fixed Establishment would
seem under any Circumstances, to meet
the proposed object - The best Station
for this Regiment would perhaps be
Wallajabad - a Number of Corps in one
Cantonment

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Cantonment has not only the obvious effect of improving discipline, by exciting a Spirit of Emulation, but also by familiarizing Troops to act in Body renders them more efficient in line. —

7th — The Number of the Troops that would be held in constant preparation, if the proposed increase was made & would be as follows. —

Abstract

Cavalry		Infantry		Total
Artillery	Europeans	Natives	Europeans	Natives
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Companies to each Battalion, as the necessity of a Company being detached to the Northern and another to the Southern division is obvious - and the propriety of having one at Fort St. George, and one in the Barramahal is equally apparent -

5 - The European force of Infantry and Cavalry would appear sufficient, as it would be always possible to draw a complete Regiment of European Infantry from the 2 Corps allotted to the Southern Provinces and Fort St. George -

6th If the Native Infantry should appear deficient the addition of one Regiment to the fixed Establishment would serve under any Circumstances, to meet the proposed object - The best Station for this Regiment would perhaps be Wallajabad - a Number of Corps in one

Cantonment

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Cantonment has not only the obvious effect of improving discipline, by exciting a Spirit of Emulation, but also by familiarizing Troops to act in body renders them more efficient in line. —

7th — The Number of the Troops that would be held in constant preparation, if the proposed increase was made & would be as follows. —

Abstract

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the Co-operation of our Native allies; A re-
Reinforcement from Bengal of One thousand
European and Six thousand Native Infantry
and two Companies of Artillery, One thousand
European and four thousand Native In-
-fantry from Bombay may be considered
equal to offensive Operations against Tip-
-poo Sultaun and I trust ensure the taking
of his Capital. —

The Means that have
have been taken to supply those
men who have been employed
on foreign Service, and thoughts
on the best mode to be hereafter
pursued, — the best stations to
recruit Men — the policy of —?
constant Reliefs and the Esta-
-blishments of Settlements. —

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1st In treating this Article I shall only speak of the Native Infantry, the Government not having the means of supplying at pleasure the Europeans that may be eventually sent on foreign service.

2d Independent of a Corps of Malays of about 600. and a Volunteer Corps of 500 Men at Amboyna, there are employed on Foreign Service at Ceylon and to the Eastward about 2000 Men of the Regular Force Establishment of this Presidency, a number equal to 3 Battalions - Their Loss has been supplied by 2 Corps of the old Establishment of 650 each, which were kept up when the New Regulations were published and 4800 additionals ordered to be raised Viz. 200 to each Battalion.

3d The raising additionals is certainly the most economical mode of supplying

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supplying the absence of Troops so employd,
and as liable to the fewest objections; it will
therefore be perhaps generally followed;
however the sending Volunteer Corps formed
like that of Lieutenant Colonel M.c Neil's
at Amboyna, where the nature of the
Service will admit, is a happy expedient.
It holds out encouragement to Men to
embark with alacrity, as no Corps so
formed there is usually much promo-
tion, and as their vacancies are easily
filled up in an Established Corps. The
fixed Establishment and Arrangement
of the Force for the Duties of the Coast
remains undisturbed.

4th — No Consideration is more
serious or more connected with this
Subject than that of Recruiting. There
exists much variety of opinion as to the
Stations

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Nations best for procuring Men, I am inclined to prefer the Northward because the Men are of superior Cast and appearance. —

5th — In the Carnatic, and our more Southern Provinces many Men have been lately enlisted, and tho' their size is generally Diminutive, they certainly are excellent hardy Soldiers, and seldom guilty of Desertion, and on this latter Circumstance has their superiority to Northern Recruits been built, but late observation has demonstrated, that the great Desertion from our Northern Corps, was caused from the want of frequent Reliefs and the Relaxation of their Discipline from being employed in small Detached parties on Revenue Duties — With the Causes, the Effects will

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will cease, and the Northern Circars will prove our last resource for Recruits - they abound with Men who are Soldiers by profession, and who have now, from the reduced State of almost all the Rajahs, no alternative but entering our Ranks.

Desertion however must always be expected in our Native Corps, to a small extent, till reliefs are more frequent, which would not only on that, but many other accounts be attended with the most beneficial Effects to the Establishment - -

6th - - In almost all our Countries under Management except the Northern Circars the Collectors are able to realize the Revenues without Military aid - the reasons are obvious, the Spirit of Independance of the Rajahs and their

Warlike

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Warlike followers, though reduced is not
yet extinguished, and the Nature of the
Country facilitates Insurrection; a force
is continually requisite to overawe Free-
-maders, and to protect both public and
private property from Plunderers. —

7th The employment of Regular
Troops on this Service was found pro-
-ductive of the worst Consequences. —
their being constantly detached in small
parties, not only ruined their Discipline
at the time, but gave them habits of
Life repugnant to the Profession they
had adopted; and Corps that had been
long on this Service, were found when
called on, as wholly lost to the Establish
-ment, deserting by hundreds when
ordered to march from the Circars. —

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8th — This is one of the causes, which have induced Government to raise Sibundy Corps, which are maintained at little more Expence than the additional Batta that would be given to the Regulars, and perform the Revenue Services perhaps equally well, — These Corps cannot however from the principle of their formation be depended on for the defence of the Country, — for that, regular Troops must ever be maintained — the latter should on every account be kept as much in Body as possible and never detached except from urgent necessity. — 1

9th — I have not under this head made any observations on the mode to be pursued when any of the regular Corps of the Establishment are

detached

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detached on Duties which are likely to employ them for years, such as going to act with the Nizam, or any other Native Power, or of being sent to Ceylon or the Eastward, if these Conquests are permanently added to Great Britain --

In such Cases it may perhaps be best to consider them invariably as lost to the regular Establishment, and regular Corps should be formed in their place - By such mode alone will the Efficient Force of the Establishment be preserved - In the event of their return, reductions would of course be necessary --

The raising of additional - and Extra Corps, are Temporary Expedients which it would be difficult to apply with Effect to some of the Cases I have sup-posed, but perhaps for the Spice Islands,

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in the Event of our keeping them on a Peace, a Corps might be formed on the principles of the Bengal Marine Battalion, which might relieve the Volunteer Corps now at Amboyna, if it should be desirous of returning or be employed in addition to it, if necessary. —

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Ordnance to be kept in readiness and at what Stations Chief Depots for Stores and Provisions, Camp Equipage and Station or Stations at which the Army should assemble. —

The immediate Ordnance required for the Force proposed to be always prepared, would perhaps not exceed 50 Brass Field pieces - part of this Train would be best stationed at

Note
Some light Galloper drawn by Horses and attached to the Cavalry would be found of much Service. —

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the Mount, Wallajanbad and Arnee and a large Number of Battering Guns and Field pieces should be thrown into the Garrisons of Arnee and Vellore until a Fort of Consequence in the Ceded Dis-tricts is ready to receive them. If it should still continue to be thought good policy to advance the Heavy Guns so near our Western Frontier. —

That a principal Depot for Stores and provisions should be in the Barramahal, has no doubt long been the opinion of many able Persons, and the expence of erecting a Fort of sufficient Strength and Capacity for that purpose has perhaps alone hitherto withheld Government from this measure. —

On

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On the Situation most proper for this Fort to be erected much discussion has taken place, and that discussion has produced information, that will greatly facilitate the determination on this important point.—

In all Events till this advanced Depot is furnished, Armee should be used to as great an extent as it's Capacity will admit and as its State of Defence may render prudent; as should also Vellore, and even supposing the Fort in the Barramahal was completed these Garrisons also should perhaps be used as principal Depots - as it appears to me that it might be attended with much danger to have the only large Depot so far

advanced

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advanced. —

It is not easy to fix the precise quantity of Provisions, but the least quantity that could consistent with the object, be in the Depots I have stated, should be arrack for 4000 Europeans for 12 Months - and Grain for 8 or 10,000 Natives for 6 Months, independent of the Garrison Stock of these Forts and every draw from them should be as constantly replenished. —

Trichinopoly should also be used as a Depot and tho perhaps not to the extent of the others, it should never be without sufficient Stores, Ordnance and provisions to supply a considerable Detachment, the same Rule should be observed with respect

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respect to Masulipatam - There are many other Garrisons that I need not enumerate, which require, from local Circumstances, always to have a certain quantity of Stores --

The State of the Garrisons on the Coast deserves serious Consideration, those that are deemed important should be repaired and preserved in a complete State . --

With respect to the Comp.e Equipage it would be necessary, that it should be held in constant readiness for those Corps of which it is proposed to form this Army; that for the Corps at Tyagar, Arcot and Conatore might be stored at Arnee, that for the Corps at Vellore and Ambour would be kept at Vellore - sufficient for the Troops at Wallajah - had might be stored at that Cantonment, that of Chemendalum in the Fort of Cuddalore

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Cuddalore, and that belonging to the Troops at Velout, Pondamallee and the Mount would be held in constant readiness at the Arsenal of Fort St. George. — I am not prepared to treat the Intricate Question relative to officers carrying their own Tents — there are no doubt numerous objections. — If they could be surmounted, Field Service would be much facilitated, perhaps half allowance to officers whenever Garrison or Cantonment, and full allowance when in the Field or marching would by lessening the Expence, meet this desirable object —

5 Draught and Carriage Bullocks for Ordnance and Camp Equipage.

To keep in a Complete state for moving at a short warning, an Army of the Numbers I have stated with 50 pieces of Ordnance and a proportionate magazine, together with Grain, Salt, and Arrack for 40 days is shewn by the following

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Calculation on Numbers and descriptions of Men, Draught and Carriage Bullocks &c.

Numbers and description of Men	Totals	Bullocks to carry Arrack Salt & Rice w.h for Europeans & Rice for natives for 16 days	Monthly expence of the D.o & Bullocks Agents Salary &c.
	Numbers	D.o Bullocks	Pags. fan. C.
Detail			
Europeans			
Artillery ——— 772			
European Cavalry 750			
Ditto infantry — 4000			
Total Europeans —	5522	6672	30
Natives			
Native Cavalry — 704			
Gun Lascars & Pioneers 2000			
Native Infantry 9500			
	13204	12837.	" "
Maistries ———	514		
Guns			
4 — 18 Lbrs			
10 — 12 Lbrs			
32 ½ Lbrs			
4 — 5½ inch Mrs			
50		3743	22
Magazine		5369	15 —
Maistries ———	198		
One principal Agent ———	600		
Office establishmt ———	175	41	
One deputy Agent ———	200	"	—
	18726	30210	24 —

Annual expence, Pagodas 3,62,526. 36 fan.s

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2nd ... To keep up an Establishment at so great an Expence is not to be expected — That Cattle Trained would be best calculated for the Service, there is no doubt, but even supposing 1500 Draught and 2000 Carriage Bullocks retained ready for the Service, which is the smallest number to answer for the Army moving against an Enemy on an Emergency — the monthly Expence would be about Pagodas 6454 or 77,448 per Annum, and the Question is well worthy consideration how far this partial preparation is calculated materially to expedite the general provision for the movement of an Army, that is whether in a degree adequate to the expence; for there is no doubt it would facilitate the Collection of the extra supply — having so many Owners of Cattle in constant employ ready

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to receive advances for additional Numbers, who would assuredly be enabled from being in better Circumstances, than if not employed, to make extraordinary exertions. — Detachments would thereby be enabled to move at the shortest notice and by mixing the untrained Draught Bullocks with the Trained the former would sooner be brought into perfect use. But the Numbers thus kept up are however so small when compared with the wants of an Army, that I question whether it would march a Week sooner by having these in a state of constant preparation to any more effect than merely making head against an Enemy at a given point. —

The only practicable means of providing Bullocks is by making advances

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advances to Owners who purchase and place them in the Service, the Hire Commencing from the Date of being mustered and marked by the Muster master as fit for the Service, and the advance is returned to the Company by regular Stoppages from the Monthly hire. —

To provide 2498 Draught and 17002 Carriage Bullocks would require an Advance at 3 Pagodas for the former and 2 for the latter, of Pagodas 41,498, and if made at once I have no doubt the whole could be brought in two Months — If the Establishment as proposed were in existence it would still require an advance of Pagodas 32998 — and still it would require nearly two months to complete them,

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as the people are obliged to go to distant parts of the Country to procure them and when there it is easy perhaps to procrastinate as long as they please.

Besides it may be argued that if War was to break out after keeping up the Establishment two years Government would have expended Pagodas 18,78,944 from which if offensive operations became necessary near the end of the period it may be said no very important advantage could have been derived. Whereas by advancing a Quarter of the Sum the moment they see cause to apprehend a rupture, and that repayable from the Sale, they secure almost equal Rapidity in preparation - if extraordinary expedition and exertion be required. a proportionate additional advantage will stimulate to both; while nothing

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nothing is lost to the public. —

From this reasoning there it would appear that no very important advantage can be derived in respect of gaining time on two months, which it must always take to prepare for offensive operations by keeping up such partial Establishment, but there can be no doubt that the expence it incurs will be always well compensated by the State of perfection the draft Cattle will have attained, which would almost instantly break in as many more the moment they are procured. By the respectability this state of preparation will insure us with our neighbours who can never know the exact length it goes to and by its enabling a certain force to move rapidly on an Emergency we might

might in all probability frustrate any descent on the Coast by being in time to prevent an Enemy from rendering themselves Masters of any place of Consequence or from strengthening themselves in any weak one they may take possession of.

Should it be determined to have any establishment on this plan, the best mode appears to be to Invite Owners to come forward with sealed proposals, to state the lowest Rate they can afford to furnish them in peace and War, that is the Hire in peace when unemployed, the Hire when occasionally, and the Hire in war for Draught and Carriage Bullocks respectively; by this means they may perhaps be kept up at

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at a more reasonable rate. —

It may be observed that occasional Cattle are now employed, the Expence of which would be saved by this Establishment, — but if they are Kept up to enable an Army to move at a short Notice, the object would be lost by dispersing them among the Garrisons, and if they were dispersed, they would not prevent the occasional Hire of Cattle — because the Number would at the several Garrisons be so few, that on all great Movements of Stores additional Bullocks must be hired unless when times and Seasons allow of many Trips. It must also be considered that the Company then would have to employ their own Carts, as Inhabitants never hire Carts without Bullocks

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Bullocks, and this would render it neces-
-sary to include in the Calculation the
making up and the Expenditure of Carts--
- This mode, if adopted, could only be
applied in the Center Division as the
other Divisions are too distant. -

The result appears to be,
that it would be very desirably to have
at Command the Complete means of
moving an Army at the shortest notice
- but that many objections occur on
account of the magnitude of the Expence
- and that it is clear, that no partial
preparation will prevent a certain
delay in undertaking offensive opera-
-tions. -

It is however possible that
means may be taken, without in-
-curring any heavy expence, to obviate
the great delay that usually attends

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Collection of Bullocks - perhaps it would
not be difficult for the different Collectors
to make an Agreement with the Head
Ryots of their respective Districts, to
keep a certain proportion of Cattle in
readiness when called for an Account
of the public Service; and this System
might be improved upon, by having 2
Quarterly or half yearly Musters, and of
making a small allowance, suppose One
Pagoda annually for Draught and ½ a
Pagoda for Carriage Bullocks when not
employed, to the parties who kept them,
the Bullocks however to be of a certain size
and age, and to be marked for the
Service - the practibility of some such
Arrangement appears more strongly,
when we reflect that the Inhabitants of
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the Country expect that their Bullocks will be pressed into the Public Service in Cases of Emergency, and as they would have the use of their Bullocks for Labor in peace, they would in some degree view the pay they received for them in the light of a gratuitous encouragement: But on this subject the ablest Information can be procured from many Quarters, - and which I would be understood to advise when I urge it for Consideration; as I am well aware it will require good Securities to ensure any Plan of this Kind from Disappointment. -

Banjarees, what encouragement necessary to incline them to settle in the Country; ultimate importance of attending to this point, as

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one essential to a State of Constant Prepara=
=tion. —

The unprecedented Liberality
and Justice with which the Banjarries
were treated last War by Lord Cornwallis
will facilitate in a great degree the attain=
=ment of Supplies of Grain through their —
means whenever again required, but as
there are few of this useful Class Resident
in the Company's Country, the procuring
them in any Numbers is ever a measure
of much delay, and some difficulty:
neither the difficulty nor the delay originates
with the Banjarries, who are ready —
enough to join our Camps, where they are
certain of good Treatment and handsome
profit, but in the Managers of the —
Countries where they reside, and through

which

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which they have to pass, who always take advantage of the times to exact heavy Duties, and who have it in their power (whenever policy dictates) to prevent this Class of Men attending to the Summons of our Government.—

When it is considered how helpless an Army is, without numerous Attendants of this description, the indispensible necessity of having a certain Body of them (as connected with any other plan of a Constant State of preparation) is obvious.—

This object is only to be attained by encouraging Numbers of them to settle in the Company's Territories for although they lead a wandering Life and carry in general most of their

Families

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Families with them, they always have a Home and live under a particular Government, of whom they consider themselves, from having a Certain Establishment, the Subjects, and in whose Service they are always ready to engage.

Lord Cornwallis fully sensible of the Benefits to be expected from having some of this Class of Men as Inhabitants, directed Lieutenant Colonel Read to give Letcheram, the Head Banjarry who attended the Army to Seringapatam, a Tract in the Barramahal on easy Terms, both as a reward for his past Services, and as a Security for his future.

This Plan has, I understand, succeeded to the fullest of his Wishes, and

proves

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proves beyond a Doubt, that similar encouragement would induce the settle=ment of this Cast throughout the Com=pany's Territories, particularly in the Northern Circars, where their Bullocks in peaceable times would find constant Employment in carrying Copper and Salt from the Company's Districts and returning from the Nizam's loaded with Cotton &c. For all this Inhabitants of the Company's provinces, they would Trade with our Allies, and there would be little apprehension of any Change of Politics occasioning any of the Na=tive powers exercising either op=pression or Injustice — a Sense of Interest would restrain them from such Conduct as this useful Body of

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have made themselves so formidable by
their Unity, that there are frequent in=
stances of their passing from one Army to
another when the Prince whom they
have thus deserted, has alone withheld
from Punishing them from a fear of
making the whole Class his Enemies.—

Independent of the Bar=
=barians, there are other Tribes who are
Rice-Carriers, which are equally worthy
of Encouragement. It is foreign from the
purpose of this paper to enter into any
particular description of them.—

I have in this paper stri=
=dously avoided (except where it was neces=
=sary to elucidate the Subject) adverting in
the most remote degree to the present

State

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State of our Troops &c. Having taken up the Question on entirely different grounds, — not as it related to Temporary but permanent Arrangement, — not as a proposed plan for obviating the difficulties of the moment but as one which was meant to amend the Imperfections of our Establishment on the Coast, by placing the Military Branch in a more prepared state than it hitherto has been, to repell, attack, or to act on the Offensive and in giving my opinions on this subject, I have been much governed (as the proposition directed) by attention to Oeconomy. —

I shall now offer to the Board's consideration a probable Statement of the additional Current Expence that would be incurred by the adoption of the measures I have suggested to meet the

object

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object of having a Force in a State of pre-
-paration.—

	P. f. C.
4 Additional Companies of Artly per Annum	47,990-16-60
1 Additional Regiment of Native Infantry do	88,664-5-56
Retaining Sum paid to Ryots for 2498 Draught Bullt	2498-" -"
Ditto for 17,002 Carriage do	8501-" -"
Total probable additional Annual Expence	Pag 147,653-2236

Before I conclude this Subject
I beg leave to advert to a Circumstance
which appears to be materially connected
with the plan now submitted and at this
juncture indeed to merit particular
attention.—

From the Observations which
I have had occasion to make since the
adoption

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adoption of the late Reform of the Company's
Military Establishment, I have had satis-
-faction in noticing that it has been in
Contemplation at home of late to alter the
present Constitution of the Native In-
-fantry Battalions on the Coast which
are each including Non Commissioned
Officers 1000 Strong. —

The necessity of Our Native
Corps being Kept in a collected State I
have particularly adverted to on a former
occasion. — This object however was best
attainable in a certain degree when the
Native Battalions were each only 600
Strong. — But now that each consists
with the Additional Privates of about
double that Number, the Necessity of
Separating Corps into Detachments of
different

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different Strength has proportionally increased
as half a Battalion when detached con-
-sists of 500 Men exclusive of Additionals
it becomes indispensible to allow them a
proportion of Regimental Staff to assist in
conducting their Drill, taking care of the
Regimental Stores, and keeping the pay
and clothing Accounts of those Companies
which may be occasionally without Euro-
-pean officers — This, while it gives rise
to additional expence, and is besides ~
attended with irregularity in giving some
Corps a larger proportion of Staff than others
and thus keeping them in an undefined
and fluctuating state. —

Such are the principal in-
-conveniencies experienced from the present
constitution of the Native Corps during
peace — On other grounds however it will

appear

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appear to be extremely exceptionable. —
The formation of two deep is generally
preferred in India from the Advantage
of having a line of some extent opposed
to the Numerous Armies brought into the
Field by the Native Powers. — A Corps
of 1000 Strong then under this formation
besides being unwieldy in Manoeuvring
~~to move~~ is scarcely to be managed in
time of Action by the human Voice
and perhaps a Native Battalion on 10
Strong an Establishment is in any
Situation too large a body to be suf=
=ficiently attended to by any Individual
in all its concerns — In the Field ?
unless the Native Force is very con=
=siderable the Number of Corps will be
so few relatively with their aggregate ?
Strength

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Strength as scarcely to allow of the Line being conveniently Brigaded — The aggregate of Ordnance attached to Corps — will likewise be proportionally small and further from the Battalions being so few in number the duties of Detachment must so frequently recur as to subject them to extraordinary fatigues —

To remedy these inconveniences then, I could wish; particularly should the Army take the Field, that our Native Battalions should be reduced to the Establishment fixed for the extra Corps lately ordered to be raised, by which including Non Commissioned Officers they would be 760 Strong — This Establishment was found to answer well last War, and although it would require

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an Additional Number of European Officers, the Expence arising therefrom would be well repaid by the real efficiency which the measure would yield to our native Force. —

Of the Company's European Infantry under it's present constitution I shall only say that unless it be determined, to establish Re=-gimental rise for the Company's Troops some step should be taken like that adopted by Lord Cornwallis, by which the Officers in actual charge of European Infantry Regiments and the Adjutants of those Corps received each an extra Share of Off Reckonings as a means of marking the importance of the European Battalions and rewarding the trouble required to Keep them in a high State of discipline — This Regulation was done away by the new Arrangements and as the Company's Officers continue to prefer serving in the Native Corps this circumstance in spite of every opposing effort operates effectually to prevent the Company's European Infantry from ac=-quiring that degree of discipline and res=-pectability which should ever distinguish

them

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there as British Corps. —

I have now only to request that the Board will refer to N.6 of the Returns — which accompany this Minute for the disposition made of the 13th Regiment as formed by the Orders of Government of ___ instant from the 35th and 36th Battalions as well as for the actual encrease of Strength in Rank and file, which is gained to the Establishment by that formation and by the raising two Extra Battalions. —

Circumstances fluctuate so — rapidly in this Country that even in the short period which these Opinions have taken to digest, there has been more than one change in the disposition of the Troops, however, as these changes only affect the Returns and not the principle of the Opinions, I have thought it better to mark the difference in the former than to delay any longer submitting my Sentiments. —

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Return

Return of His Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Troops on Foreign Stations — Adjutant General's Office 24th October 1798.

9 Feb.

Corps	Europeans: Officers present in India — Commissioned: Number of Companies	Colonels	Lt. Colonels	Majors	Captains	Capts. Lieuts.	Lieutenants	Lt. Fire Wks.	Adjutants	Qr. Masters	Surgeons	Mates	Staff	Sergeants	Drummers	Present sick	Effective Rank and File	Sick	Total	Natives: Effective Rank & File — Commissioned Officers &c.	Havildars	Naiques	Drummers	Present sick	Total	Grand Total
On Ceylon																										
19th Regiment Foot	10	-	2	2	7	1	20	4	1	1	1	2	53	22	788	59	847	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
80th ... ditto	10	1	2	2	7	1	18	3	1	1	1	2	52	22	665	145	810	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coast Artillery	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	2	67	4	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2nd Battalion 6th Regiment	10	-	1	-	1	1	10	1	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	22	50	20	1064	72	1136			
1st do 7th do	7	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	1	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	14	35	14	695	34	729			
1 do 9th do	7	-	-	-	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	14	35	14	736	70	805			
Malay Corps	9	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	29	47	10	505	8	513			
Gun Lascars	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	6	-	200	38	238			
Pioneers	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	226	30	256			
Total	58	1	5	4	20	4	64	9	6	2	2	6	125	46	1520	208	1728	90	179	58	3425	252	3677			
Detail of European Artillery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	26	5	31	-	-	-	-	-	-			
1st Regiment European Infantry	2	-	1	1	1	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	11	3	225	35	260	-	-	-	-	-	-			

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At Malacca

2 . . ditto . . . . ditto	2	"	"	2	"	7	"	1	"	"	"	8	7	15	4	22	176	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Battalion 1st Regiment	2	"	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6	12	4	130	13	193
Gun Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	3	"	65	4	69
Pioneers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	"	51	5	56
Total	6/2	1	1	4	"	17	"	2	"	"	"	22	16	40	5	62	468	11	16	4	296	22	318

At Amboina

Detail of European Artillery	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	4	1	22	3	25	"	"	"	"	"	"
1st Regiment European Infantry	2/2	"	"	1	"	"	1	2	1	1	"	-	10	8	220	47	267	"	"	"	"	"	"
Wirtemberg Regiment	1	"	"	"	1	"	2	"	"	"	"	-	7	4	51	12	63	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Battalion 1st Regiment	3	"	"	"	1	-	2	"	1	"	-	1	3	"	"	"	"	-	5	14	5	149	27	176
Volunteer Battalion	6	"	1	"	"	-	2	-	1	"	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	12	24	9	295	111	406
Gun Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5	3	"	92	11	103
Pioneers	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	21	3	24
Total	12/2	"	1	1	2	-	8	3	3	1	-	1	26	13	293	62	355	22	42	14	557	152	709

At Banda

Detail of European Artillery	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	1	1	12	2	14	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Regiment European Infantry	3	"	"	1	2	"	10	1	"	"	"	1	12	7	191	53	244	"	"	"	"	"	"
2nd Battalion 1st Regiment	2	"	"	1	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3	5	2	109	15	124
Gun Lascars	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	2	"	45	5	50
Pioneers	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	19	1	20
Total	5	"	"	1	3	"	13	1	"	"	"	1	13	8	203	55	258	5	8	2	173	21	194

N.B. 2 Companies of Bengal Artillery
4 Companies of Gun Lascars and
a Detachment of Bombay Native Grenadiers } On Ceylon not included }

General Abstract

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General Abstract

Encl. No. 1 to Gen.l Orders dated 30th October 1818

	Europeans	Natives
	R. & File	R. & File
Total Effectives on Ceylon	1728	3677
" at Malacca	468	318
" Amboina	365	709
" Banda	258	194
General Total	2809	4898

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Present

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Present Strength of Corps &c. in the Southern Division of the Army. —

No.	Corps	Europeans Ranks & File	Natives Rank and File
	1 Company of Artillery	71	
	Sick of the 19th Dragoons	22	
	Sick of the 12th Foot	56	
	5 Companies of the 1st Regiment European Infantry	350	
	2nd Battalion 1st Regiment 3 Companies		330
	1st ditto 2d ditto		930
	1st ditto 3d ditto		936
	2d ditto 3d ditto		930
	1st ditto 7th ditto 3 Companies		331
	1st Battalion 13th Regiment		706
	2d ditto		741
	1st Extra Native Battalion		640
	Total Effectives	499	5544
	15th Company Native Invalids		94
	16th ditto		95
	17th ditto		92
	18th ditto		93
	Total Non Effectives		374
	Three Companies of Gun Lascars		168
	Grand Total	499	686

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Present

Southern Division. —

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Present Strength of Corps &c. in the Northern Division of the Army. —

Northern Division

№ 3 Corps	Europeans Rank and File	Natives Rank and File
2d Division 2d Regiment European Infantry	384	
1st Battalion 8th Regiment	"	1149
2d ditto 8th ditto	"	1135
1st ditto 10th ditto	"	800
Bengal Marine Battalion	"	800
Total Effectives	384	3884
Captain Riddell's Revenue Corps	"	600
Captain Bonnefoi's ditto	"	624
Captain Deighton's ditto	"	557
Lieutenant Preston's ditto	"	600
Total Revenue Troops	"	2381
2d Company European Invalids	23	"
3d ditto ditto	42	"
1st Company Native Invalids		70
8th ditto ditto		69
9th ditto ditto		76
10th ditto ditto		67
11th ditto ditto		74
12th ditto ditto		77
13th ditto ditto		73
14th ditto ditto		70
Total Non Effectives	65	576
Grand Total	449	6841

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Details

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Details allotted for the following Garrisons of the Center Division in case the Troops take the Field. –

Corps		Europeans Rank and File	Natives Rank and File
Arnboor	3 Companies of the 2d. Extra Battalion	"	216
Chundergherry	1 – ditto of the 1st Batt.n 6th. Regiment		95
Vellore	2 – ditto Meuron Regiment	200	"
	3 – ditto 1st Batt.n 9th Regiment		317
	5 – ditto 2d. Extra Battalion	"	360
	Total	200	677
Arnee	Sick of the Army	200	"
	2 Companies of the 2d. Extra Batt.n	"	144
	Total	200	144
For Fort St. George Supposing the French Prisoners gone to Europe. →	29th Regiment Dragoons	318	"
	1 Company of the Meuron Regim.t	100	"
	1st Battalion 1st Regiment	"	1023
	2d. – ditto – 10th. – ditto		850
	The Madras Battalion		649
	3 Companies of Native Invalids		231
	Total	418	2753

(Signed) Geo: Harris

N.B. The 1st & 2d Battalions 4th Regiment and the 1st Battalion 5th Regiment, are allotted for the Baramahal, which furnishes therefrom 100 Men for Tiagar. →

Statement

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Corps	R. & F.	Total	Stations
19th Regiment Light Dragoons	386		Mount
25th	351	737	Arcot
1st Regiment Native Cavalry	370		Conatore
2d	395		Arcot
3rd	330		Vellout
4th	394	1489	Chittoor
Total Cavalry		2226	
1st Battalion Artillery	145		Arnee
2d	268		Mount
Total Artillery		413	
12th Regiment Foot	609		Arnee
33d	700		Fort St. George
73d	777		Pomamallee
74th	743		Wallajahbad
of the Swiss Regiment	400		Vellore & Tripasore
Total European Infantry		3229	
2d Battalion 5 Regiment	976		Arnee
1st 6th 9th Companies	855		Arnboor
2d 1st 9th	300		Wallajahbad
1st 12th	716		Pondicherry
2d 12	925		Vellore
Total Native Infantry		4272	
Gun Lascars	1205		Mount & Arnee
Pioneers	525		Arnee & Paramahal
Total Gun Lascars & Pioneers		1730	

Abstract	R. & F.
Cavalry	2226
Artillery	413
European Infantry	3229
Native Infantry	4272
Total Fighting Men	10,140
Lascars and Pioneers	1730
Grand Total	11,870

NB. Orders being issued for forming the 35th & 36th Battalions into a Native Regiment and for raising two Extra Battalions it is proposed that the 2d Battalion 3d Regiment at Trichinopoly, shall be added to the above force.—

(Signed) Geo: Harris

Statement

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Statement of the Addition made to the Establishment by the late formation of the 13th Regiment and the raising of the two Extra Battalions -->

The 35th Battalion	544 Privates	
	40 Naigues	
	160 Additional Privates	
	744	
The 36th. Battalion	744	
Total	1488	
The 1st Battalion 13a. Regiment	950 Rank and File	
	200 Additionals	
	1150	
The 2d. Batt. 13a Regiment	1150	
Total 13a Regiment	2300	
Total 35a & 36th Battalions	1488	
increase by forming the 13a Regiment	812	

Supposing the Additionals furnished as Drafts for the 1st. and 2d. Extra Battalions to be replaced - Increase by the formation of these two Corps Rank and File ---------- 1340

Increase by the 13a Regiment	812
Ditto by the two Extra Battalions	1340
General Total	2152

But as no directions have been yet given for replacing the Additionals furnished as Drafts for the two Extra Battalions or for Completing these two Battalions with additionals - perhaps an Order of Government to this effect should be issued without delay -->

13. Stations
1st. Bn. 13th Reg. - Trichinopoly
2d. do. 13th do. - Tanjore
1st Extra Batt. - Trichinopoly
2d. Extra Batt. - Vellore -->

(Signed) Geo. Harris

Return

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Return of Brass Guns with Carriages, Limbers, Tumbrils &c Complete, are held in readiness for Field Service at the undermentioned Stations — Viz.t —

	18 Pr.	12 Pr.	6 Pr.	5½ Howr.	3 Pr. Cavalry Guns	Total
Mount						
Wallajabad	2	4	12	2	4	24
Arnee	"	2	6	"	"	8
	"	2	6	"	"	8
Total	2	8	24	2	4	40

Fort St. George
Military Board
Office
29th October 1798. —

(Signed) Fred: Pierce
Sec.y Mil.t Board

Minute thereon — Ordered that the fore=going Minute be sent in Circulation.

Commander in Chief's Minute proposing the plan of a Com=mittee of in=vestigation, in consequence of the Orders of the Supreme Govern=ment for the reduction of expences. —

The Commander in Chief begs to acquaint the Right Honorable the President in Council that as a Committee of the Military Board consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Auditor General and Adjutant General have in consequence of Govern=ment's letter of the 2d August 1797 made good

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good progress in an investigation on the nature of the Expences of each Fort, Garrison, and Cantonment in the Carnatic, as well to the practicability of curtailing any part of that heavy Expenditure, without injury to the Service, the Commander in Chief is desirous that the said Committee may be joined with him in the investigation, which the Right Honorable the President in Council have requested him to undertake in consequence of the directions from the Supreme Government in their letter of the 6th of August 1798.—

Ordered in compliance with the request of the Commander in Chief that the Committee of the Military Board be associated with him.—

Minute thereon.

Read

6556. Fort St. George 30th October 1798

Read the following letter
from the Peishwa (entered also in C. C. No. 145

Translation of a Letter

From * Bajee Raow Raghoonath Mooky pordhan of Rajah
Sahoo Nrpuntee Hersh Needhan

To the Right Honble Lord Clive Governor of
Fort St. George

Without date
Received 26th. October 1798

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* The Peishwa

From the Peishwa - acknowledging the receipt of the intimation sent to him of Lord Clive's arrival -

I have the satisfaction to acknowledge the receipt of your friendly Letter informing me of your arrival at Madras - of your having taken charge of that Government, according to the appointment of the Honorable Court of Directors and with the approbation of the King of Great Britain; - and that in performing the duties intrusted to you, it would be

your

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your study to maintain the friendship esta-
-blished between our respective States —
Your appointment to this trust is very
proper and is matter of satisfaction to me:
It is unnecessary to expatiate on the
friendship and good understanding esta-
-blished between this illustrious Sirkar,
and that of the Honorable Company; but
I am confident that you will exert your-
-self in every way that may be productive
of the daily increase of the Amity and
concord subsisting between both the
great States. —

Make me happy by
frequent intelligence of your welfare —

What more should be written

A true translate

(Signed) A. Falconar
Pr. P. to Govt.

Read

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Read the following letters

from the Governor of Ceylon. —

Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

My Lord,

From the Governor of Ceylon requests that the Paymaster of Ceylon may be permitted to draw Bills on this Presidency

As the Distance between this Government and Calcutta must oc=
=casion very considerable Delay in e=
=forming Arrangements for supplying the
Exigencies of this Island, I am under
the necessity of requesting your Lord=
=ship to allow the Military Paymasters
in Ceylon to continue to draw Bills on
your Paymaster General for such Sums
as may be required for their Disburse=
=ments, till the Pleasure of the Supreme
Government on that Subject may be

made

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made known to us.—

I have the honor to be,

Colombo
15th October 1798.—

&c.— — — &c.

(Signed) Frederic North

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
President in Council &c.— &c.— &c.

My Lord,

From Br. Gl. De Meuron has communicated to me the orders issued to him by your Government under date of the 4th of this month, desiring that the three Companies of the First European Regiment now stationed at Pointe de Galle may be drawn to Columbo for the purpose of being embarked for Tutacorin; although the Departure of these Troops will reduce the Defence of Galle to Four Companies of Seapoys, and although the present weak state of the

He has received intimation of the orders of Government to withdraw the three Companies of 1st European Regiment from Point de Galle—

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the Garrison of Columbo will not allow any Detachment whatever to be made from thence, yet as I conclude that your Lordship has very strong Reasons for requiring this further Diminution of the Force in the Island, I shall forthwith authorize the Removal of these Troops from Galle, and will direct their Embarkation with all possible speed. —

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

(Signed) Frederic North

Columbo
16th October 1798. —

Minute thereon —

Agreed to inform Mr. North that the Board will have much pleasure in complying with his request that the paymasters on Ceylon should continue to draw bills on the Military Paymaster

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Paymaster General at this Presidency &
until the determination of the Supreme
Government can be known; and that they
are sensible of his compliance with their
wishes in ordering the Companies from
Galle, a measure to which this Board
would not have had recourse without
urgent necessity. —

Read the following
letters from the Military Board. —

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

From the Military Board - recommend an advance of Pag.s 15096:3:50 to the Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore - recommend that Govd. Floyd's estimates for repairs to Trichenopoly No.3. 4, and 5 be complied with; as also his estimates for repairs at Tanjore No.1, 2 & 3 also recommend the payment of Pagodas 22.33.21 for making of two Buttresses. —

My Lord,

1st We have to acknowledge the
receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbe's several &
Letters under date the 18th and 20th instant,
with enclosures. —

2nd In consequence of an applic-
cation to our Board from the Garrison
Storekeeper

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

From the Military Board - recommend an advance of Pay. 15096:3:50 to the Garrison Storekeeper at Tanjore - recommend that Gerard Floyd's estimates for repairs to Trichinopoly N.S. 4, and 5 be complied with; as also his estimates for repairs at Tanjore N.s. 1, 2 & 3 also recommend the payment of Pagodas 22.33.21 for making of two Buttresses. —

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Storekeeper of Tanjore for an advance of Pagodas 15,096 " 8 " 50, on account of Grain, and Provision Stores, which he has been ordered to provide at that Station, We recommend that such Advance of Cash be made to him accordingly. —

3°. Having taken into consideration Major General Floyd's Letter, and of Estimates which accompanied it, referred to our examination, and report, with Government's Letter of the 10th instant, and it appearing to us that an immediate performance of the several Repairs proposed, as well at Trichinopoly, as at Tanjore, is extremely necessary, We recommend that the same be authorized upon the Estimates No. 1, 2, and 3, for those at Trichinopoly, and upon Estimates No. 3, 4, and 5, for those at Tanjore, also, that payment be ordered of the Charge for adding two Buttresses

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Buttresses to support the interior revet=
=ment of the Rampart of the large Fort of
Tanjore, according to the Estimate thereof,
No. 2, amounting to Pagodas 22.33.21-

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
23d October 1798. (Signed)

&c &c &c
Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
By Close
J. Richardson

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

My Lord,

1st We have the honor to
report to your Lordship that in obe=
=dience to the instructions of Govern=
=ment contained in Mr. Secretary Webbe's
Letter under date the 24th instant, the
necessary

From Ditto-intimating that measures have been taken for forwarding to Vellore such parts of the battering train as are in readiness - recommend that a supply of salt provisions

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provisions be sent to Trincomalee recommend a further advance of Cash on account of the buildings at Innaundah- recommend the Sale of the Grain at Trincomaly in Store for 3d Regiment N. C. and 19th Dragoons- recommend the appointment of a Conductor of Ordnance at Wala-jahbad- recommend that the Indent from the Agent for Cattle (for October) amounting to 12500 Pag: be complied with- enclose copy of a letter from the Agent of Supplies to 3d Regiment N. C stating the difficulties he experiences in procuring Grain state that a supply has been ordered for him- enclose an estimate for Repairs to be made on the Granary at Samulcotah which they recommend

necessary measures have been adopted for forwarding without delay from the Presidency to Vellore such part of the Battering Train as may be in readiness to move together with a proportion of Shot to the extent that Carriage can be furnished for its conveyance by the principal Agent for Draft and Carriage, Cattle, also, for those Guns being accompanied, and aided in their progress, to Vellore by a Detail of Pioneers, and that the requisite communication respecting them has been made to Colonel Sale.—

2nd. The Commissary of Provisions at Trincomalee having represented to us that the Salt Provisions remaining in Store there is sufficient to last only one Month, We beg leave

in

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recommend to be authorized recommend an advance of 3000 Pagodas to Mr. Webb on account of Articles wanted for the battering train recommend an allowance of 30 Pagodas per Month for Writers to the President of the Committee appointed to take an account of the Stores remaining in the Arsenal recommend that a Bill for Pagodas 1773.15.48 from the Gun Carriage Contractors be discharged.

in consequence, to submit, whether it may not be expedient to forward thither by the earliest Sea Conveyance a full allowance of that Article for three of Months for the European Troops of the Garrison, which requiring to be issued only twice a Week, will be equal to about Nine Months consumption.

3rd. It appearing by the Report of a Committee of Survey held upon the Repairs &c. carrying on at Innecondah that those Works are in a sufficient State of forwardness to require a second advance of Cash, We recommend that payment of Pagodas 250 be accordingly authorized on that account to Captain Lieutenant Blair.

In

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4th In consequence of a com=
=munication from Major General Floyd
to our Board, stating that Weevels have
got into the Gram which was left by the
3rd Regiment Native Cavalry at Trit=
=chinopoly; We recommend that authority
be granted for the immediate Sale of
thereof, as well as, of the quantity of
that Article belonging to His Majesty's
19th Dragoons at the same Station,
in such manner as Major General
Floyd may be of opinion will prove
most beneficial to the Public. —

5th The immediate care of the
Ordnance, and Meletary Stores, at
the Cantonment of Wallajanbad, appear=
=ing to us to require the constant
attention of an Ordnance Officer, We
are induced to suggest to your Lordship
the necessity of a Conductor of Ordnance

being

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being appointed to that Station. —

6th We do ourselves the honor to lay before your Lordship an Indent for Cash required in the Department of princi= -cipal Agent for Draft, and Carriage of Cattle, for the present Month, amounting to Pagodas 12,500 — and to recommend that a compliance therewith be authorized

7th We consider it our Duty to submit for your Lordship's information, the accompanying Copy of Letter from the Agent for Supplies to the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry at Vellour, and to state that, with a view of preventing that Corps from suffering under an entire want of Grain, We have given directions for five Gorces being forwarded to it without delay; from the quantity in Store with each of the Cavalry Regiments

at

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at Arcot. —

8th. Under the consideration that the performance at present of the Repairs to the Granary at Sonnaleottah; for which the accompanying Estimate has been prepared, will prevent a more considerable expence being incurred hereafter on that account, We beg leave to recommend that the execution of such Work be accordingly authorized. —

9th. It having been found necessary towards the equipment of the Battering Train to Indent upon the Agent of Supply for various Articles, the expence of which is Estimated at above six thousand Pagodas, and the circumstances of the Service requiring that no delay should occur in the provision of those Articles, We recommend that

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that an Advance of three thousand (3000) Pagodas be accordingly authorized to Mr. Webb on that account. —

10th — The President of the Com=
=mittee of Officers appointed by Govern=
=ment to take the account remains of Ordnance, and Military Stores, in the Arsenal of Fort St. George, having &c. requested that he may be permitted to draw the Sum of thirty (30) Pagodas on account of Writers, whom the Com=
=mittee have been under the necessity of employing during the performance of that Duty, and it appearing to us that such Charge is very moderate, We ac=
=cordingly recommend that payment of the same be ordered. —

The

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11. The several Articles of Military Store which are included in the accompanying Bill of the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors, amounting to Pagodas 1773-15-48 having been found, on examination by a Committee of Our Board, to be in all respects fit for the Service, We recommend that the Bill be accordingly discharged. —

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

Fort St. George
26th October 1798. —

(Signed) Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
I. Richardson
B.Y. Close

To

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Fort St. George 30th October 1798

To Captain Pierce

Secretary Military Board

Sir,

I have the honor to ac-
-quaint you, that as there is not at
present any Grain of a good Quality to
be purchased in the Madras Market
for the use of the Regiment, or at least
the Merchants will not sell it, if there
is, I therefore beg leave to request that
the Board will be pleased to order a
Supply of ten Garces to be furnished by
the nearest Cavalry Station, with as
little delay as possible - for at this par-
-ticular Season of the year, when it is
so exceedingly difficult to procure Grain
in the Country in large Quantities -

the

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the Bullocks allotted for the use of the Regiment have so great a distance to go for it, that they cannot make above three trips in two Months - and which is by no means equal to the consumption of the Corps, without assistance from the Madras Market, besides at this time of the year they will be liable to be detained on the road for days together by the approaching Monsoon. —

I have the honor to be,

Velloor
23d October 1798. —

&c. — — &c.

(Signed) Willm Macgregor
A.C.G. 3d Regt N.C.

A true Copy
Fred: Pierce
Secretary Mily Board.

Estimate

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Estimate for the Repair of the Granary of Samul Cottah namely covering the whole with a New Roof in Palmyrah Rafter, Palmyrah reapers, Slat and pan-Tiles with Chunam Borders, repairing Walls with Plaister and new Doors and Windows. —

Bricklayers Work

Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters, Palmyrah reapers Slat and pan-Tiles with Chunam borders Sqr. 24½ at S. P. 3. 25 per Square	88. 3. 40	
Plastering with one Coat of Chunam Squares 5½ at 28 Fanams per Square	3. 28. -	
Total Bricklayer's Work		91 31. 40

Carpenter's Work

Two new Country Wood Doors with Hinges and Fastenings Sqre. feet 48 at 6 Fan. per Square foot	6. 36. -	
Three new Country Wood Windows with Hinges and Fastenings Sqre. feet 36 at 6 Fan. per Square foot	5. 6. -	
Four Country Wood Beams worked and roughet for tops of Door ways there being no Arches turned over	2. - . -	
Total Carpenter's Work		14. - . -

Abstract

Brickayer's Work	91. 31. 40
Carpenter's Work	14. - . -
Total	105 31. 40
Deduct for old pan-Tiles which will again work up	12. - . -
Total expenditure required	93. 31. 40

(Signed) J. Caldwell
Capt. Lt. of Engineers

(Signed) P. Ross

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

Masulipatam
September 7th 1798. —

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Minute thereon

The Board approve the several recommendations of the Milit=ary Board for repairs and advances of Cash: ordered therefore that they be authorized. —

Read the following letters from the Military Auditor General. —

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St George

My Lord.

From the Military Auditor General enclosing a Draft of General Orders requiring Paymasters to forward with their Accounts, detailed Statements of the Kings Troops who may in the course of each month draw provisions.

Considerable difficulty having occurred in auditing the Ac=counts of His Majestys Regiments serving on the Coast and on the Island of Ceylon, from this office not having been furnished at the same time that the Pay abstracts are transmitted, with a detailed Voucher from the Commissaries

and

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and Garrison Storekeepers, of the Number of Non Commissioned Officers and privates to whom Provisions may have been served in the course of the preceding Month, and from whose Pay a Deduction is to be made on that account as directed by His Majesty's Warrant under date the 5th July 1797, I beg leave to submit to your Lordship the enclosed Draft of a General Order particularizing the information to be given to the Regimental Paymasters of His Majesty's, and to the Commanding Officers of the Honorable Company's Corps, in order that no impediment may arise in auditing their respective abstracts in future. —

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c. — — &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
M. G. Audr. Genl

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St George
24th October 1798. —

ordered

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Minute thereon. Ordered that the above mentioned regulation be published in General Orders

Read the following Letter from the Military Auditor General

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Report of the Military Paymaster General on the additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for October

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbs Letter of the 27th Instant, with an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the present Month, amounting to Twenty Two thousand, four hundred, and thirty three Pagodas, Two Fanams and Sixty Cash (Pagodas 22,433-2-60) which appears admissible and may therefore be issued from the General Treasury

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Treasury, being required to discharge the advances ordered to be made to the Garrison Storekeeper of Fort St. George for Provisions shipped on the Busbridge for the use of the 36th Regiment, and to the Principal Agent for Draft and Carriage Bullocks, agreeably to Mr Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 24th Instant, and for the payment of a Bill on account of Repairs executed under Captain Lieutenant Wood's Superintendence at Arnboor passed in my office on the 19th July last in consequence of the Authority of Government.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
&c &c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Aud. Genl

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George
29th October 1798.

Ordered

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

Ordered that an advance of Twenty Two thousand four hundred and thirty three Pagodas, Two Fanams and Sixty Cash (Pagodas 22,433. 2. 60) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 27th. Instant. —

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council.

Fort St. George

My Lord,

Report of the Military Auditor General on the general Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for November—

Having examined the Military Paymasters General's Estimate for the Month of November 1798, I have the honor to report that the Sum of Two Lacks, Sixty five thousand Nine hundred and Eighty Pagodas, Twenty Six Fanams and Eight Cash (Pagodas 2,65,980 . 26 . 8) is required for the payment

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payment of such Military Charges as become due on the first of the ensuing Month. —

From the Treasury at the
Presidency — — — — 183,935.36.43

By Bills on the Military
Paymaster General — — 82,044.31.45

Pag. 265,980.26.8

2 From the Estimate of the Military Paymaster at Innecondah has been deducted Ten Pagodas, Four Fanams and Sixteen Cash (Pagodas 10.4.16) being an Error in the Addition. —

3 In the Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements from the Trichinopoly Pay office dated the 1st Instant a Balance of Cash is stated, equal to Nineteen Thousand, Two hundred and Eighty four Pagodas, Twenty Fanams and Seventeen Cash

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Cash (Pagodas 19,284 . 20 - 17) which not having been deducted from the Paymasters Estimate, I have therefore corrected the omission by not including it in the gross Sum herein reported upon. —

4 The Amount of the Estimate of the Paymaster at Columbo Viz.t Thirty nine thousand, three hundred Pagodas (39,300) has not been included as the Balance of Cash stated in his abstract of Receipts and Disbursements for September last and dated the 1st Instant considerably exceeds that Sum. —

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

Military Auditor
Generals Office
Fort St. George
30th October 1798. — (Signed) W. Sydenham
Military Audr General

Ordered

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

Ordered also that the Sum of One Lack, Eighty three thousand Nine hundred and thirty five Pagodas, Thirty Six Fanams and forty three Cash (Pagodas 1,83,935.36.43) be advanced from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General, on account of his estimated disbursements for the ensuing Month.

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

Resolutions of Government in Council 30th October 1798.

Medical Board 29th October 1798

Understanding that Mr. Ogilvie, Surgeon at Vizagapatam, has not

From the Medical Board recommend Mr. Boswell to succeed Mr. Ogilvie at Vizagapatam recommend that Mr. Gilmour be made full Surgeon and

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and appointed to 13 Regiment N. I. recommend Mr Patton to be appointed to the Garrison of Tuticorin and Store Keeper accompanies, enclose a letter regarding Sub Assistant Surgeon Pattersons family.

not been able for several Months past to attend to the duties of his Station, so carefully as he could have wished, on account of his ill state of Health which he thinks will ultimately oblige him to return to Europe, we recommend that Mr Alexander Boswell may be appointed Surgeon to the Garrison of Vizagapatam, on his return.

Approved. —

There being a vacancy for a Full Surgeon, in consequence of the formation of the 13th Regiment Native Infantry

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Approved

Infantry; we recommend that Mr. James Gilmour, the Senior Assistant, be promoted to the Rank of Surgeon, and appointed to do duty with that Corps. And that Mr. John Dalton, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty in the Garrisons of Seagar and Attore in the room of Mr. Gilmour. —

Approved. —

We recommend that Mr. Henry Rose, Assistant Surgeon, be appointed to do duty at Vellore (vice Dalton) Mr. William Ingledew to act with the Pioneers, vice

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vice Wise) and Mr.
David Scott to be ap-
-pointed to the 2d Regi-
-ment Native Cavalry (
vice Mackintosh) -

Mr Watson, Hospl
Surgeon at Vellore, &
having reported the
death of Thomas Pat-
-terson, Asst Assistant
Surgeon; and repre-
-sented the distressed
situation of his Family,
we beg leave to enclose
an extract from his
letter which we recom-
-mend to the favorable
consideration of Govern-
-ment. --

(Signed) Jas. Anderson
Physician Genl.
Wm. Kerr
Chief Surgeon

Extract

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Extract of a Letter from Mr. Watson, Head Surgeon, at Vellore — Dated 14th October 1798.

By my Letter of the 5th Instant you would be informed of the dangerous Situation of Mr. Patterson, Sen.r Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Medical Stores here. — He did not survive the date of that above four days, and having died in debt, has left a Widow, and Two Sons, totally destitute of the means of subsistance; — so much so, that I felt myself under the necessity of defraying his funeral Charges, and of advancing Money for the maintenance of his Wife and Children. —

The eldest Boy is about five years old, and appears to me a fit object

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object for the Asylum, to which I should imagine he has a just claim, his Father having served the Company 18 years; and tho' in the low situation of Sub. Assistant, he has been both born and educated as a Gentleman. I have therefore to request, Gentlemen that you will take such measure as may seem to you best to procure the admission of Mr. Patterson's eldest Son into the Male Asylum - and I must further call your attention to the situation of his Widow and her youngest Child, now at the breast, - they are really objects of Charity and Compassion; and as such, I confidently trust you will recommend to Government that such a Pension as you might judge proper should be granted them. -

A true Extract

(Signed) V. Conolly
Secy M.B.

Read

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Read the following letter from Colonel James Stevenson delivered in by the Commander in Chief. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive Governor and President &c. &c. &c.

My Lord.

From Colonel J. Stevenson — stating his claims to the Command of the Native Cavalry. — —

I should have done myself the honor of laying my claims for the Command of the Native Cavalry before you at an earlier period, if I had not been advised to wait for the late dispatches from Europe, supposing they might bring some orders relating to that subject. — —

On my arrival in India I found myself the Senior officer of the Native Cavalry, and agreeable to the Customs of Service, hoped to be appointed to take charge of the Corps, as has been practised in the other Branches

of

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of the Army, but to my great Disappoint=
=ment I found on my arrival, that it
had already been decided against me,
in consequence of the application of
Lieutenant Colonel Pater, and the only
reason assigned by Government at that
period, is contained in the following
Extract. —

"The Orders of the Company
provide only for an Officer of the Rank
of Colonel and having no Regiment to
be appointed to that charge, —

"No allowances are given for
any other Person, and therefore whilst the
appointment could not operate to your
advantage, your attention would necef
=sarely be drawn from the particular
Duties of your own Corps, without any
adequate benefit resulting to the Service

at

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at large." —

I do not presume, My Lords to oppose my opinion to such high Authority, but hope you will pardon me, if I employ such arguments as a change of circumstances enables me to bring forward in support of my claims. —

The appointment of a Colonel Commandant of a Corps of Cavalry may be considered in the same point of view as the Commandant of any other Brigade or division of the Army, and ites the general System of Service that in the absence of the Commandant the next Officer in Rank succeeds to all the honors and authority, that the Commandant was invested with, althi not to the same pay and allowances. He is attended by the same Staff, and receives

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the same reports, and returns. This is the general rule of Service, altho' the Officer who succeeds should not hold any specific rank, but since the objections above alluded to, was made, to Lieutenant Colonel Pater's succession, two Officers have been promoted to the Rank of Colonel. —

I have here to observe that the Commandant of Cavalry is placed in a very singular, and I believe unprecedented situation by being deprived of the Command of his Regement, in consequence of being promoted to the Command of a Corps or Brigade. —

Whatever may have been the cause of such regulation for the Commandant (who is the only Officer of Native Cavalry entitled to a dividend

of

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of Off Reckonings) it would be a great
hardship on the Officer succeeding to the
temporary Command to be deprived of
his regimental allowances, without any
recompence, except 125 Pagodas a Month
established allowance.—

Altho' no allowances are
specified for the Officer who succeeds to
the temporary Command it may very
reasonably be supposed that the esta-
-blished allowance is intended for the
Senior Officer of the Corps or Brigade;
but if that is not the case and he
should be deprived of every pecuniary
advantage, there are other advantages
very valuable to a Military Man,
who is always in pursuit of advance-
-ment and encrease of Command and
I hope it will not be concluded that

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the discipline of my own Corps should
suffer or that I would pay less attention
to that, than the other Regiments of
the Brigade, if the whole was put under
my Command. —

I have taken the liberty
of using such arguments as appear
to be best calculated for removing the
objection made on a former occasion
to a regular succession in the Corps
of Native Cavalry; but I place my
chief dependance, My Lord, on the
general Customs and usages of all
Armies, which admits of a succes-
sion from the highest to the lowest
rank of Commissioned officers in
the absence of their Superiors, and I
humbly hope your Lordship will
take my Claim into consideration
and

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and appoint me to the Station that my
Rank, and the absence of my Senior
Officer gives me pretensions to. —

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

21st October 1798. —

(Signed) J. Stevenson
Colonel of Cavalry

Minute thereon

Agreed to inform Colonel
Stevenson, that if the Board's considera-
tion of the existing Orders for the
formation of the Army concurred in
the necessity of appointing a Commandant
of Cavalry during the absence of Major
General Campbell, or of personal con-
siderations could weigh with them on
such an occasion, they would feel
much pleasure in forming the Arrange-
ment under the present circumstances

of

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of the Corps and in compliance with
his request. —

Read the following
letters from the Commandant at
Malacca. —

Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government

Sir,

From the Commandt. at Malacca enclosing different papers regarding the finances &c. of that Garrison —

For the information of
the Honorable the President in Council,
I beg leave to communicate to you,
that the Cash (20,000 Dollars) by
the Sylph, as also the 20,000 Rupees
received from Captain Rowley, have
been found inadequate to discharge
the expences of the Garrisons and
at the same time liquidate the
Arrears of the Dutch Servants —
The above supplies enabled me to

relieve

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relieve the wants of the latter in a very small degree indeed, by giving them Pay for January only, so that they are in Arrears for February, March, April, May, and June - their situation being very distressing, as the accompanying Letter from Mr. Thiecoms, the Senior Servant, evinces, I endeavoured to afford them Relief, by applying (as I had done on a former occasion, which I communicated to you on the 13th December) to the Administrators of the Orphan Fund to make a further Advance of Cash, on the same terms as then, for the use of the Madras Government and to be appropriated solely for paying the Dutch Servants; their Answer I herewith transmit.

Permit me, Sir, to request you would be pleased to suggest to the Honorable

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Honorable the President in Council the
expediency of transmitting by an early
opportunity a supply of Cash for the
use of this Garrison, as I have been
reduced to the necessity of recommending
to the Paymaster to issue only this Month
half the Amount of the Pay Abstracts -
and in future our resources will be
entirely confined to the Monthly Revenues
- amounting in Toto to 4090 Dollars,
which are totally inadequate for the
purpose, as the monthly charges
(exclusive of the Paymasters and Com-
-missary of Provisions &c. Departments)
exceed 10,600 Dollars. -

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

Malacca
22d July 1798. -

(Signed) D. Campbell
Lieutenant Col Comm.

To

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To the Honble David Campbell

Colonel and Commander of this Place--

Honble Sir,

The Servants of the Dutch Company, who remained here, after the taking of the Government, have, through the Medium of my Address to your Honour in November 1797, most lamentably communicated their great distress, caused by not having received regular pay, granted to them by Madras Government, the only means they had to live upon. -- I have requested your Honour would consider their unfortunate Situation and try means for their four Months Arrears and likewise for their future Monthly Subsistence -- In that case your Honour had the Goodness, reflecting upon their distress,

to

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to pay off not only their Arrears, but
also the allowances for December and
January ultimo. —

That since those Servants
have received no pay for the Months
February, March, April and May last.
and of course, their most general want
becoming more severe, I must apply
to your Honour a second time for their
Relief. —

The motives, which I
then have stated — and the promises
of Admiral Peter Rainier with respect
to a regular monthly payment, I will,
for Brevities Sake, here not repeat, but
reiterate my Request, Leo for myself, as
for the other privileged — Good in Ex-
pectation of your Honours just &

Consideration

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Consideration, I have the Honour to be,
with great respect,
&c.a — — — &c.a

(Signed) J. Thierens

Malacca
18th. June 1798. —

Translated from the Dutch
(Signed) J. C. Beggle
Interpr.

To the Honble David Campbell
Lieutenant Colonel Commanding the Fort
and Town

Honble Sir,

The President of Our College
communicated to us this forenoon your
Honours Message sent by Mr. Beggle,
that, whereas your Honours present
Stock of Money could not reach to pay off
to the Dutch Servants here, the Arrears
for the Months February, March, April,
and May ultimo, your Honour had to
propose to us another Loan from the
Orphan

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Orphan Fund, of so much Cash as the
Rolls of the said four Months did come to-
- upon the same conditions and terms
as took place in December 1797, on ac-
-count of the Honorable Madras Govern-
-ment to be repaid as soon a sufficient
Stock of Cash would arrive. —

The Administrators of
the Orphan Fund have the Honour
to answer, that Since they were no
more than temporary Administrators
over the Orphan Treasure, they found
great grievances to comply with your
Honour's desire with regard to another
Loan. — We are with great respect
&c &c

(Signed) D. Redlee
M. Killiam
C. M. De Groot
G. L. Velge
J. S. Wiederholt
J. Rock &
J. Jr. Pavenarius

Malacca
5th June 1798.

Translated from the Dutch
(Signed) J. P. Begyle
Interpr. Jos

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Letter from Mr. Buchan Paymaster accompanied by the Surgeon's Certificate, soliciting my Sanction to his proceeding to the Coast for the benefit of his health by the opportunity of the Sylph, which now offers — I have been the more readily induced to comply with Mr. Buchan's wish from a conviction that no inconvenience will result to the publick Service by his absence in the selection she has made of Captain Farquhar to manage the business of the office —

I have the honor to be,

&c — — &c

D. Campbell

Lieut. Col. Comm.g

From Ditto - Ditto intimating that he had given the Paymaster of that Garrison his sanction for returning to the Coast. —

Malacca

12th August 1798.

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To Lieutenant Colo. Campbell

&c. &c. &c.

Malacca

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you a Certificate from Dr. Harris, stating the necessity of my returning to the Coast for the recovery of my health - Permit me therefore to request your sanction to my leaving this place by the opportunity that now offers - I shall be answerable that matters shall be so arranged, as that no inconvenience will result to the public Service by my absence. -

I have the honor to be

Malacca

12th August 1798. -

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Buchan.

This

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This is to Certify that I have recommended it to Mr. G. Buchan to avail himself of the earliest opportunity to try the effect of change of Climate to the air of the Coast; in consequence of the repeated attacks of aguish and obstructed Symptoms under which he has from time to time laboured. —

(Signed) Henry Harris
M. D. and Surgeon to the Garrison of Malacca

Malacca
August 3d 1798. —

Ordered to lie on the Table. —

To lie on the Table. —

Read the following letters from Major General Braithwaite and the Collector at Cuddalore. —

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

On my return home from the visit I had the honor to pay to your Lordship this day, I found the enclosed Letters had come for me from Pondecherry by this days post, as they relate altogether to the same subject with those which I received by the Post of yesterday and the day before, and which your Lordship permitted me to deliver into your hands to day, I lose no time in forwarding these to your Lordship, lest Mons.r Caillaud should think his communication had been purposely delayed, while those of the President and the Council

From Commandant at Pondicherry enclosing different papers respecting the apology to be made by M.r Caillaud to the Superior Council and respecting the succession to M.r Calliers estate.

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Council had been by partiality delivered
to your Lordship without any delay. —

The two lines on the second
side of Monsr Caillaud's Letter to me &
relate to a Letter I had written to that
Gentleman on the 11th instant, Copy of &
which I enclose. —

I had previous to your &
Lordship's decision on the disagreement
between Monsr Caillaud and the Council,
received a Letter, requesting that he &
might be permitted to resign his Employ
on account of an infirmity in his eyes,
which rendered him utterly unfit for
business; and also requesting that he
might have a passage on one of the &
Honorable Company's Ships, but as I
conceived this might have been an
hasty

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hasty resolution which he might be
sorry for when your Lordship's decision
in Council should be made known to
him, I was desirous of a pretence to
give him an opportunity to reconsider
the Subject. —

I have the honor to be.
with great respect.

Madras
19th September 1798. —

&c &c &c

(Signed) John Braithwaite

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir.

You will without doubt
ere this reaches you have heard of the
loss we experienced yesterday Evening in
General Chermont after about thirty
hours illness: I am so much affected at
it

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st, that I have hardly strength enough to dwell on so distressing a Subject. —

I have communicated to M. Caillaud the Contents of the letter, which you did me the honor to write me on the 8th Instant, as well as of that from the Government, which accompanied it. he is in consequence to attend the Council tomorrow to make his apology — It appears that Government have thrown the entire blame on the Council, who certainly do not merit such a charge, and they think me capable of having another dismissed from Office by sinister means. I am extremely sorry that they should entertain so unfavorable an opinion of me, after which I ought to retire into obscurity. I have done all the good in my power

for

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for the Council, I can do so no longer.
it is therefore the duty of an honest
man to retire - I will not enter into
a full detail of the letter from Govern-
ment, but I will say that had they
paid attention to the Edict of the late
King Louis 16th of the 3d. February 1776.
they would have seen that the Attorney
General is not subject to the interior
discipline of the Council. It would
be subversive of every principle of
French jurisprudence, were we to
to subject the Attorney General to the
Law which is expressly made for
the Counsellors. He is in quality of
Attorney General appointed to see them
carried into Execution, to prefer the
Censures which may be issued and

to

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to execute the Judgement which may ensue therefrom, as well as of every thing that passes in the Council; I can prove all this with the Act in my hand - but Mr. Caillaud has never known the proper duty of an Attorney General. —

I am with respect.

&c. — — &c.

Pondicherry
14th. September 1798. — (Signed) Mottet

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

To Major General Brathwaite
Commanding at
Pondicherry

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith two Arrêts of the Court with a letter to the Right Honorable &
Governor

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Governor in Council, relative to Mr.
Caulland. He came this Morning to
the Council, and having made some
frivolous observations on the Cussings
on which he came, asserted that the
Letter from Government had been im-
=properly interpreted and that now it
was no longer the question to make
an Excuse, but an apology for his
Conduct - He was immediately af-
=sured in answer to this, that no
apology was demanded of him, and
that if he could prove that it had
been improperly interpreted, the Council
would in future be satisfied with
whatever he might do. He immediately
demanded that the letter from Govern-
=ment should be read in Court, where
he would also make the apology which

he

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he should think proper – This appeared so extraordinary, that we immediately observed to him that, by his letter to the President, which was then on the Table he himself proposed to make it in the Chamber of Deliberations, he said that since that he had reflected further on the subject, and that from particular reasons he had determined to act in the manner he did.– We without hesitation said in answer that we should think we acted contrary to the Express orders of Government were we to acquiesce in his demand – If you will not, replied he, I shall retire – and he accordingly retired – This really, Sir, is what passed on the occasion – I have no doubt, that Mr. Caillaud, will again be reporting untruths to you and tho we shall always be exposed to the malicious representations

of

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of the Attorney General; on this account
I conjure you, Sir, to grant me my liberty-
I have been informed that he wishes
to proceed to Europe, on account of ill-
of a sight, and that he has even taken
his passage on board of a Hamburgh
Ship - He has held an assembly at
his house, in which the Resolutions
of Government were freely canvassed -
it was composed of Gardelle Boitrous
and others of that stamp - I have not
the least doubt but that it was here
that it was proposed to have the letter
from Government read in public;
and most likely at the same time to
say something that should be dis-
-agreeable to the Members of the C.
Council - I have been Sir overwhelmed
with grief ever since your departure,

and

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and the death of General Chermont has only served to fill up the measure of my misfortunes, I am incapable of any thing further than to express to you how sensible I am of the many Kindnesses you have shewn me and to entreat that you will continue to shew it by permitting me to retire from the Council.-

I am, with respect.

&c. — &c.

Pondichery
15th. September 1798. — (Signed) Mollet

P.S. I send herewith the letter which M. Caillaud wrote me the 12th of this Month. —

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

The

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

&c &c &c

My Lord,

We have the honor to forward to you accompanying the two Cowles &c which we this day passed relative to Mr. Cailland, Attorney General, by which you will perceive that this Magistrate has refused to make the proper apology which he was ordered to do in your Resolutions of the 5th Instant, saying that he had particular reasons for wishing that the resolutions should be publicly read in Court, where he would also &c make his apology - altho in his letter of the 12th to the President, he agreed to make it in the Chamber of Deliberations, the orders you gave us could not be otherwise interpreted, we &c

therefore

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therefore pray, My Lord, that you will have the goodness to order Mr. Cailland to con-form himself thereto: —

Permit us, My Lord, to testify to you our Grief that, as appears by your Letter under date the 5th. of this Month, you should so unfavorably have interpreted our Conduct towards Mr. Caillaud — We have the honor to assure you that we have done no more than our duty, and that consequently we have been of guilty of no partiality. The Attorney General being immediately under the orders of Government, the Council can only make a personal Representation to the Commandant whenever this Magistrate should fail in his duty; and this is what we have done — in like manner the Attorney General cannot

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cannot dictate Laws to the Council, but
is merely to see them executed or represent
to them upon what authority they are
founded. —

I Have with the greatest
respect.

Pondicherry
15th September 1798. —

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(Signed) Collier

Lt. St. Paul Beaufort.
A true Translator

(Signed) G. G. Kelle
French Translator

To the Members of the Superior Council
of Pondicherry

Gentlemen,

In conformity with the
Letter from the Government of Madras
under date the 5th Instant, and ad=
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Commandant

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Commandant at Pondicherry, respecting
the Arrêté of the Court of the 26th June last,
drawn up relative to me, and after the
decision and Resolutions contained in
this Letter, which have been communi=
=cated to me by the President, I am now
come to the Council to make to them the
apology, which it was my intention to
have to them made on the 27th June last.

In consequence, I declare
and affirm that by the Conclusions which
I gave on the Petition of Mr. Lefevre under
date the 20th June last, I had no intention
to insult the Magistracy to swerve from the
Letter of the Law, or lastly to withdraw
myself from the Authority of the Govern=
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Conclusions. If this conformable to the circumstances under which they were given, they were not so to the Rigour which the ordinary forms of the Court exact, I did not suppose that they could have given to them the extension and interpretation which they have done; and even if there was room for such proceedings, I do declare that I never had the intentions imputed to me, and that my departing from the ordinary forms ought only to be attributed to the haste I was obliged to make in drawing them up, and to the bad State of health under which I then laboured, - two causes which absolutely prevented me from that attention and Consideration which are so necessary in subjects of this Nature, especially to deliver?

them

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them in in writing. —

If the Court are satisfied, as I sincerely hope they will be, with this apology, I beg of them to have the goodness, in conformity with the letter from Government under date the 5th Instant, to have it entered on their Records purely and simply after the letter from the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George, and to permit me to reserve the functions of my office. —

Pondicherry 15th Sept. 1798.

(Signed) Caillaud

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

To

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To Mr Mottet

President of the Council

Sir,

In answer to the letter &
which you did me the honor to send
me yesterday, I have the honor to in-
form you that there is no necessity
for convoquing the Council extraordinarily
in consequence of the Resolution of &
Government of the 6th Instant, I will
present myself before the Council on
Saturday next, at the usual hour in the
Chamber of Deliberation to make the
apology which I had intended to have
made on the 27th June last; of which
I then sent a Copy to Madras and of
which the Right Honorable the &
Governor makes mention: —

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I hope that the Council will have the goodness to receive it and have it entered on their Records in conformity to the orders of Government.

I am with respect,

&c.a — — — &c.a

Pondichery
12th. September 1798. — (Signed) Caillaud

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

A Monsieur

Monsieur Caillaud Procureur General

Sir,

I have received your Letter of the 6th instant, requesting to resign your Employ — but as the application made in this manner is irregular, I cannot lay it before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and I am glad that

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that this is the case, as it gives you
more time for reflection. —

On the 8th instant I addressed
a Letter to the President of the Council at
Pondicherry, conveying to him the reso=
=lution of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council on your subject,
and this has no doubt before this time
been carried into execution. —

Now Sir, if your wish is
to resign your Employ, you must ad=
=dress a Letter to me on the subject, and
deliver it open to the President of the
Council desiring him to forward it to
me — and when it comes to me in this
manner, I can with propriety lay it
before Government, and will do so,
and will cheerfully support your request,
for believe me Sir, I have no partialities,

and

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and I hope, no improper prejudices; my only wish, since I have had the honor to Command at Pondicherry, has been to endeavor an honest and fair administration of Justice, and to preserve a due subordination and obedience to the Laws, and such Gentlemen as I found willing to cooperate with me in these just views have had all the countenance and support I could give to them. You Sir was among that Number, and our records will testify that I gave you ample credit for it, but I am sorry to say that the same records will also testify that you had incurred my displeasure, by treating (according to my opinion) an Act of the Council with absolute contempt in a conclusion, which, as it must

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must be recorded, could not but en-
-courage the licentious to oppose their
own openions to the voice of the Law,
as has actually been done in the
case of Gardell; But that is now
over, and I hope that by practising
more deliberation on your part (if
you continue in office) that the
like will never happen again.—

Should you repeat your
request to resign, it may be necessary
to explain to you, that if this Govern-
-ment should order you to leave a
passage to Europe in any of our Ships,
it does no more than give an order
to the Captain to receive you on board
and to you a certain fixed sum of
money, and it will remain with
yourself to settle with the Captain

&c

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In regard to your Apartment and Table. —

I have the honor to be, —

Madras
September 11th 1798. —

Do. Do.

(Signed) John Braithwaite

True Copy
(Signed) Wm Wilson
Aid de Camp

To Major General Braithwaite
Commanding at Pondicherry

Sir,

I have the honor to trans= -mit you a petition to the Right Noble the Governor of Fort St. George, with a Copy of the apology which I intended to have made to the Council, both of which papers I shall be much obliged to you to lay before his Excellence. —

I will not add any Reflections or observations on the Contents of my letter. I rest my cause, as to the observations

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observations which you may think it necessary to make to his Excellency on this new Incident, entirely on your Equity and Justice. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

Pondicherry
16th September 1798

(Signed) A. Mollet.

P.S. I shall have the honor to reply to your Letter of the 11th Instant at some future period. —

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G Keble
French Translator

To His Excellency
The Right Honble Lord Clive
&c &c &c

My Lord,

That I might conform myself to the orders contained in your Excellency's Letter to Major General

Braithwaite

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Brathwaite under date the 5th Instant
I presented myself yesterday (the Court
day) before the Council to make there
the apology which it always has been
my intention to make and of which I
have now the honor to enclose a copy;
but there appeared a difficulty between
the Gentlemen of the Council and me.
The dispute was whether I should make
this apology in the Character of Delic=
-cration or in Court — I insisted that
it ought to be made in public, because
the Gentlemen of the Council having
given a publicity to this affair, which
it ought never to have had, as it was
proceeding contrary to the Edict of the
late King of the 3d. February 1776, and
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Pondichery
16th September 1798

(Signed) Mallet.

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I am not ignorant, My Lord, that they will avail themselves of a letter which I on the 12th addressed to Mr. Mattet, in which I informed him that I should appear on Saturday before the Council to make them the apology which I had intended to have made them on the 27th June last. Instead of availing themselves of this letter the Gentlemen of the Council ought to have taken it kindly of me and have perceived that I wished to keep from the knowledge of the Public, the two

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and that they had spread abroad unfavo=
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convinced of this by a translation of
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any Consideration for them, but on the contrary that it became necessary for my honor and reputation that the public should be made acquainted with the equitable decision which your Excellence has so lately made in my favour and that in consequence my apology should be read in public — I was the more authorized to exact this of the Council as in their Arrete of the 26th June, they say "that my Concilia-tions having been publickly read in Court, my retraction ought to be as public as the offence had been" after this do not the Gentlemen of the Council manifestly contradict them-selves in now refusing to receive my apology in Court! —

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... I will not, My Lord, ~
permit myself to make any reflections
upon this strange conduct of the ~
Gentlemen of the Council, it is only a
Continuation of what they have ma=
=nifested towards me throughout the
whole of this affair. ~

They, in objection to this,
insisted that if it were necessary to read
my apology in public with the letters
from Government and from Major
General Brathwaite, they must also
read every thing that has passed on the
Subject - This is an absurdity which
does not merit the trouble of refuting.
They also told me that the Letters of ~
Government could not be read in ~
public, while they cannot dispense ~
with

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with reading them themevery time that they pass an order or Resolution. —

Upon these considerations, I entreat that your Excellence will have the goodness to order that the decision you have given be publicly read in Court, as well as my apology (If your Excellence should think it just and proper) and that they be immediately entered on the Records. —

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

Pondicherry
16th September 1798. (Signed) Caillaud.

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

Extract

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Extract from the Records of the Superior Council of Pondicherry the 15th September 1798.

This day the 15th day of September 1798 the Superior Council aſſembled - Present M. M. Mottet, President, Collin, Beaufort, and St. Paul Counſellors - the President laid on the Table a Letter from Major General Brathwaite, Commandant of this City, addreſſed to him and dated the 8th of this Month - enclosing Copy of one from Mr Webbe Secretary to the Government of Madras - dated Fort St. George the 5th of this said Month of September expreſſing the Reſolutions of the Right Honorable the President in Council reſpecting Mr. Caillaud

Attorney

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Attorney General. —

Mr Mollet having in=
=formed the said Mr Caillaud of the Con=
=tents thereof, and the said Mr. Caillaud
having acknowledged its receipt in his
Letter of the 12th Instant, promising to
appear before the Council at their sitting
of this day to present his apology in
the Chamber of Deliberations and to
have it entered on the Record, con=
=formably to the said order. —

The Court having duly
deliberated has decreed and does decree
that pursuant to the said resolution
of the Governor in Council, Mr. Caillaud's
apology be received by the Council in
the Chamber of Deliberation and
entered on their Records with the letter

of

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of Government. —

Done and decreed in the
Chamber of the Superior Council of
Pondicherry the 15th September 1798. —

At the same instant the
Attorney General having presented
himself in the Chamber of Delibera-
-tions, and having been made acquainted
with this Arrêt, refused to make his
apology to the Council, saying that the
letter from Government ought to be
publicly read in Court together with
his apology. —

The Court has entered his
refusal on the Records, and decreed
that the proceedings be transmitted to
the Right Honorable the Governor
in Council. —

Done

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Done and decreed in the Chamber of the Superior Council of Pondicherry the day and year above mentioned. —

Compd.

(Signed) Guerre
Greffier en Chief

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble
French Translator

To Josiah Webbe Esqre
Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose your copy of a Letter from Mons.r Collin stating certain objections to Mr. Gerard as a Member of the Superior Council at Pondicherry in a cause he has ... impending

From the Collector at Cuddalore — enclosing different papers, relating to the succession to Mr.s Collin's estate. —

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impending in that Court. —

Having my doubts as to
the justness or legality of his making
any exceptions to a Member of that Court,
I referred the matter to the Procureur
du Roi; whose answer I enclose, and
by which it appears, that by the —
Ordinances of 1667 all Parties have a
right to make such exceptions: but
he concludes with saying that there
is not a competent Court to decide
upon the matter and that it rests
with me alone — this is a Cause of
considerable magnitude relating to
a Will of the late Madame Collin-

I beg leave to observe
that if this Principle is admitted I
apprehend the most serious inconveniences,
for

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for instead of being an established Court for the trial of all Causes that may be brought before it, there will be in all probability upon every new Cause, a new Council to be assembled. —

I have to request therefore that you will lay the circumstances before Government, and obtain their orders on the Subject, and I beg to be informed also if there is vested in me the Power of nominating a Member to the Superior Council in case of a vacancy from indisposition or other causes. —

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

Cuddalore
25th October 1798. —

(Signed) H. Taylor
Collector

To