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To H. Taylor Esquire

Collector at Cuddalore

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of yesterday's date, and am extremely sorry to be again so troublesome to you, but notwithstanding the respect which I have for the Orders of Government, I cannot accept of Mr. Gerard as Judge in any affair which personally concerns me, as I look upon him to be in every respect exceptionable - from the enmity which he has always testified towards me - From my Expulsion from the Council of which measure he was the Instigator From a letter which I made public and in which these facts were detailed - From the apostrophes which

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which he has often made me in
Council, which plainly evinced that
he still persisted in the same intentions
and further from his present illness
which would add another obstacle to
the deciding this affair — These, Sir,
are the motives to which I entreat you
to pay attention — you will I trust
be convinced that it is of the utmost
importance to me, that you should
have the goodness to appoint another
Judge, for which, be assured, that
I shall be sincerely grateful — I
even think that were you to make
Mr. Gerard acquainted with these
my motives he would of himself declin-
— Permit me Sir further to observe that
the succession in dispute is still

under

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under Seals, and consequently in great jeopardy. —

I have the honor to be,

with respect,

&c.a ——— &c.a

Pondicherry

16th. October 1798. —

(Signed) Collin

A true Copy

(Signed) H. Taylor

Collector

A true Translation

(Signed) G. G. Keble

French Translator

To H. Taylor Esqr.

Collector at Cuddalore

Sir,

I yesterday had the —

honor to receive your letter of the 18th.

Instant - enclosing Copy of one from

Mr. Collin, explaining his motives for

excepting against Mr. Gerard, on which

you

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you desire my opinion as Attorney for the King. —

The Ordinance of 1667 Tit. 24 permits every one to except against his Judge — at the same time pointing out the several Causes for Exception amongst the number of which are of particularised those made use of by Mr. Collin — The Exception appears to me also the more Valid because the dispute which at present prevails between Mr. Gerard and the other Members of the Superior Council is a sufficient reason against that Gentleman's sitting as Judge, or as much as it would afford him a Subject of Recrimination, which might influence his opinion in this affair. —

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And besides, according to the same Ordinance, the Exceptions ought to be judged by the Bench to which the Judge excepted against belongs, but I must observe to you, Sir, that there is not at present in the Superior Council a Judge Competent to pronounce on this Exception, and that it can be decided upon but by you alone. —

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

Pondicherry
20th October 1798

(Signed) St Paul

A true Copy
(Signed) H. Taylor
Collector

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

Ordered

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Minute thereon.

Ordered that the foregoing Papers be referred for the consideration of the Attorney General.

Read the following letter from the Secretary in Bengal.-

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

Sir,

From the Secretary at Bengal intimating the appointment of Major Beatson to be Aid de Camp to Lord Mornington he is to draw his usual allowances till he has completed his Survey in the Circars.

The Right Honorable the Governor General being desirous of availing himself of the Services of Major Beatson of the Madras Establishment, who is now at this Presidency, His Lordship has appointed that Officer to be one of his Aid-de Camps.

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Major Beatson is preparing his Report on the Surveys on which

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which he was employed in the Sircars, and His Lordship in Council requests that the Allowance which he at present draws, on account of that Duty, may be continued to him until he has compleated his Report. →

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

Fort William
the 8th of October 1798. →

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

Minute thereon. →

Ordered accordingly that Major Beatson be permitted to draw the allowances granted him for the Survey of the Godavery. →

Read the following letter from Colonel Martin at Rammad.

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government &c. &c.

Sir,

From Colonel M. Marting recommending Sergeant Major Millar to be Lieutenant and Adjutant to the Corps under his Command.

I request you will be so good as to represent to the Right Honorable the President in Council that the Detail of Duty in this Garrison, and the interior Management of the Corps under my Command, cannot possibly be carried on without the Aid of an Adjutant, and as I am of a particular description from the Army, no Officer from the Line can be appointed under me, I beg leave to propose a meritorious good Man, who has been recommended to me by several Field Officers who know him, named Millar, Sergeant Major to the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry, to be promoted Lieutenant and Adjutant

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Adjutant to the Marava Revenue Battalion, in room of Lieutenant and Adjutant Clarke, Killed. —

I hope his Lordship will take my application into consideration and be pleased to grant my request. —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Ramnad
21st October 1798. (Signed) M. Martin

My Dear Colonel,

I have no objection to serving so truly and excellent a young Fellow, as Serjeant Millar, you will find him all you wish, and want as an aid, — modest, attentive well informed, a good Pen-man, and a Gentleman - But our friend Allan when he pointed out — Millar, should have recollected that

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he must at the same time find me out a capable person as Sergeant Major; on these terms I have no hesitation to meet your wish in giving over to you the best Non-Commissioned in the Service - I have not spoken to Sergeant Millar, - he will feel the greater pleasure when his appointment is confirmed - but I answer for him. -

At the very moment I am writing you a fever and ague plays round me I have not, on the honor of a man, known the luxury of an hours sleep day or night these five days past; you must excuse incorrectness.

Dear Colonel

&c &c

(Signed) J. Orme

Lieutenant Colonel

Ordered

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Minute thereon

Ordered accordingly

that Sergeant Major Millar be appointed
Lieutenant and Adjutant to the Corps
under the Command of Colonel Montag
vice Clarke deceased. —

The President proposes that

Mr. Thomas proposed to do duty with the French prisoners in the Black Town in the room of Mr Boiswell. —

Mr. William Thomas be appointed to
do duty with the French Prisoners in
the Black Town in the room of Mr.
Boiswell. —

Agreed to and Ordered
accordingly. —

The Secretary reports the

Death of Captain Boyd reported to the Board. —

death of Captain Andrew Boyd, of the
Infantry, at Vellour on the 21st Instant.

Messrs. Peter Bruce, Andrew

Messrs Bruce, Barclay and Stracey sworn in as Assistants in the military Political and Secret Department of Government. —

Barclay and George Stracey Assistants
under the Secretary in the Military &
Political

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Political, and Secret Departments attend=
=ing the Board the usual Oath of Secrecy
is administered by the President.—

The Board proceed to read and pass orders upon the Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 23d May last.—

Letter from the Honorable Court of Directors in the Military Department dated 23d May 1798 and received & Thatties taken into consideration and resolutions passed thereon.—

Para 1 date of advices
2 & 3 Contain no remark
4 approve the grant of Full Batta to Colonel Smith
5 Contains no remark

} These paragraphs need no particular reply.—

6th The Salary of the Persian Interpreter to the Commander in Chief reduced to 100 Pagodas per Month.—

} Ordered that these resolutions be communicated to the Military Auditor General for his guidance.—

These

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7 Contains no remarks

8 Decision against a Seat of the Senior Cavalry officer at the Military Board.

9 Contains no remark

10 Approve the allowance granted to the Senior Engineer on the Spot.

11 Contains no remarks

} These paragraphs require no particular observation.—

12 Commendation of the Deputy Military Auditor General.—

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with a Copy of this paragraph for the information of his Deputy and Assistant.—

13&14 Disapprove the grant of Regimental Colla to the General Staff in addition to the Staff allowances

Ordered that the Military Auditor General be furnished with Copy of these paragraphs with instructions to carry the resolution of the Honorable Court into execution from this date.—

Ordered

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15 Disapprove the rate of horse allowance granted to officers of Cavalry } Ordered that this resolution be published in general Orders.

16 approve the recovery of Balance from the Clothing Contractor } The Board are happy that their proceedings on this subject have met the approbation of the Honorable Court who will have observed by the despatches from hence a continuation of similar attention to the Balance of the Clothing Contractor.

17 Approve the recovery of a Balance from the Securities of the Paymaster at Bengale } The Board are happy to observe this further mark of the Honorable Court's approbation and have already had the satisfaction of reporting the recovery of the whole of this Balance.

18 Contains no remark Needs no reply

Ordered

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19 The recommendation of Captain Mackenzie will be attended to when the Expediency of appointing a Surveyor General comes under Consideration.

Ordered that Captain Mackenzie be furnished with a copy of this paragraph

Since the Honorable Court have not yet been pleased to consider the expediency of appointing a Surveyor General the expectation of which has along deterred the Board from granting Captain Mackenzie a Compensation adequate to his geographical labours in the Nizam's Dominions. It is resolved that he be allowed a Salary of two hundred Pagodas per Month in addition to his

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18 Contains no remark.

Needs no reply.

Ordered

6653 Fort St. George 30th October 1798.

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his pay and allowances as Engineer with the Hyderabad Detachment. —

Under a considera-
=tion of Captain Mackenzie's merits and labor the Board would feel a strong disposic-
=tion to grant a proportion of Arrears for the time he has been employed in these useful Surveys; but they are deterred from doing so by the present orders of the Honorable Court. — It is resolved however that in reporting this resolution to them it be strongly recommended to grant a proportion of Arrears to Captain Mackenzie. —

These

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20 & 21 Contain no remark
22 The claim of Lieutenant Butler to the rank of Brevet Captain not allowed

} These paragraphs require no remark.

23 Deputy Commissary Franks to be appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker.

} Ordered accordingly.

24 & 25 Adjustments of the claims of Captain Symes

} Ordered accordingly that the sum of Seven hundred and Sixty Pagodas be paid to Captain Symes upon his application.

26 Approve the appointment of Captain Price to be Secretary to the Military Board.

} Need no reply.

27 Contains no remark

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28 Satisfied with the explanations of Lieutenant Colonel Hall on the subject of an irregularity inspected to the Store Department by the Chief Engineer

The Honorable Court will have already observed, in the dispatches from hence dated -

The advantages which the Military Board have derived from the information of Lieutenant Colonel Hall on the regulations which have been established for the Department of Military Stores.

29 Application of Sundry Officers to reach from the time of their services refused
30 Contains no remark

Need no reply -

31 Observations on regulations for military Buildings - - - - -

The Board have already made a very full report to their dispatch of the regulations which have been established for the department of military buildings and repairs - -

32 Claim of General Doyle refused
33 Temporary Corps of Cavalry to be employed - -
34 & 35 Contain no remark
36 Approve the repair of Poyacottah -
37 Contains no remark - -

These paragraphs require no particular observations - -

Ordered

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38 Approve the exercise of Lieutenant Montgomery in procuring horses from the Kutch Country, but direct that the experiment of breeding horses may be continued.

Ordered that Lieutenant Montgomery and the Military Board be furnished with Copies of this paragraph.—

39 A Copy of Lieutenant Montgomery's route to be sent home.—

Ordered accordingly that a Copy of Lieutenant Montgomery's route be prepared for transmission to the Honorable Court.—

40 & 42 Contain no remark
43 Officers permitted to return.—
44 & 45 Captains Conyngham and Lieutenant Wilks permitted to remain at home.—
46 Officers retired
47 Assistant Surgeons appointed.—

These paragraphs require no particular observation.—

43 Mr. Briggs to be appointed an Assistant Surgeon after examination by the Medical Board.—

Ordered that the Medical Board do examine and report their opinion of the qualifications of Mr. Gilbert Briggs to be an Assistant Surgeon on this establishment.—

Ordered

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4 Limitations of passage Money to be taken by the — to Commanders of Ships 50 Tons on which passage Money is to be allowed to Officers returning with the recruiting Parties

51 Recruits

Ordered that these paragraphs be published in General Orders.

Needsmo: Observation.

" Close

" Geo: Harris

" Con[t] Saunders

" E[t] Tucker Smith

Comp[y]
G Strachey.

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Diary

30th Received the following Letters

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government at

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward to you, by Express, the enclosed abstract of intelligence, Compiled by Captain Tucker, the Commander of the Honorable Company's Cruizer, the Intrepid, who has this day, arrived from Suez, where he remained for two months, though from his not finding any agent on the part of the Company, or other Person from whom he could expect to be furnished with dispatches from England for India, no further information has been received by that Route. -

From the Secretary at Bombay enclosing abstract of intelligence from the Commander of the Intrepid lately arrived from Suez

I have the honor to be,

Bombay Castle &c &c

28th September 1798.

(Sign'd) R. Rickards

Secretary to Government

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Abstract of Intelligence, Concerning the French fleet, and Army in Egypt.-

Upon our arrival at Suez the 28th April, found that the Caravan from Grand Cairo with the Pilgrims for Mecca. had passed that the preceding day. Same day of our arrival another large Caravan came in from Cairo with Pilgrims. to take their passage to Judda in the Vessels about to sail for that place, on landing found great Numbers of People, and particularly the superintendents of the Customs extremely Inequisitive about the progress of the French Arms, wishing to be Informed. about what the French. had done in Italy, what terms they were on with the Grand Seignior, and whether we thought it probable, if they were inclined that they could get up the Mediterranean, to distress to distress the Turks, on being answered, that for ought we know they had nothing to fear, the French, and Grand Seignior being at Peace they did not seem a little disappointed, and even hinted, that they Suspected us of Knowing more than

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than we were willing to communicate, and at the same time gave us to understand, that they believed the French and Turks, were either actually at War, or would be so before long. We could not however perfectly understand, what they then told us having no Interpreter, but one who could only speak any Language, which we understood very imperfectly indeed, and no Person in the Ship understanding more than a very few words of Arabic. The fleet having sailed with the Pilgrims, and the Coffee &c being all sent to Cairo, the Superintendents of the Customs with the Turkish Horse under them, as usual set out for Cairo, and there being now no Business here for some time, they were followed by most of the principal Inhabitants of Suez who are Chiefly Greek Accomptants. So that, though we were now fortunate enough to find a person in a Dow, just arrived, who could speak both Moors, and Arabic very well we had no opportunity of receiving any kind of Informa=tion, nor in this Respect, were we in the least bettered by several Letters from Mr. Rossetti, altho' in one

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30th He informed us, that Mr. Baldwine, on his departure for Britain, had authorized him to open his Letters, and transact the Business of the Company's Vessels at Suez, and his promise Speedily to communicate any News to us, which he might receive of the least Consequence.—

In this state did we Remain till the 26th June, when a Greek employed by Mr. Rossetti to transact his business for the Company's Vessels, at Suez, arrived from Cairo, whether he had gone, a few days before on some business, and reported that he had fled from that place, in consequence of news of a French fleet being before Alexandria,—on being asked, why he brought, no Letter from Mr. Rossetti, he answered that the Beys, had Seized him, on Supposition of his Corresponding with the French At first we scarce knew what credit the Greek deserved, as he did not seem to have Informed himself so particularly on the Subject, as it might be Expected, he could have done, but Subsequent advice left us no Room to doubt of the

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fact, still however, our Information differed widely respecting the Strength of the French, at one time we heard of 500 large Ships, at another of 50 large, and a great number small, neither could we gather, anything certain about the number of Troops, But all agreed, that Immediately on their arrival at Alexandria, they seized the Turkish Ships there, and landed an Army of great force, to which Alexandria, and several 4 places of note further up the Nile, surrendered, without Resistance. as soon as they heard of the taking of Alexandria they expected that before long, the French would be on their way to Cairo, and began to make great preparations to put the place in a State of Defence to resist them, It did not appear, however, that they were left much time to Fortify it. for in a very short time the approach of the French to it was announced to us by the Arrival at Luiz of most of the Greek Inhabitants of the latter place, who confessed, they were much alarmed for it, on account of their property. but Cheifly, least the Arabs, should take it in their Heads.

To —

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30th. He informed us, that Mr. Baldwin, on his departure for Britain, had authorized him to open his Letters, and transact the Business of the Company's Vessels at Suez, and his promise Speedily to communicate any News to us, which he might receive of the least consequence.—

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to Massacre them on account of their Religion, not that they thought themselves much out of the way at Suez, but that by means of the Vessels, in the Roads, they had an opportunity of conveying themselves, and Family; where their persons at least might be in Safety, and accordingly most of them took their passage to Tor, a Post some way down the Red Sea in case they did not soon hear of the French being Stopt in their progress. about this they were not left long in suspense for on a short time they heard of the French having transported their troops, up the Nile in small Craft taking Cairo, scarce leaving the Beys and their troops time to escape the number of the French according to report being Twenty, or Twenty five thousand — The Greek in Mr. Rosetti's employ did not appear to be the least alarmed, for he took his Passage with the others in the Vessel they had Engaged — the other Inhabitants of Suez also, much alarmed, least the French should pay them a visit had all the small Craft in constant readiness to convey them on Board other Vessels in the Roads, and had Centinels placed around Suez and at some

distance

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distance on the Road to Cairo, to give them timely warning.

We now heard that Mr. Rosetti, after being released by the Beys, was much in favor with the French, and even had a French Flag, hoisted at his house nor was it in the least doubted, but that he had been justly — accused of Corresponding with the French, not placing Implicit confidence in every Report, and wishing, if possible, to obtain some certain Intelligence before leaving Suez, Notwithstanding the Greek in Mr. Rosetti's employ before he left Suez, refused to have any hand in forwarding a letter to him, application was made to an Arab, and a Considerable reward offered him, — provided He would deliver a Letter into Mr. Rosetti's own hand, and return with an Answer to it, this he undertook to do, and promised to return in 5 or 6 Days — Twenty, however, Elapsed when he came back with a note from some Greek to whom he had applied, in order to shew he had done his best, stating, that — Mr. Rosetti had received the Letter, and desired it to be Signified that he could return no Answer.

It would be tedious to mention the various —

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Various reports we heard from day to day, one or two, however may deserve notice. One Morning, a Boat was sent from the Shore to inform us that a Merchant of Suez had received a Letter, informing him that a fleet Turkish, and English, had totally destroyed that of the French at Alexandria, and that the Beys, after being joined by the Emer, Hadje, and Troops who had been to Escort the Pilgrims to and from Mecca were preparing to Invest Cairo by Land; while the English and Turks were proceeding up the nile, that the Hadje and Troops, had joined the Beys appeared true by subsequent information, but the allied Fleet being at Alexandria appeared to be an Event rather much wished for, and daily expected, than one which had actually taken place at another time, we heard of a great number of French being cut off near Cairo, but better Information taught us, that the wild arabs had only cut off a small party sent to take some place near Cairo, and that this was almost, the only Blood shed, since the arrival of the French in Egypt.-

A true Copy

Signed W. B. T. Crozier

Assistant

To

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Bombay - enclosing Copy of a letter from the Court of Directors to that Government as also Copy of a letter from the Secret Committee together with Copy of a letter from Bombay to the Admiral. -

The Honorable Company's Cruizer, the Drake having Imported this Morning, with addices from Bussorah, which place she left the 28th August, We lose no time in forwarding, by expreſs the Packet received by her to your Lordship's addreſs, of which as we have been furnished with a Copy, we shall, for greater precaution, on an instance of such eminent importance, forward a transcript by the first regular post. -

We transmit, also the Copies of two letters from the Secret Committee to our own addreſs, under the 18th and 19th June, and of a letter from our President to the Admiral written two days ago, in consequence of a secret Communication, to his own addreſs from the Chairman of the East India directions on the general subject of all which we have it of course, to your judgement to Communicate with his Excellency -

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Excellency.-

Bombay Castle
24th September 1798.

We have the Honor to be,
&c &c

Jon.r Duncan
J. Stuart
William Page.

Substance of a letter from the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore.

Received a letter from the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore entered in C. C. N.o 146 regarding a Boat laden with teak planks that had been wrecked on the Coast of Ceylon.

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Received the following Letter

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

From the Secretary at Bombay. enclosing a paper of intelligence received from the Malabar Coast regarding french Ships.-

Sir,

In forwarding to you the enclosed Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners in Malabar under date of the 12th Ultimo, I am instructed to request, that you will be pleased to lay the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council with the

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the paper of intelligence mentioned to accompany it. -

I have the honor to be,

&c &c

Bombay Castle
the 13th October 1798.

/ Lyney R. Rickards

Sec.y to Govt.

To the Honorable Jonathan Duncan

President and Governor in Council

Bombay

Honorable Sir,

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

&c &c

Calicut
12th September 1798.

J. Spencer
Jas. Hartley
Jos. Uhthoff
J. Smee.

Read

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Head Quarters Calicut

12th September 1798 6 Clock

Two men are this instant come in from Mangalore, they report in the most positive manner, that 10 days ago / on the 2. instant / Five 3 masted Vessels anchored, a considerable distance out from Mangalore, the Informants waited 4 days to ascertain the real cause of the arrival of those Ships, during which Frenchmen landed daily therefrom; 10 & 12 in a boat at a time, and their number, at the period of departure from Mangalore, that had come on shore, amounting, certainly, in the Informants opinion, to 200. report however asserted 300. Two Officers thought to be of some rank arrived on this occasion, their dress not military / white / but that of the private men, was blue faced with red. The latter were fully accoutered. the whole encamped on the beach, the men in very small tents, and the Officers in two of the larger size; more Ships and troops are daily expected at Mangalore, and it is also declared, that a force will shortly arrive there, from Seringapatam consisting of 3 Cushoons, and a great Sirdar.-

/ Signed D. Mahony

a. a. C. MTS.

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37. N.B. The Informants left Mangalore on the 7th instant

D. Mahony

a true Copy

I Signed Jas. Law
Secy.

A true Copy

Signed F. A. Grant
Subsecy

Sent the following Letters. —

To Colonel George Roberts

Commanding the Detachment at Hydrabad

Sir,

In consequence of the Communications, which passed between you and the Resident at Hydrabad relative to the causes, which you apprehended might retard the march of the Detachment, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council has been led to suppose that actual delay in the equipment and movement of the troops under your Command, I am therefore directed to desire that you will state for the information of the Governor in Council whether the several

To the Officer Commanding the Detachment at Hydrabad calling upon him to explain whether there was or was not any neglect of duty in the department under him so as to occasion the difficulties he complains of in his Letters to the Resident at Hydrabad —

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Several Officers in public trust with the detachment have or have not executed their respective duties with zeal and activity. —

The Governor in Council desires that you will particularly 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 the 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 Bezoarah at an earlier period after your receiving my letter of the 2. September and whether the march of the Detachment could have — recommenced after passing the river on the 20. at an earlier day than the 25. September. —

For these explanations The Governor General in Council has thought it of importance to call, and I am in consequence directed to desire that your report upon it may be as full and explicit as

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as possible.—

Sam,

&c &c

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I Signed J. Webbe Sec.y to Gov.t

To Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint you Commissary General of the Stores and ordnance which are about to be provided and equipped for eventual service in the field.—

To Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle intimating to him his appointment of Commissary General of Ordnance and Stores detailing to him his duties in that situation and fixing his Salary.—

The immediate objects of your duty will be to take charge of the whole department at the several stations at which the field equipment may 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 you will correspond with the Military Board, and report to them whatever deficiencies

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deficiencies you may observe, and suggest such arrangements as you may deem expedient for the complete equipment of the field and battering trains with a proportionate magazine of ammunition. —

The Governor in Council permits you, in consideration of the important duties now entrusted to you, to draw the following allowances, two hundred and fifty Pagodas per month as Salary, and fifty — Pagodas per month in lieu of servants and incidental charges of all descriptions. —

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31st. October 1798.

I am,
Wc Wc
Signed J. Webbe Sec.y to Govt.

Received the undermentioned letters — entered in WB Nos 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. —

From the Secretary at Bombay. — From Wm Grant enclosing different — packets for Admiral Rainier. —

From the Collector at Masulipatam — From Wm Oakes. Loan contracted for the use of the Guntoor Detachment cleared off. excepting only 2000 Pagodas. proposes that the interest of the loan should be defrayed from the General Treasury. — From

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From the Town Major — From Captain Grant enclosing a Bill for different disbursements on account of a Lieutenant Dermission.

From Mr. C. L. Eilbracht at Pulicat. — From Mr. Eilbracht requesting permission to proceed to Bengal and to be at the same time allowed to continue to draw his present allowances.

From Captain Dowse Commanding Pioneers at Madras — From Captain Dowse requesting the authority of Government for drawing arrears of pay due to him.

November 1st

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss No. 1.2.3.

From Major General Bridges &c. &c. &c.

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division — Baptistte Talhcarde has embarked on the Bombay Frigate which has sailed from Masulipatam for Coringa

From Major General Sydenham enclosing

From Military Auditor General — a Letter of Audit regarding the accounts of Captain Younge.

To Military Paymaster General — To Mr. Roebuck enclosing Copies of the Auditor Generals reports on the General Estimate for November and an additional estimate for October which accompanied his Letters of the 26th and 27th instant and acquainting him that the Sums therein mentioned will be issued to

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Sam, Wm. Kelly

Signed J. Webbe Jeff to Govt.

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November 1st. — Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mss No. 123.

From Major General Bridges &c. &c. &c.

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to him from the General Treasury.-

2. Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in Nos 4.5.6.7.8.9.10.-

From the Principal agent for Bullocks.- From Major Dallas suggesting an increase of price for Bullocks in order to ensure more expeditious supplies.-

To the Military Auditor General To Major General Lydenham the order suggested by him regarding the European Troops that have drawn Cattle or provisions published- Lieutenant Hartly to draw the allowances of a Fort Adjutant-Colonel Carlisle's appointment as Commissary General of Stores &c. communicated- Captain Mackenzie to receive a Salary of 200 Pagodas P. Month- Sundry advances and payments

To the Commandant at Wandiwash To Lieutenant Colonel Shawe authorizing him to make the repairs suggested by him for the accommodation of the Quarter Masters of the 29th Dragoons.-

To Colonel James Stevenson of the Cavalry. To Colonel James Stevenson acknowledging the receipt of his Letter of the 25th ultimo with which Government regret they cannot comply.

To W. S. R. Skardon To W. Skardon petition from the Certain

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Certain bullock maistries forwarded to him for his adjustment. —

To Messrs. Stephens and Cockell

To Messrs. Stephens and Cockell this Govern = = ment cannot issue orders to any Officer on Ceylon. —

To the Military Auditor General

To Major General Sydenham referring to his examination the Deputy Kings Paymaster Generals accounts from the 25th July to the 24th September 1798. —

3d

Received the following Letter. —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sheriff at Bombay enclosing a Letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast accompanied by a paper of intelligence received from the Tindal of a Country Boat. —

In continuation of the subject of the Communication made to you under the 13th instant, 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 a paper of intelligence communicated by the Tindal of a Boat this day arrived from Mangalore together with the transcript of a Letter in consequence written to the Commissioners in Malabar under this date.

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date. —

Bombay Castle
16. October 1798.

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
Signed R. Rickards
Sec.y to Govt.

The Information of Domingo Pindal of the Sr. Antonio Pattamar boat from Tellicherry. —

The Deponant says, that he sailed from Tellicherry about 28 days ago, / 17. or 18. September / with a Cargo of Pepper, that 5 days after quitting that Port / or the 22. or 23d. of September / he put into Mangalore, where he remained 11 days and where he made a purchase of Rice, that during the time he was lying there / that is, up to the 1. or 2. October / he neither saw, or heard of any French Vessel, tho there were rumours of some being expected very shortly. He saw there several Frenchmen, and heard that their numbers consisted of about 20, who had been there during the rains, since which none had been landed, or did he hear of any Vessel, that had been at that Port. — after taking in the Rice he proceeded on

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3d to Goa, where he disposed of it, and then proceeded on to this Place without meeting any interruption. —

The before mentioned intelligence is — confirmed by the Tindal of another Merchant boat from Mangalore. —

A true Copy

Signed F. A. Grant

Subject.

To John Spencer Esq.

President & Commissioners for executing the Office of Superviser, and Chief Magistrate in the Province of Malabar

Gentlemen,

In forwarding to you, the enclosed Copy of a paper of information, this day received from the Tindal of a Pattamar Boat just arrived from Mangalore, — I am directed to observe that as the intelligence therein contained would appear to be greatly at variance, with the purport of that Communicated to your Board, through Major General Hartley, and — transmitted with your Letter to Government of the 12th Ultimo. the Governor in Council, though not having reason to place greater reliance on the Authenticity of

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3. of the information thus received than on that forwarded by you - is, nevertheless, desirous to impress a general Caution against trusting too implicitly to the reports, that You may occasionally receive from Natives, and, in consider=ation of this circumstance, it has occurred to Government, that the accounts, which you may easily procure through Moosa, of what is, or has been passing at Mangalore will, probably, prove more authentic, than what may be gained through other channels. -

I have the Honor to be,

Bombay Castle
16th. October 1798.

W. W.

I Lignd R. Rickards
Sect. to Government

A true Copy

I Lignd J. A. Grant
Subject

Sent the following Letters -

To the Honorable Frederick North
Governor of
Ceylon

Sir,

We have had the honor to receive your letters of the 15th & 16th instant. -

We have much pleasure in complying with your request that the Paymasters on Ceylon should

Ho. Governor of Ceylon authorizing the Paymasters of that Island to draw Bills on this Presidency thanking him for having Complied with the wishes of Government in regard to the European Troops that are to be withdrawn from Ceylon -

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3d. should continue to draw bills on the Paymaster General at this Presidency untill the determination of the Supreme Government can be known, and we feel much indebted for your compliance with our wishes in ordering the three Companies of the 2d. European Regiment to be embarked for the Coast, or measure, to which we should not have had recourse without urgent necessity. —

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
1st. November 1798.

Sd. Y. & Y.
Sd. Clive
Sd. Council

To Captain Colin Mackenzie
of the Corps of Engineers at Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to furnish you with Extract of a letter from the Honorable Court of Directors dated 23. may last. —

To Captain C. Mackenzie a Salary of — 200 Pagodas per Month granted him — his claim to Arrear to be recommended to the Court of Directors. —

As the Honorable Court have postponed their consideration of the appointment of a Surveyor General at this Presidency, the recommendation of which in your favor had induced this Government to

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to defer granting you any Compensation for your geographi=
=cal labours, I am now to acquaint you that the Governor
in Council has been pleased to grant you a Salary of
two hundred pagodas per month from the 1. November
exclusive of your pay and allowances as Engineer to
the detachment as a reward for your laborious &
and usefull surveys in the territories of his Highness
the Nizam. -

The Governor in Council would have
had much pleasure in extending to you a proportion
of arrears, but feels himself restrained from doing
so without authority from the Court of Directors,
this Lordship in Council will not however
fail of recommending in the strongest manner
your claim to the Honorable Court of Directors. -

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2d. November 1798.

I am,
Sir &c
Signed J. Webbe
Sec.y to Gov.t

4th.

Received the following Letter by Express
from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast. -

To.

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To the Right Honorable Edward Lord Clive

Governor and President in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast - enclosing Copy of a letter from the Judge at Calicut relating to two french Vessels -

Enclosed we have the honor to forward for your Lordships' information a copy of a letter this instant received from the Judge and Magistrate of this place containing intelligence relative to Two french Vessels which have made their appearance on this Coast. -

We have the honor to remain very respectfully. -

&c. &c.

Calicut
24th October 1798 -

J. Spencer
Signed J. Hartley
J. Smee

John Spencer Esqr.
President &c. Commissioners for executing the Office of Superviser &c.

Gentlemen,

From the Dingy that arrived in the Roads -

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Roads last Evening I learnt the following, which, I consider my duty to lay before you for your information Viz.t.—

That they left Mangalore 4 days ago, and that 2 days prior to their departure two large French Ships sailed from thence having been three days laying in the Roads receiving a Board — Rice, Cattle, and Water, that an Officer belonging to the Europeans — /in Number 200/ residing at Mangalore had been a Board the French Ships from the period of their Arrival to their departure, when he returned. —

The Dingey being reported to me under weigh, prevented me making further enquiry, but as the Noquedah was a shore and with Coja Hydroos a principal Merchant, I will endeavour to learn from him some thing further thereon. —

Calicut
24.th October 1798

I am, &c. &c.
/ Signed J. Hodgson
Judge & Magistrate

True Copy
/ Signed Jas. Law
Secretary

Sent

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Sent the following Letter

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

We have received your letters of the 23. and 26. Instant with their enclosures.

In compliance with your recommendation We desire that you will give orders for the repairs required at Trichinopoly and Tanjore according to the plans and estimates, which are herewith returned to you for that purpose.

We have already authorized you to send a supply of Salt provisions to Trincomalé on the Asterly; but if a sufficient quantity should not have been sent on that Ship we desire that you will avail yourselves of the first opportunity that may occur for forwarding a further supply.

We concur in your recommendation that the quota of his Majesty's 19th Dragoons and the 3rd Regiment Native Cavalry at Trichinopoly may be disposed of under the orders of Major General Floyd.

We

To the Military Board the required repairs at Tanjore and Trichinopoly authorized a further supply of Salt Provisions to be sent to Trincomalé if necessary. Grain to be disposed of at Trichinopoly as recommended approve the mode of supplying the Regiment at Vellore with Grain the several advances and payments recommended authorized repairs at Wallajanbad Authorized a Committee of the Military Board to be associated with the Commander in Chief in reviewing the Military expences. Colonel Carlisle appointed Commissary of Stores &c. instructions to be given him by the Military Board. an additional quantity of Grain to be laid in Store at Arnee, Vellore, and Kistnagherry for which purpose Advances have been made to the Paymasters of

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We approve your arrangements for supplying the Regiment at Vellour with grain, and your suggestion for the repairs at Samulcotah which we desire may be executed.—

We have authorized the several Advances and payments, which you have recommended.—

We have authorized the Commanding Officer at Wallajahbad to incur a small expence for repairing upon honor the quarters allotted to the quartermasters of his majesty's 29th Dragoons.—

In consequence of a desire expressed by the Commander in Chief that the Committee of your Board appointed in consequence of our Orders of the 2. August 1797. should be associated with him in revising the Military Establishments of this Presidency in conformity with the orders of the Supreme Government, we direct that the Chief Engineer the Military Auditor General and the Adjutant General will assist the Commander in Chief in this work.—

In the present stage of the equipment of the field and battering train we have thought it

of those stations - a quantity of gunnies to be procured from the Southern Districts require the Military Board to institute an enquiry into the grounds of the difficulties experienced by Lieutenant Colonel Roberts on his march.—

necessary

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4. necessary to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Carlile Commissary General of the Stores and ordnance, which may be eventually ordered to the field, we have in conse= =quence ordered him to take charge of the whole Depart= =ment at the several stations, in which the field equip= =ment may 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 we have farther directed him to correspond with your Board, to report to you 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.—

As this is now become an object of very considerable importance we desire that you will furnish Lieutenant Colonel Carlisle with such instructions and afford him such assistance as may be necessary to the complete accomplishment of this equipment.—

For

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For similar reasons we think it
incumbent on us to endeavour to have a sufficient
stock of grain in an advanced post to replace any
quantity, which the army if it should take the field
after the monsoon, may consume on 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 in addition
therefore to the quantity, which is already stored at
Kistnagherry, Arnee, and Vellore, we desire that the
Garrison Storekeepers at those places to lay in as
large a quantity as you may judge requisite for
the purposes we have mentioned.

In order that there may be as little
delay as possible we have forwarded to the paymaster
at Vellore the sum of Pagodas 15,000 and to the
Paymaster at Kistnagherry the sum of Porto Novo
Pagodas 30,000 for the purchase of Grain. We think
it further adviseable that you should endeavour to
provide a quantity of gunnies from the Southern
Districts, where though inferior to the Bengal

manufacture

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manufacture we understand it may be procured of a texture sufficiently strong for bullock bags.—

The Supreme Government have been induced to think that a delay, which it was possible to have avoided, has taken place in the equipment and march of the Hydrabad detachment under Colonel Roberts, particularly in the insufficiency of bullocks, a deficiency in the Camp equipage for the Staff line, and in the very defective state of the guns and tumbrils, which had only arrived at Bezoara on the 19th September and of the latter of which one was in so unserviceable a condition that it could not be brought away from Guntoor, We desire therefore that particular enquiry may be made into these circumstances, and that you will report whether there has been any neglect in the subordinate Officers to whom the execution of our orders of the 3. August last may have been entrusted by your Board.—

We are,

Fort St. George
2. November 1798

Wr. &c.
Sigd Clive
Wr. Council

Received

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4.

Received and Sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mils No. 11. 12. 13. 14.—

From the Officer Commanding Northern Division.— From Major General Bridges enclosing Papers regarding a Monsieur Bouvoir sent to Masulipatam from Guntoor together with a List of the french inhabitants at Masulipatam.—

From Military Paymaster General. From W. Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of Cash for the current expences for November.—

To the Attorney General. To W. Sulivan papers regarding the tribunal at Pondicherry transmitted to him for his opinion.—

To the Military Board. To the Military Board the ten 6 pd used for the use of the Sea Customer to be again received in Store.—

Substance of a Letter to the Nabob. Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in C.C. No. 147 A requesting an authority from him to Cut down the Palmira Trees at Amboor.—

5.

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in Mils Nos. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24.

From the Subsecretary at Bengal. From W. Hook enclosing an invoice of 500 Casks of Salt Provisions sent on the Charlotte to Fort St. George.—

From Sr. Sr. From W. Stracey enclosing a Letter for admiral

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5. Admiral Rainier. —

From the Subsentary at Bengal. — From Wm. Stracey — enclosing a Letter for Admiral Rainier. —

To the Military Board — To the Military Board intimating to them that the Agent for Cattle has been authorized to entertain forty thousand bullocks in addition to those already in the Service — the necessary advances to be made. —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham — an additional estimate of Cash for the expences of the Current month forwarded to him for his report. —

To the Secretary at Bengal — To Wm. Barlow — forwarding a Letter from the Nabob to the Governor General. —

To the Military Board — To the Military Board — enclosing — Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors. dated 23d. May last. regarding the Superintendant of the Company's Stud at Ganjam. —

To the Medical Board — To the Medical Board — extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors transmitted to them, their opinion regarding the qualifications of Mr. Gilbert Briggs to be an Assistant Surgeon required. —

To the Military Auditor General — To Major General Sydenham — the Salary of the Persian interpreter to the — Commander

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5th Commander in Chief to be reduced from two to One hundred Pagodas per Month - Decision of the Court of Directors regarding the claim of the Deputy Military Auditor General to advanced Rank and regarding the consolidation of the General Staff. —

To the Agent for the purchase of Horses. — To Lieutenant Montgomery - forwarding an Extract of a Letter from the Court of Directors — dated 23. May last. —

From the Town Major. 6th Received a Letter from Captain Grant entered in W B No 25 - requesting that the Town Majors House may be repaired. —

Substance of a letter from the Rajah of Tanjore — Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C C No. 147 **B** — complaining that he has been in several instances treated with indignity by the Commandant at Tanjore. —

D. D. Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjore entered in C C No. 147 **C** — brings forward farther Complaints of Major Innes's conduct towards him.

At

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At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Tuesday 6th November 1798

Edward Saunders and
Ernst William Tallofield } Esquires -

Minutes of last consultation read and approved

The President informs the Board that upon receipt of the letter from the Supreme Government, which is entered upon the Secret Proceedings of this date, his Lordship had authorized the principal Agent to enter into engagements for the provision of forty thousand bullocks in addition to those already entertained and that he had also authorized an advance of Cash to be made immediately from the treasury for that purpose. Read the following letter from the

The President informs the Board that he had authorised the principal Agent for Bullocks to enter into engagements for supplying forty thousand in addition to the number already entertained, and that an advance of Cash from the treasury had been according sanctioned by him on that account. -

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To the Governor of Ceylon.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From the Governor of Ceylon giving his Concurrence to the sending of different Dutch Prisoners of War to Ceylon.—

Brigadier General Dell Neuron has communicated to me your Lordships intention of sending to Ceylon several Dutch Officers now Prisoners of War at Madras, on their consenting to receive Dutch instead of English Pay. As the Persons mentioned in the List have always observed a decent Behaviour here, and as I am confident that your Lordship would not send them to me had their conduct been otherwise at Madras, I have no objection to allowing them to come.—

Columbo
24th October 1798.

I have the Honor to be,
&c &c
Signed Frederic North

Minute thereon.
The different Dutch Officers Prisoners of War to be sent to Ceylon.—

In consequence of Mr. North's consent to receive the dutch Officers He is ordered that they be sent to Ceylon.—

Resolved

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Resolved that an Extract of the Commander in Chiefs Minute entered in last Consultation and the Report of the Board of Officers upon the best mode of defending Fort Osnaburgh and the harbour of Trincomalé be transmitted to Mr. North and that in case of his approval, he be requested to undertake the execution of the plan therein recommended as soon as possible.

Resolved that Extract of the Commander in Chiefs Minute as entered in last Consultation, and the report of the Board of Officers upon the best mode of defending Fort Osnaburgh and the harbour of Trincomalé be transmitted to Mr. North, and that it be at the same time suggested to him to undertake the improvement therein recommended at as early a period as may be convenient, if he should concur in the opinion for the destruction of Trincomalé, because the present aspect of public affairs under this Presidency renders it important that the Board should have at their command the greatest possible military force: and as our great naval superiority throughout the world can now leave little apprehension of a serious descent upon Ceylon, the Board have no doubt of Mr. North's disposition to assist them with such part of the garrison of Trincomalé as may not be required for the defence of Osnaburgh upon the improved plan

Read the following letter from the Resident

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Resident at Hydrabad. —

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

My Lord,

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hydrabad recommending an increase of Salary to Captain Mackenzie and enclosing different papers relating to his Claim. —

I have the honor to transmit for the — notice of your Lordship in Council Copy of a Letter from Colonel Roberts with the enclosures therein referred to. —

In addressing your Honorable Board on the subject of Captain McKenzies present application, it would be presumption in me to dwell on that Officers professional merits, the extent and Value of which must be best known to the Presidency he has so long served under, with such distinguished — reputation. — It must be almost equally superfluous on my part to bear testimony to the extent and utility of his labours as a surveyor in those Territories, but as he has called upon me particularly to speak to these, I cannot in justice to him do less than assure your Honorable Board, that they appear to me to have been productive of much valuable topographical information

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information. -

To enable him to continue these pursuits with advantage to himself as well as with full benefit to his Employers, I do not hesitate to offer it as my humble opinion that an encrease of Salary is highly desireable and accordingly beg leave to recommend his Memorial to the favorable consideration of your Lordship in Council. -

I have the honor to be,

with great respect. -

Hyderabad
24th October 1798

&c &c &c

Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c &c &c

Sir, I have the honor to forward a Letter addressed to you by Captain Mackenzie with a Memorial he requests of you to forward to the Right Honorable the President in Council. -

That Officers merit in his professional Line

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Line both as an Engineer and surveyor, and the great pains he has taken in procuring an accurate survey of his Highness the Nizam's Territories, hitherto so little known, are too well known to your Sir, and the Honorable Board, to need any recommendation from me.-

Camp
19th October 1798

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. Roberts
Lieut.-Colonel

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

Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident &c. &c.

Hydrabad

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Memorial addressed to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, and to request that you will be pleased to give it that support and favorable recommendation which you are enabled so effectually to afford from your intimate knowledge of the nature, the extent, and the utility of these surveys and Enquiries into the state

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State of these Countries Originally planned by me, and of the difficulties I had to surmount in so far executing them. —

You will be pleased to recollect that a more adequate Salary for this appointment was repeatedly suggested by me, and deemed reasonable by the — Gentlemen who preceded you in the Residency though the circumstances of the times did not permit of bring=ing forward, on the limited scale of the Estimate of the Detachment what had been by some accident overlooked informing it in 1792. —

In renewing this application I hope so considerable a lapse of time in which I have acted with such disadvantage, will rather — strengthen my claims to be placed in a more respectable footing with regard to Salary, and proportioned to the Salarys annexed to other appointments of recent date. —

I have the Honor to be,

&c &c

Camp Baagnagur 18. October 1798. —

(Signed) C. M'Kenzie Captain Engineer Surveyor Nizam's Detachment

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

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To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

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

Fort St. George

The Memorial of Captain Colin Mackenzie, Field Engineer and Surveyor to the Nizams Detachment

The Memorialist hopes that this moment of a considerable addition and new arrangement of the Forces serving with his Highness the Nizam, will not be deemed improper, nor unfavorable to his submitting with the utmost respect, the expediency of allowing a Salary more adequate to the extent, importance, and labour of his various duties on this station, than what has been hitherto attached to it. —

And though your Honorable Board in expressing your satisfaction with the design and progress of those surveys on the 2. March last, from a desire of not anticipating the pleasure of the Court of Directors, regarding the appointment of Military Surveyor General solicited by the Memorialist,

then

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then declined making any addition to his salary, he hopes at this juncture you will approve of his bringing the subject before you, and when an increase of the appointments connected with these Forces has taken place, admit of his allowances being also increased in a proportion agreeable to that of the rest, and to those of Officers employed in other quarters, in consideration of these surveys involving a much more considerable extent of research and actual duty, at a much greater distance from your settlements, and subject to more accidents and unprovided contingencies than any other similar duty under the Presidency, a disadvantage added to that of being repeatedly called away to a distance for other public duties, under which the Memorialist has either actually surveyed himself, or systemized a very considerable mass of new and authentic Geographic information without incurring any expence to Government / excepting the Establishment of public servants for the first time allowed from 1st March last /-

The Memorialist represents that tho' your

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Your Honorable Board were pleased to direct his being continued on the strength of the Detachment, when composed of Bengal Troops, with a view of promoting those surveys, which was confirmed by the Supreme Board, he has only received the former Surveyors allowances and not those of 218 Rupees pr. Month, which the youngest Officer from that Presidency would be entitled to receive for that duty exclusively, that the Memorialist has in the mean time with your permission communicated Copies of his surveys to the Surveyor General there, who has laid them before Govern-ment. —

The Memorialist encouraged by that approbation of his pursuits of a useful public object, which you have been pleased to signify, respectfully submits to your consideration the expediency of affixing to the Memorialists — appointment of Surveyor in the Nizams Dominions a specific Salary adequate to the situation, — and to his rank and employments in the Service,

conformable

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conformable to the principle adopted in affixing a salaries to situations of trust and consideration and to those of the other branches of surveys Civil and Military, or the duties connected with them, with an Allowance of Tentage for himself and his People as surveyor, and principal Engineer proportionate to those allowed to the Public Officers with this Detachment. —

The Memorialist also hopes that You will be pleased to allow of the full surveyors allowances that would have been drawn by a surveyor on the Bengal Establishment for the period he has been on the strength of that Detachment. —

/ Signed C. Mackenzie Captain
Engineers - surveyor to the Nizam's
Detachment. —

a true Copy

/ Signed J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved to inform Captain Kirkpatrick that the Board have already granted to Captain Mackenzie a Salary of 200 Pagodas per Month as a reward for his geographical labors.—

Read the following letter from Colonel Roberts.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

From Colonel Roberts Detailing the particulars of his success at Hydrabad.—

I have not hitherto troubled Your Lordship with an account of the operations of the Detachment under my Command, as nothing had occurred of sufficient importance to render it necessary to do so, until the transactions of the last two days, the 21st and 22. Instant, which induced the movement of the Troops under my Command on the latter day, in compliance with the orders of the Resident Captain Kirkpatrick, to reduce to obedience and order, the Body of His Highness the Nizams Troops, who had been under the controul of Monsieur Pion, and who, having on those two days broke out into a violent

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Violent muting, seized upon their Officers, and confined them. In consequence of which I moved down with the four Madras Battalions and Artillery attached, about noon on the 22d Instant, sending the necessary Orders to Lieutenant Colonel Wyndman, who was encamped at a short distance in the rear of the French Lines, to support me with the Bengal Detachment should circumstances render it necessary. - about three in the afternoon I reached and occupied the heights immediately in front of the French lines, within musket shot, which they permitted me to do, without offering the least opposition, and soon after surrendered themselves and laid down their Arms. By seven Oclock that Evening my Troops were in complete possession of every part of their extensive Lines, their Guns, Arms, and all their Military Stores to a Considerable amount, upwards of twelve thousand Stand of Arms, and twenty seven pieces of Cannon mounted; have already been collected: their Force consisted of thirteen thousand men. -

I beg on this occasion to mention to

Your

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Your Lordships notice a Captain Scohy of the 2. Battalion 2d. Regiment, who, from my knowledge of his Zeal and activity, and the confidence which several of the French Officers of Monsieur Perons party (with whom he was personally acquainted) had in his Integrity and honor, led me to employ him in a correspondence which my situation obliged me to have with them; and I have the utmost reason to be satisfied with his exertions, which were calculated to facilitate the happy termination of this important object. —

Captain Kirkpatrick will of course transmit to your Lordship the particulars of the late negotiations. —

I beg to be permitted to congr[illegible] 25th ult.
your Lordship on the accomplishment of this the
political event, in a manner so conducive to the
firm establishment of our Interests at this Court. —

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect. —
&c &c
Signed George Roberts
Colonel

Camp near
Hydrabad
23. October 1798

Read.

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Read the following letters from the Resident at Tanjore.—

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

Sir,

A difference of opinion has for some time prevailed between the Rajah of Tanjore and Major Innes on a Cast Dispute which Iam at last required by the Rajah to refer for the opinion of Government— His Excellency conceives that Major Innes mistakes the relative Situation on which the Sepoys under his Command are placed in the Fort of Tanjore and begs it may be determined by Government if the native troops are not, in all respects where their military Duty is not concerned, Amenable to the Usages and Customs prevailing in regards to religious Ceremonies marriages &c in Common with the rest of the Rajahs Subjects.

Two men dispute the right of Marriage

From the Resident at Tanjore mentions different particulars regarding a dispute that had arisen between a Sepoy of the Garrison of Tanjore and one of the Rajahs Subjects regarding a marriage, upon which the Rajah wishes that Government should decide.—

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Marriage to a young Woman—The one a Sepoy of Major Innes' Corps, the other an Inhabitant and Subject of the Rajah—the Girl is also of the latter discription.—

The Inhabitant married the Woman—the Sepoy forced her away from him and still retains her—a Complaint was preferred to the Rajah and His Excellency According to Custom referred the decision to the Head of the Cast; Major Innes's Sepoy objected to this Decree of the Rajah—His Excellency applied to me and I waited on Major Innes—we agreed on an Arbitration of the Cast, to which the Sepoys assented, but as the Arbitrators chosen by the Sepoy, were from his Corps, and the others from the Friends of the Inhabitant, the parties were obstinate in their opinions, and after repeated attempts they failed in the adjustment of it—this took up some time and the case was deferred till major Innes's return from Madras.—

The Rajah has since called on major

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Major Innes to allow his Sepoy to submit the Cause
to the decision of the whole Cast as the impartial
Tribunal and which his Excellency believes to be
the invariable practice throughout India, in Cases,
where the Habits and prejudices of each cast are
so peculiar to themselves as to preclude any other
Person from a competent Judgement. —

The Rajah is anxious for the opinion
of Government, as this was the first cause that
came before him after his Accession to the Musnud,
and as he has declared himself impartial in the
decision and referred it to the long Established —
Customs among his People — He thinks the counteraction
an interference in the Government and the act of
Violence Committed by the Sepoy an Example —
pregnant with more serious Consequences. —

I have avoided troubling the Govern=
=ment with any of the particulars as I conceive
this reference to relate simply to the Question

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of the Rajah's authority.—

Fort St. George
27th October 1798.

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
(Signed) Benj.n Torin
Resident

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.
Secretary to Government

Sir,

Fort St. George

From Ditto mentions that Major Innes had conceived some alarm in consequence of the Rajah having issued a few ball Cartridges to his troops encloses Copy of a letter from the Rajah regarding Major Innes's conduct towards him.—

Yesterday I received a visit from Major Innes accompanied by Captain Butler the Fort Adjutant, Officially to inform me, he had received intelligence that the Rajah of Tanjore had secretly issued Ball Cartridges to His Troops.

I replied it was very probable that the Rajah had issued Ball Cartridges, that I knew his Excellency did occasionally supply Ammunition to his Sebbendies when he required their Services in the Collection of his Revenue that he was the Rajah of the Country and that I knew of no power vested in myself or the commanding Officer, to prevent him unless the Major suspected the Rajah of disaffection to his

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this Major Innes disclaimed & in that case I said there appeared to me nothing irregular in the Rajahs conduct if Major Innes thought otherwise, He knew best what steps to take. -

I sent to the Rajah to know what circumstance had given rise to this report - His Excellency explained to me, that the Cattle had been issued to a party of Sibbendy who were to proceed to Combo Conum to protect a Village against a troublesome Cauvalcars - that in the mean time Major Innes had with-drawn the Guard at the Palace Gate, in consequence of a Dispute with the Rajah about the Peons, and that these Sepoys had been directed, instead of going to Comba Conum to take up that Station. -

I represented to the Rajah that their Ammunition was in consequence unnecessary and He informed me He had recalled it. and I sent this note of information under cover to the Fort Adjutant and requested He would shew it to Major Innes. which he did. -

Notwithstanding Major Innes thought proper to strengthen the Guards of the Garrison and

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to proceed in every respect towards the Rajah as a Suspicious Character.—

Hbis Excellency represents that Hbis Revenue Guards and even Hbis Village Peons are stopped and disarmed at the Gates, and that Hbe has of late suffered many indignities, which Hbe is at length obliged to forward to the Right Honorable Governor, in Hopes of relief.—

I cannot perceive any thing in the Rajahs conduct in any Respect objectionable, and I believe the issue of a few Cartridges to the Sibbendy, is a power, exercised by every Nabobs Renter in the Carnatick, and without creating any alarm—at all events that it is a previledge hitherto exercised by the Rajah of Tanjour and not incompatible with the Duties of Hbis Government—and I am sorry Major Innes does not view it with similar sentiments as this Situation of Affairs at Tanjore Cannot fail to disturb the Harmony which ought ever to subsist between the Rajah and the Honorable Company, and to weaken those habits of Confidence

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It is so much our wish to Establish.-

I have the honor to be

W.c W.c

Tanjore
29. October 1798.

Signed Benj.a Torin
Resident

To Benjamin Torin Esq.r
Resident at
Tanjore

Sir,

I have been almost these four Months without any Enemy, and enjoyed perfect tranquillity,— but now Major Innes seems to be resolved to disgrace and molest me as much as is in his power, at which I am so much afflicted, that I cannot help to state some grievances to you, intreating you to transmit my— Complaints to Government.-

The night before last two of my Servants coming to the Palace with their Swords as usual— have been maltreated by some Sepoys who have— taken their Swords by force against all their remonstra:= =tion, and carried the Swords to the Guard when these my Servants repaired to the guard next— morning to demand their Swords they were carried by

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a guard to Major Innes where they have been detained for some time and at last told by the Major, that they were in future not to go in the Street with their Swords at Night, upon which their Swords were returned to them and they were sent away. –

Yesterday Morning all my Servants who came into the Fort with their Swords were detained at the Gate / the same Morning my riding Master went out to break in my horse but on his / return he was detained at the Gate which your Hircarrah has seen, my Camels returning to the Fort have also been detained along while Last Night the Tom Tom man, who goes round the Fort upon the Rampart every night has been unmercifully beat by a Centinel – some days ago two of my Bullocks have been tied by Sepoys and released only yesterday, but not otherwise than after I have paid two fanams fine. –

This morning my people who bring Water from the Little Fort have been detained at the Gate because the Peon, who always attends them had a stick in his hand, and thus I have got

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no water, many people are apprehended near the Fort
and some offence being imputed to them, they are
fined; all this is meant to disgrace and insult me,
and all is done by Major Innes's order, He treats me
as an Enemy to the Honorable Company, and does
all he can to make me be looked upon as a
prisoner, and as one who intends to make insurrec-
tions, on that very account he has placed strong
guards at the gates etc.

I therefore intreat you to communicate,
in my unhappy situation and to endeavour that I
may no more experience insults and disgrace by the
Malevolence of Major Innes or of any other Enemy
I am bold to make this request, as my grief is great,
and as I know your benevolence and tenderness to
me.

I am with great Regard

&c. &c.

Tanjore
30.th October 1798.

I Signed Serfogee Rajah

A true Copy

I Signed B. Torin
Resident

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To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Sir Fort St. George

From Ditto States different particulars regarding the Jewels in the possession of the late Rajah Amersing, which are Mortgaged, and cannot be recovered. Intimates the wish of Rajah Serfoge to be permitted to celebrate his Marriage.

When I last addressed myself to Government upon the Subject of the late Rajah's I gave some hopes of a reconciliation between Amersing and the present Rajah Serfogee during this apparent good understanding many Explanations had passed respecting the disposal of the Public and Private Property in the Palace as well as of the Jewels still claimed by the reigning Prince - on the Order from Government being received, approving of the distribution, it was mutually agreed to make the restitution on the most friendly terms and to pay the value, of what was not restored, in kind - Among Amersing's portion were some regal Insignia which he had made during his Reign - and among Rajah Serfogee's Share there was a quantity of Gold and Silver which Amersing had used and was to account for in Cash. -

The Young Rajah was to receive from

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from Amersing some of the Womens Jewells, for their approaching Nuptials and an Explanation of those that he still retained, as well as of the Articles he had Sold or Mortgaged.—

This favorable disposition continued for some time, in which Amersing surrendered the Jewells worn by the late Rajah Tulajees deceased Son, and some few female Ornaments agreeable to the inclosed List, he also gave an account of a Deposit of Circar Jewells in the hands of a Soucar at Trichinopoly which are estimated at Seventeen thousand Pagodas Value, and on which about twelve thousand are due.—

Amersing also acknowledged another mortgage of the Circar Jewells to a much larger Amount in the hands of Narrain Pelly at Madras but which it is believed are not of so much Value as the Sum for which they are deposited.—

In this Situation Amersing Suddenly and without a Reason, broke off all communication, and receded from the Arrangement he had made to be received into the favor of the Rajah as well as

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as for the adjustment of Property, and now insists on receiving the Royal ornaments instead of their Value.-

The younger Queen however who had separated herself from the young Rajah ever since his return from Madras and sought protection from Amersing persevered in her wish to be restored to favor, and a reconciliation has in consequence taken place between her and the Rajah Serfojee.

I have been induced to give this account of the Palace and their property inconsequence of the Queen Widow having announced to me her intention to promote the marriage of the young Rajah & Serfojee in the month of January next. The Queen represents that it is not proper Conformable to their Customs that Serfojees' marriage should be longer delayed, and I am impowered by the Rajah himself to say, it is an Event he is very desirous of and which he entreats from the favor and Assistance of the

Honorable

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Honorable Company — The intended Bride is the niece of the Queen mother. —

By the Company's Assistance the Rajah looks for the recovery of the Trichinopoly Jewells as the cheapest mode of providing the Ornaments for this occasion, and shews no wish to be unnecessarily Expensive in the Celebration of this Nuptials. —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble Servant

Tanjore
31. October 1798.

Signed Benj.n Torin
Resident

List

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List of Jewells delivered by Amersing Basalah on the 11th October 1798 to Maha Rajah Serfogee.

Jewels set with Stones		Estimated P.N.P.
2 Neck jewels called Kundasaram	Do	730 -
4 Rings	Do	69
4 Necklace Do Padakum	Do	170 -
2 Belt ornament Do Supprase	Do	280
1 Womans fore heads jewels Do pooto	Do	5
2 Ears chains with Pearl	Do	100
1 Head Ornament called Sooriabraby	Do	900
1 Do Do	Sundrabraby	Do 20
1 Do Do	Rakady	Do 35
1 Diamond String		Do 900
2 Paultey		Do 110
1 String with Fygers Nail		Do 90
2 Ellow jewels called Jayatee		Do 65
2 Ear Do Do	Bogoody	Do 18
2 Feet Do Do	Pavalmany	Do 80
31 Plain gold jewels		Do 968 3/4
35 Silver jewels		Do 278 5/8

Total Porto Novo Pagodas 4750. -

in the presence of

Signed B. Torin

Resident

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Resolution thereon

As nothing but a strong proof of the Rajah of Tanjore's disaffection to the Company's Government can justify such an indignity as that offered him by Major Innes with the risk of disturbing the harmony at present subsisting at Tanjore the Board would have at once proceeded to signify their displeasure at — a Major Innes's conduct, if they did not wish whatever may be the merit of that Officers proceedings / to afford him an opportunity of offering such an Explanation as may be in his power. —

Ordered that the foregoing resolution be communicated to the Resident at Tanjore. —

The Board are concerned that the reconciliation has not been effected between the late and the present Rajah, but conceive it — impossible for them to make any farther adjust- =ment / than of the property actually forthcoming at the Restoration of Rajah Serfojee. — The debt which Amersing has contracted upon a Mortgage

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of the family ornaments differs in no shape from the immense load which has been contracted upon a mortgage of the whole Country, and, as the Board are not aware of any mode, by which to recover the jewels in question without payment of the debt, so it will be impossible for them to discharge the debt until an arrangement may be made for the liquidation of the whole.—

Though the Board feel every disposition to meet the wishes of the Rajah Serfogee in the celebration of his nuptials, yet it will be necessary for the Resident to explain to him that under the impending appearances of public affairs it will be indispensably necessary to observe — an aconomy so strict as to be nearly incompatible with his Excellency's object.—

Read the following letters from the Military Board.—

From the Military Board
Repairs to the Officers
Quarters at Connatore
recommended only two
12 lbs Carronades can be
furnished

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

My Lord,

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Having been honored by the receipt of

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furnished from the Arsenal one Division of battering train already sent off to Vellore, and another to be dispatched on the 30th together with two flat bottomed boats for the River Palar — payment of a bill for putting the boats in repair recommended — Enclose an estimate of Repairs required at Tripassore — Enclose — Estimates No. 1 & 7 for Repairs required at Sankerrydroog and Veerabuderdroog which are recommended — Enclose a Bill for different Articles — provided by the — Gun Carriage — Contractors — Recommend that an — Advance be made to — Wm. Webb as Agent of Supplies on Account of his — estimate for the Supply of Military Stores for the — ensuing quarter. —

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of Government's Letter of the 24th with its enclosures, as also, of — Wm. Secretary Webbe's of the 27th instant, and having considered the application from the Officers of the 1st Regiment Native Cavalry on the subject of their — — Quarters at Connatore; We deem it necessary to — — suggest to your Lordship the expediency of authorizing such Repairs to be made to them as are indispensably requisite, as a more adviseable measure in all respects than granting an Allowance of House Rent. —

2. We have the honor to inform Your Lordship that, on a reference to the Return of the Arsenal of Fort St. George, it appears that two brass 12 lbr. Carronades, one having a Carriage, are the only pieces of Ordnance of that description which can be furnished from thence. —

3rd We do ourselves the honor to report for the information of Government that ten Iron 18 lbr. Guns, with six thousand (6000) round Shot for the same, were dispatched from the Presidency for Vellore on the 27th instant, and that, in consequence of your Lordship's directions communicated to

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to our Board in Mr Secretary Webbes' Letter of that Date, a further proportion of the Battering Train, consisting of the like number, and description, of Guns, will be forwarded in the course of tomorrow the 30th instant, together with two large flat Bottom Boats for the River Palar, to be stationed opposite to the Cavalry Cantonment near Arcot.—

4th. An Expence to the Amount of Pagodas 24:37:40, as detailed in the enclosed Account, having been incurred in putting those Boats into a serviceable state, We recommend that payment of the same be authorized.—

5th We beg leave to state that, in consequence of the Address from the Officer Commanding at Tripassore, which was referred to our consideration with Governments Letter of the 11th Ultimo, the Barracks, and Quarters, at that Station, have undergone a particular examination, and that the expence of the Repairs required thereto, as detailed in the accompanying Estimate, amounts to Pagodas 690.33.31.—

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6th It having been reported to us that some temporary Repairs are indispensably necessary to — secure against the weather several of the Public Buildings at Sankerrydroog, which, although below the lately established Line of Defence of that Fortress, must unavoidably be occupied, until others shall have been erected in proper situations within that Line, and the necessity for some immediate Repairs being made to the Store Room, and Magazine, at — Veerabudderdroog, having also been stated to our Board, We are in consequence induced to recommend that such Repairs be authorized upon the Estimates N.1, and 7. for those works respectively, herewith transmitted, that for the former, amounting to Pagodas 633: 4: 72, and that for the latter, to Pagodas 298: 40: 77.

7th We have the honor to enclose a Bill, amounting to Pagodas 2507: 33: " for different — Articles provided by the Gun Carriage &c. Contractors, which have been found on Survey by a Committee

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Committee of our Board to be in all respects fit for the publick Service, and to recommend that payment of the Bill be ordered accordingly.—

8th. Having in Conformity to the Regulations authorized an Indent upon the Agent of Supply for various articles of Military Store, required for the Service of the Arsenal during the ensuing Quarter ending the 31st. of January next, the cost thereof is estimated at Pagodas 7285:22:56. We recommend that an Advance of Pagodas 2428:21:45, equal to one third of such Estimate, be accordingly made to Mr. Webb on that account.—

Fort St. George
29th October 1798

We have the Honor to be,
Hr. Hrs
Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
Signed W. Sydenham
Jr. Richardson
Bj. Close

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of Repairs wanting to the Quarters, and — Barracks, at Trijapore. —

Commanding Officers' Quarters and Offices		
Brick Work in Chunam Cub feet 166 p. at 2.30 p. ₰ foot		9.27.35
Plaistering with 1 Coat Chunam sup. feet 2714 at 1.15.60 ₰ Square		37.13.27
D°. with 2 Coats Chunam D° 330 at 2.24 ₰ D°		8.20.32
D°. with 3 Coats Chunam D° 55 at 3. " ₰ D°		1.27.24
Paving with 8 Inch Square Bricks in Chunam for repairing the pavement sup. f. 270 at 2.36 ₰ Square		7.30. "
Pointing with Chunam to pavement sup. feet 1350 at 16 f. ₰ Square		5.6. "
Shifting Tiles Squares 29¼ at 8 f. ₰ Square		5.24. "
New Pan Tiling D° 9¾ at 1.12 ₰ D°		12.22.40
D°. Flat D° D° 20 at 1 Pagoda ₰ D°		" 8.32
New Chunam Borders D° 75 at 1.21 ₰ D°		1.5.20
White washing D° 38 at 4 fanams ₰ D°		3.26. "
Repairing 2 Doors with 2 new Buttons		" 21. "
4 New Door Bolts at 9 fan.		" 36. "
Repairing 2 Bolts at 3 D° each		" 6. "
D° 2 Door Locks and making 2 New Keys and fixing a New Pad-Lock and Key		" 36. "
Red Painting 2 Coats for 13 Pair Doors and 13 Pair Shutters Sup. Yards 128 at 3½ fan. ₰ Yard		" 21. "
		10.28. "
		106.22.50
6. Captains or 12 Subalterns' Quarters		
Paving with 8 Inch Square Bricks in Chunam for repairing the Pavement sup. f. 502 at 2.36 ₰ Square		14.14.32
Pointing Chunam to Pavement Square 24½ at 16 fan. ₰ Square		8.4. "
Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam sup. f. 220 at 2.24 ₰ D°		5.27.48
D° 3 Coats D° D° 200 at 3 Pag. ₰ D°		6. " "
Stopping Cracks		" 35. "
White Washing Squares 157½ at 4 fan. ₰ Square		15.6. "
Shifting Tiles D° 10 at 8 D° ₰ D°		1.38. "
New Pan Tiling D° 2 at 1.15.60 ₰ D°		2.31.40.
Carried over Pag.		54.24.40 106.22.50

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	Brought Over Pagodas	54.24.40	106.22.50
New flat Tiling sup.e f.t 60 at 1 Pag.a p.r Square			25.16
New Chunam Borders de 3/4 at 1. 24. p.r Do			1.36.00
5 New Fogongs with Brick in Clay at 3 fanams each			15.
Repairing the Doors with 7/4 sup f.t of 3/4 Inch Plank and Nails			36.
2 Pieces of Teak Wood for fixing hooks ea 9 In. by 4 In.s Square			8.
12 New Staples for Bolts. 4 dowes. 2 New bolts of 18 Inches and 1 bolt of 9 In.s long, 16 th. at 13 th. p.r Pagoda			1 9.55
17 Bolts to be repaired			34.
5 Door Locks to be repaired at 8 fan.s each			40.
5 New Keys for Do at 10 fan.s each			1 8.
2 Handles for a Door Lock at 8 Do each			16.
7 Inch New Iron Rimed Locks with Keys Complete at 2 Pag.s each			14
Red Painting 2 Coats for 23 Pair Doors and 30 Pair Shutters Sup yards 281 at 3/2 fan.s p.r yard			23.17.40.

Offices

Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam Sup.t feet 280 at 2..24. p.r Square		7. 8.32
Brick Work in Clay Cub f.t 4 1/2 at 1. 60 p.r foot		7.70
Cracks Stopt with Jelly & Chunam sup.t feet 5 at 3. p.r Square		6.24
Shifting Tiles sq.r f.t 28 1/4 at 8 fan.s p.r Square		5.16.
New Pan Tiling Do 7/2 at 1. 15. 60 p.r Do		9.33.37
D.o Flat Do sup.t feet 60 at 1 Pagoda p.r Do		25.16
New Chunam Borders Do 45 at 1.24. p.r Do		28.28
White washing sq.r 64 3/8 at 4 fan.s p.r Square		6. 5.40
5 New Fogongs with Brick in Clay at 3 fan.s ea		15.
Repairing 6 Doors with 6 new battens		1. 6.
New planks for Shelves sup.t f.t 60 at 4 fan.s p.r foot		5.30.
1 New Bracket 24 In.s long by 2 1/2 In.s by 2 In.s		4
2 Teak wood piece for fixing hooks ea 9 In.s long by 4 In.s Square at 4 fan.s p.r each		8.
4 New Staples for Bolts, 2 New Bolts of 9 In.s long & 1 Cross bolt of 6 In.s long with 100 Nails W.t 7 th 2 13 th. per Pagoda		2250
6 New Pad-Locks and Keys a 24 fan.s ea		3.
4 New Staples for Bolts		4.
Carried Over Pag.s	141.29.28.	106. 22.50

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Brought Over Pagodas	141.29.28	106.22.50
Red Painting 2 Coats for 15 Pair doors & 9 Pair Window Shutters Sup^t yards 8.22.60		
102 p.a 13½ fan^d ft yard		150.10.8

Soldiers Barracks 4 Ranges

Plaistering with 1 Coat Chunam Sup^t ft. 7080 at P. 15.60 p^r. Sq^r.	97.14.56
Paving with 8 Inches Square Bricks in Chunam for repairing the Pavement Sup^t ft. 4350 at 2.24 ft. Sq^r.	111.36. "
Painting with Chunam to Pavement Sup^t ft. 7350 at 16 f^s p^r. Sq^r.	28.- "
Shifting Tiles Sq^r. 125¼ at 8 f^s ft. Sq^r.	23.36. "
New Pan Tiling D^o 4¼ at 1.15.60 ft D^o	57.17.5
D^o. flat D^o D^o 2 at 1 Pagoda ft D^o	2. "
New Chunam Borders D^o 3 at 1.21 ft D^o	4.21. "
White washing D^o 480 at 4 f^s ft D^o	45.30. "
20 Mat Pins at 2½ fan^d each	1. 8. "
2 Staples for Bolts	" 6. "

Offices

Plaistering with 1 Coat Chunam Sup^t ft flat 689 at 1.15.60 ft Sq^r.	9.19.73
New Wall Brick Paving with 1 Course flat in Chunam Sup^t feet 64½ at 1.30. " ft Sq^r.	1.4.35
Shifting Pan Tiles Sup^t ft. 976 at 8 f^s p^r. Sq^r.	1.36.6
New Pan Tiling D^o 488 at 1.15.60 ft D^o	6.29.65
New Chunam borders D^o 75 at 1.21. " ft D^o	1. 5.10.
15 New Togongs with Brick in Clay a 3 f^s ea	1. 3. "
27 Old D^o to be repaired & plaistering with Clay a 1½ fan^d ea	" 40.40
	394 8.49

Hospital

Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam Sup^t ft. 231 at 2.24 ft Square	5.39.38
Brick Work in Chunam Cub ft. 22½ at 2.30 ft foot	1. 6.75
Taking off Old paving & relaying with 8 In^s Sq^r. New Brick paving in Chunam Sup^t ft. 420 at 1.12 ft. Sq^r.	5.16.64
Pointing Chunam D^o 1400 at 16 f^s p^r. D^o	5.14 "
New Wall Brick Paving 1 Course flat in Chunam Sup^t ft. 18 at 1.30 ft Sq^r.	" 12.76
	4.19.73
White washing Sup^t ft. 4698 at 4 f^s p^r. Sq^r.	
Carried Over Pagodas	22.26.6 650.41.27

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Brought over Pagodas	22.26.6	650.41.27
6 Palmira pieces each 2½ feet long for Bulls Eyes at 2½ ca.	" 15. "	
4 Bolts to be repaired	" 8. "	
Repairing a door with nails	" 12 "	
1 New Cross Bolt	" 7. "	
Red painting 2 Coats for 3 Pair doors, 4 Pair Nattan Shutters and the Main Guard door Sup.t Yards 33½ a 3½ fan.s p.r yard = 2.33.20		26.17.26

Serjeants Quarter & Offices

Plaistering with 2 Coats Chunam Sup.t ft. 210 a 2.24 P. ft. = " ft Sq.r		5.16.64
Shifting Tiles Sup.t ft. 600 at 8 fan.s p.r C. ft. Do.		1. 6. "
New Pan Tiling Do. 120 at 1. 15. 60 ft Do.		1.26.62
8 Inches Sq.r New Brick paving in Chunam Sup.t ft. 40 at 2.36. P. ft = " ft Sq.r		1. 6. "
Wall Brick paving 1 Course flat in Chunam Do. 18 at 1. 30. " ft Sq.r		" 12.76
Pointing with Chunam to Pavement Do. 120 a 16 fan.s p.r Sq.r		" 19.16
White washing Sup.t ft. 750 a 4 fan.s p.r Sq.r		" 30. "
6 New Fogongs with Brick in Clay a 3 fan.s p.r Sq.r		" 18. "
5 New Iron Bolts each 9 In.s long with Nails and Carpenters work for fixing at 7 fan.s each		" 35. "
Red painting 2 Coats for 2 Pair doors and 3 pair Shutters Sup.t yards 16.3 ft. a 3½ fan.s p.r yard		1.14. "
		13 16 58
	Pagodas	690.33.31

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/ Signed Wm. Gent Lt. Col. Engr. & Colonel

Abstract

Commanding Officers Quarter & Office	Pag.s 106.	22.50.
6 Captains or 12 subalterns Quarters	150.	10. 8.
Soldiers Barracks 4 Ranges	394.	8. 49
Hospital	26.	17. 26.
Serjeants Quarter & Offices	13.	16. 58.
	Pagodas 690.	33. 31.

/ Signed P. Ross Actg. Comy

Fred. Pierce Sec.y Mil.y Bd.

/ Signed W. Gent

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of repairs required to Public Buildings at

Sankly droog

			F.	f.	C.	F.	f.	C.
European Artillery Barrack.								
Brick in Chunam to 9 Pillars each 9 feet high and 1/2 Sq.r Cub. feet		182 1/2						
9 Pillars each 7 feet high and 1/2 Sq.r		141 3/4						
above Ground	324 1/4							
Foundations	72							
Cub.c feet	396 1/4							
Brick in Chunam at 2 fan.s per						18.	36.	40
Cub.c f.t 2700. at 10 Cash per						7.	31.	"
Mud Walls between						13.	31.	40
Flooring with one Course of Wall Bricks flat in Chunam Sq.rs 13.75 at 1. per								
Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters reapers and pantiles and Chunam borders Sq.rs 28 at 4 1/2 Pagoda per		126.	"	"				
		166.	15.	"				
Deduct for Old materials serviceable in the above Work		15.	"	"				
Total Bricklayers Expence Pagodas						151.	15.	"
Necessary								
6 Pillars Brick in Chunam Foundations	24							
above Ground	90							
Cub feet	114 at 2 fan.s per					5.	18.	"
Cub feet	756 at 10 Cash per					2.	10.	40
Mud Walls between						1.	33.	48
Flooring with one Course wall Bricks flat in Chunam Sq.rs 1. 80 at 1 Pag.a per								
Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters Bamboo reapers Pantiles and Chunam borders Squares 3. 40. at 4 1/2 Pag.a per		15.	12.	48.				
Total Necessary Pagodas						24.	32.	56.
Rebuilding Cook Room								
8 Pillars Brick in Chunam Foundations	32							
above Ground	144							
Cub feet	176. at 2 fan.s per					8.	16.	"
Cub feet	1248 at 10 Cash per					3.	30.	"
Mud Walls between								
Roofing with Palmira Rafters Bamboo reapers and Pantiles and Chunam borders Squares 4. 50. at 4 1/2 Pag.a per		20.	10.	40				
Flooring with one Course Wall Bricks flat in Chunam Sq.rs 3 at 1 Pd.s per		3.	"	"				
Total Cook Room Pag.as						35.	14.	40
Carried Over Pagodas						211.	30	16

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	P. F. C.	P. F. C.
Non Commissioned Officers Quarters Brought over Pagodas		211. 20. 16
3 Rooms each 15 x 12 x 8		
10 Pillers Brick in Chunam to Foundations . Cub feet 40.		
above Ground 180		
Cub feet 220 @ 2 f. per	10. 20. "	
Mud Walls between Cubfeet . . . . . 2336 @ 10 Cash per	6. 40. "	
Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters Bamboo reapers Pantiles and Chunam borders Squares 9. 8 at 4 1/2 P.s per	40. 36. "	
Flooring with one Course wall Bricks flat in Chunam Sq.rs 5. 40 at 1 P. per	5. 16. 64	
Total Non Commissioned Officers Qrs. Pagodas		63. 28. 64

Main Guard

Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters and shifting and repairing Pantiles and Bamboo reapers where wanting Sq.rs 10 1/2 @ 3 1/2 P.s per	36. 31. 40	
Flooring with one Course Wall Bricks flat in Chunam Sq.rs 7 @ 1 Pag.s per	7. " "	
Total of Guard Room Pagodas		43. 31. 40

Gun Shed

Shifting and repairing Roof by Pantiles and supplying flat tiles and Palmyrah reapers Sq.rs 1736 @ 2 1/2 P.s per	43. 16. 64	
Total of Gun Shed Pagodas		43. 16. 64

Store Work Shed and Guard Room adjoining

Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters and Shifting and repairing Pantiles and Bamboo reapers where wanting Sq.rs 11. @ 3 1/2 Pag.s per	38. 21. "	
Total Pagodas		38. 21. "

Commanding Officers Quarters out Houses Two Ranges

New Roofing with Palmyrah Rafters reapers flat and Pantiles and Chunam Borders Sq.rs 40. 40. at 5 3/4 P.s per	232. 12. 48	
		232. 12. 48
Total Pagodas		633. 472

Ryacottah
30th September 1798

/ Signed R. H. Sotheringham
Lieut. in charge Eng.g Department C.D

/ Signed P. Ross

A true Copy

/ Signed Fred. Pierce
Secy. Mil Board

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of Repairs required to Public Buildings at

Veerabuddroog

Store Room

Brick in Chunam to 12 Buttresses

Foundations	576			
Above Ground	864	ft. Cub		
Cub feet	1440 at 2.50	Pr. ft.	90. " "	
Flooring with Chunam Jelly and fine Chunam Sq.rs 6 at 2¼ Ps. pr.			13. 21. "	
Roofing with Palmira rafters bamboo reapers flat and Pantiles and chunam Squares 10.40 at 7¾ Ps. pr.			78. 24. 45	
Deduct for Old Pantiles and Bamboos serviceable in the above Work	5. 21. "		73. 3. 45	
Plaistering with one Coat of Plain and one of fine chunam inside and outside Sq.rs 26 at 1¾ Pag.s pr.	43. 31. 40			220. 14. 5.

Magazine

Brick in Chunam to 6 Buttresses

Foundations	288.			
Above Ground	288.			
Cub feet	576			
Sitting up a Window	15.	ft. Cash		
Cub feet	591 at 2.50	pr.	36. 39. 30	
Flooring with Chunam Jelly and fine Chunam Sq.rs 2.25 at 2¼ Ps. pr.			5. 26. 20	
Repairing Crack with Jelly &c.a in the Arch Cub f.t 22 at 3 f.t 10 Cash pr.			1. 26. 60	
Taking off old Plaister fitting several Small Cracks and new plaistering the whole Sq.rs 18.36 at 1. 36. pr.			34. 4. 2	
		"	14. 40	
			78. 26. 72	
Coolies digging foundation for Buttresses				

Total Pagodas . . . 298. 40. 77.

Ryacottah
30. September 1798.

Signed R. H. Fotheringham
Lieut.t in Charge Engr. Depart.
Ceded Districts

Signed P. Ross

True Copy

Signed Fred.k Pierce
Secy. Mil Board

To

6734. Fort St. George 6th November 1798.

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council &c &c &c

My Lord,

1st 1. Lieutenant Colonel Orr Commanding the 3d Regiment Native Cavalry, having transmitted to us the enclosed Bill, amounting to 400 Pagodas, for Building temporary Stables, and making repairs &c for the accommodation of that Corps at Vellout in Consequence of the authority of Government signified through our Board to him for that purpose, We accordingly do ourselves the Honor of laying the same before your Lordship in Council. –

2. We beg leave to recommend that a further advance of Pagodas 140. 16. 50. be authorized to Lieutenant Colonel Dupont on account of repairs &c carrying on under that Officers superintendence at Cuddalore. –

3. The Principal agent for Draft, and Carriage, Cattle, having laid before our Board Indents

From the Military Board forward a Bill from Colonel Orr for repairs done at Vellout recommend a further advance to Colonel Dupont on account of repairs at Cuddalore forward for the sanction of Government indents for furniture and stationary required by the Bullock Agent enclose an Estimate for repairs required at the Smiths Shops at the Arsenal. –

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Indents for Furniture, and Stationary, required for the use of his Department, which appear to be very necessary. We in Consequence, enclose those Indents for the purpose of being sanctioned by Government.

4. The Smiths Shop at the Arsenal of Fort St. George being in Want of some repairs to render it secure against the weather, we are induced to recommend that an immediate performance of those repairs may be accordingly authorized upon the accompanying Estimate for the purpose, amounting to Pagodas 144. 11. 37.

We have the honor to be,

Fort St. George
2. November 1798.

&c &c

Geo. Harris
Patrick Ross
W. Sydenham
Jn. Richardson
B.J. Close

Sd/ Signed

Estimate

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Estimate of the Expence of repairs wanting to the Smiths' Shop at the Arsenal

74 feet long and 21 feet broad out and out,

4 New Teak Center Posts, 8 front Posts, and 6 Brest summers — Cub feet 46.10 at 36 fanams pr foot		F. f. C. 40. 6. —
Taking down the Old roof, putting the Old and new Posts relaying the roof with half old and half new Palmiras, reepering with new Palmira Reepers and tiling with half old, and half new Pantiles Squares 19:50: at 4 Pagodas 21 fanams — pr Square		87. 31. 40.
Taking down 2 Old Walls and rebuilding with two third Old and One third new Wall Bricks in Clay Cub: feet 360 at 1 fanam pr foot		8. 24. —
Plaistering with 1 Coat Chunam to the above Walls Squares 5.77. at 1.15.60 pr Square		7. 33. 77.
	Pagodas	1164. 11. 37.

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31st October 1798

Signed W.m Gent
Lieut. Col.o Engr.

Signed P. Ross

A true Copy

Signed Fred.k Pierce
Lieut. Milit. Board

Resolved

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Resolution thereon

Resolved that the several repairs and Payments recommended by the Military Board be authorized.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Military Auditor General reports his opinion as to the mode of adjusting the difficulties regarding the Exchange of Lucknow Rupees his suggestion regarding the mode of settling the exchange in the Hydrabad Detachment.—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Secretary Webbes letter of the 24th. October enclosing copies of Letters from the Paymaster at Masulipatam and with the Detachment under the Command of Colonel Roberts at Hydrabad, and desiring my opinion upon the Exchange at which the Bengal Troops at the former, and the Coast Troops at the latter station should be paid.—

2. It appears from the Correspondence between the Paymasters of the Bengal Troops and of Masulipatam, with an enclosure from Major

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Major Hamilton Commanding the Marine Battalion at that place, that the Lucknow Rupee issued by the Station Paymaster to the Bengal troops not being the Currency of the place will only be received in Exchange for Arcots at a discount of 30 Cash each, and Consequently the Sepoys, or the Company must sustain the Loss of that difference, but as from the best enquiry I can make the intrinsic value of the Lucknow Rupee is superior to that of the Arcot in the proportion of 357. 10. 4 to 365 - it is evident that the depreciation of the former at Masulipatam must be owing to their not being the Currency of the place, and therefore the only remedy that I conceive can be applied in this case, is, to recoin the Lucknow Rupees into those which are current at the Station, and to issue the latter or Madras Pagodas at the established exchange to the Troops, which will satisfy them and produce gain to the Company, the Expense of Coinage, I understand, being only 2½ p.c. Cent,

and

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and it may also be expedient to introduce into the Masulipatam District an encreased proportion of Copper, which will naturally have the effect of raising and keeping up the value of the Silver Coins, best by issuing to the Troops Lucknow Rupees at the same rate as Arcots, the Company lose upwards of 13 Rupees in every 100 Pagodas and even at that rate, the Troops complain of sustaining a loss of 30 Cash in each Rupee. —

3 With respect to the representation of the Paymaster of the Detachment at Hydrabad, I have to observe that the Information conveyed in his Letter is not sufficiently full and explanatory in regard to the smaller coins Current at that place, to enable me to form a distinct opinion on the Subject, the Exchange at which the Coast Troops were formerly paid in the Nizams Dominions was at the rate of 365 Arcot Rupees ℔ 100 Pagodas which has been ever regarded as a very favorable Medium, that should, if possible be continued, but if a fixed

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rate shall be found not to answer the present
circumstances of the service in that Country, it will
be then necessary to have recourse to the Bazar
Exchange as a general Standard for payment to the
Troops, and to be authenticated by a Monthly Certificate
from the Commanding Officer. I would therefore beg leave
to recommend that the attention of the Resident as
well as of the Commanding Officer of the Detachment
may be particularly called to the Subject, in order
to their suggesting such mode as will not be
disadvantageous to the Company, and at the
same time prevent the Troops from suffering any
loss, which last object has always been kept in
view in every former Regulation respecting the
exchange at which their pay was to be issued.

4 It has generally been found that
the ordinary fluctuations in Exchange have
originated in the Combination of Shroffs, who have
often the power of altering it at pleasure by
buying up the Smaller Coins and producing
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an artificial scarcity; I presume therefore that if the Paymaster was furnished with a Quantity of Copper Dubs, which I understand are Current in the Nizams Territories, it would be greatly in his power to defeat the effect of such combination, and to give to the higher coins their full value. -

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
2. November 1798.

I Signed Wm. Sydenham
Milly. Auditor Genl.

Minute thereon

Resolved that instructions be sent to the Paymaster at Masulipatam in conformity with the recommendation of the Auditor General, and that the Resident at Hydrabad be consulted upon the exchange to be established in the payment of the Troops serving at Hydrabad observing that the intention of the Board is to establish it upon a footing of perfect equality with that of the Bengal Troops. -

Lieutenant Colonel Roberts and Captain Kirkpatrick to

Resolved also that Colonel Roberts and

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To be consulted as to the best mode of regulating contingent Charges and of Supplying their Detachment with Grain.—

and Captain Kirkpatrick be consulted upon the best means of regulating contingent charges and the supply of Grain with the Detachment.—

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General,—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

My Lord, Fort St. George

Report of the Military Auditor General respecting an additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for November.—

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of Yesterdays date, enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current month, I have the honor to report, that the amount viz.t seventeen thousand and fifty one Pagodas Twenty four Fanams and sixteen Cash (Pagodas 17051.24.16.) is unobjectionable and may be issued from the Treasury, being required for the purpose of making the advances of Cash authorized in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the

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1st Instant to the principal Agent for Draught and Carriage Bullocks, and to the Agent for supplies of Military Stores for Articles furnished for the equipment of the Battering Train, as well as to discharge his Bill for Articles supplied on Extraordinary Indents, the same having been lately audited & passed in my Office under the authority of Govern=ment. —

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) Wm. Sydenham
Milit.y Aud.r Gen.l

Military
Auditor Generals Office
Fort St. George
6. November 1798.

Ordered that an advance of Seventeen thousand and fifty one Pagodas Twenty four Fanams and Sixteen Cash. (Pag.s 17051: 24: 16) be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional estimate enclosed in his letter of the 3. instant. —

Further issue of Cash ordered to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of Additional estimate lately sent in. —

Read the following letter from the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops. —

To —

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

My Lord,

Fort S.t George

From the Deputy Paymaster General to the Kings Troops enclosing different accounts relating to the 29.th Regiment of Dragoons. —

I have the honor of forwarding herewith to your Honorable Board, the accompanying accounts of Arrears of Subsistence &c.a just received by me from the Paymaster of the 29.th Dragoons, Stated and Closed Monthly, and the Balances regularly carried forward in each, from the 25.th of March to the 24.th September 1798, and Countersigned by the Major then Commanding the Regiment, by which there appears due to that Corps £2290:11:8½ and for which sum if found correct the Commanding Officer of the Regiment is I presume to grant Bills in favor of the Honorable Company, according to your orders conveyed in the Secretary Webbe's Letter to me, dated the 13.th Instant. —

&c.

In these accounts Credit is given for

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Cash received or drawn for from the Agent of the Regiment or others, as well as for Subsistence of deceased men during the abovementioned period; also for the Stoppages on account of Provisions issued to the men on their Voyage to this Country, at the advanced rate of 8 per day each, in conformity to your orders of the 10.th Instant, received from the Military Auditor General, and likewise for that Money advanced by the Government of Bombay.-

All Sums advanced on account of Subsistence to the Regiment since its arrival at Madras, will be accounted for in the regular Abstracts and Distributions from the 25. September to the 24.th of November 1798.-

The whole accounts heretofore appear to be stated with judgement and correctness.-

I have the honor to be,
&c &c
/ Signed G. V. Hart Depy. Pay.r Gen.l
in India to H. M. Forces &c. Madras

H. M. Pay Office
Madras
the 24.th October 1798

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that the account mentioned in the foregoing letter be referred for examination to the Military Auditor General.

Read the following letter from Mr. George Buchan.-

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From the Paymaster at Malacca requesting permission to resign his appointment at that place.-

Having found my Health latterly very indifferent at Malacca, as represented in the Certificate given me by the Surgeon of that Station, which I understand has been transmitted by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell, the late Commanding Officer to your Lordship permit me to beg your Lordship's permission for me to resign the appointments I hold at that place.-

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) G. Buchan

Pay. &c. Malacca

Madras

6th November 1798.

Resolved

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Minute thereon

Resolved that Mr. Buchan be permitted to resign his situation at Malacca.-

The President proposes that Mr. John Byng be appointed to succeed Mr. Buchan at Malacca, and that Mr. Buchan be appointed Head Asistant in the Military and Political Office.-

The President proposes that Mr John Byng be appointed to succeed Mr Buchan at Malacca and that Mr Buchan be appointed Head Assistant in the Military and Political Office:-

Agreed to and ordered accordingly.

Resolution thereon

Ordered that Mr. Buchan be authorized to authenticate papers and to do duties of Subsecretary during the absence of Mr. Parry. Mr. Buchan accordingly attends the Board and the usual Oath of Secrecy is administered to him by the President

Mr Buchan authorized to do the duties of Subsecretary during Mr Parry's absence- the usual Oath of Secrecy administered to Mr Buchan.-

With a view to render as efficient as possible the force, which it may eventually be necessary to assemble for operations in the field, the President is of opinion that great advantage may be derived from the equipment of Horse Artillery, and proposes that the Military Board be called upon to submit a plan shewing how far such an equipment may be practicable under the present circumstances

The equipment of Horse Artillery recommended by the President, who accordingly proposes that the Military Board be called on to report their opinion how far the execution of that plan is at present practicable.-

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Circumstances of this Government.

The Commander in Chief proposes that orders be sent to the Military Board for equipping 10 additional field pieces and two hundred Dooleis, and that they be called on to report the present State of the Camp Equipage.—

Resolution thereon.

The Commander in Chief recommends that orders be sent to the Military Board for equipping 10 Additional field pieces and two hundred Dooleis, and that they be also called upon to report the present State of the Camp Equipage.—

Agreed to and Ordered accordingly.—

The President proposes that the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment native Infantry from Masulipatam and the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment from Trichinopoly be ordered immediately to Nalajahbad.—The Commander in Chief requested to give in a plan for raising a 3d extra Battalion in the Northern Circars.—

The President proposed that the 1st Battalion 8th Regiment native Infantry be immediately ordered to Nalajahbad from Masulipatam and that the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment native Infantry be also ordered to the same place from Trichinopoly. In order to supply the place of the former the President proposes that a third Extra Battalion be raised in the Northern Circars, and that the Commander in

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in Chief be requested to give in a plan for that purpose. —

Agreed to and ordered accordingly. —

Resolution thereon

The Resident at Hydrabad to be requested to spare if possible a hundred men from each Corps of the Nizams Detachment to be sent to Masulipatam for the foundation for the extra Battalion. —

Resolved in consequence that a letter be written to the Resident at Hydrabad requesting that if it should not interfere with any political object, one hundred men from each of the Corps Serving with the Nizam may be ordered to Masulipatam to serve as a foundation for the extra Battalion. —

The fortification of Trichinopoly to be recommended to the particular attention of Major General Floyd who is to be authorized to overcome by every means in his power the usual tardiness of the Nabobs Servants, in order to execute speedily the repairs that may be required. —

The President proposes that the fortifications of Trichinopoly be earnestly recommended to the Care of Major General Floyd, and that he be authorized to supersede the usual dilatoriness of the Nabobs Servants by using all the means in his power to accelerate these important repairs. —

The above Resolution to be Communicated to the Nabob. —

Agreed to and ordered accordingly that his Highness the Nabob be informed of the foregoing resolution. —

The President proposes that the Corps of pioneers be recruited to 800 men, and that the Chief Engineer be provided with the different Articles stated to be wanted by him for the use of his Department. —

The President further proposes that the Officer Commanding the Corps of Pioneers be ordered to recruit to 800 men and that the Chief Engineers Department be provided with the several Articles required as stated in Major General Ross's letter of the

Agreed to and ordered

The President proposes that Lieutenant Charles Dallas be sent to Hydrabad for the purchase of Horses. —

With a view to provide for the Casualties which may be expected in the Cavalry, and for the additional Number of horses, which may be required for the Artillery, the President proposes that Lieutenant Charles Dallas, now at the Presidency should be sent to Hydrabad and authorized to purchase two hundred horses at the ensuing fair of Malagony. —

Agreed

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Resolution thereon

Agreed to and ordered accordingly

Clive

Geo: Harris

Edw Saunders

W Sullivan

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Diary

Received the following Letter —

To Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to the Government

at

Fort St. George

Sir,

From the Sub Secretary at Bombay — enclosing a Letter & Intelligence forwarded by the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast —

In further execution of the information Communicated to this Government, by the Commissioners in Malabar, under date the 12th Ultimo, and forwarded for the Notice of the Right Honble the Governor in Council on the 13th Instant; I am directed to transmit herewith, the enclosed Copy of a Paper of Intelligence subsequently received from the same Quarter —

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) J. A. Grant Sub Secy

Bombay

the 19th of October 1798

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To The Honorable Jonathan Duncan

President and Governor in Council

Bombay

Honble Sir,

In Consequence of the Intelligence I
relative to the French Ships at Mangalore, forwarded
with our Letter of the 12th Instant, We directed the
Northern Superintendent to procure more certain
information on the Subject, and have now the
honor to enclose a Copy of a Letter from that
Gentleman with Transcripts of it's Enclosures

We have the honor to be very Respectfully
&c &c
(Signed) John Spencer
James Hartley
Joshua Uhthoff
John Smee

Calicut
16th September 1798.

To

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To The Commissioners for executing the Office of Superviser. —

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 13th Instant, and agreeable to your Order I have made enquiries on the Subject of the Paper of Intelligence you forwarded to me. The result of which I have now the pleasure to enclose you. —

I am &c. &c.

(Signed) James Stevens
Northern Superintendent

Tellicherry
15th September 1798.

I obtained a Vakeel of Hoosja's says he left Mangalore on the 8th Instant, that at that time no French Ships had been there, and that the only Frenchmen, that were in the place, were between fifteen, and twenty of the Number landed out of the Frigate, before the Rains, and that many of those were Sick. Having enquired, if he knew any thing of the Vessel that plundered Cunhy Kenny's Ship,

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he Says he only heard of the Circumstance on his Arrival here, That no Vessel had left Mangalore previous to his quitting it, That there are only two Vessels in Mangalore, and which belong to Tippoo, one a Great Snow, and the other a Grab Ship.—

True Copy
(Signed) James Stevens
Northern Superintendent

Manuello Masurenho, an Inhabitant of Mangalore, says he left that place on the 8th Sept. that at the time of his quitting it, No French Ships had been there, and that there were only a few of the Frenchmen, who were landed from the Frigate in April last in the place.—

True Copy
(Signed) James Stevens
Northern Superintendent

True Copies
(Signed) James Law
Secretary

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

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Received and sent the undermentioned

Letters entered in M.B. N.o 26: 27: 28: 29: 30

From Captain Forbes - intimateing the

From Commandant at Nellore

Death of one of the Polligar Peons under Confinement at

that place, and proposing the release of the others

on bail. -

From Captain Mealy - giveing information

From Ditto at Chandernaghery. -

of an attack, that had been made by a body of Poligars

on a Village near Chandernaghery.

From Mr. Roebuck - enclosing Copy

To the Military & Paymaster General

of the Auditor's Report on the additional estimate

which accompanied his Letter of the 3d Instant &

and acquainting him that the Sum of Pagodas

17051. 24. 16 will be advanced to him on that Account

from the general Treasury. -

To Mr. Buchan - accepting his Resignation

To Mr. George Buchan

of his Appointment, as Paymaster at Malacca, and

appointing him Head Assistant in the Military

and Political Office of Government. -

To Mr. Byng, appointing him Paymaster at

To Mr. John Byng

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Malacca. -

Published the following Advertisement.

Government

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Government Advertisement

A advertisement published all Europeans not in the Company's Service to report themselves at the Town Major's Office there who let Lodgings to send a Minute Report of all Strangers that may arrive to the same Office.

Very imperfect information having hitherto been obtained of the European Inhabitants of the Black Town and its environs, and there being great Reason to believe that many Foreigners and others have of late settled at this Presidency without being duly Authorized to do so, The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that all Europeans not in the Company's Service will, within one Week after the publication of this Order, send a Return to the Town Major's Office agreeably to the following form, in order that their Names may be registered.—

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is further pleased to direct that both Europeans and Natives, who are in the practice of letting Lodgings or Receiving European Boarders, do on the Arrival of any Stranger send a Report as above to the Town Major's Office, specifying also from whence Arrived and by whose permission

to

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time of Arrival, time of departure.- In failure of which they will be considered as having forfeited the protection of Government.-

Return of European Inhabitants.-

Names	Street & No. on the Door	Occupation	Country
"	"	"	"

Received and sent the undermentioned Letters Entered in M: B: No. 31:32:33:34:35:36:37

From Captain Webber- proposing to draw house Rent. in order to enable to Keep the Commanding Officers Quarters at Aska in Repair

From Commandant at Aska

From Captain J. Innes- M. Conductor Winn has been Sent to Sankeydroog with the Stores

From D.r at Pinagra

D.r of Pinagra.-

From Major Cuppage Suggesting a of Sankeydroog

From Ditto at Sankeydroog different Repairs as being necessary to the Fort in addition to those already planned.-

From Lieuteriant Maclean- enclosing a

From the Barrack Master at the Presidency.- Letter of application from Captain Gray of 2nd Batt.n 10th

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10th Regiment Native Infantry for a Store Room for the surplus Cloathing of this Battalion.—

From Mr. Roebuck enclosing an additional Estimate of Cash required for November.—

From Military Paymaster General.—

To Major General Lyadenham referring to his examination the additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

To Messrs. Barlow Rickards Spencer, Palmer and Kirkpatrick forwarding the latest Intelligence Received from Major Doveton and Captain Macleod.—

To the Sundries at Bengal Bombay Madras Commissioners Residents at Poonah and Hyderabad.—

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Sent the following Letters.—

To Benjamin Torin Esqr.

Resident, at

Tanjore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters dated 27th 29th and 31st Ultimo

To the Resident at Tanjore the dispute between the Sepoys and the Inhabitants of Tanjore to be referred to the whole Cast Major Innes called on for explanation of the conduct in regard to the Rajah Government cannot at present take any further steps towards effecting a Reconciliation between the present and the late Rajah's Application respecting the Celebration of this Nuptials cannot be Complied with.—

The Matter of dispute between the Sepoys and the Inhabitants of Tanjore the Governor in Council

devises

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desire may be reserved to the whole Cost.—

In regard to the extraordinary imputation, which Major Innes has implied against the fidelity of the Rajah of Tanjore, that Officer has been called upon for an explanation in a letter, of which I enclose a Copy for your information.—

The Governor in Council is concerned that the Reconciliation has not been effected between the late and the present Rajah; but Conceives it impossible for him to make any further adjustment than of the property actually forthcoming at the restoration of Rajah Serfoge. The debt which Amer Sing has contracted upon a Mortgage of the Family Ornaments differs in no Shape from the immense load which has been contracted upon a Mortgage of the whole Country; and as his Lordship in Council is not aware of any mode by which to recover the jewels in question without payment of the debt, so it will be impossible for him to discharge that debt until an Arrangement may be made for the liquidation of the whole.—

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Though the Governor in Council feels the every disposition to meet the Wishes of Rajah Serfoge on the Celebration of his Nuptials yet it will be necessary for you to explain to him that under the impending Appearances of public affairs it will be indispensably necessary to observe an oeconomy so strict as to be nearly incompatible with his Excellency's Object.—

I have the honor to be,

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jos. Webbe Secy to Govt

Fort St. George
17th November 1798.—

To Major James Innes
Commanding at,
Tanjour

Sir,

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has Received a Representation from his Excellency the Rajah of Tanjour and from the Resident, that in consequence of an issue of ball Cartridges to XII Battalion of his Excellency's Sibbendy Troops, you had judged it necessary to

double

To the Commandant at Tanjore. The Board call upon him to justify his late Conduct towards the Rajah of Tanjore.—

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double the usual Guards and disarm his Servants on their entering the fort.—

Nothing but a strong proof of his Excellency's disaffection to the Company's Government can justify such an indignity and the risk of disturbing the harmony at present subsisting at Tanjour, the Governor in Council could have proceeded at once to Signify his displeasure at your Conduct, if he did not wish (whatever may be the Merits of your proceedings) to afford you the opportunity of offering such an explanation as may be in your power.—

Sam Lt. &c.

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(Signed) Jos: Webbe
Secy to Govt

To Mr. William Gordon
Paymaster at
Masulipatam

Sir,

Having considered your reference upon the Subject of the Exchange of the Lucknow Rupees the Governor in Council is of opinion that the depreciation of that coin is entirely owing to its want of Currency

N.B. The Paymaster at Masulipatam writes for the payments to be made in Lucknow Rupees which are in future either to be remitted to the Presidency or to be received—At present which the Bengal troops are to be paid, fixed; the supply of Money requested by the Nawaub will not arrive at Masulipatam—

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Currency in the Districts of Masulipatam; he is therefore pleased to direct that no further payments may be made to the Troops in that Coin but that whatever quantity may now remain on hand, or may hereafter be Received by you shall either be forwarded to the Presidency or delivered over to the Collector for recoinage:-

The Bengal Troops are to be paid at the established rate of three hundred and fifty Rupees per hundred Star Pagodas or of one hundred and ten Star Pagodas per hundred Madras Pagodas: the relative rate of exchange between Bengal and Coast pay is to be ascertained by reference to the rate established by the Court of Directors, Viz.t 8 ⅌ Star Pagoda, and 320 Sonnat Rupees per hundred Star Pagodas.-

I take this opportunity of acquainting you that the Supply of Money which was formerly exported by the Monsoon, will not arrive at Masulipatam.-

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I am &c. &c.
(Signed) Jos. Webbe Secy to Govt.

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To Captain J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident at
Hydrabad

To the Resident at Hydrabad
- Re grant of a Salary of 200
Pagodas per Month to Capt.
Mackenzie intimated to the
Resident - His Assistance
requested in negotiating the
exchange in Colonel Roberts'
Detachment. -

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the
the receipt of your letter dated 24th Ultimo and to
inform you that the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council had previously determined
to grant Captain Mackenzie a Salary of two
hundred Pagodas per Month for his Geographical
labours in addition to his pay and allowances
as principal engineer with the Detachment -

In consequence of a reference from
the Paymaster of the detachment, which has
been submitted to the Military Auditor General
at this Presidency, the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council directs me to request
that you will take into particular consideration
the subject of the exchange at which the
Detachment

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Detachment is to be paid.-

Upon the introduction of an unusual quantity of Silver into the territories under this Presidency, it was found necessary for the convenience of paying the troops as well as for Mercantile transactions that the exchange between Gold and Silver should be permanently fixed, and the rate was accordingly established at 350 Arcot Rs. per 50 Pag.

At this rate the Detachment has hitherto been paid; but, as this fixed rate may by the operation of Shroffage at Hydrabad and other causes, which it is no longer in the power of this Government to Controul, be made extremely disadvantageous to the troops, the Governor in Council is of opinion, that the Coast troops should be put upon a footing of perfect equality with those of Bengal; and he accordingly requests your Assistance in Regulating the exchange for the detachment under the Command of Colonel Roberts, according to the principle established by the Court of Directors

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9th Directors, in calculating the relative value of Coin and Bullion at 8/ per Star Pagoda and 320 Sonnat Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas.—

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

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To Major General Bridges

Commanding the Northern Division at

Masulipatam

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to desire that as soon as the severity of the Monsoon may have passed over, you will order the 1st Battalion 10th Regiment Native Infantry to march for Walajahbad.—

As it is desirable that this Corps should reach its destination with the least possible delays His Lordship in Council directs that it may not be encumbered with more of its Stores and Camp equipage than may be indispensably requisite

To the Commandant in the Northern Division of 1st Battalion 10th Regiment N.I. to be warned for marching to Wallajanbad as soon as the severity of the Monsoon is over—&c. 2nd Battalion 8th Regiment N.I. is also to be withdrawn from Masulipatam orders are to be published for raising an extra 8th Battalion for the Northern Circars.—

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requisite on the March; on their arrival at
Walajahbad they will receive full Supplies from
the Arsenal at the Presidency.—

With the same View the Arrangement
for paying the families of the Sepoys should
be completed previous to their departure from
Masulipatam.—

I am further directed to apprize you of
the intention of Government to call down the
2nd Battalion of the 8th Regiment Native Infantry
and that in order to admit of their movement to Arcot
will be immediately published for raising an
additional extra battalion in the Northern Circars.—

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

To. Major General Floyd
Commanding the Southern Division
at Trichinopoly

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to desire, that you
will

To the Officer Commanding
Southern Division
2 Battalion Native
3d Regiment to be
marched for field service
and ordered to march to
Wallajahbad as soon
as the security of the
Provinces will

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will immediately Warn the 1st Battalion 3d Regiment Native Infantry under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver for field Service; and that you # will Order them to march to Walajahbad as # Soon as the Severity of the Monsoon may have passed over.—

It is advisable that there should be as little delay as possible in the March of this Corps His Lordship in Council desires that it may not be encumbered with more Stores or Camp equipage than may be indispensably # necessary.—

It will also be desirable that the Arrangement for payment of the Families # Should be made previous to the departure of the Corps from Trichinopoly.—

In my letter of the 3d Ultimo I had the honor to inform you of the intention of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council and of his Highness the Nabob in regard to the repair of the fortifications of Trichinopoly: I am now directed

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directed to recommend the accomplishment of this
subject to your earnest care, and to desire that there
may be no delay in this important Work from
the usual dilatoriness of the Nabob's Servants &
but that you will accelerate these repairs to the
extent of your means. —

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

Recd and sent the undermentioned letters
entered in M: B: Nos 38: 39: 40: 41: 42: 43: 44: 45

From Military Auditor General. —

From Major General Sydenham — enclosing
a Letter of Audit — in — the Accounts of Captain A
Keith Younge. —

From Military Paymaster General. —

From Mr Roebuck — enclosing an Additional
estimate of Cash Required by him for November. —

To Military Auditor General. —

To Major General Sydenham — His Suggestions
regarding the Lucknow Rupee and the rate of exchange
in the Nizam's Detachment Approved. — the different
payments and Advances proposed in the Military
Board's Letter of the 29 October Approved, — and
directed to be passed; Pagodas 85,713..54 have been
Advanced

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Advanced to the Bullock Agent on Account of the forty thousand additional Bullocks he has been ordered to entertain Accounts of the 29th Regiment of Dragoons transmitted to be reported on.—

To Major General Bridges. M. Boswood to be permitted to return to Nainpetty— The French Inhabitants at Masulipatam to be permitted to Remain there.—

To the Officer Commanding Northern Division.—

To Major General Ross directing him to have his Department in readiness for eventual field Service.—

To the Chief Engineer

To Captain Dowse requiring him to encrease the Pioneers of the Center Division to eight hundred Men.—

To the Officer Commanding the Corps of Pioneers.—

To M. Colbrooke his Request for permission to proceed to Bengal complied with.—

To M. C. d. Colbrooke at Patna.—

To Major General Sydenham referring to his examination an Additional estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for November.—

To the Military Auditor General.—

Sent

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Sent a Letter to the Nabob entered in

Substance of a letter to the Nabob.— C. C., N 1148 requesting him to assist General the sort of

Floyd in Repairing Trichinopoly.—

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Received the following Letter.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

of Fort St. George

My Lord.—

From Military Auditor General—Reporting on a Bill transmitted for his examination for sundry Articles claimed by the Prize Agents for Ceylon for the public Service.—

In conformity with the Orders of the Government communicated in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 29th August last respecting to my examination and Report a Bill presented on the behalf of the Prize Agents on Ceylon for Sundry Articles of Captured property found at Batticolo and stated to have been delivered for the public Service by order of Major General Stuart Amounting to Seven Hundred and Twenty four Pagodas — Thirty Seven Fanams and forty Cash Pagodas 724.. 37.. 40/ and for Copper Coin issued to the Paymaster of Trincomale for Pagodas 32: 36:— I have the

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honor to report, that altho' the rates of the different Articles contained in that Bill appear to have been considerably Reduced, on adverting to the prices formerly Annexed to them when this Claim was before Referred to my examination and Reported upon in my Letter to Government of the 10th of October 1797. yet as the documents required in the 4th Paragraph of that Letter, as Necessary to Substantiate the Claims of the Prize Agents for Captured Property delivered at Batacola, shall not been produced I conceive their demand Should not be complied with until the requisite Vouchers be transmitted.—

With Respect to the Charge for Copper Coin delivered to the Paymaster at Trincomale, I have to observe, that altho' Such Charge has been substantiated by his Receipt, and for which he was to have debited himself in his Account Current for November 1797 as Noticed in my Letter to Government under date the 16th of February last yet as the Accounts Current of this Paymaster for

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for the foregoing and several subsequent Months does not shew that any Cadet has been given for that sum, the admission thereof to the Prize Agents & must, I presume, depend on the explanation which the Paymaster at Trincomalee may give on the Subject.—

Military Auditor
General's Office
Fort St. George 10th
November 1798.—

I have the honor to be with great Respect
&c. &c.
(Signed) W.m Sydenham
Mily Aud.r Gen.l

Sent the following Letter

To Colonel George Roberts
Commanding the Detachment serving
with His Highness the Nizam.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to inform you that the regulations established by this Government respecting the Contingent Charges of the Detachment formerly under your Command in the Territories of His Highness the Nizam, and

communicated

To Colonel Roberts the order regarding Contingent Charges and Bazar allowance to his former Detachment to be equally applicable to his present one—his opinion required as to the best mode of supplying his Detachment with Grain—the President has been requested to settle the exchange of the Nizam's Detachment under consideration—

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communicated to you on the 23d. November 1796, as also the order respecting the Monthly meriek of bazar rates, communicated to you on the 30th of the same Month are to be considered applicable to the Detachment now under your Command; I therefore inclose Copies of those papers, and am directed to desire that they may be strictly and invariably observed.—

I am further directed to desire that you will state your Opinion in Regard to the most convenient and economical mode of supplying the Detachment with Grain; that is to say, whether by a Commissary making purchases and carrying a large quantity with the Detachment, or by depending, according to the former practice, upon the Nizam's bazars for supplies, and by paying any occasional difference between the bazar rates as Certified in the Monthly meriek and the general Rate established for Troops in the field of 12 Seers of Rice for eleven Fanams or 1/11 Pagoda 32 Fanams per Garce of 4800 Seers.

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If the Bazars are properly supplied there can be no doubt that the latter will be the most economical, as it certainly is the most convenient, for it will save an expensive establishment of bullocks and Servants in the grain Department, and the Commissary will be confined to the duty of agent for draft and Carriage Cattle only. The Governor in Council however recommends that you should upon this Subject consult the Resident, whose Situation will no doubt enable him to form the best judgement of the Manner in which the publick Markets are supplied.—

You are aware that the present rate of exchange of 350 Arcot Rupees for 100 Star Pagodas has been established upon general Grounds of convenience in the payment of the Troops under this Presidency; but as the same means of guarding against fluctuation or the combinations of Shroffs is no longer under the control of the Governor in Council, it is possible that this rate may be made disadvant-

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disadvantageous to the Troops under your Command;
the Resident has in consequence been requested to
take the Subject into consideration and to
establish the Rate of Exchange for the Coast
Troops, exactly upon the same footing as for
those of the Bengal Establishment, and to place
both of them upon a footing of complete equality
by reserving to the Relative rate of exchange
settled by the Court of Directors in Calculating
the Bengal and Madras Pay, viz.t 8 Fan. Star Pag.s
and 320 Sonnat Rupees 100 Star Pagodas.

Sam.l F.s F.s

Fort St. George
7.th November 1798.

/Signed/ Jos: Webbe
Secy to Gov.t

To the Honorable Frederic, North

Governor and Commander in Chief of

Ceylon

Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge
the Receipt of your letter dated 24th Ultimo; and
in consequence of your Consent to receive the Dutch
Officers, prisoners of War you shall order them to be sent
to

To the Governor of Ceylon
the Dutch Officers to be
sent to Ceylon, on Dutch
pay - Plan of entrusting
the Fort St Johannemala &
submitted to them for his
approval and support.
Copy of a letter from the
Dewan of the Rajah of
Travancore transmitted to us
and an enquiry into the
contents of it requested.

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To Ceylon.

Upon their arrival on Ceylon they are to be subsisted upon the reduced allowance of Dutch pay. Their conduct during their Residence here has been orderly and unexceptionable and their Removal to your Government has the double View of Compliance with their Request and of an Economy of the public Money.

We take this occasion of enclosing extract of a Minute by Lieutenant General Harris and Copy of the Report of a Board of Officers, of which His Excellency Rear Admiral Rainier was President, upon the best mode of defending Fort Ostenburgh and the harbour of Trincomale.

If, Sir, you should concur in this opinion, that Fort Ostenburgh and the harbour may be rendered more secure by the destruction of Trincomale, We venture to suggest the expediency of undertaking it as early a period, as you may find it convenient, the improvements, which will in consequence become necessary

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necessary to Annaburgh; because the present
aspect of public affairs under this Presidency
renders it important that we should have at our
Command the greatest possible Military force;
and, as our great Naval Superiority throughout
the World can leave you little apprehension of a
serious descent upon Ceylon, we have no doubt
of your disposition to dispense with such part
of the Garrison of Trincomale as may not be required
for the defence of Annaburgh upon the improved
plan.-

We have the honor to enclose Copy
of a letter from the Dewan of the Rajah of Travancore
and to request that you will cause enquiry to be
made into the Circumstances therein stated relative
to the loss of his Master's Vessel.-

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

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To:

To Lieutenant General Harris

President &c. Members of the

Military Board

Gentlemen,

To the Military Board their opinion as to the plan of equipping Horse Artillery required for more field pieces and 200 Bullocks to be immediately provided pursuant to the Copy of the proceedings called for, together with an estimate quantity that may be required for the Corps ordered to march from Masulipatam and Trichinopoly and for the 3000 Volunteers expected from Bengal together with a statement of the additional Cost that will be incurred; the Article required by the Chief Engineer to be provided such repairs only as are indispensably necessary for Senation and Troops to be cantoned. The repairs recommended for Shankey dock and the Smiths Shop at the Arsenal sanctioned. Bullocks from Bengal transmitted

Being desirous of rendering as efficient as possible the force which it may eventually be necessary to assemble for operations in the field, and being sensible of the advantages which may be derived from an equipment of horse-Artillery, we direct, that you submit to us a plan shewing how far such an equipment may be practicable under the present Circumstances of this Government, the time in which it may be completed, and the extraordinary expence which such an establishment for immediate Service in the field may require.—

We desire that ten additional

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pieces may be equipped for the field train, and that two hundred Doolies may be immediately provided.—

We desire that you will report to us the present State of the Camp equipage, and what additional quantity may be requires for one Corps of Native Infantry, which We have ordered from Masulipatam, and another Corps from Trichinopoly together with three thousand Volunteers, who are expected from Bengal— It will also be advisable that you should state what additional Number of Doolies may be necessary for this increase of force.—

We enclose Extract of a letter from the Chief Engineer and desire that means may be taken for providing the several Articles of Supply for his Department.—

We have Received your letter of 29th Ultimo and 2nd Instant with the enclosures

We adopt your recommendation in respect to the Repair of quarters at Connatore &

and

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and desire that orders may be given for such only as are indispensably necessary to the preservation of the Public buildings at that place and at Trichinopoly, observing that under the present preparation for operations in the field, it will be proper to avoid any Expence which it may be possible to save particularly for barracks, which the Troops may be about to leave.—

We also consent, for the reasons you have stated, that the repairs you recommend may be executed at Shenkerdroog as well as at the Smiths' Shop at the Arsenal.—

We have ordered payment of the several bills and advances recommended by you and inclose Invoice of Salt Provisions Shipped by the Supreme Government on the Country Ship Charlotte Commanded by Captain George Nelson

We are &c. &c.

(Signed) Clive &c. Council

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letters entered in M.B. Nº. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52

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From the Subsidy at Bombay

From Mr. Grant enclosing Copy of Sir Horatio Nelson's letter to Government, with Copies of the papers relating to the Expedition against Egypt.—

From Ditto

From Do enclosing Copy of Intelligence recvd from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast.—

From Resident at Poona

From Lieutenant Colonel Palmer acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Webb's Letter of intelligence of the 9th ultimo.—

From the Officer Commanding the Southern Division

From Major General Floyd enclosing a Statement of the particulars of the dispute between Captain Davidson & and Mr. Conway.—

From the Commandant at Guntoor Circar.—

From Lieutenant Colonel Wahab intimating his having assumed the Command of

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of the Guntoor Circar. –

From Lieutenant Cornelk – intimating

From Commandant at Chinnamydoog

his having Received Orders from Lieutenant &
Colonel Read to Remove all the Ordnance Stores
&c.a from Chinnamydoog to Rajamundry and
afterwards to dismantle it. –

From Major General Sydenham &

From the Military Auditor General

transmitting Vouchers forwarded by the Paymaster
at Malacca in Support of different Disbursements
on Account of the Dutch Military &c.a Prisoners
of War at that place with a Recommendation &
that their Allowance may be passed in the
Malacca Accounts. –

From Dc

From Ditto – half yearly Statement
of Payments made to his Majesty's Troops on
the Coast transmitted. –

To the Military Board

To the Military Board the 3d Train
of battering Guns to be immediately dispatched. –

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Recieved and sent the undermentioned Letters entered in M.B. N: 55: 56: 57.

From Military Paymaster General — =one From Mr Roebuck enclosing an additional estimate of current expences of Vellore

From Commandant at Vellore. — From Colonel Hale reporting the different Repairs required by the Church at Vellore.—

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

Recieved the following Letter

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor in Council at Fort St. George

My Lord

From Bombay, enclosing Letter from L. Duval to Lord Clive; Copy of Becon d'partes, proclamation, Copy of the Grand Seignr's Firmaun to the Sheriff of Mecca; and copies of several intercepted Letters regarding the expedition against Egypt &c

We had the honor to Communicate under the 21st Instant, the Advices we had on that day Recieved from Bussorah, per favor of Lieutenant Duval of his Majesty's Ships & Zealous, inclosive of a Letter from Rear Admiral Sir Horatio Nelson, containing account

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of brilliant success over the French fleet at
Beguieu, on the 1st and 2nd of August last.—

2 On the following day a Second Packet
from Bussorah brought us, along with the
accompanying; to your Lordship's address, advices
from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors
under date of the 30th June, 6th and 17th July; by
which we learn that Commodore Blankett has
been appointed to the Command of a Naval force
proceeding to the Straits of Babelmandel and the
Gulph of Persia, consisting, as would appear by
the latest received News-papers, of the Leopard,
Medalus, Orestes, and Albatross.—

3 Having reason to believe, that this
Squadron left England on July last, we have
already addressed Commodore Blankett with an
offer of our Services in furnishing, to the utmost of our
power whatever Supplies of Stores, Provisions, or
Money he may occasionally Require;— and although
the

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The Secret Committee may very probably, have communicated their instructions, on this head, direct to your Lordship's Government, yet it may be safe to add, that the Court have decreed, on the case of this Officer, notwithstanding former orders, that his allowances from the Company, as well as those of the Officers under his Command, are to Commence from the date of their passing the Cape of Good Hope, and to cease on their leaving the last port within the Company's limits, unless in the mean time the whole or any part of this Squadron should join any part of His Majesty's fleet now in India; in which Case the Court's former Orders, respecting the allowances to Naval Officers employed on these Seas are equally to apply to this reinforcement.—

By

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By the same Conveyance we are
advised of the Court of Directors having given their
approbation of His Majesty's Ministers, &
appointed Mr Harford Jones to reside at the
Court of the Bascha of Bagdat for the especial
purpose of prevailing on his Highness, to counteract,
and oppose by every means in his power, the progress
of the French towards India, either over the desert,
or by way of the Red Sea.-

5 We, also, learn that a part of the
additional Troops intended for India, are to
be conveyed to this Presidency on some of the
Company's large Ships of the ensuing Season.-

6 The latest Accounts from His Majesty's
Minister at Constantinople to Mr Manesty at
Busserah, are indicative of a very ready inclination,
on the part of the Sublime Porte, to the prosecution
of active Hostilities against the French, although
Mr Smith adds that a formal declaration of
War has not yet been proclaimed by the former Power;

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the French Mission at Constantinople on however
alledged to be in a State bordering upon actual &
Amst; and the Porte, as a Mark of it's good &
disposition towards us, has conceded to the &
request of the British Minister Letters of every
unequivocal injunction to the Sheriff of Mecca and
Governor of Judda, and Medina, to contribute
their good Offices, and Aid to whatever British
Naval Force shall be sent to Cruize in the Red
Sea. These Letters were accompanied by a still more
general Fermaun, or Edict for the free Navigation
thereof by our Ships; of which we have the honor
to enclose a Copy & the Translation, transmitted to
us, and to add, that Mr. Smith entertains the
expectation of obtaining a further Mark of the
Grand Signior's friendship, in the form of a Letter,
which he will address as Khaudesh & Commander
of the faithful to Tippoo Sultaun, recommending
of our connection and anathematizing any alliance

with

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with the Common Enemy of all Religions, and existing Governments.—

7 Presuming that a further, and more detailed Account of Admiral Nelsons fleet at Beguier, drawn out by Lieutenant Duval, may prove acceptable, we have the honor to enclose a Copy, and to Subscribe ourselves—

My Lord

Your &c. &c. &c.

Bombay Castle
23d. October 1798.—

(Signed) Jon.a Duncan
James Rivett
William Page.

Translation of Firman for the Red Sea—

To His Highness Ghalip Son of Mussayd, Sheriff of the blessed City of Mecca, May his happiness be without end and to the Noble and illustrious Emir Yusuf Pacha, the present Governor of Judda, and the Guardian of the Medina, may the almighty God perpetuate his high Station.—

On Receipt of this imperial Edict be

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it Known, that the Court of Great Britain,
who is the Old Ennemy, and most favorite friend
of my Sublime Porte, and the powerful Enemy
of the French being actually at War with them;
and they the French having entered Alexandria,
unawares, and Manifested also hostile, and
treacherous Views against Cairo, as more fully
appears by an imperial Command which has
lately been sent: it is become necessary in
Order to prevent a Naval force in the Environs
of Suez, and there Committing hostilities towards
Jeddaw, and Jambo, that there be an English
Squadron, stationed in the Red Sea, whilst
preparations are making to fit out one
from hence, Now the Sublime Porte considering
it incumbent, and as a Matter, which the
Exigency of present Circumstances has rendered
of very particular Moment, to cause every such
Measure being taken, as may prevent the
English Fleet from suffering any Distress,
and

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and to afford any hospitable assistance to the persons
of their being supplied with all provisions and
necessaries, that they may be in want of. Therefore
in pursuance of a Mattie Sheriff which has been graciously
granted to the same Effect, this Permission is
and addressed to Sheriff of Mecca and to our Governor
of Judda, in order that in the event, that the English
Fleet now cruizing in the Red Sea (the original
erroneously White Sea) should be obliged to come to
towards the Water of Suez, or to the Scale of Judda they
may receive a friendly treatment, and be offered every
hospitable assistance, that they may be provided immediately
with all such provisions, and necessaries, as they may
stand in need of, by paying for them at the Current
prices, that should they want Water, they be
allowed to take it, on all the Coast of Suez, and
be every way protected, defended, and prevented
from being distressed. In a word the English
Squadron aforesaid, being considered as one of the
Fleet of my Sublime Porte, every readiness must
be shewn towards their being served and accommodated
as such. But Should on the other hand any thing belonging
to the

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The French Tribe appear under the same pretence they must absolutely not be suffered to approach on any part of the Coast, but Care must be taken to remove, and send them off, doubly beware not to let yourselves be misled by their insidious conduct, and always acting with the greatest vigilence, and caution thereon.—

This Firman therefore, issued for the purpose, abovementioned, has been delivered to the English Minister Residing at my Sublime Porte, to forward to the English Fleet in the Red Sea.—

Upon it's arrival, being made acquainted with the situation of things, you will be careful to act as abovementioned. Your utmost exertion must be used in doing all that circumspection and vigilance require, and you will conform to its Tenor, with all that obedience which is due to it. Given at our imperial Residence in Constantinople, towards the end of the Moon Zaafar.

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Saufar 1213 (Vez ½) the beginning of August 1798

N.B. Besides this Firman there is a
Seperate Dispatch for each confirmatory
of the same instructions.—

(Signed) Spencer Smith
His Majesty's Minister
Plenipotentiary

Liberty — French Republick — Equality

Bounoparte

Member of the National Institute; General
and Chief at Head Quarters, on board the L'Orient
the 4th of Messidor, the 6th Year of the French Republick
one and indivisible, 22nd of June.—

Soldiers,

You are about to undertake a Conquest of which the
the Effects on Civilization and the Commerce of
the World are incalculable.—
To England you will give the most sure and
most sensible Blow whilst you are preparing
for her, the Mortal Wound,—

&c

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We shall have many fatiguing Marches, we shall fight Several Battles, we shall succeed in all our enterprises, the Destinies are in our favor, the Mamelues Beys, who favor exclusively the English Commerce who have covered our Merchants with Insult, and tyrannised over the Unhappy Inhabitants, of the Nile, a few days after our Arrival shall no longer exist.-

The People, with whom you are going to live are Mahometans, the first Article of their faith is this, There is no other God than God, and Mahomet is his Prophet; Do not contradict them, Conduct yourselves towards them, as you have conducted yourselves towards the Jews, towards the Italians; have respect for their Mufthies and other Imans, as you have had for Rabbins and the Bishops; Have for the Ceremonies, which the Alcoran prescribes for their Mosques the same tolerance, you have had for the Convents, for the Synagogues, for the Religion of Moses and of

Jesus Christ.-

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The Roman Legions protected all Religions; you will find here different Manners from those of Europe, you must conform to them.—

The People where you are going, treat their Women different from us but in all Countries he who violates them is a Monster.—

Plunder only enriches a few Men; it dishonours, it would destroy our resources, it would make Enemies of the People, whose it is our Interest to have for Friends.—

The first City, which we shall go to, was built by Alexander we shall find at each step, grand Remembrances of Actions worthy to excite our Emulation.—

(Signed) Bonaparte

By order of the General and Chief of the General of the Division, Chief of the Staff, General of the Army.

(Signed) Alexander Berthier

At the Head of the Naval Armament on board the L'Orient.—

A true Translation
(Signed) J. J. Craig

(A true Copy)
(Signed) Jno Grand
Sub Lieut Royals

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Rosette 10th Thermidor the 6th Year
28th July 1798.

I confirm, My Dear Valet, the letter
which I wrote you from Malta in which informed
you of the reduction of that Island, Gozo &c. and
the terms which were made with the Order, as well
as of the importance of such a situation for the
Commerce of the Levant.—

I beg you will call on Citizen Maugrave
on the Subject of a Bond of 900 £ which I have
ceded to Citizen Buty, Agent and Chief of the
Military Hospital in payment as the Sum of
Chaliet Augé and Co. of Seville, on which I have
given the Bond, had remitted bills to that
Amount my Mandate of course was not paid
of which Citizen Maugrave informed Citizen Buty
and told him, he would write my brother, I was
already on board, Citizen Buty informed him, he
was reimbursed for that Sum, and when I saw him
at Malta we agreed that my Mandate should be

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of no value, and that I will give up the Bond &
with pleasure, that I had received a Similar
Sum, and consider that Affair as Null; I wrote
to Citizen Maugrave and Citizen Buty to make him
also, but as we believe that the Frigate La Insulley
on board of which the letters were, had been taken;
I will thank you to See your friend, and communicate
to him our Arrangement with Buty concerning
the 900£ or otherwise he may call on my Father

I beg leave to mention that Citizen M.
Maugrave promised to give an appointment to
Auguste, and I request you will put him in
Mind of it.-

To day, I am going to give you a small
detail, that We have heard, of the Conquest of
Lower Egypt.-

The Squadron and the Convoy having
passed the Town of the Arabs, and cast Anchor
2 Leagues from Alexandria, the landing took
place without opposition, Alexandria was
taken by Assault, it is a very strong place, which
was

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was only defended by a few bad Cannon without
Carriages; the Garrison shewed great bravery, and
a fanatical desperation, if the Turks ever understand
Tactics they will equal the French. General
Buonaparte published a proclamation in Arabic,
by which he informed the Inhabitants especially
the Turks that as friends of Mahomet, and of
the Grand Signior, we only came to destroy the
Mamalucks and their Tyranny.—

A Tribe of Bedowin Arabs came two days
after bringing our Poisoners, and for the purpose of
treating for Peace with the Commander and Chief
— The Town of Rosette sent information to our Troops,
that all the Bedowins would probably have joined
without the hope of plunder; if the Mamalucks
had not spread a report that we were deceiving them,
that if we had come with 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

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with pleasure, that I had received a similar
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foundation in certain points, had kept 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
experienc no other difficulty than the distance,
altho the Bedouin Arabs attempted several times
to harrass 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.—

At some leagues from Cairo Mourad
Bey, Ibrahim Beg, and several other Beys at the
head of 6000 Cavalry Mamalucks, attacked our
Army

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. 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 third Column; that
Manauvre having perfectly succeeded, our Troops
Charged them with the Bayonet, the Mamalues
pressed to extremity on all sides were forced to throw
themselves into the Nile, with the intention 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 avery hot fire,
seconded by the Musketry of the Troops which
lined the edge of the River almost totally buried
them in the Waves. It appear 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 Men of the Mamalucks
had fortified themselves, and Carried the place
à la Françoise, Killed the greater part of them &
took from 8 to 900 Prisoners; the rest which are very

few

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few made 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 transported with
Joy at the defeat of their Tyrants sent five to some
of their Palaces, and came welcoming the Army of
liberty; now that we are assured of this charming
Country, and no doubt we shall put in execution
the grand projects of improvements, 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 when the Commerce of India, may
once again have its emporium in Egypt.—

I am named to the place of Verificateur
of Expenditure of the Army. I have two Assistants,
and this business only occupys me 3 hours each
day I have 1600 ℔ p Month, a house a Army Command,
besides provision, forage, &c. I shall again in
Duty, who assured me at Alexandria that he
would

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would be happy to See me in a good situation, and
he will surely be glad to have one friend with him
in the Treasury; this will not prevent me ~~of~~
transacting little affairs in Commerce. I have done
nothing until now as we are not sufficiently
established for me to undertake any thing. - Tomorrow
or next day we proceed towards Cairo, there I shall
exert my to effect some business the only Misfortune
is that the English will constantly be there, it
is to be hoped that they will be driven out, then
I shall address you again. Adieu My dear Valet,
may Health, attend you, Compliments to your
Charming family - believe me with attachment tote,

/Signed/ Cesar Guard
de Montpellier

Inclosed Cover of Citn Estève to the Army de L'Orient. -

Grand Cairo 9 Thermidor 6 Year
27 July 98

Army d'Orient.

My Dear Brother

At last we arrived to punish the

this

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the tyranny, barbarity, and dispotism, of these famous Egyptian Mamalauk, Our Victorious & Army are going to shine in the L.E. and pass there to India, and to overturn the Factories of the English, and then the Bankruptcy of them & must be infalliable —

I will not give you any detail of our Victories; you will see it in from the public papers — Thousand embrace to my Father, Mother, and & Brother, your Dear Wife, Parents, and Friends —

Your Devoted Brother

/Signed/ Gerard
Capt.n

I see every Evening Coussen Cale de Cames, who shews me a Million of Civilities —

A true Translation
/Signed/ J.V. Cruiz

A true Copy

Rosetta

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Rosetta in Egypt 9 Thermidor 6 Jan
27 July

I cannot but be sorry, my dear &
Mama, that I have not received one letter &
from you since my departure from Paris, &
you will not however accuse me of negligence
for this is at least the sixth letter I have
wrote you since my departure from Toulon, but
I am afraid they may have miscarried as well as
those to my Wife as they were sent by the brig
taken by the English - The being deprived of letters
and Intelligence concerning you have given me
a Chagrine difficult to be expressed particularly
in the situation which I find myself. This Country
affords no Kind of Resource; it is altogether frightful.
I have wrote my wife some Account of it which
she will Communicate - But my dear Mother how
have you passed this Year? does misfortune ever
always attend on your Course as well as mine,

I hope

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I hope not, and that some happy event may render
your existence sweeter - If it is in my power to make
it so, it will be a recompence for all I may suffer
- I neither know how nor will make it out to
live, I have only had one opportunity of sending
her some Louis by the Cr Collet who was returning
to France with Parcotte and I understand that in
the Sensible Frigate, on which they embarked
for Toulon has been taken by the English - In
this Manner behold 3 Months Salary lost, unless
Cr Collet has saved his property, altho he has it
certainly been taken by the English. I shall look
out for another occasion to send some more, if
hitherto none has offered, when I go to Cairo I
I hope to find one, this Captain Magalon this
day we received Intelligence of the Captain of Cairo
the Mamalucks have been cut to pieces their Ups
is from 1000 to 1200 The General Bonaparte
entered the place on the 4th we may now regard
Egypt

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Egypt as totally conquered and our Possession
sure, I set off in two days on the 11th for Cairo, by
the Nile if the Wind is favorable we shall be
there in 2 or 3 days, but if contrary it may take us
for 7 I must always prize the Friendship of
Captain Ponsigle; I am well assured he will let
no occasion pass to render me Service, from what
he has told me I expect to be appointed Agent
General of Finance either of Cairo or Damietta; if
had it not been for my sickness, I should have
had that place at Alexandria. if Mr Rentte
meets Mr Jaubert, I request he will remember me
kindly to him, and renew my thanks, I don't
know if he received the letter I wrote him from
Toulon. I intend writing him today by the
opportunity which offers, my health is better
altho' I am not altogether Recovered - some days
after we left Malta a fever again attacked me
and afterwards a bloody Flux which continued
29 Days, I went on board the Hospital Ship
of

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I hope not, and that some happy event may render
your exertions useless - If it is in my power to make
it so, it will be a recompence for all I may suffer
- I neither know how my Wife can take it nor
live, I have only had one opportunity of sending
her some Letters by the Co. Collet who was returning
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of

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of the Squadron when I was as comfortable as one
could be on board of Ship. Mrs Stone I was
strongly Recommended by Captain Dumouriez
Chief de Division on board of whose Vessel I was.
The Physician General &c. showed me every attention
and to be in an hospital I could not be better.
My bloody Flux is over, but I have still a Diarrhea
which weakens me much in this hot Climate
and prevents my getting strength - I am very
thin, and every day more so, I am told I shall
recover, the hopes of which is my support during
the time I shall Remain in this Country.

The 17 Thursday

The Courier is just setting off. I must
still add Something more, my dear Mama, We
have Received a terrible Check. The English fleet
attacked ours near Basque, Completely beat
us, We have lost 3 Admirals, L'Orient the
V. Admiral ship has blown up, the rest of the
Fleet is taken or destroyed, don't spread this bad
News.

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News, I trust it will not have influence on
our Expedition. The English have suffered so
much that they cannot quit the Road if we
had some well Armed Ship we should take all
the English Squadron, the battle commenced on
the 1st at ½ past 1 and continued until next
day noon. Adieu I embrace you all and always
hope to be with you in a short time.

A true Copy
(Signed) Ja.s Grant
Sub Secry

A true Translation
(Signed) J. Wenuiz

Rosetta 17 Thermidor / 4th August 1798 / Year the 6th

Here is, My Dear Love, the eighth
Letter that I write you, without having
yet received any from thee, and which is more
cruel to me there being reason to fear, I
shall be prevented for along time to come
It appears that the communication
with France is entirely interrupted, Even
here

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here We only meet Frenchmen, who feel the most lively regret of becoming sufferers in the Deserts of Arabia - Every body is discontented judge if in my Situation I ought not to be more so than another, since few people attached to the Army have so great a Motive to regret France - Never the less the folly is committed, We must make the best possible of the Situation we find ourselves in - I have not spirits gay enough to make the least description of the Country, which is far from being that, which authors describe us - None of the Administration have yet been paid. and being well employed are in embarassment & and poverty - It will be very cruel to be banished and to be exposed in the attempt of a journey, so dangerous and painful, and to run all sorts of dangers, and to have no other prospect than dreadful poverty on our Return - You ought to be persuaded My Dear Love, that I shall not neglect any honest means, by endeavouring to

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to gain Something. But I much fear this fatal
Voyage, will be far from having the success, we
have been promised — I have here met Citizen Estève
our Country Man, who is Paymaster General of the
Army, he received us very well and also had us
to dinner — If I don't find in the party, I am
with, the Resources I expected, I shall endeavour
to ask him for the place of Paymaster of Division
— He appears a very good Young Man, and ready to
render Service to his fellow Citizens — We are beside
somewhat related — On Arriving here the 12th Me
learnt sad News. Pte Cambon, who would imprudently
get to Caire without Escort was attacked by the
Mamalucks on the Nile, and they assassinated him
Killed — Citizen Innard de V/v who is employed with
Estève, and who was his intimate friend has
given us this bad News —

This City not near so large as Alexandria
is infinitely more Agreable, as much by the beauty
of the borders of the Nile as by the abundance of provisions
and

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and the Agreeableness of the Inhabitants, &
who are much less barbarous than those of
Alexandria. Good living of all Kinds at very
moderate price, but We are badly lodged, and
much incommoded by a profusion of flies, &
fleas and Musquitoes, which will not
permit us to close an eye, night or day —
In spite of being so incommoded, We are well
to a Miracle together with Cæsar — I am well
pleased at having had him for a Companion
in the Voyage, his Docility is infinitely agreeable
and We console each other — We are also lucky
enough to have Vignoli, who being a good Cook,
we should, without him, have been badly off —

The 5th Our Squadron which was at
Anchored at Abaquira was attacked by the English
Fleet; We heard the cannonading, which lasted
20 hours without interruption; the combat was
very obstinate on both sides, almost all the
Vessels are dismantled and disabled; they assure

us

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us that L'Orient blew up also two frigates. This is
a very great misfortune — I cannot give you more
ample details, they are too afflicting from the
number of unhappy people such a Combat &
occasions. — General Buonaparte has been at Cairo,
fifteen days: two divisions only have marched for
Damietta, which by this time ought to be in our
possession — I have not yet seen Arise — I learnt
at Alexandria, that he was at Cairo with Batty,
We reckon to leave this to Morrow for Cairo, and to
form a little fleet of small Vessels on the Nile. —

Opportunities of writing to you, are become
still more rare, as We approach to enter into
Arabia. — I profit with much pleasure of a Courier,
General Buonaparte sends to Paris, to forward this
which I write in common to My Father and Mother
to whom you will send it after reading — The Courier
will not give me time to write two Letters, he
has given me half an hour, and I would not
fail, such an occasion being very rare; besides my

Sentiments

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Sentiments being the same for you all, I hope
you and the others mutually communicate what
Letters you may receive and be you in not displeased
with me, if one receives, and the others not. It
is easy to perceive the difficulty We have to
forward Letters. - I continue my Journal it is
very sad, for to Last 15 days, I have not time to
Copy it for transmitting to You. - Adieu My Dear
Parents, I embrace you with all my Soul, and
with the most lively tenderness - Separation &
and the immense distance between us renders
more precious, the instant that I was covered
with Your tender Caresses. - May God give me the
Sweet satisfaction of having it in my power, to
again avow it - This is the only favor I ask of
him - Will you all join me to him in making the
same prayer? A Thousand Kisses to you all, and
my unfortunate Children and believe me all with
the Sentiments of the most tender attachment. -
My Compliments to all my parents & friends -

B.

True Translation
(signed) W Cruez

A true Copy
(signed) J. A. Grant
Secretary

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12 Sent the following Letter—

To Captain James A. Kirkpatrick

Resident at

Hydrabad

Sir,

I am directed to acquaint you that

To the Resident at Hydrabad Government are desirous that one hundred Men should be sent from each Corps at Hydrabad to Masulipatam in order to join the 3d Extra Battalion—

in order to draw as great a force as possible into the Center Division The Right Honorable the Governor in Council has judged it advisable to raise an extra battalion in the Northern Circars—

To form a foundation in the usual manner his Lordship would have ordered a detail from the several Corps under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Roberts; but was unwilling to recall any part of the force now at Hydrabad, lest it might in any degree be supposed to interfere with the political objects of the Detachment: as his Lordship in Council however concludes from recent Circumstances that these Corps will

now

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now have the readiest means of recruiting, he is desirous that one hundred Men from each Corps at Hydrabad may join the 3d. Extra Battalion, and requests that if it can be done without inconvenience you will order that Number to Masulipatam.

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

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Received and sent the undermentioned Letters entered on M: B: Nos. 58. 59. and 60

From Military Paymaster General

From M. Roebuck - enclosing an Additional estimate of Cash Required for the current expence for November. -

To the Military Auditor General.

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

To the Secretaries at Bombay Bengal - Malabar Commissioner, Residents at Hydrabad and Poonah. -

To Messrs. Barlow - Rickards, Sperons, Palmer and Kirkpatrick - forwarding Dispatches Intelligence. -

Received

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Received letter from the Rajah of Tanjour entered in C. C. N° 148 B refers to the complaints he has preferred against Mr. Innes, which he confidently hopes will be attended to.—

Substance of letter from the Rajah of Tanjore.—

At a Consultation

Present

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor President

Lieutenant General Harris

Edward Saunders — } Esquires

and

Ernst Willm. Fallofield }

Tuesday 13th November 1798.—

Minutes of last Consultation read and approved.—

Read the following Letter from his Highness the Rajah entered also in C. C. N° 149 and 150.—

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Translation of a Letter

From His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic

To The Right Honorable Lord Clive

Governor of Fort St. George

Dated 2nd November
Recvd &c &c } 1798

From the Nabob — inclosing papers regarding the dispute between Capt. Forbes and the Nabob's Foujdar —

Your Lordship's Letter Dated 8th October 1798 with Copy of a Letter from Captain Forbes the Commanding Officer at Vellore, I have & Received and fully understand the Contents. I

am Sorry, that your Lordship Should have & experienced any cause of uneasiness from my Servant — I had previously Recieved a Letter from Mahomed Nasar Khan Foujdar of Vellore & stating the intemperate Conduct of the Commanding Officer; but conceiving it would be a Trespass on your time, I did not send it to your Lordship I shall now however state the Subject fully. —

My

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My Friend - What is called the Fort of Vellore is not simply a fortification, in which a Garrison of Troops only are Stationed - it is a City, wherein Ryotts and numerous Respectable Hindoos Moslems and Tradesmen of all discriptions reside, in houses of their own building. Their Marriage processions frequently take place, & the Religious Ceremonies of the Hindoos are constantly performed, and the Cazee's Cutcherry is established therein - The Khan has Replied in Writing to the Several Complaints of the Commanding Officer - and Accordingly enclose herein Translations of three Letters from him stating the offensive Conduct of that Officer, which I Request to Recommend to your Ladyships Serious and attentive perusal - The Commanding Officer in his Letter has Complained, that one of the Subadars with the Khan Carries on a Correspondence with Tippoos Country, and that

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that Balkistnah Commandant is inimical to
the Company's Interest — Immediately caused
him and his people to be secured under a guard
and if guilt is proved against them, I shall
inflict such punishment upon them as will be
a warning to others — I have also sent your Lordship
Translation of a Mahzar, under the Seals and
Signatures of Sixty-Two Respectable Inhabitants
of Nellore, stating the Violences and irregularities
Committed by the Commanding Officer — By the
blessing of God your Lordship is endued with
Justice, and I am persuaded will consider both
the Complaints of the Commanding Officer and
the Phoujdar, and therefrom deduce the real
Circumstance of the case and Inquire that a
person of Confidence and Character on the part of
the Company may be deputed to proceed with
another on my part to Nellore to enquire into the
truth of these Complaints and to ascertain the

faith

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facts impartially; Should it be proved that Nasser Khan has been guilty of any irregularities, I will severely reprimand him as I will never allow of Injustice, nor will I in ajust cause pay any respect to persons.—

At the conclusion of the Treaty of 1792 Lord Cornwallis thought it expedient that the several Forts in the Carnatic should be Garrisoned by English Troops, to which my Revered Father and myself Agreed, under two Conditions—one that the English Garrisons should defend the Forts only and not interfere in the Affairs of the Country and its' Revenues and the other that the Forts of Arcot, Rydass and Chundergherry should be Garrisoned by the Nabob's Troops. To these Conditions his Lordship readily acquiesced— Now the Commanding Officer at Vellore does much Injury to the Affairs of the Country and the Revenues, and the Farmers

men

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Men of Trust and Reliance and another Respectable Men, have set their Seal and Signatures to the Complaints against them. I have therefore to Request that after an inquiry has been made into the existing disputes by a confidential person to be sent to Nellore on the part of the Council, in concert with a person of integrity from my Durbar, the present Commanding Officer at Nellore may be employed upon some other Service - In the Circar of Rajahmundry, many places have experienced the effects of Captain Forbes's Government - I do not assert his guilt or innocence, - but I must say that, by the daily disputes, which have existed from the very day of his appointment I have sustained loss: I am a friend to Tranquility, my disposition in this respect is similar to your Lordship's and I am consequently an Enemy to War and a friend to Peace - Besides all this

loss

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loss will be sustained in the Company's &
Kist.—

What shall I write more?

A True Translation

(Signed) J. Falconer
Persian Transl. to Govt.

Translation of an Arzee

(Signed) Hafiz Mahomed Nawaz.—

The business of the Company's Kist is very Critical and the Sircars Managers will not admit of a single day's delay in my Payments — The troubles of the Thieves in the District are at the greatest height, the Ryotts are much alarmed and are very Remiss in praying of Money— Forbes the Commanding Officer is & determined on being troublesome and shewing his Enmity; he has taken possession of the Circars Store and Powder Magazines and placed his guards over them— he will not let me have a single & Cartrige of Powder or Musquet to punish the & Thieves

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Thieves - Every Sepoy, that goes out of the Fort
he will not allow to Return in again and he is
very troublesome to the Ryotts - The Collections,
which come from the Country, he will not allow
to be brought into the Fort - owing to these causes
my business is much deranged, the Payment of
the Kist is impeded and the Ryotts are quite
Alarmed and disheartened - If these things
are not speedily adjusted by your Highness
the Kist business must be very materially
injured - I have hitherto paid the Kist by
borrowing Money but if owing to these impediments
no Money is Received from the Country towards
payment of the Kist who will continue to
lend me Money? It is your Highness who
have conferred upon me the Honor and Dignity
that I possess - I am only a Menial Servant,
and I trust your Highness will take such
Steps as may enable me with the blessing
of

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of God and your Highness's good fortune / to preserve my Credit at the Presence by the &
payment of my Kists.-

Translation of an Arzdasht from Istakhar ud Dowlah Bahauder the Circars Manager at Nellore -
dated 30th Rubbe saanney 1213 Higery -
Answering to 11th October 1798.-

Upon Man of my Suit had a &
Wedding in the Fort of Nellore - The Commanding
Offices sent orders that he should make the &
Nightly Procession, nor play off Fire Works, nor
Sound Music - Nellore being a City, there are
Thousand of Inhabitants Rich and Poor Resident
therein, and if contrary to custom there are to
be prohibited from performing Marriages, &
what are they to do - The poor Man / above &
alluded to / performed the Marriage Ceremony, &
the Commanding Officer being already prejudiced

in

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in his Mind. - this business irritated him, and
when in the Morning the Drummer as usual
began to beat off the Parade, he ordered him to
stop saying he would break the Drum if he
did not. The Drummer however beat his Drum
according to custom - Upon this the Commanding
Officer sent me word that he was become from
that day my Enemy - that the internal Government
of the Fort entirely belonged to him, that he would
exterminate me and my Troops from the Fort, &
and Write Complaints against me to the Governor
- He accordingly shut the two Wickets of the large
Gate of the Fort, placed four guards thereat &
instead of two, and issued out twenty one Cartridges
to each Sepoy - he has placed a Guard of Sixty
Men behind my house to whom he has &
distributed a proportionable Number of Cartridges
and Such of the Circar's people as shall go out of
the Fort he means to stop from returning in again;

he

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he intends to keep me alone in the fort, to degrade me and place a Guard over me— He is now determined on quarreling and has probably written groundless calumnies against me to the Governor — In reply to his Message, I desired he would not become my Enemy without a cause and avowed myself to be his friend — but. Even this has not made him desist from his Enmity — Long has the hand of oppression been extended over the Inhabitants, Mellow over the respectable part of the Inhabitants, the Commanding Officer has erected a small upper Roomed house, which overlooks the houses of several people, great and poor, and when any Women come out of their houses into the Yard for their necessary occasions he throws Stones at them — The Dancing Girls and other Inhabitants of the Town, he Seizes imprisons and beats without a cause — He will not suffer the Linear's Government to have any existance in the Town, saying it is vested in himself — If

ring

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any one passes this house without making a Salam to him, he puts him under confinement - He carries Dogs into the Mosques and throws them into the Basons of the fountains, and if the people belonging to the Mosques remonstrate, he Whipes them. - In short the violences of this Officer, have reduced all the Inhabitants to the utmost distress - his Tyranny is unprecedented - his prohibition & (contrary to Custom) of the people having & Dancing and Weddings in their houses, has desolated the Town - he is still actuated by the same Sentiments - Under these Circumstances & knowing the Revenue to be collected and the Kist provided for - From this interference, the & Inhabitants of the Town are alarmed to the highest degree, and owing to these differences the Circars affairs are deranged and I am apprehensive for the third Kist - I have therefore stated the business fully to your Highness in the hope that Measures will be taken and another &

Commanding

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Commanding Officer appointed or at least, that as an Officer was sent during the Manage-
:ment of Rajah Venkatash Deje to adjust, with Behram Jung the differences between him and the Commanding Officer, so the Governor Order may be sent for that Officer to repair to Nellore, to settle the Matters in dispute between me and the Commanding Officer, to draw a line between us, which shall not be departed from by either - So that I may not be subject to his intemperance, the collections of Money for the Company's Rent may not be interrupted and the Inhabitants of the Town may live in Tranquility

The Commanding Officers intentions are, if he can get the Circars people out of the Fort to place a guard over my house -

I have stated all this for your Highness's Information; owing to the Violence of this Commanding Officer, the poor are almost deprived of Life, - Your Highness will therefore

desire

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desire the Governor to appoint another Officer
a Man of Justice and a Gentleman.—

Translation of an Arzdasht from Iftakhar ud
Dowlah Hafiz Mahomed Nawaz Cawn Bahadur
Dated 10th Jemaudelowell 1213 Hegery
Answering to the 21st October 1798.—

I have Received and been honored
with your Highness's Letter covering translation
of a Letter from Captain Forbes the Commanding
Officer at Mallore to Mr. Webbe the Secretary
to the Government of Madras under date the
11th October— The Commanding Officer writes
that I had played off Fireworks of all discriptions
near the Powder Magazine and that I had Troops
of all Kinds with Drums and fifes beating the
Granadier March. May it please your Highness'
Naamut allah a Servant of the Cawn was
performing the Marriage Ceremony of his Son
and asked my permission to make the Nightly
Procession in state— In consequence of which

Met

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I let him have a Jus Guard of Sepoys, the Nowbut, Drums &c. he accordingly set out with the Procession with only Nine Mushalls, Twenty five Mashlauchs and ten Cressnars and the Powder Magazine were behind them at the distance of a Stones throw – The Accusations contained in the Commanding Officers Letter are intirely false – The Fort of Vellore, is not like other fighting forts – it is rather a Focon – and for a long Series of years the Inhabitants have & made many Thousands of Weddings within the Fort and no one prevented them – This Commanding Officer has made Innovations – when anyone makes him an offering of a Nazir – and fruit, Sugar Candy & Betle Nut and he and asks his permission to perform his Mariage Ceremonies, it is granted, with pleasure and he is allowed to play off Much more fireworks than those above alluded to, and the Commanding Officer on such occasions never made use of the Flint of the Powder Magazine. – But this Man being a Servant of the Circar and having nothing to do with the Commanding Officer, he obtained permission of me and performed this

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his Marriage Ceremony - this irritated the Assem against me, and has occasioned his writing so many Calumnies - The Commanding Officer says that I have five Companys of Sepoys, a Company of Gunners, a Troop of Cavalry and two Thousand Match lock Peons and that the Troops are disciplined and regularly clothed and accoutred - May it please your Highness - When in obedience to your orders I disbanded the Mutineers, I entertained some new Sepoys for the Arrangement of the Country, their Cheeras are not yet made out, and they are not yet properly supplied with Turbands and Drawers - how then can they be said to be disciplined and Regular? - In order to quell the Mutiny and for my own safety, I sent for a Company of Sepoys for my Body Guard / also Troopers and Gunners and some Carnatic Peons from Arcot - after the Mutineers were disbanded, I returned back the Peons to Arcot, - excepting those of Codgee to the Amount of two or three hundred

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Hundred and a few Sepoys some of whom are
employed within and without the Town to protect
it from Robberies and the rest in the different parts
of the District. The Sepoys Troops and Gunners
I have kept for my own protection and the Men
Men, who are employed as Guards and Centinels, and
some of them I have brought with me to the Presence.
The Commanding Officer reports that Ball Kistnah
formerly a Commandant in the Circars Service and
who is inimical to the Company's Interest has
four Sons and Relations Subadars in the Circars
Service one of whom carries on a Correspondence with
Tippoo's People - The fact is this - The Commandant
alluded to has three Sons / one of whom is a Madman /
and a Son in Law, - Ajeman Sing who was a
Subidar in the Circars Service and is the Son of
one Ball Kistnah a Pensioned Commandant of the
Company's Service, being concerned with the
Mutineers and having received bribes from them,
Ryotts who were in his guard, and liberated them,
he

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he was dismissed by Orders from your Highness
- In lieu of this Man, I had, not a Month
since, nominated a Son of Ballkistnah of the
Circars Service, to be a Subadar, and he had not
yet entered upon his duty when the Company's
Ballkistnah / who is the favorite and Oracle of the
Commanding Officer / affronted and Chagrined at
the dismission of his Son, and the appointment
of the other Man in his stead, went and made
calumnious Representations to the Commanding
Officer who inconsequence has written in this
Manner to the Company - Now in obedience to
your Highness's Order - Ballkistnah with his
Sons and Sons in law and their Wives and Children
are put into Confinement and Guards are placed
over their Houses - To this Moment I have never
heard that any Correspondence was carried on
with Tippoo's People through this Man - If
I had got the smallest intimation of such
Nature, I would instantly have put him in
Irons

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I sons and informed your Highness, but when the
Commanding Officer of Nellore states the fact in
so positive a manner God knows how true it may
be- however the truth or falsehood of the accusation
will be known to your Highness upon a proper
Investigation- With respect to what the
Commanding Officer has written on the Subject
of the Drummers beating off their Drums contrary
to all regularity, his stopping them and the Circars
Subadars not paying attention to his orders,- his
sending word to me and my giving a harsh
Answer and my not calling his Subadar into my
presence all which he has stated as accusations
against me- The case is this- The Circars people
as usual beat the parade Drums- On one side
the Circars People and on the other Side those of
the Company were drawn up near each other
According to custom, and the Drums were
beating- That day the Commanding Officer
happened to come on the parade passing
unusual with him, and stood near the Company's
people

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people, but did not order the Drums to beat
off at the proper time — The Drummer on the
Circar's parade began to beat off as usual,
when the Officer stopped him saying if he
persisted in beating he would break the Drum
and kill the Drummer; The Circar's people
could not help themselves but stood still &
until I returned into the fort from the
Fateha of the Twelve Imaums, when the
Circar's Subadar came and Reported to me
that the Commanding Officer had prevented the
parade Drums being beat off — I told the
Subadar that with the blessing of God the
Circar's Drums should not cease beating and
ordered him to beat them According to custom —
He Accordingly did so, and the Company's
Subadar is acquainted with this Circumstance
The Commanding Officer being a capricious Man
he has not stated time for beating the Parade
Drums, but the Circar's people beat off at
the

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the regular accustomed time - The Commanding
Offier says that I continued beating Drums
the whole Night - May it please your Highness
what business have I to beat Drums it is
not customary to beat Drums, after the
Gun has fired - Though the Commanding Offier
for his own Amusement has them frequently
beating with fifes playing untill very late
at Night - and one in particular, when they
were beating and playing very late at Night
contrary to custom, it gave me the Headache
and the Inhabitants were alarmed untill one
enquiry it was understood that the beating of
the Drums and the playing of the Fifes
was for his amusement - this is known to
every one - When the Commanding Offier is guilty
of such absurd and improper Conduct himself
and then lays the Charge at my Door, I can't
help myself - The Commanding Offier's
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round

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around my house, which makes it a stronger post
than the fort itself - is false and needs not a serious
confutation - He has broken down houses of the
Circar and built himself a large Bungalo and so
lofty that when he stands on the Top, all the
houses and the Women of the houses of the Rich
and poor, which are Situated in the neighbourhood
are exposed to his View - The Bungalo is larger
than the house I inhabit - I sent him Word
that I would raise my old Wall to the height of
the Wall of his Bungalo - he said the Garden
was his and that I must not raise my Wall -
Therefore laid the foundation of a Wall around
the Circar's House, but as it was of Mud and
the Rains had set in the Work was at a stand
- If a person is appointed from the Presidency and
also from the Company to enquire into this
Circumstance, your Highness will then discover
the truth or falsehood of all the Commanding
Officer's assertions - The Town was constantly
infested

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infested with Robbers and the Inhabitants were
annoyed with Stones being thrown into their
houses - When I arrived from the Presence at
Nellore and saw the distressed State of the Poor
Inhabitants. I took steps whereby the
blessing of God, put a stop to these practices, and
this is known to all the People in the place -
Some time after when I went to Ongole to
Arrange the Circar's affairs, Robberies again
became rife as before in so much that they were
committed close to the Company's Guards, from
which it would appear very plainly that it
was the Wish of the Commanding Officer that
the poor Inhabitants should be Ruined - On my
return from Ongole, I appointed Rounds to parade
with hautbois, whereby the tranquility of the
whole Town was restored - these Rounds were
continued as long as I remained at Nellore, and
though the Commanding Officer frequently
endeavoured

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endeavored to put a stop to them, I would not
hear him on the Subject - But since I have been
at the Presence he has put a stop to the Nightly
Rounds and to the beating of the Parade Drum - the
Store Magazine that is within the Circar's house
and from which the Company's guards were
taken away Sometime ago by the Governor's Order,
he has now again placed under the charge of
his own guards which he caused in person and
having drove away those of the Circar planted there
over the Magazine, notwithstanding the
remonstrances of the Circar's people, and wants
to seize without a cause property of the Circar
to a very large Amount - He declares the Government
of the Town is vested in him and that I have
nothing to do with it - Under these Circumstances
how is it possible I can provide for the
Company's Affairs? - The Turbulent Conduct of
the Commanding Officer at Nellore beggars
all

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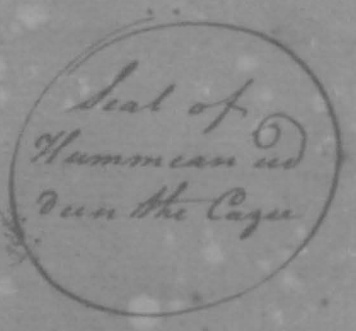
all description as your Highness will see by the Makzar which the Inhabitants of that Town have transmitted to the presence — If I had been a Man of Rude Manners how should I have lived upon amicable terms with the Commanding Officer at Pengole during these three Years in which that Country and the Palmaid have been under my Management — and no Commanding Officer has ever complained of my Conduct to your Highness's Presence — The Commanding Officer of Nellore being a proud haughty Man and with all Some what deranged, — he says he is Governor himself and that he disregards any Orders from The Governor — I have represented all this for your Highness's Information —

Translation

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Translation of a Mahzar under the Seals and Signatures of the Inhabitants of the Town of Nellore.—

"What is under written is a true Representation"



The Circumstances of the irregularities committed by Mr. Forbes the Commanding Officer in the Fort of Nellore are as follows.—

One day he came into the Mosque with his Boots on and a Dog with him at a time when the people were all assembled at Prayers & and desired the Musselmen to rise and & make Salams to him. The Musselmen told him it was not proper for him to come into the Mosque with his Shoes on and to bring a Dog with him. upon this he became angry and gave one Man three violent blows with his hand, that the Man fell down senseless and

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and having paraded through the Mosque with his Dog, he went away, first throwing the Dog into the Reservoir of Water belonging to the Mosque, the Wall that surrounded the small Mosque near Ally being demolished and put a Stop to the reading of Prayers and to the Criers Anouncing the times of Prayr therein - He intended to have had the Mosque destroyed also, which was stopped by the Arival of Iftakhar ud Dowlah Bahauder, about an hundred houses of the Poor and the + Ryotts in the Front of his own House of residence he has broken down to make a large open Area - He stands upon his upperroomed house to look at other peoples Women and when he sees any of them he casts Stones into the houses from a sling - and when he is in liquor he loads firelocks with small Shot and fires them off under the pretence of shooting Sparrows. The Cowtekar who protected the Inhabitants of the Fort from + robbing, the Commanding Officer confined in his + own

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own Guard under Some pretence or other ever
consequence of which, Robberies at Night throughout
the fort were innumerable and the Inhabitants were
annoyed with Stones being thrown into their
houses from all Quarters; the aforesaid Bahaudr
in order to put a stop to these practices ordered
four Rounds to parade the whole Night and to
beat the Toorum /an Alarum/ The Commanding
Offier being dissatisfied at the people going the
Rounds and beating the Toorum, Sent word to
the said Bahauder to put a stop to it. One
Night when the Circars people were going the
Rounds, a Sepoy belonging to the Commanding
Offier had entered the house of a Merchant
and concealed himself in a corner of the house
Waiting for an Opportunity to rob it, but day
approaching he climbed over the house of the
Merchant and falling into the Bazar Street,
he was apprehended by the rounds, he made
two or three attempts to effect his escape but
was

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was at length secured - In the Morning the Commanding
Offices demanded the liberation of this Man saying
he was a Company's Sepoy and not a Thief, and
he was accordingly released - The house of Mahomed
Saulah the late Sudder, which is near the
Barracks of the Commanding Officer's People
was broke open in the Night and Robbed of all
his Effects, and in the Morning the empty
Boxes cast at the Door of the house - From
these four facts, it would appear that the
Robberies committed in Peoples houses in
the Fort are by the connivance of the Commanding
Officer - The Circar's Sepoys who go out of
the Fort upon the Circar's duty are not suffered
to come in again - The Sepoys, who bring the
Collections from the District, he will not
allow to come into the fort, but desires them to
leave every thing they have about them without
the Fort and to come in with only a piece of
Cloth to cover their Nakedness - they being
Servants.

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at an Interest of three and a half and four p.Cent
p.Month, and he forces them to give him Paddy
at the Rate of three Pagodas a Candy when it
sells in the Bazar at four Pagodas. If any Man
bribes the Commanding Officer and prefers a false
Complaint to him against any one he sends for
the person accused and without making any
Enquiry places him in confinement - Having
taken away all the Beams, Joists and Stones
of the Buildings erected by the late Shahood ul
Mulk and Najuballah Cawn, and has built
his own House upon the Rungeon Bungalo
belonging to the Circar, and having taken away
the Doors and Windows of the houses purchased
by the Circar on the Banks of the River, he
has made use of them for his own Bungalo
Below his bungalo there are Houses of Men
of Character, and as his Bungalo overlooks
the Compounds belonging to those houses, their
Women cannot come out of their Rooms if
into

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into the Compounds for their necessary occasions
untill Night - If any one Complains of this
inconveniene, he desires him to break Down his
House and Remove elsewhere - He desires all
the Inhabitants of this Town and the Circars
Servants to make their Salams to him, and if
any one neglects to do so, he spits in his face
and he accordingly some time ago spit in the
face and Caned a Mussulman for not making a
Salam to him - Some of the Ryotts and Payakars
&c. Inhabitants of this Town who were busy
in the Cultivation, he Seized by force and Compelled
them to cut grass for his Cattle and for the Horses
of his Stables without paying them a Single Daum
for their trouble, and they are now calling aloud
for protection - The Garden of the Circar, that
he has forcibly taken possession of, without the
Fort, being Kept unenclosed, and there being a
plenty of Grass therein, it so happens that
Sometimes a Bullock or some other Cattle of

the

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Servants of the Circar how can they submit to such shameful terms? Owing to these obstacles the Receipts of the Rent are delayed - When any of the Inhabitants of the fort carry an offering of Fruit, Betle leaf and Nutt and Sugar Candy &c. a Salam to the Commanding Officer and ask his permission to celebrate a Wedding, he grants it leave and the Man performs it in the grandest Stile with numerous lights, fireworks and Dancing Girls - But the Circar's Servants having nothing to do with the Commanding Officer, they apply to the Phouzdar for leave to perform their Marriage Ceremonies, &c. whereupon the Officer not only prohibits the performance, but puts the Dancing Girls &c. into Confinement and he has issued Orders that they shall not go anywhere without his permission and that no illuminations shall be made or fireworks let off without his

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Sanction - The Liquor Godown which yields a Revenue of One Thousand Pagodas and is included in the Company's Rent, was never appropriated to the Commanding Officer either under the Company's or the Circars Management - it was always Rented by the Circar and no Commanding Officer ever took possession of it, excepting the present who has possessed himself of it by force - He also Receives a Monthly Allowance of One hundred Pagodas - He has forcibly taken possession of Ally baug within the Fort and another Garden without which Annually yield an hundred Pagodas, and will not give them up to the Circars People, but is ready to Quarrell if they make the demand - He trades throughout the District of Nellore, and will not pay the Duties, but by force and violence carries on a trafic in goods and Paddy to a large Amount without payment of the duties - He lends Money to the Ryotts of Nellore at ...

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the Inhabitants goes in to fear, upon such occasions he keeps it pounded for days together without Victuals or Water until he finds the Owner, when notwithstanding the many entreaties he extorts a fine of one or two Rupees from him and then gives up his Cattle - Four Months ago a Moorish Woman was standing in the Bazar with a sucking Child in her Arms, the Commanding Officer walking that Way on foot pinched the Child's Ear, upon which the Woman turned Round, and being frightened made a sudden spring to the other side of the Bazar - The Circars Powder Magazine and Arsenal which contained property to a large Amount he has taken into his own possession, saying it is his own property - When the Inhabitants of the Town complain of his Tyranny and say they will go and lay their grievances before the Governor of Madras, - he declares that he is Absolute here and has nothing to do with the

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the Governor; that the Governor has invested him with full power, and that the Governor cannot gainsay any thing that he chuses to do - In short the oppressions we labour under beggar all description. -

In the presence of the Almighty & and of his Prophet, and upon the faith of our Religion we have affixed our Signatures to this Written Mahzar and transmitted it to the Presence of His Highness (whom God preserve) and to Lord Clive the Governor of Madras and to all the Gentlemen of Council, praying them to extricate us from the hands of this powerfull Tyrant and to take us under their protection, otherwise we shall abandon our habitations & Adventure to some other place wherever We may find safety. -

Near the small Mosque in the front of the Commanding Officers place of & Residence there is a thatched house. One night & five or six persons in disguise about midnight unthatched

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unthatched half the house and carried off a Box and a Dooley - as Thieves could have no business with a Dooley, and when the Cowlskar was sent to discover the Thieves the straw of the house was found strewed all along from the house to Ally bang - it would appear that this also was an act done at the connivance of the Commanding Officer - He has raised up a Wall and stopped a passage that led into the public Street and which has for old been a thoroughfare for the people whereby the people are put to great inconveniences in being obliged to pass and repass through another Street, and they accordingly complain heavily of this. -

Written the 2nd Jemadelawell 1213 Hegery
Answering to 13 October 1798. -
Signed and Sealed by 62 Persons. —

Circumstances

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Minute thereon

Circumstances do not at present admit of the Appointment of a committee for investigation; but, as it is clear that Mahomed Nasar Khan, in the proceedings acknowledged by himself, has interfered with the Military Command of Nellore, the President is requested to inform the Nabob of the determination of the Board to preserve the Military Command in the hands of the Company's Officer; and it is at the same time Resolved to direct in the most positive Manner that Captain Forbes shall not interfere with the exercise of Civil Justice in the Town of Nellore nor with Administration of the Revenues Dependent upon it.—

Translation of a Letter from His Highness the Nabob of the Carnatic &c. &c. &c. &c. &c.

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

Dated 13th November
Recvd D.— D.

From the Nabob intimating his having paid his proportion of the expences of the detachment sent against Wairiveppollam &c &c.

I have paid to the Company the sum

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Sum of Three Thousand, three Hundred and forty five Star Pagodas, forty Seven Fanams and Sixteen Cash, being the balance of the Expences incurred for the Detachments employed Against Wooriaspollam &c. which I engaged to pay in the Month of November - By the blessing of God this Sum clears off the whole of the said Expences -

What can I write More?

A true translate

(Signed) A Falconar

P. S. to Govt.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hydrabad -

Josiah Webbe Esqr.

Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

From the Resident at Hydrabad, enclosing Copies of two Letter that had passed between him & Lt. Col. Roberts, respecting the march of the French Officers and men belonging to M. Piron's corps, and respecting the entertaining Recruits from amongst the disbanded Corps.

Sir,

I herewith enclose for the Notice of the Right Honorable the President in Council Copy of a letter which I addressed to Colonel Roberts on the 1st. Instant, together with Copy of that Officer's Answer

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Answer to the same.—

Should the Supposition upon which my Instructions to Colonel Roberts were founded, be a Correct one, I have no doubt of the Instructions & themselves Meeting with his Lordship's Approbation and Concurrence.—

I have the honor to be,

Hyderabad
4th November 1798.

&c. &c.

/Signed/ J. A. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Colonel G. Roberts
Commanding the Hydrabad Detachment.

Sir,

Having Reason to think that a Supply of able bodied Sepoys would be very acceptable at the present time to the Government of Fort St. George, & the late disbandment of the French Party, & Offering a favorable Opportunity, if seized without delay of procuring perhaps a very Considerable One, I think it proper to Authorize you without loss of time to entertain all such as may Offer their Services

to

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to you, provided they are Natives of any part of the Honorable Company's or Nabob of Arcot's possessions.—

Hyderabad
1st November 1798

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

A true Copy
(Signed) J. A. Kirkpatrick
Res.t

Captain Kirkpatrick
Resident &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of yesterday's and this day date, and shall immediately give directions for the March of the French Officers and Men tomorrow Morning, under the Escort you direct and the necessary Instructions to the Field Officer that Commands the Party.— I shall also agreeable to your directions give Orders to the Commanding Officers of Corps to entertain as many Recruits as they can get, that are Natives of the Honorable Company's

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Companys or those of the Nabobs Carnatic posesions.

Camp
2nd November 1798.—

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) George Roberts
Colonel

A true Copy
(Signed) J. Kirkpatrick
Resident

Minute thereon

The Board have much satisfaction in Captain Kirkpatrick's Anticipation of their wishes for entertaining a part of the Troops lately disbanded at Hydrabad.—

Read the following letter from the Commandant at Tanjour.—

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

My Lord,

From the Commandant at Tanjore, replying to the complaint preferred against him on account of his conduct at Tanjore, and enclosing copies of different complimentary orders issued in his favor.

It was not my intention to trouble your Lordship, till called upon to Answer the Complaints which I understand from the Resident Mr. Torin, have been preferred against me, as will appear

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appear by his and the Rajah's Letters, but as I considered it as my duty to state the whole of the Circumstances to General Floyd, and I find he has been so good to forward the same to the Commander in Chief, the business will of course come through that Channel to Government, it becomes necessary for me to solicit most earnestly, your Lordship's Attention to the + cruel situation I am placed in. —

I stand Charged with a Conduct so very + unbecoming towards the Rajah of this place, that should your Lordship not be satisfied with the full explanation before the Commander in + Chief, I am ready to meet any enquiry it may be your Lordship's pleasure to direct, entirely + Confident that if it is found that I and the + Corps under my Command have been calumniated, We shall experience your Lordship's protection and justice against this unprovoked Attack. —

Your Lordship will find by the Correspondence &c. &c. Accompanying my Letters + to General Floyd, a list of which Papers is +

Annexed

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Annexed as forwarded to the Commander in Chief/

that I have spared neither pains nor trouble to

give the Resident and Rajah every explanation

and satisfaction in my power on any references or

Complaints; which I beg may be contrasted with

the Conduct and Style observed towards me.—

My honor, my Reputation and my

head are attacked and I trust it will be found

most Wantonly; I have served faithfully my

employers and Country upwards of Twenty three

Years with an unimpeached Character; if not

with applause; which with the enclosed Extracts

of General Orders, will no doubt have consider-

-able Weight in removing the Malignity of the

Charges against myself and the Troops under

my Command— Colonel Acton is now at Madras

and Should it be your Lordships pleasure to

question him, I am confident his Reports

during his Command here will not be less

favorable—

I ever

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I ever considered the Guard of the
Company's Troops placed by order of
Government at the Gate of the Palace -
compound / or Yard / for upwards of Twenty
Years, as a political measure to keep that
communication open for information, and
I should not have thought of recalling it,
but to shew my Respect to your Authority,
in a compliance with the requisition of
your Resident - I heard eighteen days
before I received the two Letters, Numbers
15 and 17, from Mr. Train, within an
hour of each other, that it was in agitation
in the Palace to remove this Guard and
cannot but think the business of the Peons
to be a pretext for it, for every Native Officer
and Sepoy, who has mounted that Guard,
independent of the Evidence adduced on the
Court of Enquiry, affirms that no Guard
of

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of Peons was ever posted at the Gate till the day they were removed — The publick Report here now is, that the Rajah is to have the Keys of the Gates and the whole of the large Fort put into his Possession separate from the Authority of the Commanding Officer. —

I sincerely hope it will appear to your Lordship proper, that some steps should be taken to place the situation of the Commanding Officer on a more Creditable footing, than it is now reduced to; otherwise no Officer can serve here with safety to his honor or reputation, or with satisfaction to his Superiors — We certainly ought to have a personal Communication, in the presence of the Resident in all material Matters & wherein the Troops or internal Military & economy of the Garison are concerned; or otherwise their Conduct or that of the &

Commanding

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Commanding Officer is constantly liable to misrepresentation from various motives.—

I am not in the habit of communicating with Government and having no instructions whatever to guide me, I intreat any informality in the present address may be excused.

I have the honor to be, with the utmost Respect.—

&c. &c.

(Signed) Jas. Innes

Major Com.g

Sanjour
6th Nov.r 1798.

List of Papers sent to the Commander in Chief on the foregoing Subject.—

1.st Correspondence with General Floyd from N.o 1 to 4

2 Correspondence with M.r Torin from N.o 1 to 31 including The Rajahs Letter of Complaint N.o 31.—

3 Court of Inquiry respecting the Guard of Peons at the Palace Gate A

4 Rajahs examination of the Peons... B

Standing

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5. Standing Orders of the Main Guard
6. Standing Orders of the North Gate Guard
7. Standing Orders of the East Gate Guard

} with Orders issued by me since in Command, Annexed.

8 Papers under date from 1st September Referred to in my Letter N° 35 to the Resident.—

Signed / Jas. Innes

Tanjour 6. October 1795

G. O. By Lieutenant Colonel Baird.—

Lieutenant Colonel Baird was highly Gratified, by the fine appearance of the 36th Battalion at the Inspection this Morning— The Excellent order, and perfect steadiness, of the Corps, is a most honorable Testimony of the Attention and exertions of Captain Innes, and of the Officers of European and Native of his Battalion which they may be assured, Lieutenant Colonel Baird will not fail to Represent in the favorablest terms they deserve, to Colonels Braithwaite and Floyd.—

Tanjour

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Tanjour 23d January 1798

General Order By the Honorable Major Monson

Major Monson cannot give up the Command of the Garrison, without publickly expressing in orders, the very great satisfaction he has received from the regular, Zealous and highly Military Conduct of the Detachment of Coast Artillery & 2nd 36th Battalion Native Infantry, during the period he has had the Honor of Commanding them, and begs leave to return his warmest thanks, to Major Innes, Captain Fennel, and to the Fort Adjutant, Lieutenant Butler, for the ready and able Assistance, they have ever rendered him, in carrying on the necessary duties of the Garrison &c.

To the 36th Battalion he is particularly indebted, for their marked regularity in Detachment, considering the frequency of which, the strict Discipline and good order &

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they have uniformly preserved, unsullied the greatest honor on Major Innes, the Officers and the Corps &c.

Head Quarters

Tanjour. May 5th. 1798.

Division Orders. By Major Genl Floyd

Major General Floyd having this day inspected the Honorable Company's 36th Battalion, Native Infantry, Commanded by Major Innes, extremely approves the remarkable good appearance and smartness of the Battalion as well as the general good performance in Field Exercise, notwithstanding the duties it has constantly performed, even while Raising and Forming.—

He finds on personal Inquiry that every Man receives his full pay, and all he is entitled to

By order of Major General Floyd

(Signed) J Wilson Major Brigade

Extract

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Extract of General Orders by the Commander in Chief, under date Head Quarters Choultry Plain 11th June 1798.—

"The Commander in Chief has confirmed "the above Sentence, not so much from an Idea, that the punishment awarded is adequate to the Offence, established, as from a persuasion that the Court were not properly impressed, in respect to the serious Nature of the 1st Charge — "The Commander in Chief, desires that it may be explained to Jemidar Rayman Sheriff and the Native Commissioned Officers of the Army at large, that no consideration of Cast, or any Circumstance whatever can form an excuse for any Officer intimately associating with the Non & Commissioned Officers and Privates; a conduct which in Jemedar Ryman Sheriff was if possible attended with Aggravation, as he was Guilty of it when holding a detached &

Commandt

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Commander in Chief is hopefull that the shamefull Nature of this wrong on Military Offence will hence forward be properly understood by Native Officers in General — The great paine Major Innes appears to have taken to prevent it's occurrence in the Corps he Commands, Merits the Commander in Chiefs highest Approbation. —

True Extract

Signed/ G. Fraser
Lt. Adjt. 2d Bn. 13th Regt.

N.B. The 3d Battalion is now the 2d Batt. 13th Regt.

Ordered to lie on the Table

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Read the following Letters from the Military Auditor General. —

To the Right Honble Lord Clive
President and Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

My Lord,

The Acting Military Auditor General stating his opinion regarding W. Lys claim to the pay of an ancient Ensigncy and entering papers on that subject.

I have the honor to submit to your Lordship in Council, a claim preferred in the

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The enclosed Letter from Mr. George Ly[illegible], late a Captain in His Majesty's 76 Regiment of transmitted to me by Colonel Hart Deputy Paymaster General to His Majesty's Troops under date 23rd Ultimo, to be paid the Subsistence of an Ensigney in the 36th Regiment which became Vacant by the promotion of an Ensign from that Corps to the Rank of Lieutenant, in the room of the Lieutenant by whom Captain Ly[illegible]'s Company was purchased, that is, from the 2nd February 1797, the period such Ensigney became Vacant, to the 28th August 1798 the date of Mr. John Cleland Guthries purchase of it, Amounting, at 3: 5: 7 diem, to 85: 13:- or Pagodas 214.. 5.. 20

This Claim is founded on what is generally

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generally understood to be the usage of the King's
Service in similar cases, and it appears by the
enclosed Extract of a letter from Captain Chambers,
Paymaster of the 36th Regiment, that a claim of the
same Nature was made by, and allowed to, Captain &
Crampe of that Regiment, and to Captain Cuthbert
of the 71st. Regiment, the Pay of the Vacant Lieutenancy
having, it is stated, been Credited to the latter by the
Agent of the Regiment in London, to the period that
such Commission was disposed of on his Account.—

The Subject being however new to me
and no express Regulation appearing to sanction the
payment of Mr. Lyes Claim, I beg leave to request
your Lordship's decision thereon, which will be likewise
my Guide on all future occasions of the same Kind.—

It is also further necessary to state on
the Subject, that from the information I have
obtained regarding the practice of the Kings Service
in such Cases, it would seem that in order to
prevent Officers who sell their Commissions &

suffering

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Suffering from the considerable lapse of time
which sometimes occurs between the sale of the
higher, and the disposal of the lower Commissions,
it has been usual to indulge the Officer by whom
the former is sold and who can only be reimbursed
the full price of that Commission by the filling up
of the Vacancies in the Subordinate Ranks, with
permission to draw the pay of the Vacant
Commission for a period of Six Months only
and from that period, until such Commission
is sold, the legal Interest on the purchase Money
fixed by the Regulations of His Majesty's Service
on that head.—

Should this principle be adopted
with Respect to Mr. Lys, he will have to
receive 197.. 5. 25 instead of 214.. 5.. 20, that is
to say, the subsistence of the Vacant Ensigncy for
a period of Six Months at 3 ℔r. Diem and the legal
Interest of 12 ℔ Cent on 400 or 1000 / the regulated
Price of an Ensigncy / from the conclusion of that
period

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Period Vizt. the 2d August 1797. to the sale of the 4th
Commission on the 20th August 1798

It has been however surmised, 4
that an alteration has lately taken place at home
in the former practice on this Subject, by discontinuing
the Allowance of Subsistence on the Vacant Commission,
but giving to the Officer, who sells, the legal Interest
on the regulated purchase Money of such 4
Commission, until it is disposed of; which 4
insures to him the full Value of it at that 4
Period, and gives him no Advantage in protracting
the Sale; an alteration, which, in my humble
opinion, is founded on a better principle 4
than allowing the Pay of the Vacant Commission,
for a given time to an Officer under such Circumstances

In the enclosed Extract from 4
Captain Chambers Letter of the 27th August 4
1796, it is said, that the practice, alluded 4
to therein, is Conformable to a Letter from 4
the War Office dated 25th May 1791 - but I have
not

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not been able to obtain a Copy of such Letter; or any subsequent Authority to the same effect

I have the honor to Remain, with the greatest Respect. &c. &c.

Signed/ W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

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

To Colonel G. V. Hart

Paymaster General to the Kings Troops
under the Presidency of Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you an Abstract for Pay due to a vacant Ensigncy in H. M. 36th Regiment from the 2nd of February 1797 to the 28th of August 1798 Amounting to £85.. 13 S. 4 D. I beg leave to point out to you whence my Claim arises for the Pay due and claimed as per Accompanying Abstract On the 10th of January 1797 I obtained the Permission

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Permission of the Commander in Chief to sell a Company I had then the honor to command in his Majesty's 76th Regement and Sold Accordingly to Lieutenant now Captain Philpot but owing to the Regiment then being under Orders to embark for Europe / the only circumstance that could have obliged Me to quite a Profession to which I was so fondly attached / I was compelled to take on myself the Disposal of the Junior Commissions Receiving the difference from Captain Philpot - On the 2nd of February the Commander in Chief promoted Ensign Welton Smith from the 36th Regiment to the Vacant Lieutenancy in the 76th Regiment by purchase; and untill the 28th of August last I was not enable to dispose of the Ensigncy in the 36th Regiment & which has since taken place in consequence of Ensign Smith's Promotion.- I trust I have sufficiently explained My Claim for the Pay due and that no difficulty will arise to prevent my Receiving the Amount claimed.- I have the honor to be.

Madras 22d. Octr. 98.

(Signed) George Lys.-

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His. Majestys 36th Regt.

To Subsistence of a Vacant Ensigncy / Mr. Smiths
not before drawn / from the 2nd. Febuary 1797.
the date of Ensign Smiths promotion to a
Lieutenancy by purchase in the 76th to the 28th
August 1798 being the date of John Cleland
Guthrie's purchases of Mr. Smiths Ensigncy in
the 36th Regiment / both of the above days
exclusive at 3/ ₹ diem ..... £ 85.. 13.–
or Star Pagodas 28/2 ... 214.. 5.20

Fort St. George
the 19th October 1798.

To Col. G. N. Hart
Deputy Paymaster General
King's Troops,
Madras

/Signed/ George Lys
Keith Young
A. Dy Ad. Gnl.

To Major General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

I have the honor of sending for
your information a Letter I have received from
Mr. Lys in explanation of a demand he makes
on

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on me for the pay due to a Vacant Ensigncy in the
36th Regiment, which he says the publick Order
had not authorized his doing before the time of his
Embarkation for England. The Bill or demand &
accompanying the Letter, I also take the liberty of
sending, in order that, if found Correct, it may be
passed by you as an Authority for my paying it

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c.
(Signed) G. N. Hart
Deputy Paymaster General to
His Majesty's Forces &c.

To. H. Pay Office
Madras
the 23rd October 1798.

A true Copy
A. P. Boyce
a/c. M.A.G.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Chambers
Paymaster 36th Regiment to Colonel Beresford
Dated Warriore 27th April 1796

"Captain Crump having advanced
the whole purchase Money for his Company, & as
I find is entitled to receive the Pay of his Lieutenancy
and Ensigncy, until such time as those Commissions
are

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are sold or filled up by purchase. Ensign Goodlad
purchased the Lieutenancy, but his date of
Rank is 21 Days later than that on which it
became vacant. The Ensigney was not purchased
by Mr. Jones until the 1st January 1795 which
Circumstances caused an Interval of 395 Days
from the period of Captain Crumpe's promotion
to the Day on which the Ensigney was filled up
consequently the vacant Subsistence for those
periods devolves to Captain Crumpe: Lieutenant
Jones is in a similar Situation, he advanced
the full price for his Lieutenancy in the
71st Regiment Agreeably to His Majesty's
Regulations and Customs of the Service and
succeed to that Rank on the 5th of October 1795
Since which period his Ensigney has been
for Sale in the 36th and it appears from every
information I can acquire on this Subject
that Officers who have Commissions for Sale

are

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are intitled to the pay attached to such Commission
or Commissions untill such time as one or all are
disposed of One Instance I beg leave to point
out as a corroborating circumstance of the Claims
of those Officers being reasonable and just, that
which is, Captain Cuthbert of His Majestys
71st. Regiment advanced the regulated price for
His Company in his own Corps, his Lieutenancy
not being disposed of for upwards of two Months
after it became Vacant, his Agents (Ross and
Ogilvie London) gave him Credit for the vacant
Subsistence as well as Arrears for the same period
in his Account (which I have now in my possession)
pursuant to War Office Letter under date 25th
May 1791; this of itself I conceive to be sufficient
Authority for drawing the Subsistence in
question and trust your Knowledge of this
Subject will correspond with my opinion and
clear up any doubts that may arise in the
Mind

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"Mem^d of the Military Auditor General"—

/A true Extract/

/Signed/ G V Hart
D.P.M.G.K:

A true Copy
/Signed/ P: Bruce
Asst: M.A.G

Minute thereon

Resolved that the opinion of the Commander in Chief in India be taken upon the case stated in the foregoing letter.—

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lords,

From Military Auditor General transmitting Copy of a letter from M^r G. S. Martin regarding the charges which had not been passed on the Readit of his Accounts—

At the desire of M^r George Sullivan Martin formerly Paymaster to a Detachment which served under the late Colonel Maxwell in the Tinnivelly Country from August 1792 to Febuary 1793, and late Paymaster at Palamcotah from May 1793 to September 1797 I do myself the

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I have the honor to refer for Your Lordship's Decision certain Charges made by him for the above 4 periods, which were not admitted to his Credit on the Re-audit of his Accounts in my Office. Copy of the letter which accompanied his final Replies is enclosed for your Lordships Information.

I have the honor to be with great respect.

Fc, Fc,

(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mila Aud Genl.

Military Auditor General's Office
Fort St. George
9th Oct. 1798

To General Sydenham
Military Auditor General

Sir,

Since my arrival from Madras my time has been almost unremittingly employed in Comparing the Retrenchments of the Auditor General from my Monthly Disbursements since May 1792 with his respective re-audits and selecting those Accounts retrenched in the first and incurred

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in the Second; as such I flatly understood from you would be the Sums yet standing against me in the Companys Account — Information (certainly that I think you for last) which I was in no degree prepared to receive, as upon my honor I had until then no other Idea, than that my accounts had been all reaudited and passed as Correct until within a very few Months before the expiration of my Office, Had the Sums unadmitted upon reaudit been notified as inadmissible before as they are at present in the reaudits, I should not have repeated Charges I thought passed nor is it likely I should now have to furnish Explanations and stand accountable for Sums Expended Since 1792 Evidently incurred by others; and I can assert disclaimed by me, in no other Idea whatever, than a thorough belief in the correctness of their demands, and in the discharge of my own duty.

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Accompanying I have forward
to the best of my belief, a faithful
Selection of the yet unadmitted Charges
in my Disbursements since May 1792
in the Pay Office of Palamcotah and in
the Detachment Commanded by Colonel
Maxwell made out by Comparing the
Retrenchments with the vouchers and
Selecting those Sums Mentioned in the first
and annotated in the voucher one way
or the other also a Selection formed upon
the same Principle of Comparison in
the Office of Commissary of Provisions
&c.a both in Garrison and in the
Detachment and such Sums as the
Auditor General upon a fair and Candid
consideration of my Offices at the Moment,
frequently of my situation; and always;
of the Motives which influenced the
Paymaster and vouchers cannot pass,

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I request may be referred to the Liberal consideration of Government with the — respective Explanations and Copy of this Letter and that the result may be made known to me as soon as Possible that I may not lose further time in attempting to Secure myself from loss.—

In the Garrison Disbursements many if not most of the Retrenchments are made upon Major Stevensons and Captain David Campbells Abstracts, Evidently more from the Omission of forms (which at that period were neither so well known nor nearly so specifically Marked out as now) than from any Suspicion of undue receipts but even admitting this Suspicion it is to be hoped the Solemn Assertion of One of these very respectable Officers upon His Honor that he never benefited by his Charges and that he — never willingly put the Honorable —

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Company to any unnecessary Expence,
and the serious dedatation of the other
that whatever Mistakes may have arisen
they were not intentional as will appear
by their Answer to the Retrenchments,
will at once do away every doubt of the
Justness or admissibility of those Payments
Respecting the Detachment accounts I am
far from asserting that every Item was
Exactly Correct but yet much may be
said in Extenuation of Error or incorrectness;
new forms of abstracts, Vouchers &c. &c.
Commenced with the Detachment the
Service was likely to be of so short
duration as to make it improper and
unnecessary for me to obtain Experienced
Servants from the Northward at Exorbitant
Wages in proportion to the distance from
Madras consequently I was compelled to
entertain such as I could find in this
Distant Spot and even these I was
prevented

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prevented from our Cooking with tolerable (instead of the constant) Watchfulness so necessary in the Offices of a Camp & Paymaster and Commissary by the Appointment of acting Collector in the absence of Mr Torin, a duty unsought for by me which lead Me constantly from Camp to Tinnevelly (where the Polygars were assembled and which ended in unprofitable and irksome disappointment Yet I believe the auditor General will find every Voucher Authenticated by the Signature or Order of Colonel Maxwell the Commanding Officer And Retrenchment Still standing against me I must here Notice the Reports of Tents &c. without a Committee of Inspection as this Informality Originated in the belief of Colonel Maxwell, Captain Gibbings the Quarter Master to the Detachment and myself that the Service would extend

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to a few weeks only and that such a Committee would only incur a more genaal and Greater Store and Expence to the Company than was necessary and as it leads me to declare that such were the principles which guided the Departments of that Detachment and that although may not prove to have been Carried on the most Correct I may safely use the words of the late Quarter Genaal in declaring that never did a Detachment of similar force with that under Colonel Maxwell incur so little Expence to the Company

I have the honor to be
Hon.a Hon.ble
(Signd) Geo: Lud. Marten
late Paymaster

Salamcotah
11th April 1798

A true Copy
(Signd) J. Brunton
Deputy M.A.G.

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The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lord,

From Ditto — Submitting to the decision of Government different Charges which has not been passed on the audit of the Accounts of Mr. G.L. Martin.

At the desire of Mr. George — Sedeman Marten late Paymaster Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions and Deputy Agent for the supply of Draught and Carriage Bullocks at Palamcotah — I have the honor to submit for your Lordships Decision Charges made by him in those Capacities which I have not considered myself warranted to admit to his Credit on the Reaudit of his Accounts.—

No 1 Commercial Charges in his Disbursements as Paymaster from June 1794 to Novr 1795

No 2 Charges as Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions to a Detachment employed in the Tinnevelly Country under the late Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell from July to December 1792.—

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No 3 Charges as Deputy Commissary of Grain and Provisions at Palamcotah from July 1793 to April 1797.

" 4 Charges as Deputy Agent for the supply of Draught and Carriage Bullocks at Palamcotah from May 1794 to August 1797.

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

(signed) W. Sydenham

Acting Auditor General

Minute thereon

Ordered that the resolutions of the Board on the reaudit of Mr. Martins Accounts be transmitted to the auditor General

To

The Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

From Ditto stating different circumstances regarding the Accounts of the 29th Regiment of Dragoons.

My Lord,

In answer to the last paragraph of Mr Secretary Webbs letter under date the 7th Instant desiring me to state

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State whether the sum for which the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's 29th Regiment of Light Dragoons is to grant Bills in favor of the Court of Directors is correctly stated at £2290.11.8½. I have the honor to report, that it is perfectly correct so far as regards the calculations and additions but as I have no knowledge of the sums stated to have been advanced to the Regiment in Europe, and at Bombay (the latter £458.6.2.) for which Credit is given in the enclosed Abstract, it is not in my power to have noted Subjoined as the Commanding Officer of the Regiment at the time it is however required to accompany the Abstract the Agent in favor of the Honorable Court of Directors with an Endorsement in the event of their not being paid, I apprehend that under this circumstance Government may authorize, order the Amount stated viz. £2290.11.8½ to be advanced.-

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Resolution thereon

2 It is at the same time incumbent on me to observe that as these Accounts are for a Junior Service to the Regiments being a Charge on their Establishment they cannot be undergo Audit, or be entered on the books of the Treasury and that consequently the Commanding Officer should transmit the enclosed Distribution to the Proper Officer in England accompanied by Certificates of the sums which have been advanced at Bombay or elsewhere on account.—

Thos Hislop Lieut Genl
Comdg

Resolved that the sum of £2290. 11. 8½ be advanced to the Majority 29th Dragoons and that the Commanding Officer be called upon for bills on their Agents for that Amount in favor of the

Court.

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Court of Directors together with an
indemnification from himself in the
event of the bills not being paid.—

Read the following letter
from the Military Board.—

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

My Lord,

From the Military Board
Mr Webbs letter of the 3d
and 5th Instant & the
Consultation with the
appointments of Store
Serjeant at Chicacole
recommended the pay-
ment of an abstract
of Charges from the
Paymaster at Maburah
recommended the
Payment of a Bill
for Pagodas 1347.2.44.
for Tents delivered by
Mr Colchester Bowie
at Masulipatam
recommended the
Payment of Pagodas
544.25.4. to Captain
Wood in part of the
Estimate for repairs
carrying on at Rome
recommended the
Estimates transmitted
by General Floyd for
repairs wanted by the
Granaries of Warriore
and Tribitchopoly and
for repairs wanted
by

I have the honor to acquaint
your Lordship that the requisite
instructions have been given for carrying
into effect the directions of Government
contained in Mr Secretary Webbs Letters
of the 3d and 5th Instant.—

2d The appointment of a Store
Serjeant at Chicacole although not
provided for by the existing Regulations
appearing to our Board to be
indispensably necessary on account of the
proportion

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by the Barracks of 36th Battalion N. I. at Tanjore recommended to be Complied with.

proportion of Ordnance and Stores generally deposited there; and very favorable mention having been made by Lieutenant Colonel Innes of the Person who has been acting in that capacity to which he stood appointed previous to the Regulations We are accordingly induced to recommend that he be permitted to draw the Allowance annexed thereto from the time he has acted.—

By Order. The Garrison Store Keeper of Madurah having laid before Us the Accompanying Abstract of Charges incurred on the Survey, and delivery to him of the Grain and Provisions Stores, at that Station, upon the introduction in the Month of October 1797 of the Regulations for that Department, and it appearing from the Certificate

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Certificate of the Committee of Survey upon the face of the Bill that the incurring of the expence was indispensably necessary, as well as that the Amount was actually disbursed, We recommend that payment of the Charge be authorized accordingly.

4th We do ourselves the honor to enclose a Bill, Amounting to Pagodas 1347. 8. 44, for Tents delivered by Mr. Contractor Bowie at Masulipatam for the Service of Colonel Roberts's Detachment, and which have been approved upon survey, and to recommend that the Bill be accordingly discharged.

5th The Officer Commanding at Arnee having transmitted to us the requisite Vouchers with respect to the repairs making to the Depoy Barrack and in regard to the Arm Racks with which the European Barracks has been

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been ordered to be completed to enable the
Engineer to an Advance of cash equal to
two thirds of the estimated expence of
the whole, in consequence of this not having
been paid the established advance of one
third previous to the Commandant of the
Work's like in consequence recommend that
Payment to Captain Lieutenant Wood
of Pagodas 544. 25. 4, be accordingly —
authorized on that Account. —

6th. The Estimates which were
transmitted by Major General Floyd to
Government and referred to our consideration
with their Letter of the 24th Ultimo, for the
repair of the Gram Godown at Narrioor
and of the Expence Granary at Tachinopoly
as also of the Barracks belonging to the
late 36th Battalion Native Infantry at
Tanjore, being found on examination to
be correct and an immediate performance
of such Repairs appearing to Us to be
highly

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as also of the Barrack belonging to the
late 36th Battalion Native Infantry at
Tanjore, being found on examination to
be correct and an immediate performance
of such Repairs appearing to us to be
of right

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highly expedient. We therefore recommend that authority to that effect be granted upon the Estimates hereunto returned.—

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

Fort St. George
7th November 1798

Signed / Geo: Harris
Patrick Ross
Wm Sydenham
Jn Richardson
By Close

Minute thereon

Ordered that the several repairs and advances recommended by the Military Board.—

Read the following letter from one of the Prize Agents for the Captors of Malacca.—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

From one of the Prize Agents for the Captors of Malacca inclosing Accounts of Sundries delivered by the Agents for the Captors of Malacca for the public Use and requesting

My Lord,

As one of the Commissioners on Prize Agents for the Captors of Malacca I &

+ Again returned to the Military

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requesting that 8 ℘ Cent Bond for the Amounts may be granted.

Beg leave to Endose for your Lordships'
inspection and approval Accounts and
Vouchers for Sundries delivered for the use
of the Honorable Company by the Commissaries
Agents for the said Captors Amounting
with Interest added as heretofore at 8 ℘ Cent
from the times of issue to the present
date, to the Sum of Spanish Dollars
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82,075. 64 3/8 or Star Pagodas 54,717. 11. 40.
and have to solicit your Lordships will be
pleased to direct that 8 ℘ Cent Bonds of
this Government to the above Amount
may be made out, and issued in discharge
of the same, in favor of the Agents for
the Captors of Malacca.

I have enclosed for your
Lordships perusal the Original Powers
from his Majesty's Ships Orpheus and
Resistance

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Receiving & spreading one one of their
Agents for the Capture of the above
Settlement.-

As your Lordship will observe
the Vouchers herewith are Certified Copies
by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell. Commanding at Malacca if any further
Satisfaction is required Mr. Buchan
the Paymaster is now here on the Spot:-
Those Vouchers would have been tendered
before but Only received them within
short time Since.-

Fort St. George
November 12th 1798

I have the honor to be
My Lords
Your Lordships
Most obedient and
very humble Servant
(Signed) Jno. Brunckton

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The Honorable Company ..... Dr

To the Commissaries or Prize Agents for the Captors of Malacca.

	No of the Bill			
Between the 28th March 1796 and the 9th Augt 1797	1	For Amount Cash delivered on Account to Geo. Buchan Esq. Pay at Malacca Spa Drs.	52160	8 4
		Do. " Captain McThomas for the said Geo. Buchan Esq.	19990	--
		" As p. Account particular Marked A " Spa Drs.	72050	8 4
20th March 1796 / 18th Octr. 1797	2	For Amount Sundries delivered on Account to Mr R Gilson Depy Comy. for Stores at Malacca as p. Account particular Marked B "	66	2
27th October 1796 / 8th April 1797	3	For Amount Nails delivered on Acct to Lieut. Farquhar Engineer, Malacca as p. account particular Marked C "	62	4 4
21st September 1796	4	For amount Casks delivered on Acct to Capt. Selby of the Honorable Company Cruizer the Sartrapee as p. Account particular Marked D " 54 " "	182	46
12th November 1798	5	For Amount Interest due on the above Spad. 72150. 8 4. from times of delivery at 8 p. Cent as p. Acct particular Marked E "	9717	5 3/3
" " "	6	For Amount Interest due on the above Spad. 182 64 @ 8 p. Cent from times of delivery as p. Acct particular Marked F "	26	2 1/3
			9747	9 1/3
		Total Spa Dollars	82075	64 1/4

Which at the Exchange of 15 Spad. p. 10 Rds. being the rate of Malacca and already admitted by this Government in payment of two Bills p. 8 p. Cent of Bonds of 30 Decr. 95 and 25 Febr. 96. in favor of the Agents or Commissaries ..... Star Pags. 54747 11 4c

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(Signed) Jno. Brouncker
One of the Commissaries or Prize Agents for Malacca.

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Receive & forwarding one one of their Agents for the Capture of the above Settlement.-

As your Lordship will observe the Vouchers herewith are Certified Copies by Lieutenant Colonel Campbell Commanding at Malacca if any further Satisfaction is required Mr. Buchan the Paymaster is now here on the Spot: those Vouchers would have been tendered before but Only received them a very short time since.-

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient and

Very humble Servant

(Signed) Jno. Brunckton

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		" As. per Account particular Marked A " Spa Drs.	72050	8.4
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21st September 1796	4	For amount Casks delivered on Acct to Capt. Selby of the Honorable Company Cruizer the Intrepid as per Account particular Marked ..... D " 54 " "	182	46.
12th November 1798	5	For Amount Interest due on the above Spad. 72150.84. from time of delivery at 8 per Cent as per Acct particular Marked E "	9717	5 1/3
" " "	6	For Amount Interest due on the above Spad. 182.64 @ 8 per Cent from time of delivery as per Acct particular Marked F "	262	2/3
			9747	9/12
		Total Spa Dollars	82075	64 1/4

Which at the Exchange of 15 Spad. per 10 Rix Dollars being the rate of Malacca and already admitted by the Government in payment of two Bills per 8 per Cent Bonds of 30 Dec. 95 and 25 Feb. 96, in favor of the Agents or Commissaries ..... Star Pags 54747 11.40

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(Signed) Jno. Brouncker
One of the Commissaries or Prize Agents for Malacca.

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Ordered Accordingly that Bonds to the Amount of Pagodas 54717. 11. 40. bearing 8 ℘ Cent interest be issued to the Prize Agents that the Sum of Pagodas 18100. 6. 15 be debited to the Military Paymaster General and that the remainder being Pagodas 6617. 5. 25. be carried to the head of interest Account in the Books of the Treasury.

Lieutenant Colonel Read to be called on to report what Number of Bullocks the Banjarries Commitd with him could collect in two Months and on what terms they would supply the Army with Grain

Resolved that Lieutenant Colonel Read be called upon to report what number of Bullocks could be collected in two Months by the Banjarries with whom he is in Communication, and the terms upon which they may be willing to supply the Army with Grain.

The Commander in Chief requests that Colonel Richardson may be appointed with himself and the other Members of the Committee appointed to revise the Military Establishment under this Presidency

Resolution thereon

The Commander in Chief requests that Lieutenant Colonel Richardson may be added to the Committee associated with himself in revising the Military Establishments of this Presidency.

Agreed to and Ordered Accordingly

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Major Robert Strange proposed by the President to be appointed to the Command of Samulcotah.—

Resolution thereon

The President proposes that Major Robert Strange be appointed to the Command of Samulcotah.—

Agreed to and ordered Accordingly

Read the following letter from the Military Auditor General—

To the Right Honorable Lord Clive

President and Governor in Council

Fort St. George

My Lords

Report of the Military Auditor General upon the additional Estimates of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for November

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Secretary Webbe's letter of yesterday and the Days date, with additional Estimates of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month and in reply have the honor to report that the Amount contained in the additional Estimate which accompanied the former letter Vizt. to four thousand and ninety nine Pagodas thirty six fanams and forty Eight Cash (Pags 4099. 36. 48.) is unobjectionable being Required to discharge a Bill of the Town Majors for 501 Hammocks Beds and Bellows Bill of the Contractors for Gun Carriages together with

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With a bill of the Agent of Supplies for repairing 600 unserviceable Muskets all of which bills were lately passed on my Office under the authority of Government.

The additional Estimate enclosed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of this Date, Amounting to Two Thousand four hundred and twenty Eight Pagodas Twenty one Fanams and forty five Cash (Pags 2428. 21. 45) is admissible for the purpose of enabling the advance directed in Mr. Secretary Webbe's letter of the 7th Instant to Agent for the supply of Military Stores.

The Amount of both these additional Estimates are payable from the ground Treasury.

Military Auditor General Office
Fort St. George
10th November 1798

I have the honor to be
Sir &c &c
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mil. Aud. Gen.

Further sum of Cash ordered to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of this additional Estimate Safety Bond.

Ordered that an advance of Six Thousand four hundred and twenty Eight Pagodas Sixteen Fanams and Thirteen Cash (Pags 6528. 16. 13.) be made from the Treasury

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Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on Account of additional Estimates enclosed in his Letters of the 8th and 9th Instant.

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

My Lord,

Report of the Military Auditor General upon additional Estimate of Cash required by the Military Paymaster General for November

In reply to Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter of the 11th Instant accompanying an additional Estimate of the Military Paymaster General for the Current Month Amounting to two Thousand Nine hundred and seven Pagodas and thirty three Fanams (Pagodas 2907. 33.) I have the honor to report that this Sum is admissible and may be issued from the General Treasury as may be required for the purpose of discharging a Bill of the Gun Carriage Contractors and a Bill for erecting temporary Stables at Pallaveram which were authorized in Mr. Secretary Webbe's Letter to me under date the 7th Instant.

I have the honor to be
&c. &c.
(Signed) W. Sydenham
Mily Aud. Genl.

Military Auditors
Generals Office
Fort St. George
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Ordered

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Warrant for Miscellaneous Cash ordered to be made from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate for November

(1) Ordered also that the Sum of Two Thousand Nine hundred and Seven Pagodas and Sixty three Fanams (Pags 2907..33..) be assumed from the Treasury to the Military Paymaster General on account of the additional Estimate enclosed in his Letter of the 10th Instt

" Close
" Geo: Hayes
" Edwd Saunders
" Ellis Challenor

Andw Barclay Secy